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Oncor Begins Deploying Advanced Meters - New Meters To Provide Significant Benefits

Oncor announced today that over the next several months, it will begin installing new smart meters in homes and businesses. This installation is part of Oncor's Advanced Metering System (AMS) rollout to more than 3 million homes and small businesses in its entire Texas service area by 2012 and is expected to be one of the broadest deployments of technology on an electric grid in the nation.

The deployment includes replacing the electromechanical meters used today, containing 50-year old technology with limited capabilities, with new digital smart meters that will provide more valuable information than ever before. The new smart meters will enable numerous benefits for consumers and small business owners including energy consumption control, greater cost savings on electricity, carbon footprint reduction and greater electric delivery reliability.

"Once the new smart meters are deployed, the opportunities for how we manage our energy consumption are remarkable," said Ken Harriss, Oncor's Area Manager for Brownwood. "Consumers will be able to take an active role in how much they are spending on electricity and understand their patterns of consumption so they can change behaviors that could result in lower electricity costs and reduced environmental impact."

Until now, consumers have played a more passive role in their energy consumption. Electric bills provide little information and are delivered days after consumption; but once the AMS deployment is complete, electricity consumption and pricing will be transparent. Consumers will ultimately be able to track energy consumption online in 15-minute increments and soon Retail Electric Providers (REPs) will offer in-home energy monitors so consumers will know how much they are spending on electricity at any given time. The new AMS will also provide greater reliability by enabling Oncor to proactively respond to problems and outages faster and more effectively, reducing the overall impact of outages to consumers and small businesses.

Consumers will be notified by door hangers when their meter is about to be installed and the day it has been installed. To learn more about how the new meters work and the benefits they provide, consumers can go to www.smarttexas.com or visit the Oncor Smart TexasSM Mobile Experience Center.

Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC ("Oncor") is a regulated electricity distribution and transmission business that uses superior asset management skills to provide reliable electricity delivery to consumers. Oncor operates the largest distribution and transmission system in Texas, delivering power to more than 3 million homes and businesses and operating approximately 118,000 miles of transmission and distribution lines in Texas. While Oncor is owned by a limited number of investors (including majority owner, Energy Future Holdings Corp.), Oncor is managed by its Board of Directors, which is comprised of a majority of independent directors.

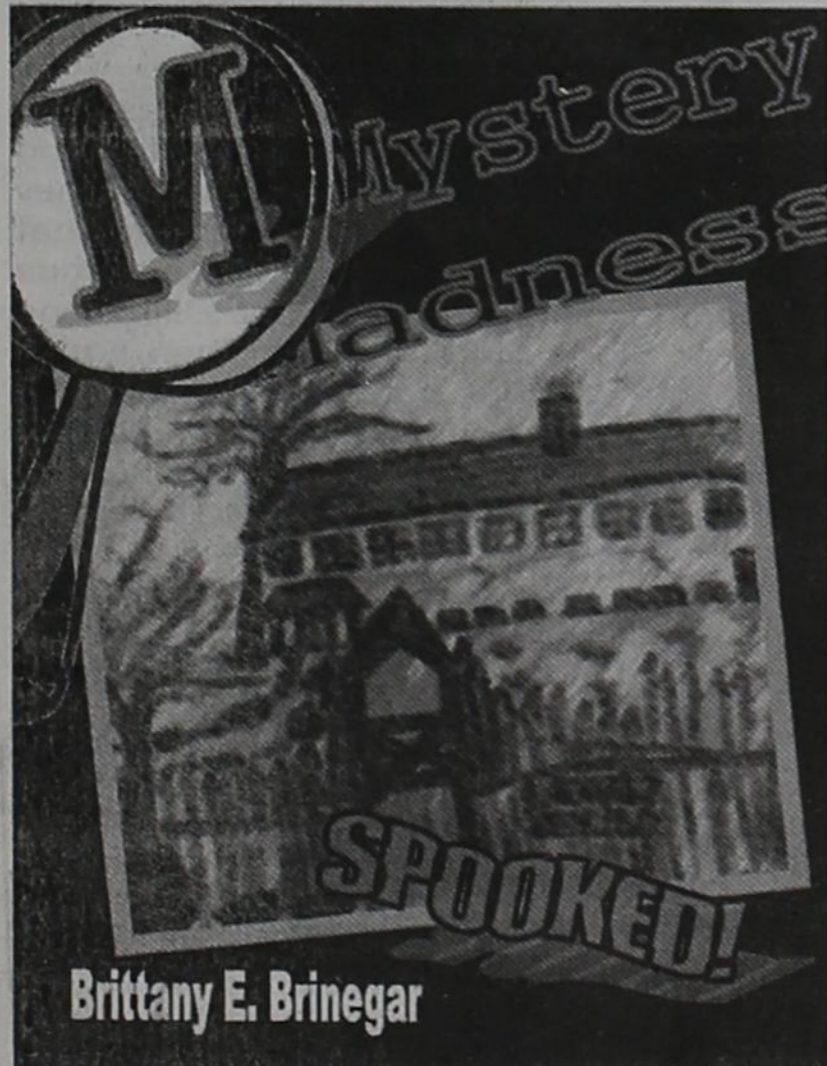
Daniel Jentho Graduates From Art Institute in Dallas



Gist and Kathy Jentho of Olden are proud to announce the graduation of their son, Daniel Jentho. Daniel was awarded an Associate's Degree of Applied Science in Culinary Arts from the Art Institute of Dallas on June 15, 2012. The Ceremony was held at the Fellowship Bible Church in Dallas.

Daniel graduated from Eastland High School in 2009 and is currently residing in Galveston. He is employed as a Chef in Bernardo's restaurant located in the four diamond star hotel, Hotel Galvez.

Brittany Brinegar's First, In A Series Of Mysteries For Teens



Joyce and John Brinegar are Brittany's proud grandparents. Brittany is a Freshman at UTA. The mystery can be purchased on Kindle and Nook.

Gorman Peanut Festival Set Sept. 8

The Gorman Peanut Festival would like to invite your to be a part of this year's events and help to make this the best Peanut Festival ever. This year's theme is "Remember When". Parade Forms are available at the Gorman City Hall.

This years festival will be held on Saturday, September 8th, downtown Gorman (rain or shine). It will consist of the 9th Annual Shin Oak Springs BBQ Cook-Off, starting on Friday night, a full day of activities planned for Saturday, followed by a Free Street Dance featuring THE DONNIE EVETTS BAND. We are planning to have the Firefighters Tug-of-War again this year given that none of our firefighters are called to duty. The booths will begin opening at 8 a.m., the Little Goobers Parade starts at 9:45 a.m. followed by the Peanut Parade at 10:00 a.m. Judging will be done during the parade this year.

If you need any information, feel free to contact City Hall at 254-734-2317.

We Look Forward To Seeing You On September 8, 2012

Signups For Pee Wee Football Tackle and Flag

The will be a signup held in the Gorman School Auditorium from 7:30 p.m. To 8:30 p.m. On Thursday, August 23rd.

Tackle Football
Grades 3-4 and 5-6 - \$60.00

Flag Football
Grades 1-2 - \$40.00

Thank You

We would like to extend a hug Thank You to all of the Gorman Volunteer Fire Department, neighboring Fire Departments as well as the numerous individuals who assisted in fighting the house fire last Tuesday night next to our house. The volunteer fire fighters without a doubt saved our home and we are very grateful for their sacrifice, knowledge and speed in extinguishing the fire. Each and everyone of you are real life heroes, which we are so grateful to have serving this community. Words cannot thank you enough for your service. To everyone else who helped us that night and made sure we were doing alright, thank you all for being amazing examples of kindness and generosity!

Thank you,
Frank and Jean Brinegar

"2012 PEANUT QUEEN CONTEST"

It is almost time for the 2012 Peanut Queen Contest to be underway. We need school age girls of all grades to participate. This year there will be three Queen titles given. The titles and grade eligibility are as follows: *Little Miss Peanut Queen - Grades K-4; Junior Miss Peanut Queen - Grades 5-8; and Miss Peanut Queen - Grades 9-12.*

Qualification and entry forms can be picked up at the City or by calling Chris Hunter at 734-6120. All entries and fees must be turned in by September 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Gorman Maxfield Elementary and the Gorman PTO would like to invite you to the

2012-2013 MEET THE TEACHER

Thursday, August 23, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Free Hot Dogs and Snow Cones - Bounce Houses

First Baptist Church of Gorman

Invites ALL children ages 4-12 to join us for the 2012-13

Kick Off Party Wednesday, September 5th -- 6:00 - 7:30

Parents, please come with your Children so you can sign them in!
Hot Dogs and Chips will be served & a bounce house will be there!!!

T H A N K Y O U!!!

We Would like to Thank everyone that helped the Cheerleaders raise money for the 20' Run Through Tunnel. A Special Thanks to Texas Cattle Exchange for allowing us to have a Bake Sale and Auctioning the Cakes and Revise Laminack for the use of his Building for our Bar-B-Que Fundraiser. Also, Thank You to the Gorman PTO and the City of Gorman for their large donation that enabled us to reach our goal. Thank You For Supporting Our Cheerleaders and Football Team.

Ex-Students' News

It's time to start planning for this year's Ex-Students Homecoming events. We will meet at the Dairy Queen on August 23rd around 6 p.m. We encourage anyone who is interested to come to our meeting and help with the plans. We also need to decide who we want to honor at our meeting, September 8th. If you have any ideas or suggestions that will make our Homecoming more successful, please try to attend. We are especially interested in getting some of our younger ex's interested in Homecoming. According to our football schedule, we will have a home game on the Friday night before Homecoming and our annual Peanut Festival.

West Nile Virus Public Service

Announcements Available from DSHS

Community Health Service Partners,

Please see the information below about giving people guidance on how to protect themselves from West Nile Virus. Feel free to share this information with anybody who is interested.

Texas Commissioner of Health, Dr. David Lakey, giving people guidance on how to protect themselves from West Nile Virus. You can view the PSAs at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/TxWestNile/PSAs/>. Thank you for helping people protect themselves from West Nile Virus.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING PLANNED

There will be an Athletic Booster Club meeting on Thursday, August 23rd at 7:30 p.m. in the foyer of the Gorman High School Gym. Please come and join us in supporting our Panthers and Lady Panthers in the upcoming school year.

"A Letter To The Editor" New Book By Henry Buchanan

A Letter To The Editor is Henry A. Buchanan's latest book covering his comments on national issues - politics, religion, sex and education - from the Civil Rights controversy of 1954 to the Presidential election of 2012.



Henry Buchanan is shown presenting an edition of his book to Lonnie Bennett, owner of the Gorman Progress and his dad Joe Bennett previous owner. Henry presented the book to Lonnie for his photo on the front cover and for publishing his letters to the editor in the newspaper.

Doctor Buchanan's correspondence with Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama and Vice President Dick Cheney adds some spice to the issue oriented history of the war.

Reader Response features the criticism of Buchanan's views, with the unidentified 'R' as a regular correspondent and critic.

A Letter To The Editor is available in both hard cover and soft, on request at bookstores and at the publisher, Authorhouse, by telephone, 1.800.519.5121, ext. 5040.

ATTENTION: Gorman Livestock Raisers to meet Thursday, August 30th at 6:30 p.m. in the Ag Building. All Members and Newcomers should make plans to attend. Thanks

ATTENTION: Anyone interested in Jewel Cemetery. A Meeting will be held at Carbon Community Center on August 25th at 3 p.m. You are urged to please come!

Wynelle Brown - Secretary-Treasurer

Sign Up To Play Soccer With ECSA! It's Fun!

It's that time again. Sign up for soccer at Redeemer Lutheran in Cisco or First Baptist in Eastland on Tuesday, August 28 or Thursday, August 30 from 5:30 to 7:30. You may come to either church on either day during this time to sign up your child (4 years old and up). If you have any questions, please call Eric Stinnette at (254) 631-9715 or Jeanna Childers at (254) 488-1898. Our focus is showing respect, having fun and learning the game of soccer. Season starts September 15 and ends November 3. Cost is \$45 per player with a \$5 discount for each additional family member. Play more soccer!

PEANUT FESTIVAL CO-ED SLOW PITCH TOURNAMENT

The Peanut Festival Co-Ed Slow Pitch Baseball Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 8th. The Co-Ed Slow Pitch entry fee is \$125.00 and the deadline is September 3rd - More info call Donna Scitem at 254-734-6007. There will be a Home Run limit of 4 per game each homerun after 4 is an out or will cost you \$5.00 to keep it. All the proceeds from this tournament will be donated to the Girl's High School Athletic Department. Concessions will be available and Very Affordable. Come out to Peanut Park and Show Your Support for these Young Ladies....

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 30A: CR 389, small barn, water well, steel roping arena, electricity, fenced, has a few trees. \$3,100 acre.
 43A: Coastal Bermuda, corrals, stock pond, 2 water wells, fenced/cross fenced. Good Sandy land. \$3,350 acre.
 S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.
 77 A: South of Gorman, fields/some wooded. Deer & other wildlife, 2 small ponds, elec. available. \$2,000 acre.
 158A: 4-2-2 ranch-house, central A/C, 150+ A. Coastal, 2 pivots, good fences, water well, steel pens. \$525,000.
 179 A: south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, sandy soil, elec., water well, metal building. \$2,350.00 acre.
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 322A: Oak & Elm Trees, 2 creeks, great water shed project! 40 A. Coastal, owner reports 300 round bales/year, 55 A. Cultivable soils, 6 ponds, water well, 1200' metal Bldg. with slab floor, elec. Deer, turkey, and other wildlife. \$2,300 A.
 NEW - 395A S/W Gorman, 1/2 Open 1/2 Wooded, small creek, 4 ponds, 40' elev. change, gravel road 2 sides, elec. available. Remote location, deer & wildlife. \$1,795.00 acre.
 407 A: N/E Gorman, 3 pivots, 16 wells, 8 ponds, 3 metal barns, 3 sets steel corrals, irrigated Bermuda, 3-3-2 / acre. Metal roof & more! \$3,500 acre, possibly divide.

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Obituary

Edith Irene Gilmore

Edith Irene Gilmore, 97, of Andrews passed away Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at Permian Residential Care Center in Andrews.

Visitation was at 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Friday at McNett Funeral Home in Andrews. Graveside services were at 3:00 PM Saturday at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Gorman, Texas.

Edith was born June 12, 1915 in Gorman to Buford and Nellie Parker. She married Theron Gilmore. He preceded her in death in 1975. She lived in Gorman for 91 years until she moved to Andrews to be near her niece. She loved to quilt and she made many beautiful quilts over the years. She loved to cook and have family gatherings. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Gorman.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Jack and Alfred; sisters, Murlene and Mary Nell.

She is survived by her son, Terry Don Gilmore of Stanton, Texas; brother, William Davis Parker of Dell City, Oklahoma; one grandchild and one great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

"On The Wilder Side"

I recently came across a recipe called "Jimmy Carter Delight", which contains peanut butter, cream cheese, two types of pudding, and whipped cream. I haven't tried it but can only imagine that it is sweet on top of sweet, with a lot of sweet added. Most of us like sensory overload - an explosion of delight on our taste buds.

It's not enough to have good, we want to have great - we like to have the best of everything: cars that are fully loaded, houses with the best appliances, and dogs with registration papers. It's not that those extras make them better, just maybe a bit more convenient or enjoyable.

Have we ever been guilty of sweetening the Gospel? We take something already sweet and try to make it sweeter. Maybe we think that the Gospel isn't appealing on its own, so we kick it up a notch in hopes that it will make more converts. We sweeten it with "Your Best Life Now". We tell people that you live however you want, as long as you believe that Christ is the Son of God. We promise a comfortable life with showers of blessings if we have faith in God. And as much as I wish those things are true, it's just not. God never promised "your best life now". He said "Be faithful unto death and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev 2:10). He never said that He would give us an easy road. Instead He said that the road to heaven is difficult and few find it (Matt 7:14).

I don't think we should try to sweeten what God has already sweetened. We shouldn't sweeten the Gospel when it is already sweet. In 1 Tim 1:15 Paul said "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy". That is the message of the Gospel: Jesus Christ came to save sinners. He condemns the rebellious and rewards the faithful. If that message isn't sweet enough to save someone then nothing will.

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

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

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GORMAN ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB PAVERS

The Gorman Athletic Booster Club along with the Gorman Ex's Association is offering pavers to be sold. Funds raised by the sale of pavers will be used with previously sold pavers to create a display in front of the high school. Any additional funds will be used towards the building of trophy cabinets in the gym foyer. It is the goal of these two organizations to bring Gorman's history back into display for all to see. This is not for athletics only, any individual, family or team can purchase and put any information desired on the paver. Can be Class of... band, academic UIL, FFA, etc., anything you want, including just your name.

PLEASE HELP WITH THIS GOAL BY PURCHASING A PAVER TODAY.

Paver sizes available are shown below, along with lettering requirements, and prices. All pavers are produced by Texas Rock Art Co. in Fredericksburg, Texas. Graphics are available for an additional fee, prices will be based on the graphic chosen, please call Becky Swanner for additional information on graphics.

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3 lines max/14 characters per line max.	\$20.00
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4 lines max/14 characters per line max.	\$30.00
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12 X 12 paver	
6 lines max/18 characters per line max.	\$60.00
16 X 16 paver	
10 lines max/20 characters per line max.	\$80.00

The History of Gorman needs to be preserved and displayed for all to see. Please help by purchasing a paver. Contact Becky Swanner at 254-734-5176 or bswanner@gormanisd.net, additional contacts are Kenny Welch at 254-734-4444 or Pam (Foster) Childers-high school secretary, at 254-734-3171. Ordering grids for the 4x8 and the 8x8 pavers are included.

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A Letter To The Editor -

On Mass Killings - By Henry A. Buchanan

The killers are at center stage in our country today. Mass killings are the headlines. Mental illness at its worst.

In Oak Creek, Wisconsin, Wade Marshall Page killed six people at a Sikh Temple, then shot and killed himself.

In Joplin, Missouri, a second attempt in a month to burn the Islamic Society of Joplin's mosque and community center was successful.

In Texas, a man broke into his estranged wife's home and shot her. Police shot him down. And don't forget the shoot out in the theatre; that one still has the psychiatrists wondering.

But worse things are happening in Syria. The government has turned its big guns on the people. The people are fighting back. Many of them are leaving the country.

Take heart though. Curiosity has landed safely on Mars and has begun to send messages back to earth. It's a long journey of 150 million miles and I don't know what the message is. I hope that if Curiosity finds inhabitants there, they are not killing one another. Since Mars is bigger than Earth, maybe the Martians have enough room for themselves and some Earthlings trying to find a place where they can worship God in peace without fear of being shot by a maniac.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan
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Curiosity Pays

Early on August 6th, 2012, NASA's rover Curiosity executed a perfect landing after an eight-month journey took it an astonishing 325 million miles to Mars, a planet roughly 130 million miles from Earth. It was a huge leap forward for America's space program and for human exploration of our solar system. It reminded us that our innate curiosity leads to great feats of discovery, scientific advancement and improvement of the human condition. And it was a breathtaking moment of national pride and wonder.

The team of NASA scientists and engineers who guided Curiosity on her long voyage endured "seven minutes of terror" as the spacecraft guided itself through a multi-step descent through Mars's atmosphere, from a starting point of 13,000 miles per hour to a feather-light landing. The euphoria they felt at the safe touchdown was surely unmatched. But as the first pictures were beamed back to Earth, those of us who have fought to maintain our space program did feel our own extra measure of joy.

I have long maintained that America's space program is an investment we cannot afford to shortchange. Science and research fuel both our financial and intellectual economy. Breakthroughs in healthcare, missile defense, even everyday products we use at home have come from NASA research. Some of these innovations were planned, others were pure happenstance. But all have made our lives better and created new products which, in turn, have created jobs and expanded the economy. The Mars rover offers almost limitless possibility for the same.

Both the rover itself and its unique delivery system represent engineering feats of historic proportions. Her landing bore out a new "guided flight" system for entering the Martian atmosphere, executing a perfect landing within its target area – in fact, almost perfectly at its center. Guided flight technology will be crucial for future Mars-bound spacecraft carrying crew members and it lays the scientific foundation for leaps forward in commercial aviation safety and reliability.

As Curiosity explores Mars, she will employ dozens of new technologies that will pave the way for development of new American industries and jobs. The signals the rover generated as she descended into the thin Martian atmosphere were referred to as "heart-beats". And one of the first orders of business after landing was a "brain change", the installation of new software from 130 million miles away to help control her ground-based activities. She – and the team does refer to Curiosity as a "she" – will use her "arm", which has a "shoulder", an "elbow" and a "wrist", to probe the secrets of Gale Crater and Mount Sharp. Curiosity's ChemCam rock-blasting laser will allow instant chemical analysis of Martian soil and rocks. She will both navigate and share the view with us through her 3-D camera "eyes."

These extraordinary achievements are essential steps toward expansion of human activity into the limitless reaches of space. We know from the Apollo landings on the moon and the International Space Station that humans can live and work beyond Earth's atmosphere. With this breakthrough on Mars, vast new horizons have been set.

Our challenge now is to ensure we have the means to continue our journey of exploration. But we must do it soon – not a generation from now, or even a decade from now. We cannot lose momentum or fail to build on the tremendous advancements we've made.

This means making the US space program a priority. It means increasing the pace of exploration and mission development. We are in deep economic uncertainty and our spending needs to be reined in. But in addition to cutting spending, we must be strategic about how we allocate our resources. An active NASA ensures that America will continue to harness the technology that keeps our economy vibrant and growing. America's return on investment in science has been multifold throughout our history. If we support the brilliant scientists, engineers and astronauts at NASA, there is no limit to the extraordinary discoveries they can make, nor to the benefits to America's quality of life and national security as a result.

Hutchison, a Republican, is the senior U.S. senator from Texas.

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-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer

President Obama to Drop Welfare-to-Work Requirement

In 1996, Congress passed and President Clinton signed a welfare reform law which included work requirements for welfare recipients. Recently, President Obama announced that he wants to drop this work requirement. I am disappointed, but not surprised, that President Obama wants to increase reliance on welfare and other government programs, rather than helping recipients get back to work.

Recently, I joined 75 of my House colleagues in sending a letter to Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius expressing our concern that the Administration is seeking to waive mandatory work requirements for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients, which have been in place since the 1996 law. At a time when we are running trillion-dollar deficits, welfare programs should incentivize participants to find a job, not keep them on welfare. I am committed to putting our country back on a sustainable path where economic growth, personal responsibility and freedom do not come from the federal government.

The President's Healthcare Law puts Medicare on "Highly Uncertain" Path

A May 2012 memo from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) examined and explained the changes in reimbursement rates for doctors who provide service to Medicare patients. These payments are scheduled to be reduced under Obamacare. The memo calls the reductions not sustainable in the long range and "clearly unworkable."

These payment cuts to doctors for Medicare services shed more light on the impact of Obamacare on the health care community which benefits neither doctors nor Medicare patients. This is why we must begin the process of readjusting the program so that future generations of Americans can benefit as well. The administration must stop lying to the American people. Medicare is on an unsustainable path, by CMS's own admission, and will not be available in the future unless we fix it now.

Abilene Community Leader Joins the Neugebauer Team

Today, we welcome a new team member to our Abilene office. Marci Braden will serve as District Representative for Abilene and the surrounding counties. Some of her responsibilities include acting as a liaison with federal, district, and local agencies and answering casework correspondence.

Marci is a respected public servant and community leader, and joins us after working as Assistant Vice President of Treasury Management Services for First Financial Bank, Abilene for over seven years. Since 2003, she has held the credentials of a Certified Treasury Professional accredited by the Association of Financial Professionals. Marci also serves on several boards within the Abilene community including Big Brothers Big Sisters, Abilene State Supported Living Center, the Grace Museum, and the Abilene Business Council. She chairs the Hispanic Business Council of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, is a local redcoat for the Chamber of Commerce and a graduate of Leadership Abilene 2008. I am proud to have Marci on our congressional team. Please do not hesitate to contact Marci in Abilene, or any of my offices, if you have questions or concerns.

Action Item of the Week

Last week, I discussed education issues with teachers and school board members across the district. As school begins in the next few weeks, I will continue to advocate for more focused and individualized school districts that make decisions at the local level. I will also continue to support vocational schools across West Texas and the Big Country, which give students an opportunity to learn specific trades that will lead to successful careers in the future.

GORMAN ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB PAVERS

The Gorman Athletic Booster Club along with the Gorman Ex's Association is offering pavers to be sold. Funds raised by the sale of pavers will be used with previously sold pavers to create a display in front of the high school. Any additional funds will be used towards the building of trophy cabinets in the gym foyer. It is the goal of these two organizations to bring Gorman's history back into display for all to see. This is not for athletics only, any individual, family or team can purchase and put any information desired on the paver. Can be Class of... band, academic UIL, FFA, etc., anything you want, including just your name.

PLEASE HELP WITH THIS GOAL BY PURCHASING A PAVER TODAY.

Paver sizes available are shown below, along with lettering requirements, and prices. All pavers are produced by Texas Rock Art Co. in Fredericksburg, Texas. Graphics are available for an additional fee, prices will be based on the graphic chosen, please call Becky Swanner for additional information on graphics.

4 X 8 paver	3 lines max/14 characters per line max.	\$20.00
8 X 8 paver	4 lines max/14 characters per line max.	\$30.00
6 X 12 paver	4 lines max/18 characters per line max.	\$40.00
12 X 12 paver	6 lines max/18 characters per line max.	\$60.00
16 X 16 paver	10 lines max/20 characters per line max.	\$80.00

The History of Gorman needs to be preserved and displayed for all to see. Please help by purchasing a paver. Contact Becky Swanner at 254-734-5176 or bswanner@gormanisd.net, additional contacts are Kenny Welch at 254-734-4444 or Pam (Foster) Childers-high school secretary, at 254-734-3171. Ordering grids for the 4x8 and the 8x8 pavers are included.

Gorman City Minutes

AUGUST 2, 2012

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date in a Regular meeting. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners David Stanley, Kenneth Good, Joe Casey, and Dylan Cogburn. Others present were Barbara Fenley, Billy Carson, Joe Williams, Curtis Gilder and Hank Rainey.

Kenneth led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:31 p.m.

David made the motion to approve the minutes adding to the next to last paragraph No action was taken upon adjourning from Executive Session. Dylan made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Commission moved to Item 9. Ken Martin of Jacob and Martin Engineering discussed with the Commission a 50-50 grant that the TWDB had invited the City to participate in. Ken explained some of the projects that could be done with this type of funding. Each of these projects however were running way into more money than the Commission felt that the City could stand. Mr. Martin advised that if this type of grant was to be considered it had to be in by September 4 and that did not allow for much time.

Due to the nature of the funds involved the Commission told Mr. Martin that we would rather wait for the USDA TCDBG again in the Fall.

Next the Commission moved on to Item #8, Cameron Gulley CPA presented the annual City of Gorman Audit Report. Mr. Gulley went over the budget expenditures and revenues with the Commission. He explained that we should purchase the Quickbooks Program and keep all book-keeping in house, as Tacy and Jill have maintained orderly documentations and coded each entry appropriately. Mr. Gulley was pleased with the standings of the City. David made the motion to approve and accept the 2011-12 annual audit report from Cameron Gulley. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Joe made the motion to approve the bills for payment with a second from David. Motion carried 4-0.

Reports were submitted by each department head.

Atmos Energy has introduced Safe Digging Awareness. Atmos wants to promote awareness of the importance to call before you dig. Dylan made the motion to proclaim August 11, 2012 Underground Damage Prevention Day with a second from Kenneth. Motion carried 4-0.

Dylan made the motion to approve the Continuation of Coverage agreement with Texas Municipal League. David made the second. Motion carried 4-0.

Kenneth made the motion to approve the amendment to Ordinance #224. Amendment would offer reward only for City owned property. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

No action was taken on Agenda Item #12.

Joe made the motion not to contribute to Eastland Memorial Hospital Ambulance Service due to the fact it is absolutely not in the City's budgetary allotments at this time. David made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

For Agenda Item #14 Tacy will be contacting Bill Flannery, the Comanche City Manager, about the procedures they use regarding Code Enforcement on clean up and abandoned buildings and structures.

At 7:15 p.m. David made the motion to go into Executive Session with a second from Dylan. Motion carried 4-0.

At 8:00 p.m. David made the motion to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Regular Open Session. Dylan made the second. Motion carried 4-0.

On Agenda Item # 15 Dylan made the motion to raise Hank Rainey's wage \$1.00 per hour. And to make this effective July 9, 2012. David made a second to the motion. Joe and Kenneth respectfully voted against this motion, creating a tie. The Mayor voted in favor. Motion carried 3-2.

David made the motion to give each full time employee a 3% cost of living raise. Dylan made the second to this motion. Joe and Kenneth voted against, creating a tie. The Mayor voted in favor. Motion carried 3-2.

There being no further agenda items for consideration Kenneth made the motion to adjourn with a second from David. Motion carried 4-0. Time was 8:10 p.m.



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Public Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Education Programs

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It is the policy of Gorman ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Gorman ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For Information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Jeff Byrd, at 114 West Lexington, 254-734-3171 ext. 1 and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, LaTricia Hampton, 114 West Lexington, 254-734-3171 ext. 2.

Notificacion Publica de No Discriminacion en Programas Vocacionales

Gorman ISD ofrece El programa vocacionales de La Ciencia de consumo familiar, la ciencia de la Agricultura, la Informatic de Business.

Es la norma de Gorman ISD no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o incapacitados, en sus programas, servicios o actividades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Titulo VI de la Ley de Desprechos Civiles de 1964, segun emienda; el Titulo IX de las Emmiendas en la Educacion, de 1972, y la Seccion 504 de lay de Rehabilitacion de 1973, seguin emienda.

Gorman ISD tomara las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso del lenguaje ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admission y participacion en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para informacion sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuniquese con el Coordinador del Titulo IX, Jeff Byrd, en 114 West Lexington, 254-734-3171 Ext. 1, y/o el Coordinador de la Seccion 504, LaTricia Hampton, 114 West Lexington, 254-734-3171 Ext. 2.

WATERFOWL HUNTING BLIND DRAWING DATES SET

The Brazos River Authority has announced dates and times for lakeside waterfowl hunting blind drawings for the 2012-2013 season. The drawing gives hunters the opportunity to use one of several sites to set up duck blinds on the Authority's beautiful reservoirs: Lake Limestone, Lake Granbury.

Lake Granbury's drawing will take place Friday, Aug. 24 at 8:30 a.m. at the Brazos River Authority Lake Office, 4552 Mambrino Highway in Granbury.

The drawing at Lake Limestone will be Friday, Aug. 31 at 8:30 a.m. at the Brazos River Authority Lake Office, 20226 Sterling Robertson Dam Road in Thornton.

The Authority authorizes the hunting sites at each lake, but hunters must provide their own blinds. Hunting will only be allowed at these Brazos River Authority blind sites. Participants must stay within 20 feet of the marked area while hunting. Up to four people may share a blind area.

To be eligible for the drawing, each person must be at least 18 and have a Texas Hunting License for the 2012-2013 season. The license must have a Texas Duck Stamp Endorsement as well as a current federal Waterfowl Stamp attached to the back.

Participants must be present at the drawing to claim their blind sites. Only one entry is allowed per person and one site per entry. A \$200 cash permit fee is required at the time of the drawing for those selected for a site. During the drawing, the first chosen will have first pick of sites followed by the others, drawn in order.

For more information on the drawings, please contact the Possum Kingdom Lake Office at (940) 779-2321, the Lake Granbury Office at (817) 573-3212 or the Lake Limestone Office at (903) 529-2141.

The Best Investment You Can Make for Your Grandchildren

NewsUSA

(NU) - Grandparents and grandchildren have much to learn from one another, and such valuable relationships should be cultivated. Oxford University research has shown that 'involved' grandparents contribute significantly to better-adjusted grandchildren.

The research suggests that children find unique acceptance in their relationships with grandparents, which benefits them emotionally and mentally. The grandparental bond is built on communication. In fact, most children studied did not identify distance as an important factor if communication was strong.

Unfortunately, hearing loss is the number-one challenge to communication. According to the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), age and hearing loss are strongly related - 30 percent of seniors from 65 to 74 years old suffer from a hearing disability. For adults 75 years of age or older, hearing loss jumps to 47 percent.

"It doesn't take a PhD for my patients to understand the many costs of hearing loss," says Sreek Cherukuri, MD, a certified ear, nose and throat physician based in Chicago, Ill.

Beyond emotional well-being, even something simple like taking the grandkids to the pool can turn dangerous if grandma can't hear possible cries for help. Driving puts the children at risk if the grandparents cannot hear oncoming traffic or car horns.

The NIDCD reports that only one out of every five people who



Don't let hearing loss affect time with the grandkids.

needs a hearing aid actually wears one. This is largely due to the extravagant cost of most hearing aids. "I found that I saw too many patients with hearing loss going home without a solution because they couldn't afford hearing aid prices," says Dr. Cherukuri.

Cherukuri's response was to develop inexpensive but effective hearing aids. "With today's technology, a quality hearing aid shouldn't cost more than a digital camera or iPod," Cherukuri says.

MDHearingAid, found at www.mdhearingaid.com, isn't just a reliable source for affordable hearing aids, it's also a good source for expert consumer information.

"You should see a physician and get the best hearing aid you can afford. We offer an excellent choice for those who cannot afford a custom hearing aid." Seniors should enjoy the benefits of their ripe age. This includes plenty of quality time with grandchildren.

Get more info on hearing loss and cost-efficient alternatives at MDHearingAid.com.

Moms Deserve a Little 'Me Time'

NewsUSA

(NU) - Moms are the true jacks-of-all-trades. They are the chefs who get meals on the table and lunches packed; the chauffeurs who get kids where they need to be; the doctors who bandage up scrapes; the listeners to problems big and small; the social directors of play dates and parties; and so much more.

With all that they do, moms rarely get a moment to take a break and enjoy a bit of time for themselves.

Dr. Wendy Walsh, busy single mom, TV personality and college professor, understands what it's like to be busy. Here are her tips for helping other moms sneak a little "me time."

- All moms should take a guilt-free break during their busy day. Try arriving at school carpool early. Turn off the car engine, tune into a favorite radio station and reach into your bag for a favorite snack - like a Keebler Granola Fudge Bar. The granola bars are 150 calories and contain 3 grams of fiber*.

- Watching kids read can remind moms how relaxing it is to escape in the pages of a riveting novel. Get mom-friends together and form a book club, so there's always an excuse to take a break. Tell kids you're doing Mommy-homework, because the book club is meeting soon.
- As the sun sets, parents want



Moms, sit and relax while easing your mind with a good book.

to wind down, but sometimes kids, especially colicky babies, wind up. A nice walk is a great way to calm a child down. When the kids get older, keep walking at sunset. It's a great way to take a break from the chaos of the house and soothe yourself.

From taking a peaceful break to enjoying a favorite snack, the importance of a little break in a very hectic day is key for moms. For more wholesome snack ideas like granola bars, that can be enjoyed by mom and the entire family, visit www.keebler.com.

*contain 5-6g total fat per serving

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Hunkering Down With Home Improvement: 3 Sensible Projects

NewsUSA

(NU) - One thing for sure in this unpredictable economy is that homeowners are staying put. In fact, most people do not plan to move any time soon, according to a 2011 Harris Interactive poll. This shift from sell to stay is why it pays for homeowners to look beyond resale value when making home improvement decisions.

As Designer and HGTV Personality Lori Dennis explains, "People today are looking more holistically at home remodeling, choosing projects that add comfort, efficiency and functionality." In this new era of home improvement, three projects stand out.

Window Replacement
Nothing does more to enhance the look and feel of a home than windows - they are visible inside and outside and can add comfort by helping to eliminate drafts and regulate temperatures. They can also pay off as an investment. Advancements in energy-efficient windows are helping homeowners save 30 percent or more on energy bills, not to mention recoup about 70 percent of the cost of window replacement. The latest window designs include a combination of energy efficiency, durability and aesthetics. The Essence Series from Milgard, for example, comes Energy Star rated and features a beautiful wood interior and durable fiberglass exterior.

Outdoor Spaces
According to a survey by the American Institute of Architects,



Increase efficiency, style and comfort with one long-lasting home improvement project - window replacement.

more than 60 percent of architects say they have seen an increase in outdoor living space requests. Since owners are thinking long-term, patios, decks, sunrooms and other spaces contribute to both the experience at home and its property value. It's possible to earn back 50 to 75 percent of the cost of your outdoor addition.

Kitchen Remodeling
The kitchen is the heart of the home and an opportunity to set the tone for style and functionality. Two of the most popular ways to expand kitchen work space are to add an island/peninsula and natural lighting. Modern kitchen solutions feature cabinets and drawers that open, organize and spin in convenient ways. Homeowners can recoup about 70 percent of their kitchen-remodeling costs.

For more remodeling tips and window-replacement budgeting tools, visit www.milgard.com/lp/smart-investment.

HEALTH

The Great Flavored Milk Debate

NewsUSA

(NU) - A great debate has been building for the past five years in school districts across the country: Is flavored milk contributing to childhood obesity, and should it be taken out of schools?

Facts, research and experts say no. Flavored milk contains the same nine essential nutrients as white milk, including calcium, vitamin D and potassium, three nutrients that children aren't getting enough of, according to the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

"On average, flavored milk accounts for only 2 percent of total calories and 3 percent of all added sugars in kids' diets. But studies show that schools see a severe drop in milk consumption when chocolate milk is taken away," says Alyssa Greenstein, a registered dietitian with the Dairy Council of Florida. "And the nutrients lost from not consuming enough milk aren't easy or affordable to replace."

Research finds that low-fat chocolate milk is the most widely chosen milk option in schools, and despite the availability of white milk, children will turn to sodas and fruit drinks if flavored milk is removed from cafeterias. Sodas are the main source of added sugar in children's diets, and unlike milk, they offer no nutritional value.

Many nutrition and health organizations - including the American Heart Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Dietetic Association and the School Nutrition Association - agree that flavored milk is



Chocolate milk offers similar nutritional value as regular milk.

a healthier alternative to soft drinks and a vital part of meeting the dietary needs of youngsters.

"If children don't drink milk with lunch, it becomes almost impossible for them to consume the daily intake of calcium, vitamin D and potassium, which are nutrients of concern as it is," says Greenstein.

Drinking flavored milk is a small but significant contributor to a child's total milk consumption, and it doesn't mean youngsters neglect white milk. In fact, flavored milk makes up only 20-26 percent of kids' total milk intake.

A recent survey of 1,000 moms discovered more than half opposed any school district decision to eliminate chocolate milk from the menu. In the past five years, milk processors nationwide have made significant nutritional changes in milk formulations. With 38 percent less added sugar, flavored milk is projected to contain, on average, just 31 calories more than white milk.

To see more of the nine essential nutrients found in flavored milk, visit www.floridamilk.com.

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Items of interest

Men's Community Prayer Breakfast meets at 7:00 a.m. On the third Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Gorman.

Gorman Senior Citizens meet once a month on 3rd Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

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

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

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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

Food Bank
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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. Stan Harper, Master - Kenneth Good, Secretary.

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