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## Jeff Seaton

### Gorman School Board Candidate

My name is Jeff Seaton and I would like to thank all of you for allowing me to serve on the Gorman School Board for the past 6 years. It has been a pleasure to be a part of the success this school has achieved. The staff of GISD has been handpicked over a period of years and I believe our success is a direct result of all their collective efforts. Therefore, I'm asking you to grant me another 3 years on the Board by voting for me on May 10th.

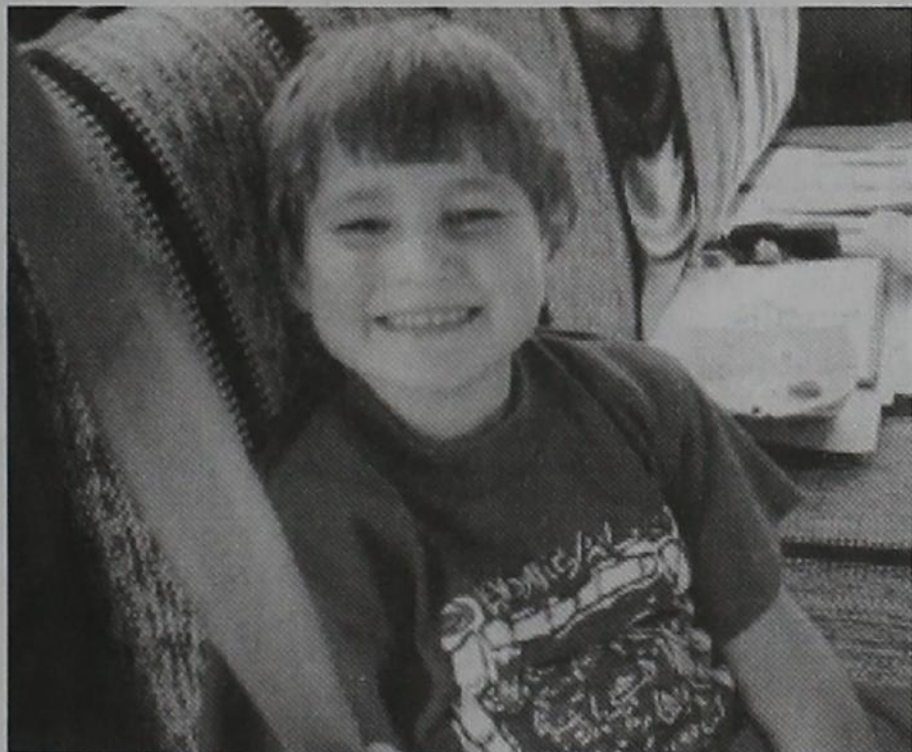
The Gorman and Eastland County community has been the life source for my family during my illness and financial difficulties in the last few years and I cannot thank you enough. The compassion that has been shown to us could not be matched anywhere else in the world. However, there has been a small group of people who have seen this tragedy as an opportunity to exploit our misfortune.

I would like to apologize for the length of this article, but I felt it necessary to inform this community of some of the tactics this group has used during their "witch hunt" at the school. I've spent countless hours going over document after document in their quest to discredit some of our school officials. I found nothing. Our lawyers found nothing. The State Auditors Office found nothing. The Attorney General found nothing. The Texas Education Agency found nothing. What a waste of taxpayers' money! Twice, my wife has come home to find one of them parked in our driveway talking on the cell phone and staring her down. On more than one occasion my neighbors have witnessed them in our yard, one time peeking in our windows. (I know, it sounds absurd but it is true). Currently there is a publication circulating around the community of false accusations and total negativity. But, just like the numerous threats we have personally received in the mail, it is not signed. I've found that pessimists rarely have the courage to let their identity be known. I, however, am not afraid to put my name on any of my statements because they are all factual and not hearsay or fabricated. My name is Jeff Seaton and I'm running for a place on the Gorman School Board!!

### Gorman Panther Baseball Camp

The Gorman Panthers Baseball Camp is set for June 2 thru 5 - Monday thru Thursday at the Gorman High School Baseball Parks from 9 a.m. To 12 Noon. Cost for the camp is \$30.00. Camp will cover all phases of baseball with individual instruction. We will also have skills competitions in each age group. Awards will be given out 11 to 12 on Thursday (parents be there). Ages 6 Years Old To This Year 8th Grade Boys.

Registration is from 8 to 9 a.m. At Gorman High School Baseball Field on Monday, June 2. Camp open to all area baseball players. If you have a question call: Billy Fox at 893-5076.



Do You Know This "Senior of 2008"??  
First Day of School August 1994  
Pre K - Gorman, Texas -- Age 4

### John Rodgers Seeking Place 4 on EISD Board

My name is John Rodgers and I am a candidate for PLACE FOUR on the Eastland Independent School District Board of Trustees.

My wife and I lived in a beautiful old house east of Carbon that we have called home for over forty years. This community in the southern part of Eastland County is where my wife and I chose to rear our two children (and our five grandchildren on a part-time basis) and to educate them in our excellent school system.

After I graduated from Gorman High School, I attended John Tarleton College (not a university then) for two years and was graduated from Texas Technological College (now a university) in January of 1963.

Upon graduation, I was employed by the Lingleville Independent School District to teach high school science and chemistry and also coach both boys and girls high school basketball, baseball and track. The following year I was hired to teach vocational agriculture at Carbon Independent School District and was part of that excellent school system for twenty-six years, the last three as principal.

My tenure at Carbon came to a close in May of 1990 when Carbon annexed with the Eastland School District.

During the summer of 1990, I was contacted by the school board of the Sidney ISD and was hired as their principal and vocational agriculture teacher and worked for those fine people for ten years before I retired in June of 2000.

During the thirty-seven years in education, the last thirteen as an administrator, I saw many changes in public education, some good and some not so good. My ultimate goal has always been to improve the quality of education for our students, be it college or a vocational school and to improve our facilities along with the working conditions of our teachers. It is also important that we educate our students in critical thinking skills, how to become positive leaders and to be good role models to the peer and to the community.

We all need to remember that the seed we plant in the minds of our children today will be the harvest that we see in years to come.

I thank you for your time and would appreciate your vote during early voting and on May 10th.

A reminder: If you are a registered voter and you pay taxes on your residence/homestead to the Eastland ISD, you can vote in this election.

Thank you, John Rodgers

## ELEMENTARY STUDENTS WALK ACROSS TEXAS!

Maxfield Elementary Students in Grades Two thru Six spent five days walking during their P.E. class. Their goal was to see if they could walk enough miles to cover Texas from north to south or east to west. Let me tell you that these kids walked more than enough miles to accomplish this. At the end of the five days they had totaled 1151 miles. These students had enough miles to walk from Gorman to California and were just a little short of getting to Disneyworld in Orlando Florida. I was extremely proud of their hard work and the teamwork they showed during those five days. Walking is a great activity that can be done to help you stay healthy and fit throughout your lifetime.

Lisa Laminack--Elementary P.E. Teacher

## SPORT'S BANQUET TICKETS NOW SELLING

The Sport's Banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are being sold in advance for \$10.00. Advance tickets may be purchased at the high school, tickets at the door will be \$12.00. Please try to get your ticket bought in advance. You may call the school at 254-734-2614 or Becky Swanner at 254-734-5176. All athletes will be provided with their ticket.

## Junior Class Says Thank You!

The Class of 2009 would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the parents who helped out with prom, and to the teachers and administration who came to prom. We appreciate your help and support. Also the juniors would like to especially thank all the businesses and individuals who donated cash and prizes for the door prizes given away at prom. These door prizes provide an incentive to keep the students at prom longer instead of going to other non-school sponsored activities.

The following businesses and individuals generously donated to "project prom": **Gorman:** American State Bank, Bob's Grocery, Dairy Queen, Marceil Laminack (Mary Kay), City of Gorman, The Hair Shoppe, Smith's Service Station, Panda's Flowers and Gifts, Gorman Video, Gorman Progress, Clark's Building Supply, Brown Trucking, Heritage Manor, Birdsong Peanuts, Hampton Paint and Body, Higginbotham Funeral Home, Gilmore's Auto, Antique's From Our Father's House, Country Cuts, Pizza Pro. **DeLeon:** Golden Oak Milling Co., State Farm Insurance, Clark Tractor & Supply Inc., DeLeon Auto Supply, Comanche County Telephone, Price's Floral, Connie's Jewelry, J. Leek Associates, Wright Irrigation, Brenda Tucker. **Desdemona:** Hog Town General Store, Trimmin' Tim's. **Carbon:** Carbon Agri-Center Eastland: Shirley's Air Conditioning and Heating, Beall's, Chicken Express, Brookshire's Wal Mart, Texas Cattle Exchange Restaurant, Playoff Sports, Pulido's, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Fullen Motor Company, Higginbotham's, Sonic, Movie Gallery, McDonald's, Star Bucks, Furniture USA. **Stephenville:** JC Penney, Barefoot Athletics, Pro Cuts, Hard Eight BBQ, Tahiti Tan, Lone Star Lanes, Cotton Patch Restaurant, Luxury Nails, CiCi's Pizza, Hastings, All Star Clips, Saddle Rags Western Store, Taco Casa, Sear's.

**Dublin:** Golden Butterfly Jewelers, Dublin Dr. Pepper.

Thanks again to all these generous donors to Project Prom 2008.

## Sophomore Fundraiser

The Sophomore Class will be selling Raffle Tickets for \$1.00 Each or 6 for \$5.00 to Win an Autographed Panther Football, an Autographed Lady Panther Volleyball, and an Autographed Panther Basketball. These Balls Will Reflect all the Success that our Wonderful Athletes Have had This Year! A ticket will be drawn for each ball-which means there will be Three Lucky Winners! The Balls will be Raffleed at the Athletic Banquet-Need Not Be Present To Win!!! See any Sophomore Class Member to Buy Tickets!

## Dorcas Class Continues Studies

Ladies throughout the area are invited to attend the Dorcas Class of the Gorman Church of Christ on Tuesdays at 10:00AM in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The group is studying the Men of the Bible and also reviews the history of the period of each character. The study currently focuses on the prophets Elijah and Elisha. The time is middle 800 B.C. during the time of the Assyrian Empire. You are most welcome to join the group, or just attend when you can. Please come for fellowship and study. Bring a friend!

## Panther Baseball Team Bi-District Champs

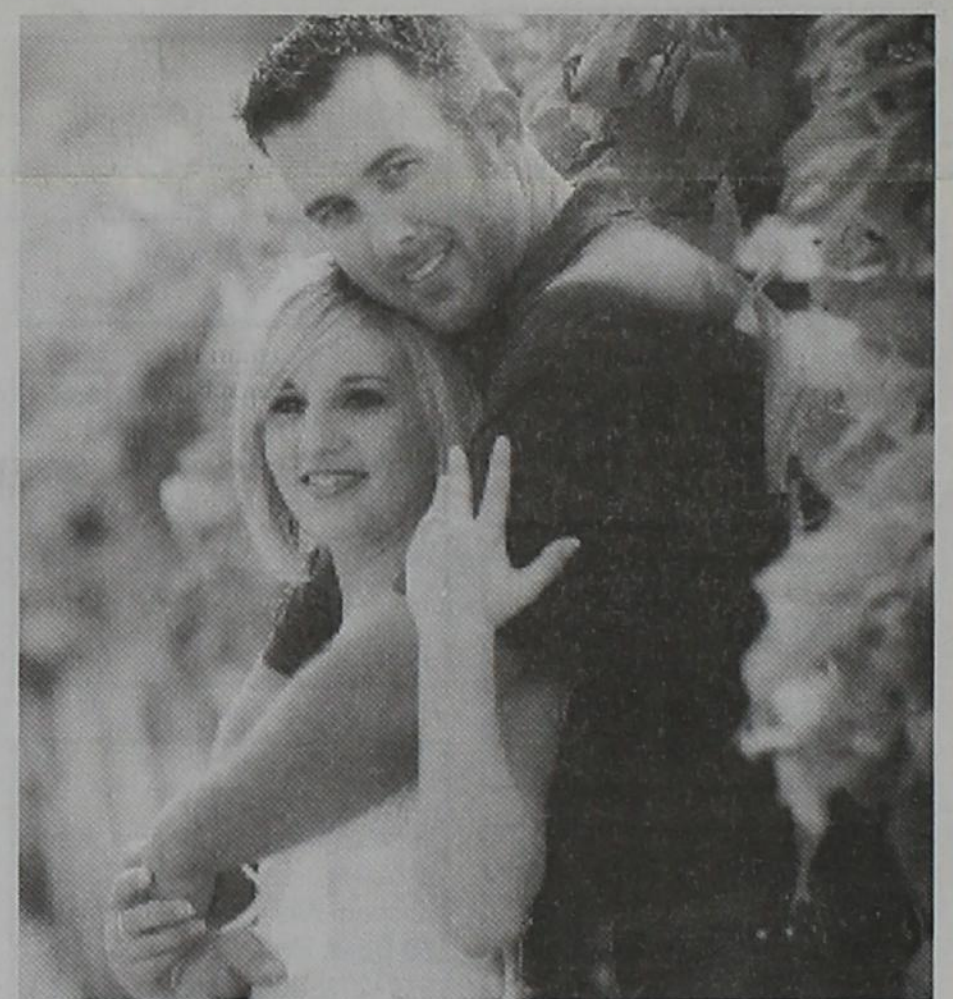


The Gorman Panther Baseball team advanced into the Area Round of the Playoffs with a Sweep of Meridian this past week. In the first Game on Friday, The Panthers won 5-2. In this game the Panthers had 12 hits but left 12 on base. Matt Underwood went 5 innings with Tyson Swanner in Relief. Offensively the Panthers were led by Aaron Keith and Matt Underwood with 3 hits apiece.

In the Second game on Saturday the Panthers won 12-1. The Panthers had 14 hits, and was led by Sean Bates with 3 (2 doubles). Doing a great job on the mound was Aaron Keith, going 4 innings with Swanner in relief. The Panthers are now 21-3 for the season, The Dawson Bulldogs are 21-1 and Ranked #4 in the State.

The Panthers will be playing Dawson in the Area Round, with the first game of the best of three being played Thursday on Benbrook at 6:30, and the next 2 at Little River on Saturday starting at 6:30. The reason for the second and possibly third game to be played at Little River is that the 1600 Meter Relay is running at 3:15 in Austin. Little River is about 1 hour north of Austin off of I-35. If you need directions call the school and ask Mrs. Pam.

## Zachery Stephen Wood And Teri Jean Hamilton To Wed



Zachery Stephen Wood and Teri Jean Hamilton announce their upcoming wedding, Saturday, June 14, 2008 at The Horseshoe Bay Resort Yacht Club in Horseshoe Bay, Texas.

Teri is the daughter of Kenneth and Melanie Black of Hico, TX and George and Jan Hamilton of Marble Falls, TX. Grandparents are Cotton and Linda Stockstill of Gorman, TX, Katie Black of Hico, TX and the late Jack and Jean Hamilton of Stephenville TX. Teri earned her masters degree in Speech-Language Pathology from the University of Texas at Dallas. She is currently employed at Burger Rehabilitation Systems out of Folsom, California.

Zack is the son of Don Wood of Pismo Beach, CA and Cheryl Wood of Denver, Colorado. Grandparents are Deanna Johnson and the late Jimmy Johnson of Coalinga, CA, and the late James and Evalyn Wood of Coalinga, CA. Zack is a graduate of California Culinary Academy in San Francisco, CA. He is currently employed at Wood Brothers Inc. in Lemoore, CA. Zack and Teri will reside in Clovis, California.

## WESLEY SPIVEY Candidate For Gorman School Board

Many individuals continue to contact me and express their support for my interest in serving on the Gorman School Board. I want to thank all of you who have encouraged me in this effort. As you know the election will be held on Saturday, May 10, just a few days from now. I hope each of you will go to the Community/Senior Citizens Center downtown in Gorman on Saturday and vote. Elections are what a democracy is all about and are the primary means for citizens to be represented. I would never want to do away with elections. Remember that if your homestead is in the Gorman School district, you are eligible to vote in the Gorman school elections.

I promise you that if elected I will always served honestly and with integrity. I will always be available to everyone who wants to discuss with e what is going on in school board activities. In my opinion, it is very important for the public to be well informed, and that is the only way we can provide the best education for our children. Please vote on Saturday, May 10th. Your support will be very much appreciated.

## THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The people of the United Methodist Church of Gorman would like to thank those who came by and hunted for treasures at our garage sale. We have several children's programs planned for the summer and by shopping with us so generously, you are providing for that to happen. Our success is the children's success. As a result of the generous shoppers and those who donated goods, we have decided to hold it over for one more weekend. So, drop by and see us on Friday May 9th opening @ 8:00 A. M. OR Saturday May 10th @ 7:00 A.M.

For those who have donations of items to make...please be certain they are ready for presentation at the sale. For drop off, please call 734 4611 and ask for Pastor Sharon.  
PLEASE COME AGAIN!!!!



**One Person's Junk is another's Treasure - Come Join Us!**

Gorman United Methodist Church is hosting a  
**GARAGE SALE!!!**

We are raising money for local mission work!!!

This Friday, May 9 - opening at 8 a.m.

Saturday, May 10 - opening at 7 a.m.

Bring A Spirit Of Joy and Lots of Money!!!

We have Everything From Clothing to Jewelry -

Books to Collectibles - And More!!!!!!!

**TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!!!**

## Gorman ISD Student Selected For Lone Star Leadership Academy

McKenzie Osborne, daughter of Phil and Melissa Osborne and a student at Gorman Junior High School in the Gorman Independent School District, has been selected to travel to the Houston/Galveston area as a participant in Education in Action's Lone Star Leadership Academy, August 4-8, 2008. McKenzie's selection for the Academy was based on her outstanding academic success, demonstrated leadership ability, a recommendation by her counselor, LaTricia Hampton, and her involvement in school and community activities. Education in Action, dedicated to fostering educated and involved Texans, hosts the Lone Star Leadership Academy to "Install the Spirit of Texas in Tomorrow's Leaders."

McKenzie's U.S. Senators, the Honorable John Cornyn and the Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison and U. S. Representative, The Honorable Randy Neugebauer, District 19, will be notified of her accomplishment.

Joining a delegation of outstanding students from across the state of Texas, McKenzie will develop leadership skills while learning about the great state of Texas and its leaders. She will learn about future career and internship opportunities and visit historically, scientifically and environmentally significant sites including the Johnson Space Center, Moody Gardens, the San Jacinto Battleground Monument, Battle-ship Texas, the Port of Houston and Galveston Bay. Additional activities will include the IMAX Theater, dinner on the Kemah boardwalk and a farewell program.

## Super Notes

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

Early voting in the School Board Election ended Tuesday and we had several voters take advantage of the convenience. If you missed the early voting opportunity, we hope you will make it to the polls this Saturday at the Community Center downtown Gorman to vote.

Isn't it a shame that elections sometimes bring out the worst in some people. Normal and strange people alike sometimes turn into the biggest jerks that you've ever heard. Sometimes they even put into print things that are not true or misleading at best. Should you see or receive any information about which you have questions regarding the election, the record of the incumbents running, or anything school related, please call me or stop by to visit with me. I'll be glad to discuss anything about our school and our operations with anyone, anytime. You are always welcome. There are a lot of great things happening here at Gorman ISD and we are proud of it!

By the way, I did see some information that has been circulated around town that contains a lot of information that has nothing to do with our school, or is misleading, and in some cases appears to be outright lies. Although I am not allowed by law to campaign for any specific candidates in a school board election, I do have a responsibility to the voters of the school district to respond when I intercept what I perceive to be false or misleading information being distributed regarding anyone involved as a candidate. It is for this reason that I am making the following statement for your consideration: None of the candidates running for school board, to the best of my knowledge, owe any back taxes to the school. Also, all delinquent taxes that are owed to the school by anyone are collected/processed by the law firm of McCreary, Veselka, Bragg, and Allen, P.C. who not only collect taxes for us, but for many government entities in our area and across the state. They follow a procedure set down by law, not by GISD, to collect all delinquent taxes. As always, if you would like to know that process, you may contact them anytime and I'm certain they will explain it to you better than I. They have an office in Eastland.

Notices of intent have been given to those companies that were awarded bids on our new high school/gymnasium project. Contracts are being written and dispersed at this time. We extended the day to open bids on items that were not previously awarded to May 8th at 2:00pm in the Auditorium. Our regular May board meeting will follow that evening at 6:00pm in the auditorium. I am also in the process of looking for an on site construction superintendent for the project. If you know of anyone qualified, please have them call me.

Baseball playoffs went well last week. The Panthers defeated Meridian in our Bi-District Championship two games to zero in a best of three series played Friday and Saturday in Comanche. This week we will face Dawson ISD somewhere yet to be determined near Austin. We will play the game Thursday afternoon and then complete the series after the State Track Meet Saturday. This series will be for the Area Championship. The first game will be Thursday evening at 6:30pm in Benbrook, Texas at the high school field. The remaining games will be Saturday evening at 6:30pm at Little River Academy ISD which is on I-35 between Austin and Temple. Hope to see you at the game.

Last Wednesday the East End Special Cooperative met in Eastland to determine if a new fiscal agent for the coop would be selected. No change was made. A revised shared services agreement was proposed that had been prepared by the Coop's attorney. A friendly amendment was offered to the agreement regarding hiring COOP employees and it was voted on unanimously to refer it to the attorney for an opinion prior to presenting it to the board of each school district individually. I would also like to add that as a member of the coop, I really appreciate the good job that Mr. Lee and his crew do for the children of the member school districts!

Thursday our third graders went to Abilene for a skating party. I understand everyone had a wonderful time except for one parent that suffered a broken ankle. I know I don't bounce like I used to and have no desire to get on another pair of skates ever. I am glad the kids had a great time!

This very week end our Gorman Panther Mile Relay Team will compete in the State Track Meet in Austin. They run on Saturday. I understand it should be sometime around 3:00pm. How long has it been since we had any relay team reach state? How long has it been since any of our track athletes reached state? That's right; it's been a long time. Congratulations to Zack Fox, Matt Underwood, Orlando Valenzuela, and Tyson Swanner for this great accomplishment! Good luck and may God bless your journey to and from the track meet and may God give you the blessing of doing the very best that you can and to run faster than you ever have.

Saturday night was Prom night! It was held at Parr Country Club at Lake Proctor. My date and I had a great time even if we were the first to leave. It's a great experience each year to see these young people put on their finest and have a good time. It was also great to see how much they enjoy each other. Thanks to all who work so hard to make the prom a success!

I am reminded daily of the reasons why being in the education of our children is an important job when I listen to the struggles and challenges people are facing everywhere. I am reminded by the hope I see in the faces of your children of all of the bright possibilities tomorrow can hold in store for them and for us. Your children are the most important asset this community has and I appreciate the opportunity for us (everyone at GISD) to be a part of growing those assets into a wealth on which this community can build its future. While sitting at the Prom Saturday night, I was thinking about how blessed we were to be in Gorman and to have been given the opportunities we have been given to be what I hope is a positive influence on your children. We have such great staff, faculty, and principals who all work together to do what is best for your child. Thanks for sharing your children with us.

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! 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!

## Pig Tales From Hogtown

Thank you to all who attended this month's 'Breakfast at the DAC'. My husband and I were not able to be there this month but I understand that we had a great crowd. I hope you all enjoyed the food and will come to Desdemona on the first Saturday of every month for breakfast.

We will be having a huge community garage sale at the DAC (Desdemona Activity Center) next weekend. It will start on May 15th and continue on the 16th and 17th. I am certain that we will have something that you can't live without. Come & see what it is!

Remember, our beautiful building can be rented for your upcoming reunions, receptions, meetings, etc. Call me at 254-758-2420 for information.

See you in Desdemona.  
Carol Pell

## Army Sgt. Brandon Y. Thomas Has Returned From Iraq

Army Sgt. Brandon Y. Thomas has returned to Alaska after being deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The soldier is assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment, a subordinate unit of the 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division at Fort Richardson, Anchorage.

Operation Iraqi Freedom is the official name given to military operations involving members of the U.S. armed forces and coalition forces participating in efforts to free and secure Iraq. Mission objectives focus on force protection, peacekeeping, stabilization, security and counter-insurgency operations as the Iraqi transitional governing bodies assume full sovereign powers to govern the peoples of Iraq.

Members from all branches of the U.S. military and multinational forces are also assisting in rebuilding Iraq's economic and governmental infrastructure, and training and preparing Iraqi military and security forces to assume full authority and responsibility in defending and preserving Iraq's sovereignty and independence as a democracy.

In addition, Sgt. Thomas has been decorated with the Purple Heart Medal as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces. The medal is awarded to individuals wounded in war or armed conflict while engaged with an enemy or opposing armed force in defense of the United States. It is also awarded posthumously to the next of kin of military members who are killed in action, or who died of wounds received in action. During peacetime, it is awarded to individuals wounded or killed (posthumous award) while part of a peacekeeping force serving with a friendly foreign force, or as a result of terrorist acts.

The decoration was established by Gen. George Washington in 1782 and was known as the Badge of Military Merit. The decoration was revived as the Purple Heart Medal in 1932 by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, and the medal is the oldest U.S. military decoration in use.

Sgt. Thomas also has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal, and awarded the Combat Infantry Badge. Thomas, an infantry team leader, has served in the military for eight years.

He is the son of Teresa M. Syers of Expo Lane, Carthage, Mo., and Leslie M. Thomas of W. North St., Coffeyville, Kan. His wife, Brandy, is the daughter of Tim and Vonda G. Streiff of Carbon, Texas.

## Walk Across Texas Cooking Classes

Halee Mitchell with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, will be conducting a series of two food preparation classes. In these classes, nutritious snacks for adults and children will be prepared as well as food safety techniques given. Other topics include the benefits of "grazing", planning ahead, stashed snacks, eating on the run to anywhere, what to look for on labels, speed shopping in 10 easy steps, stocking up on staples, restaurant rights and healthy eating in a hurry.

This series of two meetings will be held on consecutive Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at The Vineyard in Cisco. These classes will begin on Tuesday, May 13th and continue on Tuesday, May 20th. "Better Living for Texans" which is a part of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service is sponsoring these educational programs. These classes are FREE!!

If you would like to attend or need more information, please call Halee Mitchell at the Extension Office in Eastland at 629-2222 or come by the office on the First Floor of the Courthouse in Eastland. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in this program are encouraged to contact the Extension Office at 629-2222. For more information, call Eastland County Extension Office at 254/629-2222.

## Helicopter Landing Zone Training

Tech\*Star EMS Education in conjunction with CareFlite, Life Star & Southwest Med-Evac will be conducting a multi-agency landing zone training class on Saturday, May 17th in Gorman. The training will be held in the Gorman HS Auditorium starting at 9am. CE credit for EMS, fire and police personnel will be made available. Those invited to participate are; CareFlite, Air Evac, Life Star, Southwest, PHI and DPS air support. Each will fly in their aircraft for this training, if available.

This program is open to the general public so that they can see the aircraft available to the citizens of Eastland County, as well as the surrounding counties.

If you are wishing to attend and want the CE credit, we are asking that you pre-register by calling 254-734-5989 or by e-mail to LZ2008@techstarems.com

## Happenings At FBC!!

Discover! Learn, ascertain, and determine that knowing Jesus is what will fill the emptiness you feel inside. Find Jesus and discover the difference He can make in your daily life! The expansion project is moving along gloriously, and we'll have extra seating in the new area for Mother's Day!

Thank you again, Lord, for leading us in this expansion project. Amen.

Mark your calendars:  
May 11th - Mother's Day.  
May 14th - 6:00pm - Mission Friends and Team Kids Recognition Program.

Sean Bates opened our Worship Service with a lovely prayer. Liz Caraway's Children's Sermon: Liz asked for a strong volunteer to break a stick. Hunter Childers volunteered and broke the stick. Then Liz handed Hunter a bundle of sticks and asked him to break them also. Nobody had the strength to break the bundle of sticks. Church is not just a building; Church is the men, women, and children that stick together to form a Church Family. When we all follow Jesus and stand together we cannot be broken.

Bro. Barry's message was "There She Blows" - Luke 7:31-35

Bro. Barry told of his frightful experience while getting an MRI. He became agonizingly aware that he has claustrophobia. Being childish and child like are two different things.

CAUSES OF FRUSTRATION: - You cannot please everyone.  
I. Related to the Molds that Others Force Us Into. - You don't like to be put in a mold so don't put others in a mold.

1. Model Child - Molds Children. - Were you compared to another child (brother or sister)?

2. Ideal Spouse - Molds Husbands & Wives. - Unrealistic expectations wreck relationships.

3. Model Employee - Molds Workers. - Have you been compared to a previous worker?

Anytime you are ready to fly there will always be someone standing on your wings to keep you down.

II. Those that Live Constantly in a Bad Mood. - Miserable and never change.

1. Some People Live in a Fixed Mood. - Act childish. Always accuse and blame others.

2. People that Point Out Your Faults but Will Not Allow You to Point Out Theirs. - Voicing criticism and pointing their finger.

III. Result from Sheer Perversity of Human Nature.

1. These Folks are Incapable of Profound Joy or Profound Sorrow. - Nothing can please them or make them happy.

2. Be Prepared for the Human Actors Strut Around on the Stage of Life. - Searching for something yet they don't know where they're going.

When you go to bed do not stay up all night worrying - God tells His children to go to sleep and He will sit up and keep watch for them. Don't Blow Your Top! Trust and believe that EVERYTHING we need is found in Jesus!

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

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

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

Don't Forget

# Mother's Day!!

On May 11th.

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and Much More.

Panda's

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# Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

**Desdemona Ladies Monthly Social** has been cancelled for this month (MAY) only. The monthly social for June will be held at the Community Center (former School Building). Visitors are welcome.

Pug and Vonnie Guthery of Desdemona and their sister, Avie Taylor of De Leon attended the Annual Lowell Cemetery Meeting last Saturday, May 3rd. Several members from the Varner Family attended. Even tho it was a cold and windy day - everyone did enjoy visiting. Lowell Community is located in Erath County west of Lingleville.

### RETIREMENT PARTY

Desdemona Postmaster, Linda Edmiston was honored with a nice retirement party on Friday afternoon, May 2nd. The reception was held in the postoffice lobby. A large crowd attended - many Desdemona Friends, other postal employees from area towns and several employees from the Fort Worth postoffice. Bobbie McKillip, assistant Postmaster prepared and served all of the good food with delicious punch. Linda lives in Rising Star. We wish her much happiness and good health in her retirement years. Friends will miss her.

### FLEA MARKET

Flea Market to be held on Saturday, May 31st at the Desdemona Community Center (former School Building). Vendors are welcome to rent spaces inside the school gym our outside in the school yard at a reasonable price. To rent a space contact this reporter 254-758-2665. Time is 8 a.m. To 6 p.m. We are looking forward to a "Big Day" in Desdemona. Make plans to attend and be a part of the fun.

Karen Fair and Lorin, Angela Powledge and Kaley, Holly Guthery and Karsan was in Hico last Saturday to attend Kaley's softball games. Kaley attends DeLeon Elementary School. Our sincere sympathy to the family of Florene (Flo Williamson) Burleson, 75 of Stephenville. Services were held Wednesday, April 30 with burial in the Stephenville Garden of Memories. Flo was born November 13, 1932 in Erath County to the late Lonnie and Zelma (Trice) Williamson. Survivors include her husband, Bobby Burleson of Stephenville; son, Jerrell Burleson and wife, Debbie of Desdemona; two grandsons, Nice Burleson and wife, Johanna of Lockhart and Justin Burleson and wife, Christie of Kingwood. Williamson Family are former residents of Desdemona where Flo attended school and graduated with the Class of 1950.

### "BIRTHDAY PARTY"

P. E. "Shorty" Fox celebrated his 85th birthday on Friday night, May 2nd at his home in Desdemona. Those attending his birthday party were Larry and Gay (Fox) Moore of Desdemona, Bruce and Renee White and children, Chelsea and Cory, Ruby Lee (Riggs) Hathaway and Diane Miller, all of Stephenville; Paul and Susan Moore and children, Hagen and Scarlett of Lingleville and Judy Scott of De Leon. Everyone enjoyed birthday cake and visiting with "Shorty".

P. E. "Shorty" Fox was a busy man all day Saturday, May 3rd. On Saturday morning he attended the Annual Alameda Cemetery Meeting. Then on Saturday afternoon he attended the Annual Alameda School Reunion which was held at the Fire Station in Ranger. "Shorty" was the oldest ex-student to attend this school reunion.

Friends of Desdemona sends Get Well wishes to Evah (Abermathy) Sparkman who remains a patient in the Stephenville Hospital at this time. Her son, Homer Joe spent several days in the hospital recovering from pneumonia.

## Homestead Nursing & Rehab News

We were honored to have the Band-Aids come and play for us Friday afternoon. I wasn't able to be here so I am not for sure who all came to play. I do know they said Dr. Dan wasn't able to be here. Hope he can come next time. Johnny and I were in Hilton Head Beach S.C. for one of his granddaughters wedding. We had a wonderful meal at Lady and Sons, which is owned by Paula Deen in Savannah Ga. It was a quick but enjoyable trip. Good to be back in Texas though.

Some of our recent visitors were Carolyn Gilbert, Floydene Gilbert, Christine Hammontree, Bernice Hewson, Joy Rogers, Mary Kirk, Liz Brudnak, Richard and Rose Mary Dennis, and B.E. Simpson.

Joey Beaty visited his mom, Dorothy Beaty. Velda Baze and Lavelle Jobe visited Anna Watson, Rosetta Carlton visited Ruth Lewis. Visiting with Lottie Morris were Joe Bob and Ruth Browning and Kathy Rodgers of Brownwood, Mark and Pam Hulse of Hobbs New Mexico, Kay Snider, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Virginia and Jerry Skaggs, Louise Smart, Freddie and Kay Rodgers, and Allen and Linda Gibbs.

Visiting with Troy Scitem were Tommy and LaVerne Carr of Whitney, Jenny Newcomb of DeLeon, LaVerne came and took Troy to Eastland on Tuesday for an outing. While out she visited with her son Johnny. Visiting with Ima Boles were Bill Boles of Granbury, Betty Little, Mary Jane and Bobby Little, and Carolyn Little. Visiting with Marge Hudson were Mary Gottlieb of Fredricksburge, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Nelda Mauney, Ruthie Porter, Pam Childers, Kay Ann Craddock, Pat and Howard Hagood, Amber, Jordan, and Weldon Scitem. Visiting Imogene Norris were her children, James, Jo, and Jason Norris of Eastland, Lisa Lewis of Stephenville, Paula Morrow of Plains and Jeanna Pack of Carbon.

Visiting Irene West were Archie and Peggy Brooks of Merkle, Johnnie Barnett of Stephenville, Allen and Linda Gibbs, Virginia and Jerry Skaggs, Sandra Osborne and Pam, Bro. Barry and Scharlene and their niece and her son who are visiting from California, Sam Kraus from Carbon, Howard and Pat Hagood, Billy Earl Simpson, and Kathi and Joe Williams.

You are invited to join us this Friday, May 9 at 2:30 as we honor our ladies for Mother's Day with a Tea.

We were all excited when Dannis Lozano won the Jefferson Award for Volunteering in Abilene on April 24. He will now compete in Washington for a National Honor. Dannis is the one who has taken of his time and money to teach us to hand sand a pen. I thought Dannis deserved to be recognized for what all he does. Congratulations Dannis.

Until next time...Ina

## News From Eastland Co. District Attorney

### GRAHAM MAN GETS FOUR YEARS FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

Jesse Dale Gardner Jr., 23, formerly of Graham, was convicted and sentenced to four years confinement after entering a plea of guilty to Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle.

Gardner was arrested on October 6, 2007 after committing the offense in Eastland. The investigation was conducted by the City of Eastland Police Department.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle is a state jail felony carrying a punishment range of up to two years confinement in a state jail facility. Because Gardner had previously been twice convicted of a state jail felony, the Eastland County Criminal District Attorneys Office used these priors to enhance the punishment to that of a third degree felony.

### MULTIPLE PROBATIONERS GET REVOKED

Steven R. Herod, presiding judge in the 91st District Court revoked the probation of **Marcus Antonio Duffie**, 25, on April 28, 2008. Duffie, formerly of Ft. Worth had previously been placed on four years probation on March 10, 2005 for tampering with physical evidence. The Court sentenced Duffie to 2 years in a state prison for violating the terms and conditions of his probation.

Herod also revoked the probation of **Amanda Lynn Evans**, 31, on April 28, 2008. Evans, formerly of Ranger, had previously been placed on five years probation on March 20, 2006 for a felony drug offense. The Court sentenced Evans to 16 months in a state jail facility for violating the terms and conditions of her probation.

The following day on April 29, 2008, Herod revoked the probation of **SHANON DON LITTON**, 31. Litton, formerly of Coleman, had previously been placed on four years probation on October 20, 2006 for a felony drug offense. The Court sentenced Litton to 4 years in prison for violating the terms and conditions of his probation.

That same afternoon, April 29, 2008, Herod revoked the probation of **MISTY NICOLE MOODY**, 28. Moody, formerly of Ranger, had previously been placed on four years probation on May 22, 2006 for a felony drug offense. In February 2008, Moody was ordered to submit to a Court Ordered Residential Treatment Center but failed to remain there. The Court sentenced Moody to 18 months in a state jail facility for violating the terms and conditions of her probation.

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# Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

Our weekly dinner was enjoyed by 25 people. We gathered at our usual time of 11:30 on Wednesday the 30th of April. Geraldene Wright gave the blessing of our food and for those that were here. So nice to have her visit often. She helps brighten us all and we feel happier towards one another.

We had a lovely meal of baked chicken, salmon patties, chicken and tuna casserole. Also veg and fruit salad, fruit and cool whip desserts, which I call pink stuff. Delicious!! Several veggie dishes, also a good broccoli casserole by Ann Maxfield. Our usual cornbread and rolls made by Betty Regian. So good! Beth Shirley brought her most fabulous white coconut cake. Emma Jane Larch made a wonderful chocolate and caramel cake, the best. We also had a pie by Estelle Lindley and someone brought homemade cookies. Everyone outdid themselves on this meal, Thanks.

We all signed a card and sent to Eula Lee Mears. Hope she is feeling some improved. We do miss her terribly, especially her casserole and Jello dishes. She is certainly in every ones prayers.

Our baseball team won out over Meridian in Bi-District in 2 out of 3 three games. We played them last Friday and Saturday in Comanche. Very exciting! Now we play in Benbrook on Thursday the 8th for Regional against Dawson. This game should take place at 6:30 p.m. Betty Regian and I went to the game in Comanche on Friday. We then ate in DeLeon at Hwy. 6 Cafe later. What a meal they served, crab legs, all kinds of seafood, plus catfish. All very good, but quite expensive. Daisy Slaton and Zelda Jordan's daughter, Glenda White and her husband had been in there earlier. They both sounded good and feeling improved. Wynogene was hoping she could be with us on the 7th of May at our lunch. We do miss her, especially those pies! Annie Fay always brought good cakes. That is why we have run so low on desserts. At this meeting on the 30th we finally had enough desserts for several decided at once to bring them.

On game night the 1st of May we had 10 present to play. We enjoyed Skipbo, 88's and Spinner. We hardly even just play plain 42 anymore, wish we would. We might if more would come out and play. Also we start at 5 p.m. Now since the time change.

Daisy Slaton and I traveled to Stephenville on the 5th of May for our Senior Travel Club meeting. We decided to try a 6 day trip in August. We will travel to Ruidosa and Taos, N.M. Then will ride a train from Chama to Antonito, Co. Maybe we can stand one short trip. No more long ones.

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

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