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## SCHOOL REGISTRATION for NEW STUDENTS - Open House Aug. 18th

Registration for all students that haven't previously enrolled is scheduled for August 15th from 9:00 till 3:00 in the school building that the student will be attending; Pre-K through 5th—Elementary, 6th through 8th-- Middle School, 9th through 12th—High School

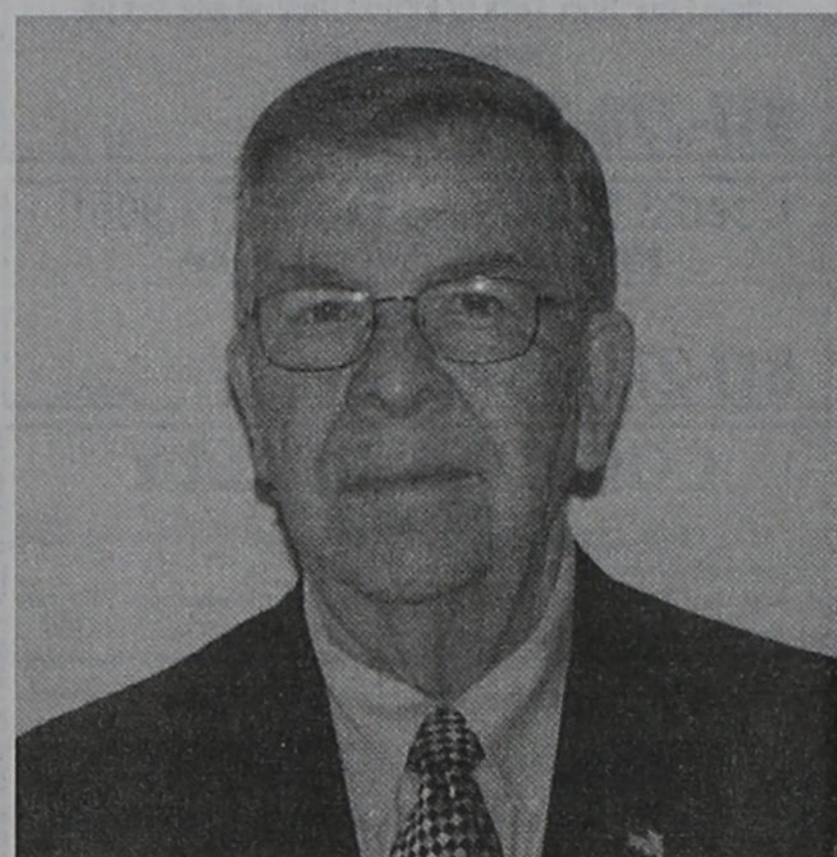
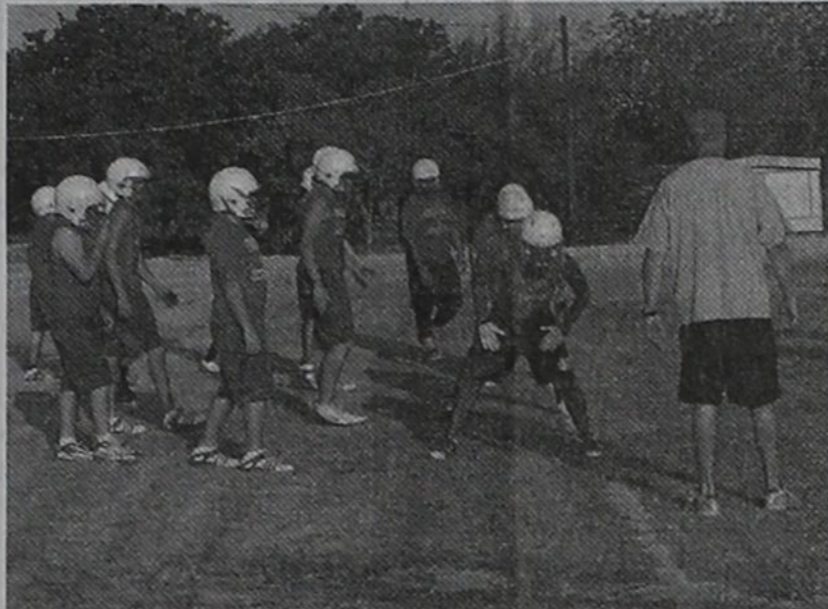
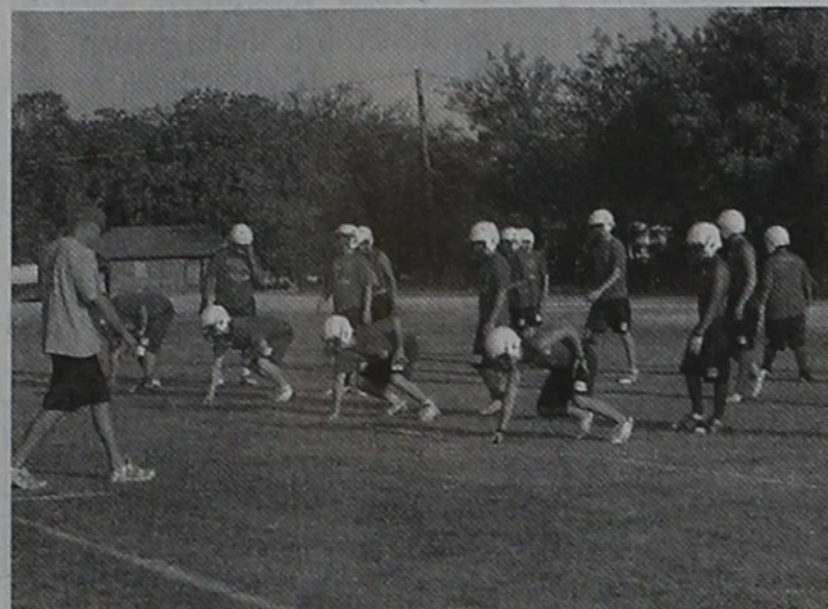
### OPEN HOUSE

Open House is scheduled for Gorman Independent Schools on Thursday, August 18th from 5:30 till 7:00.

## Revival at Kokomo Baptist Church August 7th through 10th

The Revival will begin Sunday morning, August 7th at 11:00AM and then be nightly at 6:30PM through August 10th.

## Gorman Panthers Start Two-A-Days During Intense Heat Wave



Brother Marion Fonville of Magnolia, Texas, will be bringing the sermons and Daryl Hirst will be leading the music.

Bro. Fonville is a graduate of Howard Payne University and Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth. He and his wife, Jan have three children: Amanda, Chris and Robin. Bro. Fonville has thirty-nine years in the ministry.

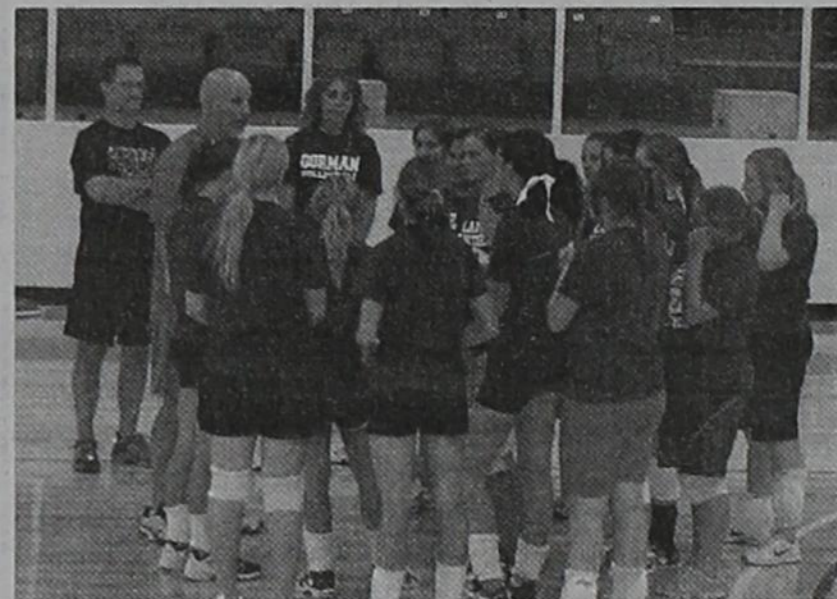
## "Back To School" VBS Saturday at Church of Christ

Bring your Preschool through Junior High kids to the Church of Christ this Saturday, Aug 06 from 9 am to 4:00 pm for one last "who-rah" before summer ends and school begins. Registration begins at 8:40. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Call Jason Wilder if you have any questions at 734-2774.

## Gorman UMC Shows LOVE

One of the foundations of the Methodist faith is "Do Good." In order to accomplish this one of the Most important values a Christian should have is love. Pastor Paul titled his message this past Sunday "I Love You, I Love You Not." He talked about love is a Choice! We usually love others when we are loved first. But is is much harder to love others when we don't feel love first. As Christians we are called to do just that. As a Church We at Gorman First United Methodist Church have decided to Do many things in the Community. The first being Vacation Bible School. This year we will be having a Beach Blast. It will focus on ways Jesus showed love while on this earth. All Children who sign up and attend VBS will be able to also attend a pool party on Thursday. Parents are also invited to the pool party. Other ways we will show love latter this year are to have a table at the Peanut Festival and to Host Teen Challenge. Everyone in the Gorman Area are invited as we at First United Methodist Church of Gorman show love to all!

## Lady Panthers Volleyball Team Start Two-A-Days



## " Pray For Rain "

### Beach Blast Vacation Bible School Gorman United Methodist Church August 8, 9, 10, & 11 -- 6-8pm

Pool party on Aug 11 -- Meal served each day -- Ages: 3-12  
 For additional information visit our website at gormanumc.org. Email us at gormanumc@gmail.com or call 734-2547 (leave message).

## Notice of Public Hearing

The Commissioners' Court of Eastland County cordially invites the Public to attend a hearing on the topic of County Redistricting on the 9th day of August, 2011, at 2 p.m. This meeting will be held in the Eastland County Courthouse.

The Commissioners' Court is considering one or more alternate plans for the redistricting of County Commissioners Court precincts. Changes in the existing boundaries of each Commissioners Court precinct will also have impact on election precincts and polling places. Public comment is sincerely solicited.

(s) Rex Field, Eastland County Judge

## Notice of Public Hearing

La Corte de Comisionados del Condado de Eastland cordialmente invita al publico a asistir a una audienca sobre el tema de una nueva delimitacion del condado el dia 9 de agosto de 2011, a Las 2 PM Esta reunion SC celebrara en el edificio del tribunal del Condado de Eastland.

La Corte de Comisionados esta considerando uno o moas plans alternativos para la nueva delimitacion de Los precintos de la Corte de Comisionados del Condado. Los cambios en Los limites actuales de cada precinto de la Corte de Comisionados tambien afectaran Los precintos electorales, lugares de votacion. La opinion del publico sera de mucha utilidad.

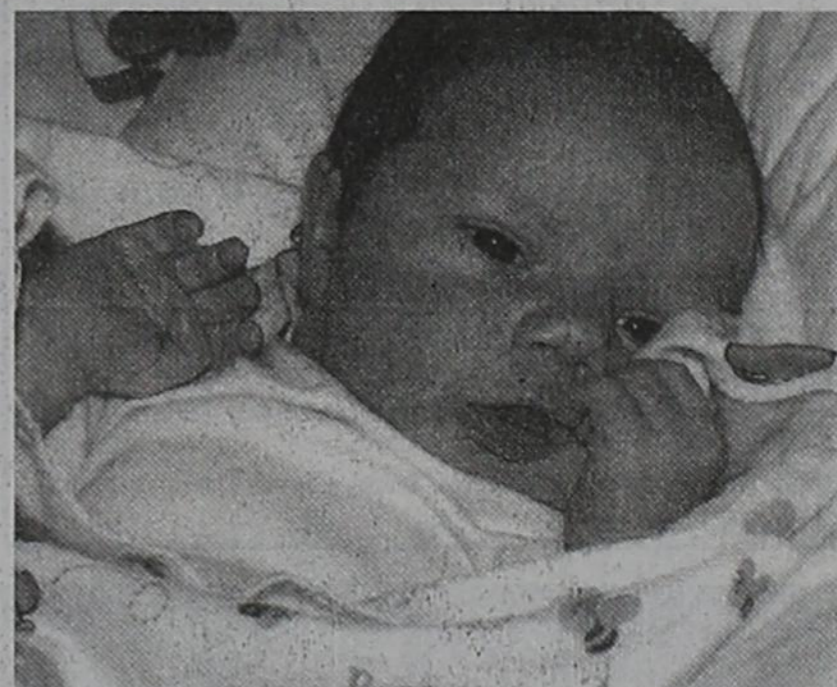
(s) Rex Field, Eastland County Judge

## LOOK WHO'S NEW IT'S A BOY

Kendra and Ryan Wright are overjoyed to announce the arrival of their son, Cannon Timothy Wright. Cannon was born in Stephenville on July 9, 2011. He weighed 7 pounds and 14 ounces and was 18 and 1/2 inches long.

Cannon's proud grandparents are Tim and Becky Swanner of Gorman and Mary Reed of Kentucky. Great grandparents are CW and Wilda Swanner, Carol Ward and Johnny and Ina Smith all of Gorman, and Wanda and Carl Wright of DeLeon.

Cannon and his parents are all doing great at their home in Goldthwaite, TX.



## 2011-2012 School Supplies

For the past two years, Firstfruits Christian Fellowship (FCF) has distributed school supplies to elementary students involved in the CIA (Children In Action) program, a children's program designed for ages six to twelve years old. The purpose for this distribution remains the same. To encourage students to engage in their academic studies and to support their academic success while helping with their educational cost. Many parents and students have expressed their gratitude for this educational and financial support. It is with this same gratitude that FCF gladly serves the needs of the community of Gorman. With school just a few days away, FCF has once again offered to help with school supplies for the 2011-2012 school year.

Each school supply package contains about 10 to 12 items as listed on the Gorman Elementary supply list for first to sixth graders. It does not contain all of the items requested by the school, but it still proves helpful. As it has been said, "A little bit here and there... goes a long way." And in these days, "every little bit counts."

This year, we are asking for your help as we fulfill the demand for school supplies in a timely and cost effective method. If you have a child attending Gorman Elementary (first thru sixth grades) and would like to receive a school supply package with "selected supplies" as per the Gorman Elementary supply list, then please notify us at fcfgormantx@yahoo.com or call 734-3203 with the following information: Your Name; Your Phone Number and Your Child's Name and Grade. If you have more than one child attending Gorman Elementary, then please leave info accordingly. You will be notified by phone when your package is ready for you to obtain which will be no later than August 22nd. If your child attends CIA on Monday's, they you may respond to the "school supply" note. Be sure your child turns in the information. The deadline for all requests is August 15th. If you have any questions or comments, please call 734-3203 and leave your message for Daniel or Becky Montes. Thank you and God bless the children of Gorman and their families.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

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

4-H - The Club is going to meet the first Wednesday of each month in the New Gym. All people interested in participating are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be at 3:45 -4:45. For more information Call Cindy Underwood 734-5085.

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

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

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

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. Cecil Funderburgh, Master - Kenneth Good, Secretary.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oaklawn Cemetery Association, 7726 CR 362, Desdemona, Tx 76445 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454



Because you have played such an important part in their lives please join us for a 50th Wedding Anniversary in honor of our parents John J (Corkey) & Jerry Brown on Sunday, August 7th 2011 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Gorman Community Center Gorman, Texas

Only gifts of your laughter and smile will be accepted and appreciated.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Scott and Bobbie Jo Lewis of Carbon, TX. Son of Brad and Carol Lewis of Eastland, Paula and Charlie Horton of Comanche and daughter of Bobby and Donna Grissom of Carbon. Scott and Bobbie Jo gave birth to a beautiful baby girl named Kaylee Shae Lewis at Harris Methodist in Ft. Worth on July 25, 2011 who later passed on July 28, 2011. An account has been opened at Farmers and Merchants Bank in Eastland made in the name of Scott and Bobbie Jo Lewis. Any donations to help the family through their grief would be greatly appreciated. Kaylee's funeral was held at the Higginbothom's Funeral home in Gorman, TX.

### SCHOOL GUITARS FOR SALE

Gorman ISD is currently selling all School Guitars. These guitars are Alvarez and Ibanez. All guitars come with Hard Cases. To Purchase any of these please contact Lisa Laminack at 254-734-2550 - Home or 254-631-6620 Cell. Prices Range From \$ 100.00 to \$ 150.00

## Gorman Exes Homecoming Features Class Reunions

The classes of 1950, 1951 and 1956 will have special class reunions this year. The Gorman Exes Homecoming is scheduled for September 10 and will be held the same time as the Peanut Festival. Shown below are five members of the class of 1956.



1956 class members shown are (L-R): Sue Ann Belyeu Maupin, Pat Robertson Hagood, Ernestine Todd Shugart, Jerry Dupuy and David Joiner.

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 107.09 A, 2 mile S of Gorman FM 79: Old home: w/large Oaks, old well, approx. 40 a good coastal, 40 cultivated, small pond. \$2,150 per acre.  
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## Obituary

**Kaylee Shae Lewis**  
 Kaylee Shae Lewis, age 3 days passed away, Thursday July 28, 2011 at the Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth. She was born there on Monday, July 25, 2011.  
 Services were at 10:00 A.M. Monday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Gorman. Interment was in Murray Cemetery near Carbon.  
 She is survived by her parents, Scott and Bobbie Jo Lewis of Carbon; maternal grandparents, Bobby and Donna Grisom of Carbon; paternal grandparents are Brad and Carol Lewis of Eastland and Charlie and Paula Horton of Comanche.

## "On The Wilder Side"

Well, I caught myself doing it again. I heard there might be a chance of rain in the forecast due to the tropical storm in the gulf, so I turned on the television and didn't hear anything from the weather man. So I turned to my weather "app" on my phone and didn't see anything promising there either. Finally, I went to weather.com and all I found was a high of 107 for the week! I went to three different sources and got a discouraging report from every one.

That got me to thinking about some people's search for God. You know, some will read the Bible, about salvation and forgiveness, and hold onto those words it as if it were a refreshing drink of water. They are satisfied, so they stop searching. Still, some will read the same Bible, about judgment and condemnation, and aren't satisfied with what they read. God's perfect message to mankind doesn't coincide with their thoughts and opinions, so they will try a different religion, and read other books, or listen to different preacher's interpretations of God's Word. Truth be told, they aren't looking for truth. They aren't looking for the meaning to life. They aren't looking for something solid to cling to. They are just looking for someone who flatters them and tells them what they want to hear. They are looking for someone to tell them there is rain in the forecast, when there is not.

I guess I should be content to listen to the weather man, because they're all saying the same thing. I suppose I could fine one to tell me what I want to hear, but that wouldn't make it any more true. I could certainly find and pay someone to preach only the things I want to hear. I could pay them to leave out the parts of the Bible about judgment and God's wrath, and hell... but it wouldn't make those things exist any less. Take time to consider 2 Tim 4:3,4.

Fight the good fight (1 Tim 6:12) - Jason Wilder - Gorman Church of Christ

**Gorman Church of Christ Meeting Times**  
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 Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45  
 Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00  
 Wednesday Evening Class - 7:00

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## De Leon Study Club Plans Spaghetti Lunch

The De Leon Study Club is making plans for another delicious Spaghetti Lunch. It will be served on Saturday, August 6th from 12 a.m. until 2 p.m. It will be at the new De Leon High School Cafeteria. This will also be the location of the Ex-Students Reunion.  
 The price is \$7.00 for Adults and \$3.00 for Children. The proceeds from this lunch will be used for many Civic needed Projects.

**DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING**  
 Governor Rick Perry has declared August 6th a day of Prayer and Fasting for our Nations Challenges. DeLeon Assembly of God, 532 N. Travis St. will honor our Governor by opening Our sanctuary from 8:00 A.M. til 6:00 P.M. for A place for all to come for Prayer and Fasting.  
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 Joel 2:12-13  
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**A Letter To The Editor** By Henry A. Buchanan

Governor Rick Perry is going to try to get God to help him become President of the United States. He is decreeing that all Texans spend twenty-four hours fasting and praying. August 6, 2011 is the Big Day when we put pressure on God to solve our problems for us.

It is not unusual for men with political ambitions to put on holy robes to gain popular support. It is Un-Christian.

Prayer is very much in vogue now with church people who substitute prayer for work. Time spent on one's knees is supposed to get brownie points. It is a shifting of responsibility for taking action on moral issues.

Still, it might be good for us to pray if we don't already know what we ought to do. If we do already know, prayer is a stalling action to put off doing what we know we ought to do.

For instance, we know we ought to be praying for our enemies instead of trying to kill them. Even that prayer - one I have not heard in any Texas church - is of no value if it is accompanied by a bomb to blow our enemies off the face of the Earth.

Now all Governor Rick Perry needs to turn his day of prayer and fasting into a complete fiasco is the presence of the Reverend Joe Nelms, pastor of the Family Baptist Church of Lebanon, Tennessee. He could give his own commercialized prayer he offered at the auto races and it will doubtless get God's attention since God is known to be partial to fools. Maybe He will even answer with a thunderclap and a gully washer to wet a parched and suffering land.

But what about Jesus' admonition to do our praying in our closets instead of at public events?  
 (s) Henry A. Buchanan  
 1131 N. Kent St. -- Gorman, TX 76454  
 254-734-4569 -- July 26, 2011

## Eastland Chief Funderburgh To Retire August 31

"We all knew it was going to happen someday," said Eastland City Manager Ron Holliday, "but that didn't make it any more pleasant when the day finally rolled around."

Holliday was referencing the impending retirement of Eastland Police Chief Cecil Funderburgh who announced this week that August 31 will be his last day on the job he has held since 1990.

Funderburgh, a 31 1/2 year veteran of law enforcement received his Basic Peace Officer licensing in 1980 and will end his career with a Master Peace Officer certification and more than 2,400 Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) training hours. This does not include the many hundreds of additional hours of training he has received throughout his law enforcement career that are not counted towards his licensing. Some of those include training for Nationally Certified Floodplain Manager, a class C Waste Water license, Class D Water Distribution license, Amateur Radio Operator's license and many more.

Funderburgh served in the U.S. Air Force where he was a Navigational Aid and Communications Technician. He received extensive training in secret and top secret electronic devices, obtaining top secret and crypto secret security clearances in order to maintain and repair Nav-Aid and communications equipment.

This career led him to General Dynamics where he constructed scale models of aircraft, including the swept-wing F-111, for design and wind-tunnel testing. Here he obtained additional top secret clearance from the US government. He then moved to Bell Helicopter as an assembly line electronics installer. He later left this field and spent the next 20 or so years working on televisions, VCR's, and other consumer electronics for the public.

After receiving his Peace Officer certification, Chief Funderburgh began his law enforcement career working for the City of Gorman, his hometown, where he left as that city's Chief of Police in 1990 to come to Eastland. He also served as an instructor for 20 years at the West Central Texas Law Enforcement Academy in Abilene where he taught Traffic Law, Traffic Collision investigation, Traffic Direction & Control and DWI.

While at the Eastland Police Department, Funderburgh has also served as the city's Code Enforcement supervisor, Emergency Management Coordinator, Floodplain Administrator, Crime Victim Liaison Officer and as Assistant City Manager from 1995-2001.

Funderburgh was instrumental in establishing the Eastland County Crisis Center in 1994 by successfully applying for a Community-Oriented Policing Service grant from the U.S. Department of Justice which got this organization off the ground. He has also served as a past coordinator of the Eastland County Crime Stoppers organization.

"Cecil has been a great asset to the city," said Eastland Mayor Mark Pipkin. "It will be a tough job finding someone with his training and knowledge to fill this position."

Some of Funderburgh's Eastland achievements include the initiation of the "Light Up Our Kids" Halloween safety program in 1991; Bicycle Safety Program in 1994; Eastland Citizens Police Academy, 1995; Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award, 1993; City of Eastland Employee of the Year, 1993; Rotarian of the Year, 1995; Community Service Award, 2000; Eastland Chamber of Commerce Public Safety Excellence Award, 2004.

"It has been a great honor and a pleasure serving the citizens of Eastland for the past 21 years. I'm not headed for the rocking chair, though. I'm looking forward to serving the community in some other capacity, Funderburgh said."

A reception for Chief Funderburgh will be held at the Connellee Hotel on Tuesday, August 30th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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## Gorman Panthers Football Schedule

- \* August 13 - Electra - There - 10 a.m.
  - \* August 19 - San Angelo TLC - There - 5:30 p.m.
  - August 26 - Eldorado - There - 7:30 - First Game of Season
  - September 2 - Chico - Here - 7:30
  - September 9 - OPEN DATE
  - September 16 - Perrin Whitt - There - 7:30
  - ◆ September 23 - Menard - Here - 7:30 - Homecoming
  - September 30 - Santo - Here - 7:30
  - \* October 7 - Ranger - There - 7:30
  - \* October 14 - Cross Plains - Here - 7:30
  - \* October 21 - OPEN DATE
  - \* October 28 - Baird - There - 7:30
  - \* November 4 - Meridian - Here - 7:30
- \* Scrimmages  
◆ Homecoming  
\* District Games

## Pig Tales From Hogtown

Well, another month has come and gone - how does it go so fast?! A new month means that it's time for 'Breakfast at the DAC'. This Saturday, August 6th, we will be serving breakfast at the Desdemona Activity Center from 7:00 until 10:00. It's a great way to start your weekend. For a donation you won't have to cook or clean up. Join us for eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits gravy and pancakes.

The following Friday, August 12, will be the **Annual Alumni Dinner** that is held each year the night before the annual homecoming at the old school house here in Desdemona. Not just alumni, everyone is invited to come to the fish and dinner on Friday evening. Visiting starts at 4:00 with dinner being served at 6:00. Cost is by donation. And then all you alumni enjoy the festivities at the schoolhouse on Saturday.

Friday, August 12, would normally be our dance night here at the DAC but because of the alumni dinner, Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers have agreed to come the following Friday night, August 19th.

Burning Daylight will be here on the usual 4th Friday night dance on August 26.

It is going to be a busy month here in Desdemona - come and enjoy the fun.

See you in Desdemona!  
Carol Pell

## Back to School 2011:

### New Legislation Mandates Shots For All

Abilene, TX, August 1, 2011 - As the summer break comes to an end, a new season of the year known as "back-to-school rush" is quickly ushered in as parents and children gear up for the 2011-2012 school year. Recent vaccination changes could hinder a child's ability to enter to school if they are not up to date. This includes all Texas college-bound students as well.

Over the past several years, Texas has phased in updated vaccination requirements that impacts children entering school for the first time as well as those entering the 7th grade. To ensure adequate protection updated Tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), MMR (measles, mumps & rubella), varicella (chicken pox) and hepatitis A vaccinations may be required. Legislation passed earlier this year will now require all students entering Texas universities to have a current meningitis vaccination on file. Additionally, this year the CDC has begun recommending a booster dose of meningitis vaccine if 5 years have passed since the initial dose was administered.

"If you have any doubt as to whether or not your child needs vaccinations, it is best to consult with your child's doctor, local health department or visit the Care Van vaccination clinic to ensure compliance" said Lynda Shirley, Program Manger for Caring for Children Foundation of Texas. "Early preparation will help you avoid the long lines and delayed appointments often experienced during the back-to-school rush."

Schools districts are preparing for a rush of students in need of vaccinations. The Abilene Care Van will be at the Medical Care Mission, 1857 Pine, Abilene, TX, August 4 and August 18 from 5PM to 7PM. All recommended and required vaccines offered are provided by the Texas Vaccine for Children Program. Eligible children include children with Medicaid, CHIP, those who have no insurance or have insurance that does not cover vaccines or well care. Parents must bring their child's immunization records. No appointment is necessary and child must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

For additional information please call 2-1-1 A Call for Help or visit [www.carevan.org](http://www.carevan.org).

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## Homestead Happenings

It is hard to believe it is already August. Where did the summer go?  
We had a great time at the Sock Hop a few weeks ago. Some of our residents can dance circles around me. Following the "sock hop" everyone enjoyed coke floats.  
Amy Wood did a beautiful job on our monthly birthday cake. She tired out a new "sugar flower" arrangement and it looked so real. Thank you Amy  
Next week is "Elvis" week. We will be listening to some Elvis music and trivia during the week. On Friday we will watch an Elvis movie and have pop corn and cokes come and join us.  
Visiting with Nell McAnally were Nell Kennedy of Olden, and Bro. Joe and Mrs. Bernier of Eastland. Bro. Joe is the Chaplin for Lighthouse Hospice. They also visited with several other residents.  
Devon Norris of Eastland visited with Rozell Caraway and Leta Hogan. Rozell went out to Bo and Pat Caraways on Sunday for a visit with 2 of her great grand daughters from Ft. Worth. Visiting Ima Brown were Joyce Gilbert of Katy, Kathy Rodgers of Brownwood, Maxine Morgan of Carbon and Jana Grice.  
Maxine Huddleston visited Frankie Stacy. Visiting Leta Hogan were Bea, Harold, Blessing, Cole and Summer Schkade of Albany, Susan and Eddie Hogan and Carrol Wayne Hogan.  
Nelda Mauney visited Mary Kirk. Visiting Edgar Reynolds were Marhery Churchville of Whitesettlement, Kenny Welch and Nelda Mauney. Maria Menchaca of Mineral Wells visited Christine Crews.  
Continue to Pray for Rain.

Have a good week.

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# Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

**First Baptist Church** of Desdemona continues to have good attendance each Sunday. Our pastor, Bro. Charlie Johnson and wife, Jana were in Lubbock on Sunday as he had another speaking engagement. Also Jana got to visit her parents, Doug and Sammie (Powers) Corley in Lubbock. Our Church had two guest speakers on Sunday, Bro. Jackie Auvenshine of De Leon and Bro. Kristopher Aaron of Hillsboro. Song service was led by Clary Aaron with Lane Shirley at the piano. There was three visitors for the morning worship service.

Karsan Jade Guthery, age 5, daughter of Holly Guthery of Desdemona will be in the contest for Little Miss De Leon. Grandmother is Karen Fair and great grandparents are Pug and Vonnie Guthery all of Desdemona. Karsan will enter Kindergarten this term at De Leon Elementary.

Madilyn Lewis, age 7, daughter of Gerald and Shanna Lewis of Desdemona will be in the contest for Petite Miss De Leon. Grandparents are Clifford and Galyna Hollard of De Leon; Harold Lewis and the late Betty Lewis of Desdemona. Madilyn will enter 2nd grade this term at De Leon Elementary.

Erlene (Morris) Blakney of Lubbock called this reporter on Wednesday to say she is unable to attend the Annual Homecoming and School Reunion in August due to some health problems. She attended School in Desdemona, 1st thru 7th and transferred when the family moved away. She would like to say "Hello" to former Classmates and friends in this area.

Bernard Keith spent three days in Abilene Hendrick Hospital following a light heart attack. He is feeling much better and so glad to get back home.

This reporter received a phone call from a son of Jessie Lee ("Pee Wee" Houser) Doreck saying she recently passed away. The Houser family are former residents of Desdemona where all their children attended school. Her sister, Joy (deceased) graduated with the Class of 1943; her sister, Grace Evelyn (deceased) graduated with the Class of 1945; Jessie Lee graduated with the Class of 1948, all from Desdemona. Their brother, Billy Edward attended school here and transferred when the family moved away. Parents are the late Edward and Lessie (Sparkman) Houser.

**Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion** will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2011 at the School Gym. Morning program begins at 10:00 a.m. Noon Meal will be catered. This annual affair is a great place for Ex-Students, Teachers and Friends to meet and enjoy visiting. Mark Your Calendar for this date and make plans to attend.

Have A Good Day, Vonnie

## New Simplified Vehicle Registration Fee Structure Starts In September

AUSTIN – A new system that standardizes and simplifies registration fees for nearly every vehicle owner in Texas begins September 1, 2011.

Currently, Texas has 1,745 fee categories for registration. That number is being reduced to nine weight classifications. The simplified structure makes it easier for Texans to know what they owe, and reduces administrative costs for the state, counties and private businesses.

"Under this new fee structure, Texas' registration fees are among the lowest when compared to the country's 12 largest states," said Executive Director Ed Serna of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. "At the same time this new, simplified fee structure will ensure the state does not lose any of its current registration revenue."

Registration fees contribute more than \$1 billion each year to the state highway fund, which is used to build and maintain Texas' roads and bridges. There are more than 21 million registered vehicles in Texas.

Car and truck owners whose vehicles weigh 6,000 pounds or less will pay a base vehicle registration fee of \$50.75. This is a slight reduction – about \$8 – from the previous registration fee for new vehicle owners, and a small increase – around \$10 – for those with older vehicles. "Whenever you make a fixed fee for everyone you have to look at creating some kind of middle number," Serna said.

Some Texans also will pay a new \$1 automation fee. This fee was assessed in Texas' largest 60 counties, but now applies statewide. The automation fee is used for improvements to the registration and titling computer system. Vehicle owners will continue to pay the \$1 Department of Public Safety fee for TexasSure, the electronic insurance verification program, and any local county fees.

"This creates consistency for every vehicle owner in the state," said Deborah Hunt, the Williamson County tax assessor-collector. "Vehicle owners will no longer have to contend with the fluctuations that were part of the previous fee schedule and no matter which of the 254 counties you live in or move to in Texas, the base state registration fee is going to be the same."

Fees being eliminated include the annual 30-cent reflectorization fee (used to purchase the reflective license plate sheeting) that was on every registration renewal, and the \$5 charge for license plate transfers. Texans who transfer their plates when they sell or trade in their vehicle to the new one they buy are protected from anyone running up toll charges or committing criminal activity that traces back to their name.

Those with heavy vehicles (more than 6,000 pounds) where registration fees were previously calculated by 100-pound weight increments in 1,600 fee categories will now find their registration fees fall into seven weight classifications.

"This fee modification will save time and money, positively affecting the more than 15,000 trucking companies across the state as well as the hundreds of thousands of professional truck drivers who live and work in Texas," said John D. Esparza, president and chief executive officer of the Texas Motor Transportation Association. "We are pleased that this new structure simplifies and standardizes a convoluted system and modernizes an outdated process."

"We applaud the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles for their diligence in overseeing this statewide update," he said.

Hunt said tax office customers also benefit. "To consolidate 1,600 fees down to seven helps business owners with fleets of trucks and auto dealerships as well as the average citizen," she said.

"The fee structure was so complex that these businesses needed to depend on tax office personnel to assist them in calculating their annual projected business expenditures," Hunt added. "By simplifying the fee structure, these businesses will be better able to determine their costs."

Anytime a service, whether fee simplification or online registration renewal, saves customers' time it also saves tax office resources, Hunt said.

Fees also change for trailer owners. The 75 different trailer categories, which include travel trailers, are reduced to one annual fee. It will cost \$45 to register any trailer or travel trailer up to 6,000 pounds.

This fee simplification structure was passed by the state legislature two years ago. It represents the first change in Texas' base vehicle registration fee since 1985.

The new law also standardizes the license plate replacement fee at \$6, and eliminates the fee for classic, cotton, forestry, volunteer firefighter, tow truck, and radio operator license plates.

For details about the fee changes, go to [www.TxDMV.gov](http://www.TxDMV.gov).

## Brand Re-Registration Begins Aug. 30 in Texas - New Website Helps Guide Ranchers Through Re-Registration Process

FORT WORTH, TEXAS – The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TS-CRA) reminds ranchers that the next brand re-registration period opens Aug. 30, 2011 and concludes Feb. 29, 2012. The State of Texas requires that brands be re-registered in the county or counties where the owner operates.

Larry Gray, executive director of law enforcement at TSCRA, says that branding is the number one way to prevent livestock theft, a phenomenon that is happening more and more in Texas.

In 2010, the number of cattle reported missing or stolen to TSCRA was approximately 7,700, an increase of 220% from 2007.

TSCRA was established in 1877 to help prevent and solve agricultural crimes. Since then, the association's law enforcement division has expanded to include 29 special rangers stationed throughout Texas and Oklahoma who work alongside local law enforcement agencies to protect rural Texans against agricultural crimes, including livestock theft.

Although Texas does not have a statewide brand registry database, TSCRA has market inspectors stationed at 105 Texas livestock auctions that collect brands and other identifying marks on 4 million cattle sold annually. They report this information to TSCRA headquarters in Fort Worth, where it is entered into the nation's largest brand recording and retrieval system. This system currently houses more than 102,000 brands, the largest brand registry in the U.S.

This database is the first source checked when livestock is reported stolen, and has aided in the arrests of cattle thieves and the recovery of hundreds of thousands of stolen cattle.

Gray says that while Texas law does not require you to brand your cattle, he highly encourages it as a way to protect your business.

"When cattle are stolen, a rancher is losing much more than the value of that single animal or animals. They are losing the value of the offspring that animal would provide in the future," Gray said. "In a way they are losing the factory."

To help guide ranchers through the brand re-registration process, TSCRA has launched [www.tscrabrands.com](http://www.tscrabrands.com). Working in conjunction with the 254 county clerk offices, this site provides all the necessary paperwork and information to register brands, as well as information on current brands, designing and reading brands.

# Happenings At FBC!!

Reward! We are told in the Bible that whatever a man/woman sows he/she shall also reap. We must not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up. We can be sure that faithful service and good works done in the name of Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit will have positive spiritual rewards. Praise God!

Mark your calendars:

**Aug 22nd** – First Day GISD School – Please Pray for our Students, Teachers, & Administration.

**Wednesdays:** TeamKids & Mission Friends date to begin will be announced. Youth at 6:30pm. Make plans to attend, Bring your friends, and Have Fun Learning About Jesus!

**Special Presentation:** An awesome Video of Mission Camp was viewed, and thanks were given to Sponsors, Parents, & Church Family making it possible for children to attend. It was a huge success as many first time professions and decisions were made for Christ. Thank the Lord!

**Children's Sermon:** Traci showed the children salt, of course they all knew what it was. Then she explained the many uses for it such as flavoring food, dying clothes, making plastic, keeping pools clean, etc. Long ago salt was even used like money. Salt can be likened to the way we want to live being full of flavor and good uses. Hereby showing the love of Jesus to the world!

**Bro. Barry's Message:** "If I Could Change the World" – Romans 11:34-36 – Bro. Barry told of a special message that he preached at camp about life not being a fairy tale. Many children came to the altar with all kinds of problems troubling them. One twelve year old girl in particular said that she didn't want to have happen to her two little sisters that had been happening to her. It was one of the worse cases of abuse that had been seen and steps were taken to protect this child. Praise God for His Message that day! If you could Change the World how would you change it? Philosophers and great minds have tried yet we still face challenges. Perhaps it's not the world that needs changing, rather it's we the people that need changing.

**Spiritual Indicators of Decline:**

I. Rising Doubt. – Decline in positive attitude. Questioning God, Christianity, Church, Government, existence, oneself, and even personal salvation.

II. Procrastination. – Putting off facing circumstances, reality of situations, tasks to do, health issues, grief, commitments, etc. Postpone most important priorities of God, Family, Church, etc.

III. Increasing Devotion to the Minuscule. – Attention to something too small for recognition causes disagreement and fighting. What should be of less importance takes a front seat and we quickly learn the difference between destructive and constructive.

Your Witness for Christ is what is heard from your mouth and seen in your example. The Answer to the world problems is Knowing Jesus and enjoying a personal relationship with Him. God is bigger than all, and He is in control. May the Lord help us to remain positive and encouraging!

If you are reading this and you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior please call Bro. Barry, ask Bro. Barry to talk with you about being saved or just ask him to pray with you, just call (254) 734-2420. Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday Morning – please come & join us! Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email: [fbcgorman@hotmail.com](mailto:fbcgorman@hotmail.com)

## USDA Reminds Producers of Sept. 1st Sales Closing Date for Noninsurable Crops

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director urges producers who want to buy coverage through the Noninsurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) to do so before the sales closing date of September 1, 2011.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to normal disasters.

Purchasing a crop insurance policy is an easy way for producers to practice risk management. This year alone has proved that natural disasters can directly affect the profitability and recovery of agricultural operations.

The following crops have a NAP application closing date of Sept. 1, 2011: Small Grains (Wheat, Oats, Barley, Rye & Triticale), Beets, Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbage, Canola, Cauliflower, Garlic, Sod Grass, Greens, Herbs, Kohlrabi, Leeks, Lettuce, Onions, Radishes, Strawberries, Turnips and Value Loss Crops (Christmas Trees, Crustaceans, Fin Fish, & flowers).

In order to meet eligibility requirements for NAP, crops must be noninsurable, commercially-produced agricultural commodity crops for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not available. If the Risk Management Agency (RMA) offers coverage for a crop in the county, then NAP coverage is not available for that crop.

In the event of a natural disaster, NAP covers the amount of loss greater than 50 percent of the expected production based on the approved yield and reported acreage.

Producers must file an application and service fee by the Sept. 1st deadline. The service fee is the lesser of \$250 per crop or \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

For more information on sales closing dates and NAP, contact the Eastland County FSA office at 254-629-1636.

## Aug 11 (8/11) Serves as Reminder for Texas Residents to Always Call 8-1-1 Before Digging. It's the Law.

August 11, 2011, to be marked by Public Awareness events and community outreach throughout the state to promote the law to Call 8-1-1 Before You Dig, the requirement to allow 48 hours to have those underground lines marked, the responsibility to exercise caution within 18" of those marks, and to dig safely!

Austin, TX, August 11, 2011: The Texas Pipeline Awareness Alliance (TPAA) encourages the public to use this date on the calendar, 8/11, as an important reminder for residents to Call 8-1-1 prior to any digging project to have underground utility lines marked. Texas law requires a call to 8-1-1 before any excavation or digging occurs. Recognizing the potential for unintentional damage, danger and harm to persons and property, the Texas Railroad Commission, Texas pipeline regulatory body, reminds professional excavators and homeowners that a simple call to 8-1-1 in advance of any digging project saves time and money while keeping people safe and connected. Striking a single line can cause injury, repair costs, fines and inconvenient outages. Every digging project, no matter how large or small, requires a Call to 8-1-1. Installing a mailbox, building a deck, planting a tree and laying a patio are all examples of digging projects that need a Call to 8-1-1 before starting.

Texas is home to over 280,000 miles of pipelines, operated by over 1,200 companies; by far the largest pipeline infrastructure in the nation. Pipelines play a significant role in the oil, gas and petrochemicals industries contributing more than \$160 billion annually to the Texas economy. Texas is the largest producer of oil and natural gas in the United States and Texans consume the most energy in the country, both per capita and in total. Texas' pipelines are working every day to deliver that energy efficiently, safely and in an environmentally friendly way. Pipeline companies carefully build and maintain these lines and monitor their operations around-the-clock. Pipelines are safe and serious pipeline problems are rare, and in many cases, preventable. Yet, failure to call before digging results in over 15,000 unintentional hits and damage to pipeline infrastructure annually according to the Texas Railroad Commission. Although most were minor, some did require repair and even taking the line out of service, disrupting service to consumers and businesses. A simple call to 8-1-1 to have those lines marked could have prevented damage in many cases.

The Texas Pipeline Awareness Alliance reminds excavators and homeowners throughout Texas to Call 8-1-1 before digging. Safe digging is no accident. For more information, visit [www.Pipeline-Safety.org](http://www.Pipeline-Safety.org).



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