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Gorman Panther Baseball Camp Held Recently At Baseball Field



Shown above are the baseball players who enjoyed the annual baseball camp held at GHS Baseball Fields. Coach Fox and his helpers made this a success this year!



"Old Timers" - The ones that have been to most of Coach Fox's Baseball Camps.

Steer Validation

Steers to be exhibited in 2008-2009 at Eastland County7 or any major stock shows in Texas MUST be validated on June 25, 2008 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Sharp. The event will be held at the Moylan Steer Barn on Highway 3101 2 1/2 miles north of Eastland.

Validation fee will be \$10.00 per steer. This will be the only day to validate steers in Eastland County. Those who ordered steer tags will need to pay for them on this date. Call Heath Begeman at 254/629-1093 if you have any questions.

Gorman High School Sixth Six Weeks -- 2007-2008

Seventh Grade

Luis Limon Austin Marlow Robert Shawver Rachel Tucker

Maria Garcia

Chelsea Griffin Erica Madera McKenzie Osborne

Jamie Johnston Jaylon Miley

Christopher Bryant

Eric Ryon

Matt Underwood

Ashley Burkeen Yhdira Garcia Carlos Gutierrez Jose Guzman Tony Perez Jimmie Turner Nancy Velasquez

A-B Jasmeen DelaTorre Andrew Flanary Sergio Garcia Skyler Henderson Viridiana Maldonado Margarita Oronia B. J. Ramirez Mario Silva Tyson Underwood Brandon Velasquez Haily Whitefield

A-B

Carlie Jackson Cortney Shirley Stetson Thompson J. C. Whitten

Ninth Grade

Eighth Grade

A-B Destiny Ackerman Brice Campbell Troy Gilder

Abby Pacheco

Tenth Grade A-B

Sean Bates Ben Burgess Brittany Henderson Erica Limon Adriana Madera Perla Maldonado Bethany Oliver Kimberly Seaton Cole Underwood Brenda Velasquez

Eleventh Grade

A-B Nathan Flanary Marsela Gonzales Sonia Hipolito Lindsey Laminack Valerie Longoria Jordan Perry

Perla Velasquez Twelfth Grade

A-B Michaela Burns Corey Clark Esther Cruz Shanna Hair Carlos Palacios

WALK ACROSS TEXAS

On any given day in Eastland County, you are probably seeing more and more people walking. They may be part of the "Walk Across Texas" program initiated by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. Walk Across Texas is a fun way to become more active. Local groups in Eastland County have formed teams. The teams began walking and logging their miles on May 4th. Each team has set a goal to Walk Across Texas in eight (8) weeks, which is about 830 miles total. First Place Team is The Fellowship of Traveling Feet with an outstanding 743.36 miles. Second Place Team is Soup-R-Stars with an impressive 533.4 miles. In third place is the Sole Stompers with 411.5 miles. There will be a Walk Across Texas Celebration on July 22nd with a Lunch N' Learn at the Eastland County Courthouse beginning at 12:00 Noon. Prizes will be awarded to the top teams. If you have any questions about Walk Across Texas, please contact Halee Mitchell at (254) 629-2222.

FREEDOM FEST - RISING STAR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Rising Star Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the annual FREEDOM FESTIVAL on July 4th at the city park beginning at 4pm. There will be three days of community-wide garage sales beginning on Thursday. There is a \$3.00 registration fee to be on a map of all the sales. Registration and the maps will be available to all shoppers at City Hall.

There will be a parade at 6PM starting at the high school and festivities at the park will begin at the same time. The GRAND FINALE will be the fireworks display beginning at dark. Remember what a huge success this program was last year! Events at the park prior to the fireworks include music, Freedom Train for children's rides, display by the Sons of the Confederacy, ice cream freeze-off and inflatable games for the kids. In addition to the aircastle, a water game will be added this year which should be great fun for the youngsters. The local Fire Department plans to be on hand with games and demonstrations. Hot dogs and all the trimmings will be available so bring the family out for a fun time!

The Fireworks show last year was one of the best in this part of the state and we appreciate the people made donations to make this happen. The Chamber welcomes businesses and individuals who would like to help again this year. Donations can be made at several local businesses, First Financial Bank, and Judy Green at City Hall.

City of Gorman Minutes Of Last Meeting Will Be In Next Weeks Issue of The Progress

Coming To The

Eastland County Courthouse Lobby Friday, June 13th Starts At 2 p.m.

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Miss and Little Miss Gorman Contests Now In Full Swing

The Miss and Little Miss Gorman contests are now in full swing after the contests began on June 2th. This years contestants are:

Miss Gorman Contestants:

Kimi Seaton-Chamber of Commerce

Barbara Sherman-Fire Department Bethany Oliver- Lion's Club

Little Miss Gorman Contestants:

Brylee Johnson-- Chamber of Commerce

Hennessy Adair-Fire Department Ashlyn Martin-- Lion's Club

Fund raising projects are now underway and all the girls have their cans in businesses for donations. Please help support these girls. The contest will run through June 28. All proceeds will go toward community projects. The Chamber supports programs such as the County Stock Show, the Lion's Club Bike Ride, the Peanut Festival, the Annual Santa Visit, Economic Development to bring in new businesses, and the Miss Gorman contestants will each receive scholarships for their hard work.

The pageant will be held at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, June 28, in the high school auditorium.

We appreciate the good job done by our reigning Miss Gorman, Brittany Henderson, and Little Miss Gorman, Caitlyn Clark. They have represented us well at many area events and parades. Thanks girls!

Challie Johnson and Tessia Griffin To Wed Saturday



Challie Olon Johnson and Tessia Marie Griffin wish to announce their upcoming Wedding on Saturday, June 14, 2008 at The Rising Star Vineyard.

Tessia is the daughter of Dale and Mary Griffin of Carbon, Texas. Her grandparents are the late Lorenzo Perez of Gorman, Ruby King of Carbon and the late W. A. Griffin. Tessia was an 2007 graduate of Rising Star.

Challie is the son of Zane and Timmie Johnson of Levelland, Texas. His grandparents are James and Jackie Redman of Wolfforth, Texas; Ronny and Frances Johnson of Brownfield, Texas. Challie was a 2007 graduate of Rising Star and currently taking classes at Tarleton and CJC. He works for WDT in Stephenville.

The couple will reside in Stephenville.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Abundant LifeImpact of Gorman is excited to announce their summer lunch program. This program is designed to help our local students, it offers the area students a free lunch or anyone else for that matter. There is no cost or obligation just come hungry and

Location: 119 W. Roberts

Time: Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 11:30-1:00 each day Everyone is welcome, it is primarily for high school teens down to toddlers but anyone needing a lunch is welcome.

This program will run through the duration of the summer.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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

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

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

Boy Scouts

Meeting Weekly Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m. Methodist Church

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 532, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

4-H - Meets Second Monday of Each Month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - Amy Wood - 734-2973.

VET Science 4-H Project - 4th Tuesday each Month. Techology Center / Gorman Community Center. Contact Lee or Amy Wood at 254-734-2973.

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A. M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Gerald Ragland, Master - Roscoe Reeves, Secretary,

Opal Vestelee Burton

Opal Vestelee Burton age 86 of Gorman, passed away Tuesday June 3, 2008 at the Valley View Nursing Home in Eastland.

Services was at 10:00 A. M. Friday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Barry Schahn officiating. Burial was at Oakland Cemetery

Mrs. Burton was born December 4, 1921 in Comanche County to Oda Carlton Dennis and Eva Ann Anglin Dennis. She married Arlen Burton on June 3, 1947 in Carlsbad, NM. He preceded her in death on October 21, 1992. She was a homemaker a seamstress and a member of the Assembly of God Church.

She is survived by: two sons, Lynn Burton of Lubbock and Richard Burton of Indiana; one daughter, Genneth Easley of Carlsbad, NM; seven grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren as well as several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter, Connie and eight brothers, Claude, Elmer, Bert, Willie Earl, Hulen, Marion, Olan and Dean Dennis.

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7th Annual Eastland County G. E. D. Graduation

The seventh (7) annual G.E.D. Graduation Ceremony was held on Tuesday evening, May 27, 2008 at Siebert Elementary School Cafeteria in Eastland. Adults going through the graduation ceremony passed their G.E.D. at Cisco Junior College during the last twelve (12) months. This ceremony was sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Eastland County in conjunction with the Eastland County G.E.D. Task Force.

Program introduction was given by Halee Mitchell, County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences. She told the history of the Eastland County Study classes and thanked volunteer tutors and agencies who helped make this opportunity available to adults in the area. Special thanks was given to the First Baptist Church of Eastland for allowing the G.E.D. study classes to use their facilities and for providing child care. The invocation was given by Mike Parsons, G.E.D. tutor. An inspirational and motivational commencement address was given by Guy Earle, Associate Pastor at First Baptist Church of Eastland. County Judge Rex Fields and State Representative Jim Keffer presented the Certificates of Completion from State Representative Jim Keffer to the graduates. Link Harris, Counselor at Cisco Junior College, presented each graduate with a letter from the Cisco Junior College President and a \$250.00 scholarship.

Approximately 33 adults in Eastland County passed the G.E.D. (General Educational Development) Test within the last year at Cisco Junior College. The following eleven adults participated in the graduation ceremony: Cathy Craig, Tamra Drake, Dolores Eutimio, Jessica Funderburg, Jessie Joyner, Leslie Lewis, Candace McCullough, Trina O'Neal, Flor Oxford, Billie Noble and Chrystal Taylor. Congratulations to all the graduates and best wishes for a bright and successful future. For more information about upcoming Fall G.E.D. Study sessions, please contact Halee Mitchell, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Office at 254/629-2222. For more information about taking the G.E.D. Test, please call Link Harris, Cisco Junior College at 254/442-5000.

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455 A, wells & tanks, creek, tree covered hills, wildlife cover, hunting, Hwy.6 frontage \$1,912,000 (RS01)

250± A, on Copperas Creek, 150 wooded, 100 coastal, lake,

243 A, reservoir & wells, irrigation pit, highway frontage,

236± A, wells & tanks, rolling terrain, minerals available,

hunting \$2,195 per acre [DS02] - <u>UNDER CONTRACT</u>
231 A, on Leon River, wells, pecan trees, hunting, minerals available \$751,530 REDUCED \$665,280 [DK01]

100 A, approx. 95 A of costal, 5 A wooded, and stock tank.

90 A, 4-3 Brick Home, fireplace, game room, RV shed, well & tank, minerals neg. \$397,500 REDUCED \$392,500 [BE01]

81 A, Pecan Orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees,

52 A, 4-3 Brick Home, carport, wells & tanks, corrals, barns \$250,000 REDUCED \$239,500 [LP01]

51 A, with highway frontage, spring creek and hunting 182,000 [RP01]

47± A, 1-1 Rock Home, hand dug well, rural water, wildlife

cover, coastal, hunting, minerals negotiable \$175,000 rwmozi

45 A, 7 irrigation wells & pit, buried mainline w/risers, mineral

30 A, 3-2½ Custom Built Home, garage, porch, RV shed & shop, barn, wells & tanks, Hwy.16 frontage \$450,000 [DB01] 25.6 A, 4-2½ Brick Home, garage, carport, storage buildings,

24.5 A, on Flat Creek, with water well, native pasture, close

20 A, Pecan Orchard, hwy. frontage, rural water available,

20 A, excellent home site, costal, rural water supply available,

hunting, minerals negotiable \$75,000 [wmo1]
14±A, 3-2 Brick Home, fireplace, fenced yards, garages & storage buildings \$180,000 [Fwo1] - UNDER CONTRACT
8.6 A, 3-2 Frame Home, water well, above ground pool with deck, horse barn \$129,900 [klo1]
8½ A, 3-2 Metal Frame Home, near Lake Proctor, work shop, wells, underground sprinkler system \$265,000 (res)

7± A, Metal Building on slab, large oak trees, pecan orchard

hwy. frontage, water well \$65,000 [FW02] - UNDER CONTRACT

• 5 A, 4-2 Brick Home, metal roof, carport, storage buildings, pecan trees, wells & tanks \$120,000 [wko1]

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3-2 Double Wide, screened porch, workshop, wells, 2 large

3-2 Frame Home, 2.5 Acres, wood burning stove, carport, rural water, well, shop \$137,500 REDUCED \$99,900 [ccc3] 2-1 Frame Home, 0.621 Acres, close to Tarleton, 2-car

attached carport, storage byuilding, fenced yard \$92,500 [RS02

2-1½ Frame Home, garage, storage building \$75,000 [ST01] 3-2 Doublewide, 2/car carport, on 3+ lots \$70,000 [LK01]

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LIP provides payments to eligible livestock owners and contract growers who incurred the death of livestock because of a natural disaster. LCP provides payments to eligible livestock owners and producers who had feed losses or increased feed costs because of a natural disaster.

More information about LCP and LIP is available online at: http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov. Fc more information on FSA programs, visit your local USDA Service Center or the agency's Web s http://www.fsa.usda.gov.

ACREAGE REPORTING

Acreage reporting time will soon be here. Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs.

Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date.

Acreage reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs. For crops other than NAP (Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program) crops, acreage reports must be certified by the May 1 deadline on small grains and a July 15 deadline on all other

VIEW POINT

By: Heath Begeman

Goat Seminar

The 5th annual North Central Texas Meat Goat Association Goat Seminar will be held on July, 12, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The seminar will be held at the Tarleton University Agriculture Farm Teaching Pavilion in Stephenville. Many topics will be discussed including selection, by Charles Turner and nutrition by Tim Smith. There will also be hands-on demonstrations on hoof trimming, giving shots, and ear tagging. Then there will be a presentation about 4-H and the Family by the Molder Family. Tickets for a free goat burger meal will be given to the first 100 attendees to be redeemed at the concession trailer. This program is to help students with their goat projects. I think this would be a great learning experience for young 4-H and FFA members that would like to show a goat next year. All attendees are encouraged to bring their goat to be evaluated. Anyone that wishes to attend can call the AgriLife Extension office for more details at (254) 629-1093 or 629-2222

4-H Record Books and Star Awards Judging

4-H Record Books and Star Awards Judging is due on June 23rd. If you are planning on applying for the Bronze, Silver or Gold Star Awards you will need to let us know. Star Award Judging will begin at 9:00 a.m. on June 23rd. On this date all project forms are due along with Rookie, All-Star, Letterman, Honor Roll Awards, Club Secretary Books and Club Scrapbooks. If you have any questions, or need further clarification, please call the Eastland Extension Office at 254/629-2222.

Barrow, Lamb and Goat Validation for State Fair

In 2008 all market barrows, lambs and goats have to be validated for the State Fair in Dallas. Validation for Star Fair hogs, lambs, and goats will be June 25th, 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at the County Show Barn in Eastland. This will be the only day to validate for Dallas. Those who ordered tags will need to pay for them on this

TO WHOM IT MY CONCERNS:

Notice is hereby given to all students with disabilitie (or parents of students) who attended school at Breckenridge ISD, Cisco ISD, Eastland ISD, Gorman ISD, Moran ISD, or Ranger ISD. The student files, PRIOR TO AUGUST, 2001 WILL BE DESTROYED. This is in compliance with state regulations. [Local Government Code 202.001] If you want to pick up your student folder, it must be

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40 A m/l, south Gorman, pasture, fenced, small cabin, water well, small pond, elec., sandy soil, paved road. \$2,750 acre.

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elec., good soil, nice pond site. Will Divide \$2,500 per acre 100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, car-

peted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building. Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950.00 A. NEW: 156 A. Carbon, 1/2 wooded - 1/2 fields, deer, turkey, 3 ponds, nice 2 - 2 mh, central a/C, barn, corral, county water. \$4,000 acre. 179 A. south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice

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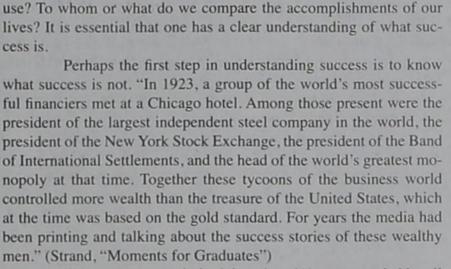
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These men were admired, loved, and I'm sure envied by all who did not perceive themselves as having obtained success of their caliber. No doubt there were many enterprising hopefuls that longed to be in their shoes. However, as we look at these men years later, we realize a very sobering truth. Treasures that are laid up here are susceptible to corruption and loss and fail miserably in bringing true happiness to one's existence.

Charles Schwab was the president of the largest independent steel company in the world. Twenty-five years after the meeting Chicago, he lived on borrowed money for the last five years of his e and died penniless. "Incidentally, he was the first man in American history to draw an annual salary of \$1 million. Arthur Cutten, the greatest and most successful of commodity speculators, died abroad In dire poverty. Richard Whitney, the president of the New York Stock Exchange, was sentenced to serve a term in Sing Sing Prison. Albert Fall, who was a member of the president's Cabinet, was pardoned from prison so he could die at home. Leon Fraser, president of the Bank of International Settlement, ended his life by committing suicide. Ivar Kreuger, the head of the world's then greatest monopoly, put an end to the misery of his life by committing suicide." (Strand)

So, what went wrong? How could these men, who had no doubt set many goals, worked long hours, saved, disciplined themselves for success, meet the particular ends listed here? Perhaps in all of their acquisitions they somehow overlooked that life is much more than the accumulation of wealth and fame and other accomplishments, which appear to be so gratifying. What exactly are you looking at today? What is the one thing that you think would make you so happy if you could just have it?

Our goals will only bring happiness and success if they are founded upon the principles of God's Word. Jesus still has the right perspective on life.

Today's Quote: Some men think they have made a success of life when all they have made is money! - Anonymous

Today's Verse: And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. Luke 12:15 basically says, Beware! Don't always be wishing for what you don't have. Because real life and real living are not related to what we possess.

Pig Tales From Hogtown

Thank you to all who attended our usual first Saturday 'Breakfast at the DAC.' The accompanying picture shows 2 gentlemen who came to eat with us. Let me tell you a little about them.



On the left is Dannis Lozano from Dublin. Dannis came to our craft show in April as a vendor - he does beautiful wood turning and etching. Just over a year ago, he started going to area nursing homes to teach the folks there how to make ink pens. This activity as enjoyed so much that he has now expanded to 14 homes in the area. This spring, Dannis was awarded the Jefferson Award, which is given to folks who volunteer their time to help others. There were 7 of these awards given in Texas this year and others given across the country. On June 16, Dannis and his family fly to Washington D.C. where he will be in the running for the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis award. Good luck, Dannis! Woodcraft Magazine is going to feature Dannis in its Oct/Nov issue as a follow-up to an earlier story. Please watch for that.

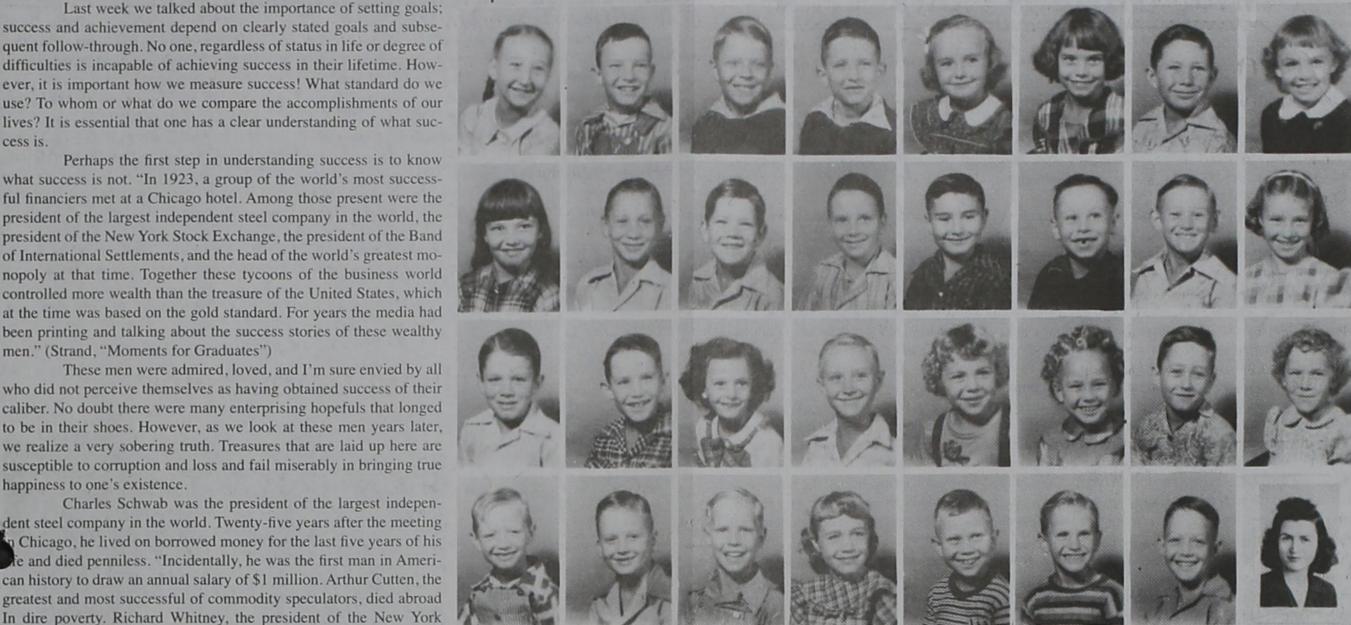
The gentleman on the right in the picture is Don Hurley from London, England. Don made his living as a journalist and traveled all over the world in that capacity. He is a very interesting man to talk to and a true Texan at heart! He told of his family and neighbors sleeping in the subways of London during World War II to escape the German bombs that rained down on the city every night. On Saturdays the movie theater would open and show westerns for the children. He and his buddies always yearned to come to Texas because of the blue skies and the good guys in white hats shown in the movies. Those Saturday movies helped them get through the awful days of the war. A chance meeting in Spain 10 years ago brought him in contact with David Williams of Ranger. They became friends and Don has visited David and his father, Leo each year since. We are looking forward to Don's next visit to Desdemona, which will be in July.

And speaking of July, the DAC old-fashioned ice cream social will be held July 12 from 5:30 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. We will serve homemade ice cream and cookies at about 7:00 P.M. Come and play games with our new sports equipment and listen to some music. Our favorite band, Dr. Dan and the Band-Aids, will be here as will a wonderful gospel group from Eastland by the name of Redeemed. The Band-Aids may have a little English flavor if Don makes it back in time - he plays guitar also.

While you are at the DAC, take a look at the Tree of Life, which was presented, to us in remembrance of Bob & Merlene Wisdom. For a donation of \$100 you may have one of the leaves engraved and added to the tree.

This little piggy has a very red face - I must apologize to the Tucker family. I inadvertently gave credit for beautiful little Zoe to Steve & Michele Tucker. It should have been SCOTT & Michele Tucker. The Tuckers are a great family and have assured me that I didn't cause a riot in the family. I am sorry for the mix-up.

> See you in Desdemona! Carol Pell



Gorman Elementary School - 1949-50 - Top Row - Wanda Mauney, Fred Gray, Neil Overstreet, ??, Peggy Adcock, Mary Robertson, Norman Woodall and Judy Mahaffey; Second Row - Shirley Wood, Kenneth Welch, Buster Grisham, Ryan Preston, Nolan Treadway, Johnny Wilson, Benny Frazier, and Emma Skaggs; Third Row - Fred Burns, Dick Townley, Betty Lucke, Jerry Anderson, ??, ??, Don Self, and Carolyn Scitern; Bottom Row - James Whitlock, Max Grice, Joe Weldon Wallace, Judy Parker, ??, ??, ??, Teacher - Mrs. Gibbs

Happenings At FBC!!

Gorgeous! The carpentry work is complete and the new edition is gorgeous. Please come and see what God is doing! Mark your calendars:

June 9th thru 13th @ 8:30am to 11:30am - Vacation Bible School, theme is "Outrigger Island" Living God's Unshakeable Truth. June 14th – 8:00am – Brotherhood Breakfast – FBC Fellowship Hall – please come and delight in the fantastic food, fellowship, and fun. Each Puppet in the Youth Puppet Ministry Team was introduced, and certificates were presented to their adoptive parents.

The Youth Puppet Ministry Team debuted in their first performance telling the children about Outrigger Island Vacation Bible School and inviting them to come. The Puppet Team will perform every morning of Vacation Bible School. We have natural talent in this team, and it was an excellent performance bringing glory to God!

Teen Challenge began in New York in 1958, and started as an outreach to gang members, alcoholics, and drug addicts. Today it is a thirteen month program to teach men, women, and children about God, help them develop skills to cope with their addictions, and lead them to make changes in their lives. The "Trophies of Grace" Choir blessed all in attendance - the choir was ten men who came to share their testimonies and praise God in song. Each one of the men stands on scripture and has been transformed into men who know God and live His Word.

Bro. Barry said look into their faces and you will see people just like each one of us, only they are people traveling a different road with different struggles striving to be in line with God's ultimate will. Each of the men has completed six months to eleven months of the Teen Challenge program. Bro. Barry asked for the Deacon's to come forward and Glenn Clement led a special prayer for the men in the "Trophies of Grace" Choir.

The power of prayer and the grace of God are the basis each of us is here today! 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 fbcgorman@hotmail.com









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Senior Citizens News By Carol Ward

We Enjoyed a great group of 32 people at our weekly lunch on Wednesday the 4th. Jud Max-field honored us by giving the blessing of our food. Our Meal consisted of Meat Loaf, Pork Chops, 2 kinds of potatoes, Macroni and Cheese, 3 kinds of beans, succatash, salad, etc. We had too many carbs and not enough Veggies. Our Desserts were low also. Ann Maxfield did make a delicious banana pudding!! We all enjoyed so, thanks Ann. Estelle Lindley brought her wonderful pie, a pecan and raisen. We also had a couple of cakes. Betty Regian made hot rolls and cornbread.

The Medway Home Health people were here from De Leon to check our BP and BS. They come on 1st Wednesday of the month. We certainly appreciate their service to us. I do hope the majority of you will let them check your vitals.

We were saddened by the passing of Opal Burton on June 3rd. The Lord knew it was time, and now she is not in pain any more. She passed away on her Wedding Anniversary. I'm sure her husband Arlen was happy to have her back with him. The lunch meal was hosted by Billy and Betty Dennis in their lovely home.

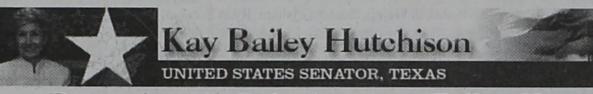
Daisy Slaton and I attended the Breakfast in Desdemona on Saturday the 7th. They do serve a great breakfast, the sausage, gravy and biscuits especially good. Also good to visit with old friends and new. We then traveled to Stephenville to do some shopping. I needed a new dress for my Granddaughters Wedding in September. There were no dresses to be had at Penny's in my size. So on to Beall's, where I found two on the Sale Rack!! So glad to have that over with. I do hate to shop in the heat. After the Wal-Mart experience, we could hardly wait to be home.

I called Barbara, Wynogene Smith's daughter, to find our how she is doing. Wynogene is having many problems and has not been able to be with us on Wednesday dinner. We miss her being with us and do hope she can return some day. This coming week-end she will go to spend some time with her daughter Debra in Georgetown. Hopefully her Dr. down there can help her to improve.

I also talked with Anne Fay Foster. She sounded good and getting around the house more. She also attended Church this last Sunday the 8th. Wonderful! Such a blessing for her. Her family are so good to look after her and carry her places when needed. I do hope and pray she can come back some day on Wednesday.

Ann Laminack and Ellen Parker were here with us. So good to see them, had been awhile. We enjoy these new people and hope they can be here every week. Ellen has been coming on game night, enjoy her. We missed Ann Warren and Jo Holdman on the 5th as they were under the weather. We did have 11 attend game night, all had a good time.

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



Removing VA Debt from our Fallen Heroes

President Abraham Lincoln best described our enduring commitment to soldiers when, on behalf of a grateful nation, he promised "to care for him who shall have borne the battle."

Caring for the health and well-being of those who fought to defend freedom continues to be one of the federal government's most solemn responsibilities. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) was created in 1930 to coordinate federal efforts to provide veterans the very best in health care, to make a quality education available to service members, and to help our heroes return to civilian life.

As Ranking Member of the committee that provides funding for veterans programs, I am proud that we have increased the current VA budget to a record-level \$87.6 billion, up 28 percent from \$68.2 billion in FY2006. This is mostly focused on improving our health care system and addressing the needs of today's soldier returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

There are also policy changes that must be made to address the needs of our veterans who are returning from the War on Terror.

One is the forgiveness of VA debts that are owed by the courageous service men and women who lost their lives in combat. Currently, the VA Secretary is required by law to notify the family of the deceased of the outstanding debt and attempt to collect it. In January, I introduced legislation to remove this debt collection. After all, the families who have lost loved ones in combat have surely paid enough and are owed our deepest gratitude for their sacrifice.

But to date, of the thousands of families whose child, parent or spouse was killed fighting for our freedom in Iraq or Afghanistan, there are 22 whose grief has been compounded by this insensitive requirement. Together, the federal debts owed by the 22 fallen service members totaled a mere \$56,366. In most of these cases, the debt came in the form of education benefit payments being used for college, when they were called to active duty.

Three instances of this debt collection occurred in Texas. One fallen hero was a brave soldier from Raymondville, who was a star athlete and an exemplary student in high school. Even though he had already been accepted to a prestigious university, this young man deferred college to serve his country in the U.S. Army. While serving on his third tour of duty in Iraq, his life was cut short by a sniper's bullet. Though I have no doubt his family received an outpouring of love, support, and gratitude, they also received a \$389 bill for education assistance the fallen solider had incurred prior to his death.

A second case in Texas involved an Army Sergeant from Missouri City. After contributing several years of service in the U.S. Marine Corps, this young man again felt the call of duty and enlisted in the Army. He balanced his service with efforts to further his education, and attended two different colleges with the help of VA education benefits. He interrupted his education when he was deployed to help fight the War on Terror. After serving one tour in Afghanistan, he was on a second tour in Iraq when he was killed by a bomb. Because he took a leave from school to fulfill his military service, he had \$2,282 in outstanding VA education assistance payments. This financial burden fell on the shoulders of the wife and four children he left behind.

Another Texas hero was a Marine reservist and graduate of Texas A&M University. He, too, financed his education with VA assistance and aspired to become a cardiovascular surgeon. While fighting bravely in Iraq, he was killed in a violent blast. A letter attempting to collect \$845 in education assistance payments arrived shortly before his wife, raising their two small children, was notified of his death.

There are families who have been similarly encumbered in Wisconsin, North Carolina, Illinois, Iowa, Connecticut, Nebraska, Colorado, Michigan, Washington, California, New York, Kentucky, Georgia and South Carolina. In nearly all instances, the families paid these debts. The widow from Missouri City, Texas bravely stated, "It was the right thing to do." Now, Congress must do the right thing by lifting this unfair burden from the families who have already paid so much, and ensuring no family is asked to pay a VA debt in the future.

On May 22, the Senate passed my VA Debt Elimination Act, which, if passed by the House and signed by the President, will stop this unconscionable practice by changing the provision in law that requires the VA to seek the collection of eligible debts from grieving military families. It is retroactive to September 11, 2001, so not a single fallen hero in the War on Terror or any future conflict suffers this inequity. To his credit, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Dr. James Peake, personally requested the law be changed. I had the bill ready within one week of his request.

We must constantly seek to improve the way our government honors those service members who made the ultimate sacrifice, as well as the families they left behind who have made silent sacrifices to safeguard liberty at home and throughout the world.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior Senator from Texas and the Ranking Member on the Senate Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee.

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies Monthly Social Was held on Monday at the Community Center School Building. There was several ladies to sign the register book for this morning event. Hostesses were Jo Holdman, Dorothy Greenhaw and Betty Duke. Everyone enjoyed all the good food and the fellowship. Next Ladies Social will be held on Monday, July 14th at the same place. Visitors are welcome to attend.

Russell Duke and daughters, Elise and Katie of Stephenville visited the past weekend with 'Humpy' and Betty Duke. Betty celebrated a birthday this past weekend with her family.

Donal and Kandice Cogburn and daughter, Taiah hosted a Birthday Party for their son, Dylan last Saturday at the City Park in De Leon. Several family members and friends attended to help Dylan celebrate his 4th birthday. Birthday Cake was served.

Scott and Michelle Tucker and baby daughter, Zoe of Phoenix, AZ visited the past weekend with his parents, Bob and Delores Tucker and his brother, Steve and Brenda Tucker and son, Nathan all of Desdemona.

Joe Cummings' back surgery was postponed to a later date due to other health problems.

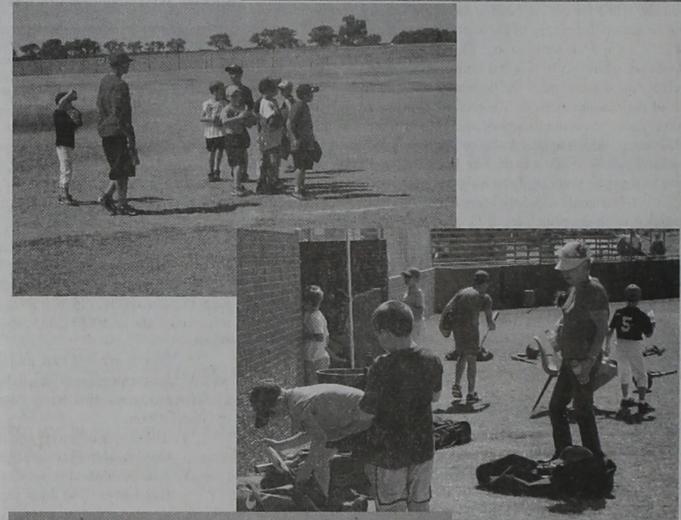
Sue Pettigrew is having some health problems and she will have surgery this coming week at the Scott and White Hospital in Temple.

Remember these and others that are on the sick list in our Community with your cards and

Have A Nice Day, "Coon"

Baseball Camp Photos







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