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## Brittany Henderson and Caitlyn Clark Named Miss Gorman and Little Miss Gorman In Program Held Saturday



2007 Little Miss Gorman – Caitlyn Clark

Miss Gorman and Little Miss Gorman was named in a pageant on Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Our reigning 2006 Miss Gorman, Reba Granado, presented Brittany Henderson as the 2007 Miss Gorman and 2006 Little Miss Gorman, Briana Landa crowned the new 2007 Little Miss Gorman Caitlyn Clark.

Miss Gorman Contestants: Perla Maldonado-Chamber of Commerce was escorted by her father, Jose Maldonado; Michaela Burns- Fire Department was unable to attend;

Brittany Henderson-- Lion's Club was escorted by Tyler Johnson. Little Miss Gorman Contestants: Caitlyn Clark-- Chamber of Commerce escorted by her brother, Cameron Clark; Kelsie Guthery-- Fire Department was escorted by Keaton Moore and Makenzie Rainey--Lion's Club was escorted by Jordan Scitern.

The girls raised a total of \$8,101.96. Proceeds will go to community projects. We appreciate everyone's support to these projects and our

Drawing winners were: \$100 Packaged Beef from Chamber of Commerce was Sammye Mauney; \$100 Gasoline from Fire Department was won by Shane Swint; \$100 in Groceries from City Grocery was won by Maribel Garcia; and \$200 Walmart Card was won by Diane Snider.



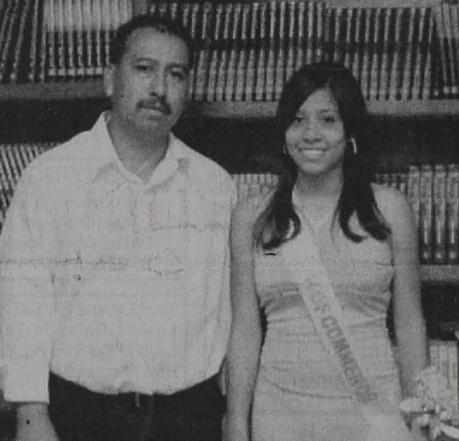
2006 Miss Gorman Reba Granado



2006 Little Miss Gorman Briana Landa



2007 Miss Gorman - Brittany Henderson



Miss Gorman Candidate - Perla Maldonado escorted by Jose Maldonado

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ers are here! If you ordered a pair and have not yet received them, please

contact the cheerleader you bought them from and set up a delivery time. There are a few extras, so if you did not get a pair contact Becky Swanner

at 734-2480. Also, if demand is great enough we will be able to place

another order. Contact Becky Swanner or any cheerleader to order your

fan flips. Remember, junior high and high school will be able to wear

Gorman flip flops on Thursdays this year, no other flip flops may be

**Gov. Perry Declares Disaster For** 

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry today issued a Disaster Declaration in

Archer, Baylor, Bell, Blanco, Brown, Burnet, Callahan, Coleman, Collin, Comanche, Eastland, Ellis, Fannin, Gillespie, Hamilton, Hood, Hunt,

Jones, Lamar, Lipscomb, Llano, Mason, McLennan, Menard, Mills, Ochiltree, Parker, Runnels, San Saba, Starr, Stephens, Travis, Webb,

Wichita, Williamson, Wise and Young counties due to severe storms and

Also today, President Bush approved Gov. Perry's disaster declara-

tion request from last week for Cooke, Coryell, Denton, Grayson, Lampasas and Tarrant Counties due to heavy rains, flooding and torna-

**37 Central Texas Counties** 

flooding damage in Central Texas.

The flip flops that were sold by the Gorman High School Cheerlead-

### **Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile To Be in Gorman Monday, July 9th**

The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be in Gorman at the City Park on Monday, July 9, Bloodmobile hours are 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The blood drive on May 7 resulted in twenty three pints of lifesaving blood. Donors who gave blood then will be eligible again on July 9.

A process on a machine called a ALYX System will be available to some donors who would like to donated two units of red blood cells. Red blood cells are the blood component that is transfused most often and are needed most to prevent a blood shortage. This procedure takes approximately twenty minutes long than a whole blood donations is six-

"Those who give blood, whether it is a whole blood or a double red cell donation, will make blood transfusions possible for patients in fifteen area hospitals. "These patients are totally dependent on volunteer donors to give them the gift of life. There is no artificial substitute for human blood," Baker continued.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. There is no upper age limit. There was some restrictions regarding certain medicines, medical conditions, and some travel areas outside the U.S. Those who have questions may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798 or visit the website at www.meekbloodcenter.org.

Donors will receive a T-shirt and a complimentary total Cholesterol test. Cholesterol results are usually available three days after a blood

#### **Community Singing July 7th**

There will be a Monthly Community Musical at 5:30 p.m. on July 7 at Rockin "R" Ranch. Rockin R - 16 miles west of Comanche on Hwy. 36 and 12 miles south of Rising Star.



Little Miss Gorman Candidate - McKenzie Rainey escorted by Jordan Scitem

**VBS 2007 Gorman United** Methodist Church

July 9th thru July 13th - 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Come join us on an adventure as we search for treasure! The Canteen Cabana will serve supper every night at 5:30. VBS will begin at 6:00

Become a Treasure Seeker and join us on our exciting Discovery Digs and meet Professor Who, the lovable owl!

"Recent storms have devastated the communities in Central and North Texas, sadly taking lives, homes and livelihoods," Perry said. "State resources and volunteer organizations are on site providing assistance, and we will continue to work with local officials in addressing the needs of these devastated communities."

The president's disaster approval allows residents in eligible counties to apply for Individual Assistance programs intended for losses by individuals and families that are uninsured, Individual Assistance can include financial assistance, temporary housing, tax relief, legal services, crisis counseling and Disaster Unemployment Assistance. In addition, as a result of this action, all 254 counties in Texas will be eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

The governor's disaster declaration opens the door to a variety of assistance from state agencies, including the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, (TDHCA), the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Office of Rural and Community Affairs (ORCA).

TDHCA administers emergency assistance through the disaster relief HOME program. This program can provide up to \$500,000 per jurisdic-

tion for distribution to qualified individual applicants. NRCS, which issues emergency assistance through the Emergency Watershed Protection Program, can assist communities with a range of projects such as debris removal, erosion control, and repair of bridges and culverts.

Upon request from the governor, qualifying communities with populations less than 50,000 and counties with populations less than 200,000 are eligible to receive up to \$350,000 in emergency grants from ORCA for infrastructure losses.

#### **First Annual Gorman Softball Camp For Girls Set July 9-13**

Signup for the first annual Gorman Softball Camp for Girls - 1st grade thru 8th grade. It will be held July 9th thru July 13th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the old softball field, by the tennis courts. The price will be \$30.00 per child, and then \$10.00 for every child after the first child is entered. On the last day of camp we will give out awards for participation, however, there will be special awards given for those who stand out in certain areas. We will work on batting, fielding, pitching, catching, and other basic softball fundamentals. This is a good opportunity for young girls to learn the basics of softball and improve their skills in all

For information or to enter a child contact Kendra Swanner at 254-734-5464 or Nikki Keith at 254-485-7181. Registration will start at 3:15

> Oh Lordie, someone's not 40.... so mark your calendar to stop by and say Happy Birthday Maudee..

> > It's Maudelle Poynor's 80th Birthday

- Open House -

July 7th, 2007 from 2:00 pm to 4:00pm at the Poynor Home, 226 Lexington, Gorman

No Gifts Please, Only Cards and Packages of Seeds

**Large Item Pickup** Thursday, July 5th

## **Obituaries**

#### Charles Allen (C.J.) Davis, Jr.

Charles Allen (C.J.) Davis, Jr, age 14, of De Leon passed away Thursday, June 28, 2007 at his residence. Services were held Sunday, July 1st at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joe Baptist Church with Jackie Auvenshine officiating and John Ward assisting. Music by LaRessie Wilkerson, Vicki Robinett and Nicky Wilkerson. Burial was in Floyd Cemetery.

C.J. was a student a Perkins Middle School; lived in De Leon all of his life; Baptist. C.J. loved hunting and fishing, especially with his daddy. He especially loved playing football and video games; loved to ride and break horses. He touched many lives with his sweet smile and cared deeply about others. His memory will be cherished by all who knew

C.J. was born November 5, 1992 in Brownwood, Texas to Charles Allen Davis, Sr. and Nancy Garza Davis.

He is survived by his guardians, Billy Jack and Marie Glover; mother Nancy Davis of De Leon; a brother Luis Garza of De Leon; six sisters, Savanna Davis of De Leon, Brandi Steelman of Comanche, Charla Davis, Catie Davis, Marcie Davis and Amanda Davis, all of Gorman; grandparents, Albert Davis, Emma Garza and Vincente Garza, all of De Leon and many special aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was preceded by his father, Charles Allen "Charlie" Davis and his grandmother, Alma "MeMaw" Brown.

Pallbearers were Scott Carlile, Mark Lewis, John Ward, Randy Mohundro, Judd Gibson and Mark Adams.

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wooded, water well, elec., old sep-

tic sys., pecans, nice building site!

NEW: 40 A m/l, south Gorman, pas-

ture, fenced, small cabin, water well,

small pond, elec., sandy soil, paved

NEW: 49.83 A. west Gorman, large

oaks, paved road, building spots,

county water/elec. available, fenced, ponds, barn/coral, great hunting,

100 a west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/

2 - 2 brick. 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fire-

place, carpeted, some remodeling, 3

ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal,

some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals,

2 wells, shop building. Nice setup.

160 A m/l east Gorman on FM2921:

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water well, pond, steel corral, indi-

cations show lots deer, turkey and

hogs, mineral rights. \$2,900.00

NEW: 179 A, south Gorman, part

wooded, part overgrown fields, lots

of deer & hog sign, leased last sea-

son, small pond, sandy soil, elec.,

240 a south Gorman, 120a fields, 80a

wooded, 40a coastal, 2 small ponds,

water well, in an great hunting area,

lots of deer sign, great place! Min-

NEW: 358A west of De Leon, 40%

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#### Lex Shelby

Lex Shelby, age 83, of De Leon passed away Saturday, June 30, 2007 at Plaza Médical Center in Fort Worth. Services were held Tuesday, July 3rd at 2:00 p.m. at De Leon First Baptist Church with Erin Weaver officiating. Music by Royce Dowell, Barry Dowell and Al Travis. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.

Lex resided in De Leon since 1953, having previously lived in Wichita Falls; Pharmacist in De Leon 47 years, beginning in 1953; graduated Oklahoma University in 1948 with a BS degree in pharmacy; also served as President of Lettermen's Club at QU; member of Texas Pharmaceutical Associaiton for over 40 years, having served as member Board of Directors 6 years; participated in Scouting as sponsor and director; former Peach and Melon Festival Chairman; member of De Leon Masonic Lodge #445; Past President De Leon Lions Club; served in Army Air Corps during WWII and was the last living member of B24 crew of 10 with Flight Engineer and Gunner crew of 15th Air Force in Italy; member of De Leon First Baptist Church where he served as deacon and was Sunday School Director for 25 years.

Lex was born August 29, 1923 in Fort Worth, Texas to the late Cader Lex Shelby, Sr. and Mary Conrad Shelby. He married Melba Raye Wright on November 22, 1943 in Gulfport, Mississippi.

He is survived by his wife, Melba Shelby of De Leon; two daughters, Sheri Morgan and husband Jerry of De Leon and Jo Anne Tucker of Waco; two sisters, Marilyn Suchanek and Leta Wimpey, both of Atlanta, GA.; four grandchildren, Julie Morgan Christensen and husband Matt, Karen Morgan Weaver and husband Erin, Shelby Wayne Tucker and wife Amy and Christie Anne Kent and husband Adam; four great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Weaver, Austin Weaver, Jakob Christensen and Gradie Weaver.

He was preceded by his one brother, Jim Shelby.

Pallbearers were Shelby Tucker, Adam Kent, Matt Christensen, John Ledbetter, Mark Hanna, Ronnie Wright, Jerry Casey, W. H. Smith, Jr., Dale Johnson, Dr. F. A. Eisenrich. Honorary: Members of Loyalty Sunday School Class and First Baptist Church Deacons.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church building fund.

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 631 A, w/3-2,2,144 sf(CAD) Brick Home, 4,620 sf bam, 3 wells, 6 tanks, seasonal

creek, hunting, good fences, 31 A costal, 86 A crop, native pasture, 50% minerals & royalties available wwo2j \$2,025,000

328 A, High Fenced Game Ranch, hunting cabin, 5th wheel RV, 3 wells, 6 tanks, Lots of wildlife [RR01] \$1,526,000

184 A, 2-1 frame home, 6 waterwells, 2 reservoirs, 3 side roll imigation systems, 15hp pit pump, 9 acre in pecan orchard, 76 acres in coastal, 55 acres in crop land, rest in native pasture. µK01] \$524,920

105 A, 7-waterwells, 3-stock tanks, septic system, corrals, woods, costal, hunting and minerals [TA01] \$310,750

100 A, water wells, pecan trees, cultivation, native pasture and hunting [SS02]

\$215,700 25.6 A, w/4-2½, 2,243sf(CAD) Brick Home, attached garage, carport, storage buildings, water well, 2-stock tanks, costal, large oak trees µB03] \$250,000 24.5 A, on Flat Creek, with water well, native pasture, close to highway [MP01]

UNDER CONTRACT-70 A, w/1,894sf(CAD) 3-2 brick home, [BC01]

52 A, w/2,854sf(CAD) 4-3 brick home, carport, 5 water wells, 3 stock tanks, corrals, barns [LP01] \$250,000

51 A, hightway frontage, spring creeks and hunting [RP01] \$193,000

45 A, approx.33 A costal, native pasture, minerals [KIO2] \$135,000

11 A, w/16'x70' mobile home, well, rural water, oak trees [TCO1] \$70,000

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terrain, minerals available, hunting [DS02] \$2,195 Per Acre
380 ± A, 3 wells, 6 tanks, approx. 100 A crop land, remainder in costal bermuda
& tilton 85, good fences & cross fences. minerals available [CW01] \$950,000
250 ± A, 150 wooded, 100 coastal, on Coppereas Creek, lake, stock tanks, hunters cabin, 25hp pit pump, hwy. frontage, rural water [LB01] \$850,000 243 A, Comanche Co, one reservoir, 14 imigation wells, imigation pit, highway

frontage, cultivation, costal, native pasture [AB01] \$2,500 per acre

frontage, cultivation, costal, native pasture [AB01] \$2,500 per acre
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 81A pecan orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees, underground drip imgation on, 9 wells [REM01] \$326,000
 60 A, stock tank, approx. 13 A wooded, coastal and hunting. μD01] \$165,000
 UNDER CONTRACT—3-2 Brick home, 1,638(CAD), 2-car attached garage, 2+ Acres, fireplace, CH/A, 2 storage buildings, storm cellar μB02] \$105,000
 3-2,2,086sf(CAD) living area brick home with carport, large shaded lot, fireplace, metal roof, storage building [wc01] \$105,000
 3-2,2 approx. 1,500sf doublewide, screened porch, workshop, 2 wells. 2 large lots.

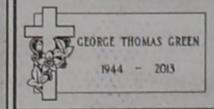
3-2 approx. 1,500sf doublewide, screened porch, workshop, 2 wells, 2 large lots and older frame home [JA02] \$135,000

\*\*UNDER CONTRACT\*\*-3-2 frame home, 1,252sf(CAD) living area, Central heat & air, enclosed front porch, carport, fenced yard, gas fireplace [VM01] \$27,500 Service Station, 150' on Hwy 377, 2 bays, 4 tanks, 7 pumps [WPH01] \$60,000 3,925sf(CAD) Metal Commercial Building, walk-in cooler, central heat & air, office & storage areas, restrooms [BW02] \$75,000

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#### **Benny Dwain Morris**

Benny Dwain Morris, age 66 of De Leon passed away Thursday, June 28, 2007 at his residence. Services were held at St. Joe Baptist church on Saturday, June 30th at 2:00 p.m. with Jackie Auvenshine officiating. Music by Dotty Hare, Craig Smith, Kevin and Debbie Caraway. Burial was in Oliver Springs Cemetery.

Benny was a salesman for Golden Oak Milling Company for many years; served in U.S. Army in Vietnam for 13 months; lived in De leon area most all of his life; member of St. Joe Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon; present member of De Leon City Council.

He was born May 12, 1941 in De Leon to the J.T. Morris and Jewel Murdoch Morris. He married Janna Pullin on March 6, 1964 in De Leon.

He is survived by his wife, Janna Morris of De Leon; mother Jewell Morris of De Leon; two sons, Dwain Morris of Houston and Todd Morris of De Leon; two grandchildren McKinsey Morris and Jordan (J.T.) Morris of De Leon.

He was preceded by his father, Jewel (J.T.) Morris

Pallbearers were Gerald Frank, Jim Mahan, Bobby Skaggs, Gaylon Fleming, Neal Pounds and Stephen Riggs. Memorials may be made to St. Joe Baptist Church Building Fund.

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we have endured. I know you will join me in offering thoughts and prayers entered. On the last day of camp we will give out awards for participato those who have lost homes and belongings and more importantly loved tion, however, there will be special awards given for those who stand out ones during the floods. Apparently there is more rain to come this week. in certain areas. We will work on batting, fielding, pitching, catching, Be safe.

See you Saturday at the DAC.

### Carbon Golden Exes Reunion **Needs More Addresses**

The mailing list for the 2007 Carbon Golden Exes Reunion is being readied and some addresses are not available for the mailout. If anyone knows the addresses for any of the following names please contact Reba Reeves, phone number 817-738-8393, email at rebareeves@sbcglobal.net or Edna Powell at 254-734-3135 or email at smoke@cctc.net. If you can help us with any of these addresses, we wish to thank you. We have been notified about some of the names but the following names are still

Hazel Weaver Cates -- Vergie Gregg -- Joe Greer Lee

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

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Donations can be sent to Aline Garrett, P. O. Box 711, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State

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4-H - Meets Second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - Amy Wood

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

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Mark Wilkerson, Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

#### **First Annual Gorman Softball Camp For Girls Set July 9-13**

Signup for the first annual Gorman Softball Camp for Girls - 1st grade month to join us. August 4th will be the next breakfast. Oink! These thru 8th grade. It will be held July 9th thru July 13th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the old softball field, by the tennis courts. The price will be It is hard to comprehend so much rain after all the years of drought that \$30.00 per child, and then \$10.00 for every child after the first child is and other basic softball fundamentals. This is a good opportunity for young girls to learn the basics of softball and improve their skills in all

> For information or to enter a child contact Kendra Swanner at 254-734-5464 or Nikki Keith at 254-485-7181. Registration will start at 3:15 on the 9th.

#### **Gov. Perry Declares Disaster For 37 Central Texas Counties**

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry today issued a Disaster Declaration in Archer, Baylor, Bell, Blanco, Brown, Burnet, Callahan, Coleman, Collin, Comanche, Eastland, Ellis, Fannin, Gillespie, Hamilton, Hood, Hunt, Jones, Lamar, Lipscomb, Llano, Mason, McLennan, Menard, Mills, Ochiltree, Parker, Runnels, San Saba, Starr, Stephens, Travis, Webb, Wichita, Williamson, Wise and Young counties due to severe storms and flooding damage in Central Texas.

Also today, President Bush approved Gov. Perry's disaster declaration request from last week for Cooke, Coryell, Denton, Grayson, Lampasas and Tarrant Counties due to heavy rains, flooding and torna-

"Recent storms have devastated the communities in Central and North Texas, sadly taking lives, homes and livelihoods," Perry said. "State resources and volunteer organizations are on site providing assistance, and we will continue to work with local officials in addressing the needs of these devastated communities."

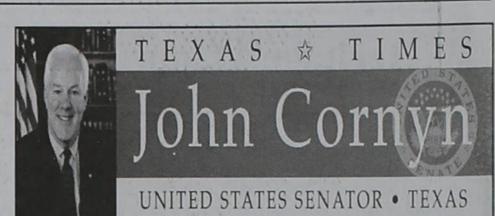
The president's disaster approval allows residents in eligible counties to apply for Individual Assistance programs intended for losses by individuals and families that are uninsured. Individual Assistance can include financial assistance, temporary housing, tax relief, legal services, crisis counseling and Disaster Unemployment Assistance. In addition, as a result of this action, all 254 counties in Texas will be eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

The governor's disaster declaration opens the door to a variety of assistance from state agencies, including the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, (TDHCA), the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Office of Rural and Community Affairs (ORCA).

TDHCA administers emergency assistance through the disaster relief HOME program. This program can provide up to \$500,000 per jurisdiction for distribution to qualified individual applicants.

NRCS, which issues emergency assistance through the Emergency Watershed Protection Program, can assist communities with a range of projects such as debris removal, erosion control, and repair of bridges and culverts.

Upon request from the governor, qualifying communities with populations less than 50,000 and counties with populations less than 200,000 are eligible to receive up to \$350,000 in emergency grants from ORCA for infrastructure losses.



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ously resilient. So it's entirely appropriate that Texas is re-emerging as an energy king yet again-this time as the national leader in renewable en-A study released last month predicted renewable energy production

would add 173,000 jobs in Texas, and make a \$22.8 billion impact on our state's economy by 2025. That would make Texas the nation's biggest renewable producer, including biofuels, wind and solar power.

Texas already leads in wind power. Last year, Texas surpassed California as the top state in wind electricity production, and our lead is growing. The nation's largest wind farm is Horse Hollow, a 47,000-acre spread near Abilene. Even bigger ones are planned.

In late June, the U.S. Department of Energy announced that a Texas public-private consortium, the Lone Star Wind Alliance, had been selected to run a large-scale wind research and testing facility at Ingleside, near Corpus Christi. The plant will test next-generation wind turbine blades. Some may exceed 300 feet in length and dramatically increase electrical production.

Use of wind energy goes back to the start of civilization—deploying sails to move boats or windmills to grind grain. In some areas of Texas, you can still see relics of old windmills that brought up water from underneath Texas grassland.

Today, wind energy production is focused on parts of the state where the wind seems to blow incessantly-including the Panhandle, Trans-Pecos, Gulf Coast and West Texas. We're the only state committed to offshore wind development as well.

Wind is a clean source of electricity, but it generates controversy. Critics say wind turbine fields are noisy and threaten wildlife, especially migrating birds. The current owners of two neighboring mega-ranches in South Texas, King and Kenedy, are at odds publicly over Kenedy plans to lease acreage for wind turbine use.

But over time, the case for renewable energy seems inevitable. One wind energy expert put it this way: "There is plenty of wind, and always will be. It's just like an oil field that doesn't run out."

Increasing use of alternative sources will help reduce our dependence on foreign oil. But they're still not economically competitive with traditional fossil fuels. Even the most optimistic projections have renewables meeting only one-quarter of our energy needs by 2025.

Congress is currently debating energy legislation with incentives for rapid development of alternative sources. The majority believes legislators should pick certain technologies and reject others, backing these decisions with major new government spending programs.

Some want a big tax increase on traditional oil companies to finance these projects. This would increase the cost of gas for Texas drivers, and

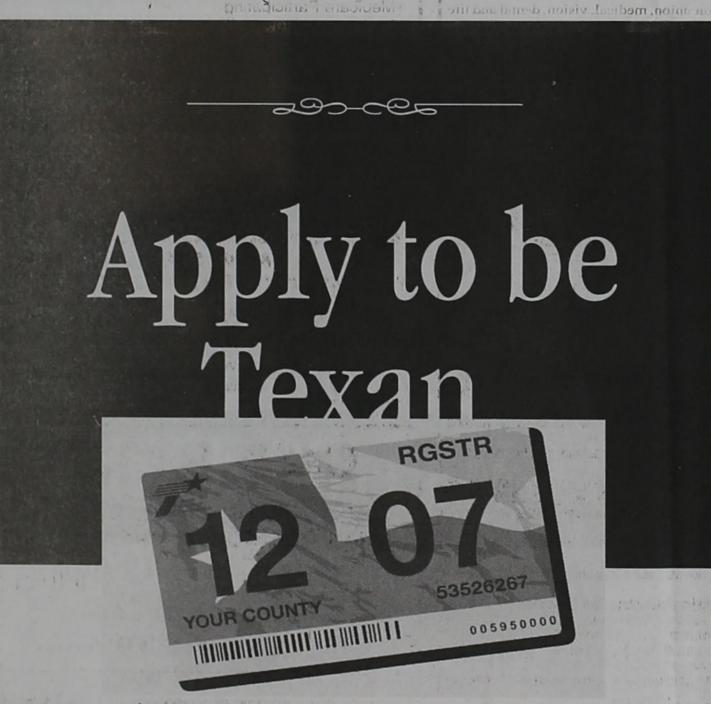
make our electricity and natural gas more expensive. It would also make 'American energy projects, and Texas firms, less competitive worldwide.

I have a different view. I believe Washington isn't smart enough to pick and choose, because we need it all-oil, gas, biofuels, solar, wind, nuclear, clean coal and other technologies.

Over time, renewable's promise great benefits—to the environment, to our energy security and to our economy. But alternative sources will never meet the entire energy needs for our growth.

Our policy remains in doubt while Congress debates. But one fact appears certain—no matter what direction is taken on energy, Texas will be at the forefront in producing it.

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Armed Services, Judiciary and Budget Committees. In addition, he is Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Border Security and Refugees subcommittee and the Armed Services Committee's Airland subcommittee. Cornyn served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice and Bexar County District Judge. For Sen. Cornyn's previous Texas Times columns: www.cornyn.senate.gov/column.



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By Ina Smith

It is hard for us to believe July is here. The year is half over. School will be starting before long.

On Sunday July 1st the children of Patty (Lavelle) and T.D. Whitehorn honored them with a 70th wedding anniversary celebration. They were married on July 3. Patty and T.D. have two children, Michael Whitehorn of Abilene and Sylvia Estes of DeLeon. A large group attended and helped them celebrate.

Visiting with Troy Scitern were Johnny and Suzanne Magin of Lingleville, Alvis and Bonnie Scitern, Carolyn Foster, and Johnny Scitern.

Those coming to take Lottie out to celebrate her birthday were Mark and Leann Morris of Tyler, Mack and Betty Morris of Brenham, Mark and Pam Hulse of Hobbs, New Mexico, James Morris of Levelland, Nelda Mauney, and Kay Snider.

Paula Morrow of Plains, Jeanna Pack and Gracie Majors of Carbon took Imogne Norris to Stephenville shopping and to eat Chinese food. Lisa Lewis of Stehpenville joined them. Imogene reported she had a great time.

Jelma Smith went to Johnny and Ina Smith's house on Sunday for a visit with them and David and Connie Smith and Bill and Norma Smith of Joshua.

We hope everyone has a safe, fun July 4th.'
Until next week......Ina

#### **Desdemona News**

By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies Monthly Social will be held on Monday morning, July 9 at the Desdemona Community Center School Building. Hostesses are Jo Holdman, Ima Brown and Dorothy Greenhaw. Visitors are invited to attend and enjoy the good food and have fellowship with the group.

Rmember to mark your calendars for Saturday, August 11th. The date for the annual Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion to be held at the Community Center School Gym. The moring program will begin at 10:00 a.m. If anyone has a change of address - please contact this reporter at P. O. Box 187, Desdemona, Tx 76445.

Karen Fair and Lorin, Belinda Webb, Holly Guthery and Jade, Angela Powledge, Kaley and Lane spent the past weekend in Oklahoma sightseeing and having fun

First Baptist Church met on Sunday night at the Annex for a "Family Night Social." Hot dogs, desserts and drinks was served - followed by domino and card games. Those attended enjoyed the food and fellowship.

Desdemona Senior Citizens Dance will be held on Saturday night, July 14th at the Community Center School Gym. The concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. serving good food, homemade pie and drinks. James Roberson, The Fiddler and The Unknown Band will provide the music for this dance. Dance time is 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$4.00. No smoking and No Alcohol permitted. Bring you dance partner for an evening of good music and fun.

Halie Million spent the past weekend visiting with her great grandmother, Mildred Million. They attended First Baptist Church on Sunday. Have a nice day - Vonnie.

#### Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Most of the news around the community this past week has been the rain and the flooding at Lake Leon and Eastland and other areas. We really feel for our friends and neighbors at the Lake whose homes have been flooded. Members of our church, James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little's home was among the homes that were flooded. I don't have an accurate total of all the rain we've received the past week or so, but it is somewhere around 12 inches, with more forecast.

In honor of Independence Day, "The Star Spangled Banner" was sung by the congregation of the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning, led by Jimmy Little with Daryl Hirst at the piano. Daryl also rendered the special music "Wonderful, Merciful Savior". Jack and Patty Carter of Gorman and Glenda Black of Abilene were visitors, "Happy Birthday" was sung to Mike and Rachel Snider.

Bro. Jim Haggard's message was "America, Is It No Longer A Christian Nation? Using 2nd Chronicles 15:2 and many other scriptures we were reminded that freedom rests on the individual. We are proud of America and our heritage and our freedom but we must realize that our nation was built on Christian principles and we must maintain those principles. Satan and his evil forces have organized to take our freedom away. Much of America has turned their back on God, and we must repent and do what God wants us to do so he can bless us. Bro. Haggard read a very moving poem "I Am the Constitution".

In the evening service, the special music was rendered by Daryl Hirst singing "Heaven's Jubilee" with the congregation joining in on the chorus, and "America the

Beautiful". Bro. Haggard's message Pure Religion. Is it superficial or supernatural? Superficial religion lacks reality, is shallow and doesn't have a commitment to God. A true relationship with God requires a commitment. The world doesn't need religion, it needs Christ. Christ changes you on the inside. The supernatural religion recognizes God the Father and reaches upward, outward and inward.

Sylvia Buchanan and Lenora Speer of Ranger enjoyed a trip to Paso Robles, CA to visit with Sylvia's cousins, Nelda and Vernon Patman and attended their 60th wedding anniversary celebration. They saw lots of beautiful scenery and enjoyed the cooler weather. They flew from DFW, and enjoyed an extra day's stay as the flights back into DFW were delayed due to all the stormy weather.

Recent visitors with Nancy Hendricks were Daisy Slaton, Bennie Rahe of Auburn, AL, Doris Bradshaw and Sylvia Buchanan.

Jamie and Stephanie Snider of Hollis, OK, Dan Snider, Justin Snider and his friends, Manisha Virdi and Mike Carroll of Illinois visited with LaVon Snider. LaVon visited With Ted and Charlotte Snider and their grand-children, Anna and Andrew Snider of Hollis, Ok and Kyann and Caitlin Wheat of Ranger.

LaVon had lunch one recent Sunday at ZJ's in Gorman with Gene and Kay Snider and Mike, Crystal, Rachel and Michelle Snider. LaVon had dinner at ZJ's on Saturday night with Dan, Dianne, Sandra, and Justin Snider, Manisha Virdi and Mike Carroll of Illinois and Cliffa Vaughn of Gorman.

Oren and Norma Webb spent the week at the Big Country Baptist Encampment at Lueders working in the gift shop.

Glenda Black of Abilene visited on Sunday with her mother, Zelda Jordan. Thanks to all who called while I wasn't feeling well, and for all the prayers said for me. I'm happy to report that I am feeling much better now

I hope that everyone has a Happy and safe 4th of July.

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### **Happenings From FBC**

Sunshine for one day---didn't last long, but it was nice. We had to improvise, but all went well. Bro. Barry had a bug and was home all day. Bro Clarence Wilson brought the message, "Get your Song Back", II Chron. 29:18-27 and Bro. Earnest Wall talked on "God is Still in Control" for the night service. Also the Messengers were away on concert. We had several visitors, and hope they will return again.

Holiday on Wednesday, no church service that day. Girls and Boys Mission Camp July 4-7. They will be leaving at 6:30 am. Be there early to catch the bus.

Thanks to everyone who brought items for the CBA River Ministry trip. FBC Gorman sent 50 hygiene kits on the trip. The kits were used to meet the basic needs of people.

We have an ongoing need for Mac & Cheese for the food pantry.

So many of our friends and neighbors who live at the lake have lost so much, and we need to give a helping hand where and when we can. We have several who will be camping out in our parsonage for as long as they need. The Baptist Convention has sent out a Disaster Relief person to assess what needs to be done. They plan to start right away.

### -- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer July 2, 2007

#### **Flood Damage**

Heavy rains have led to devastating flooding in eastern portions of the 19th District during the past week. Over the weekend I had the opportunity to visit the affected areas. During my visit, I took aerial and ground tours of Eastland and Stephens counties so that I could get a close look at the damage caused by the flooding. From the air, I was able to get an overview of the entire situation and see homes that are under water and not accessible from the ground. During the ground tour, I got a look at the damage to the roads, homes, and businesses as well as see the condition of important facilities such as the water sewage plant.

In addition, I have written to both President Bush and Governor Perry, urging them to provide any assistance possible. Governor Perry has declared several Texas counties as disasters, including the 19th District counties of Archer, Callahan, Eastland, Stephens, and Young. This declaration opens the door to financial and emergency assistance from the state government.

#### **Senate Immigration Bill Dies**

This week's update on the Senate immigration bill appears to be the last one for a while. Last week the Senate rejected the legislation and put what is likely the final nail in the coffin of current efforts to grant amnesty to illegal immigrants. Amnesty is bad policy and sends the message that immigrants are better off breaking our laws rather than respecting them. The federal government should now renew its focus on enforcing current laws and securing the borders. And Congress needs to do all it can to provide law enforcement with the tools and resources necessary to get the job done.

#### **Celebrating Freedom**

Americans gather together each year on July 4th for celebrations. These celebrations provide not only a day off from work. They also provide an opportunity to reflect on the freedoms we are blessed with and the sacrifices made to defend them. Our Constitution guarantees

### Flood Insurance Expert Available for Interviews

The recent flooding has created consumer confusion about flood insurance. There are many myths and facts about flood insurance which would be helpful to clarify for your readers/viewers.

David VanDelinder, executive director of the Independent Insurance Agents of Texas (IIAT), is available for interviews to provide information on flood insurance for residential as well as business consumers.

Independent agents represent multiple insurance companies; they are not employees of any single insurance company and so represent a neutral yet crucial voice on this issue.

Please contact me to arrange an interview with David VanDelinder. Thanks,

Shannon Stewart

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## TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE CLOSES ACCESS TO LAKE GRANBURY

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Brazos River Authority and officials with the City of Granbury and Hood County have closed all public access boat ramps at Lake Granbury through July 4. This closure results from heavy rains in the area over the past few days.

Recreational boating access for the public is a priority for all agencies; however, extremely hazardous conditions – including hazardous debris from recent floods – exist on the lake. Parks and facilities on the lake for day use and overnight camping remain open, but all public boat ramps are closed. Officials regret any inconvenience to the public.

After July 4, the public may call the Brazos River Authority, (817) 573-1407 for updates on the status of Lake Granbury boat ramp closures.

that we have the political freedom to voice our opinions and campaign to shape public policies. Our Founding Fathers also strongly believed that we have the religious freedom to worship our God according to our beliefs without fear of persecution. In addition, sound tax policies can increase the economic freedom we possess by allowing the people, rather than the government, to spend their money as they choose.

We cannot take these freedoms for granted. These freedoms were not easily obtained, and there have been forces throughout our history that have tried to take those freedoms away. On this July 4th, I want to express my gratitude to all of the brave Americans who have protected those freedoms and ensured our independence.

--Randy

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