

## New Arrivals



**Mateo Navarro IV**  
Stacey Michelle Looney and Mateo Navarro III of Eagle Lake are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a boy, Mateo Navarro IV born June 15 at 2:17 p.m. at the Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton.

He weighed seven pounds, 13 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Reba and Vernon Jenkins of El Campo.

Paternal grandparents are Emma and Jerry Ogle and Mateo Navarro, Jr. (Rocha).

Great grandparents are Mateo Sr. and Effie Navarro of Eagle Lake and Peachie Adams and Loch Burns.



**Noah Jasper Gonzales**  
Regina Valdez and Paul Gonzales III of Eagle Lake are proud to announce the birth of their fifth child, a boy, Noah Jasper Gonzales born on Tuesday, June 12 at 2:27 p.m. at the Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton.

He weighed six pounds, 14 ounces.

Noah is welcomed by his siblings, April Gonzales who's 16, Polo Gonzales who's 14, Maddy Sims who's 7 and Anabel Gonzales who's 21 months.

Maternal grandparents are Ernest and Molly Valdez of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparents are Paul and Lily Gonzales of Deer Park.

Great grandparents are Leandro Sosa of Rosenberg and Tina Valdez of Hungerford.

## DPS Gives Fourth Of July Warning

Make this Fourth of July holiday as safe as possible. Celebrating our nation's birthday is exciting, but motorists who choose to consume alcohol, speed and disregard traffic laws may find themselves talking to a state trooper.

Troopers of the Texas Department of Public Safety will be patrolling Texas roadways targeting speeders, drunk drivers and seat belt violators during the Fourth of July holiday period.

The DPS will be conducting two special emphasis programs to ensure public safety: Operation Holiday and Operation CARE.

Operation Holiday allows the assignment of other departmental uniformed personnel from the Driver License Division to supplement Highway Patrol traffic enforcement. Operation Holiday will start on Wednesday, July 4th at 12:01am and ends the same day at midnight.

Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort) is a nationwide campaign by state police agencies to reduce fatalities during holiday periods. Operation CARE will begin Tuesday, July 3rd at 12:01am and conclude Sunday, July 8th at midnight. Last year during Operation CARE (July 1-4), DPS troopers arrested 749 drunk drivers.

"The summer months are generally when we see the most

alcohol-related fatalities in Texas," said Senior Highway Patrol Trooper Gary Pflughaupt. "A number of crashes can be avoided by using common sense and practicing safe driving."

Here are some driving tips DPS recommends for travelers during the holiday weekend:

-Do not drink and drive; rather, find a designated driver.

-Have everyone in the vehicle properly secured, either with a safety belt or in an appropriate car seat or booster. Remember, "Click It or Ticket."

-For long trips, have the car checked to make sure it is road-worthy.

-Slow down, especially if weather and road conditions do not allow for the designated speed limit.

-Save your phone calls for home or find a safe place to pull over to place or answer mobile calls.

-Be polite and courteous while driving.

Read about DPS online at [www.txdps.state.tx.us](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us).

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## Old Skool Organization Gives Introduction

Who and What is Old Skool Organization?

We, the Old Skool Organization; are a non-profit organization set forth to enable all youth of Eagle Lake (especially those who need us most), to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens.

We, the Old Skool Organization; choose to be an active part in our youth from the early stages in life, not just those who have attained the Jr. High & High School levels. We choose to interact, counsel, and be Big Brothers &

Big Sisters to our youth. We are small in nature, but are growing everyday not only in numbers but in spirit, contributions, and also a willingness to help.

We, the Old Skool Organization; choose to bridge the gap with acknowledgement of previous organizations, current organizations working towards a common goal, and future organizations with the success of our youth in mind.

We, the Old Skool Organization; will have various functions for our youth: field trips, picnics,

supervised intramural games, as well various activities within the community. Our goal is to assist with scholarships for our youth, assist in public concern (educational, religion, charitable activities) through various contributions and fundraising events, which we will be able to obtain our goal.

We, the Old Skool Organization choose to represent what our parents and forefathers stood for: being spiritually grounded, aiding your fellow brethren, lending a helping hand, following up

on those who are at risk, devise a plan for development for our youth.

We are continuous in action and improvement and strive for excellence. We earnestly seek any additional input or concerns; please don't hesitate to contact us.

Members of the Old Skool Organization, Inc. include Kevin Earls, Willis Johnson, Jon Tillman, Jerome McAfee, Jimmy Foster, Jr., Norman Henderson, Jr., Russell Williams, Charles Earls, Bo Bluntson, Ike Clayton, and Ralph Hurd.

## Juneteenth Activities Held In Altair

The community of Altair celebrated their second annual Juneteenth celebration on June 16-17. The festive events began on Saturday with the community sing-a-long.

Many renditions of old religious songs were sung at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church of United Methodist of Columbus, and Wesley Chapel United Methodist of Altair.

One of the special highlights of the evening was past and present residence reminiscing about their "good old days" of growing up in Altair.

A candle light vigil was held in remembrance of parents and community friends that have passed away.

Special recognition was given to senior citizens of the communities of Altair, Vox Populi, Garwood, Eagle Lake, Columbus and Matthews.

Sunday, June 17 celebration and parade, was dedicated in remembrance of LCRA worker and local fireman, Malcom Thomas.

Many of the community family members and friends participated in the bumper to bumper parade.

The participants were the fire trucks of Columbus, Eagle Lake and Garwood, a truck from LCRA, local churches and other organizations.

The parade motorcade down Main Street of Altair and made a complete tour of the community before ending at Hwy. 71 park.

The Grand Marshall was Thomas Glover.

The two commissioners of our community, Edward Glover of Altair and Roy Williams of Vox Populi were distinguished participants.

The 2006 queen of the Juneteenth Celebration, Mrs. Marie Glover of Altair, relinquished her crown to Mrs. Janet Edwards of the Vox Populi community, the 2007 Queen of the Juneteenth Celebration.

A salute was given to Ms. Mary Axel for her great job of organizing this special two day celebration.

The commissioners played a big part of seeing that special guest were notified to participate in this great event. The oldest citizen of Altair, Mrs. Oda Lee Glover rode in the parade.

There were numerous decorated vehicles that participated in the parade. First place winners of the Best Decorated Car went to Mrs. Virgie Jones and Arlee Upson.

Food and games were provided free of charge. There was a Domino Tournament and first, second, and third place trophies were given. Lester Axel and Jonathan McElwee were the first place winners.

Second place winners were Clint Bluntson and Darryl Eaden. Dewayne Hemphill and Cynthia Crowder were the third place winners.

Commissioner Glover and Williams were very thrilled with the large and enthusiastic turnout. Special thanks are extended to local merchants and individuals who donated food, prizes, restroom facilities, time and effort.

The success of the Juneteenth Celebration would not have been possible without all of these generous people.

Plans for the 2008 Juneteenth Celebration are already under way. We look forward to seeing everyone next year.

## City To List Strays On Petfinder.com

Eagle Lake Animal Control, Eagle Lake, recently has joined other animal welfare organizations in the area that list their homeless pets on Petfinder.com, the oldest and largest database of adoptable animals on the Internet.

The site currently has over 200,000 homeless pets listed, and it is updated continuously.

More than 10,500 animal wel-

fare organizations in the U.S., Canada, and other countries post their pets on the site. Eagle Lake Animal Control Rescue pets can be viewed at <http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/TX1073.html>.

A potential adopter enters search criteria for the kind of pet he or she wants, and a list is returned that ranks the pets in proximity to the Zip code entered.

Adoptions are handled by the animal placement group where

the pet is housed, and each group has its own policies.

Petfinder.com was created in early 1996 as a grassroots project by

Jared and Betsy Saul to end the euthanasia of adoptable pets.

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