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Miss Gorman and Little Miss Gorman Contestants

Lauren Rebecca Spivey is the daughter of Tracy Spivey and the late Steve Spivey. She is the granddaughter of June Dossy and Wesley Spivey. Lauren is 15 and will be a Sophomore at Gorman High School. She is a Panther Cheerleader, participates in Volleyball, Basketball, Softball and Track, plays flute in the High School Band and is active in the FFA. She competes in FFA Judging and Livestock Shows, in which she shows Lambs, Goats, Pigs and Rabbits. Lauren is a member of the First Baptist Church of Gorman where she enjoys youth group activities and teaching Vacation Bible School. Her other interests include family activities, reading, and raising and caring for animals of all types. Her future plans are to attend Tarleton State University for her undergraduate studies, then pursue a doctorate in Veterinary Science from Texas A&M.



Lauren had the privilege of becoming Little Miss Gorman at age 5, and she is excited to be competing once again for the opportunity to represent her hometown in area parades and activities. She would like to thank the Gorman Chamber of Commerce for the honor of being chosen as their candidate in this year's Miss Gorman contest.

My name is Stephanie Elizabeth Grissom, I am seventeen years old. My parents are William Grissom and Samantha Sellers; my grandparents are Raymond Grissom (deceased), Lois Grissom, Samuel Sellers (deceased), and Thelma Sellers. I have attended Gorman ISD since I was in the eighth grade. In that time I participated in Volleyball and I was the Gorman Panther High School Mascot. I have also participated in Softball, Track, UIL where I placed fifth in persuasive speaking. In this coming year I will be a senior and I look forward to the many more events that I will partake in. After high school I plan to attend Nursing School at TSTC in Breckenridge. I am running for Miss Gorman because I want to take part in the community in which I am getting my education. I believe Gorman is a great place to live and it is a very family oriented community. I am being sponsored by the Gorman VFD. I am proud to raise money for the fire department because I know what it feels like to lose your home in a fire, as our house was taken by the New Year's fire of 2006. I am excited to help our Community in every way. I would like to thank the Gorman VFD for sponsoring me in this a very wonderful opportunity.



Rasha Rainey - I am the daughter of Teresa Lewis. I have eight brothers and sisters, one of which is my identical twin. I will be a Junior in the fall at Gorman High School. I am very active in Sports, including Basketball, Softball and Track. My favorite food is steak, favorite drink is Dr. Pepper, and favorite music is Country. I enjoy being in the company of friends and family, as well as being involved in school and the community. My plan following graduation thus far is studying medicine.



In the Miss Gorman competition I am being sponsored by the Lions Club. Your support and donations are greatly appreciated.

Hello, my name is Seanna Jones. I am 5 years old and granddaughter of Alfonso and Gloria Madera. I have 3 brothers who are Shawn, Ethan, and Tyler. I'll be starting kindergarten and looking forward to learning new things at Maxfield Elementary School. I'm delighted to have the fire department as my sponsor and thankful. I enjoy picking up flowers and playing outside on the playground. I'm always cheerful and love spending time with family. I would like to wish all my competitors in the Little Miss Gorman Contest "Good Luck"! Thanks everyone who helped me with donations.



Hello, My name is Lily Madera. I am the daughter of Charla Davis and Junior Madera. I am 5 years old. I have one younger sister. I am being sponsored by the Gorman Pharmacy. I enjoy swimming, playing with my family and friends, taking care of my pet rabbits and riding my horse with my grandpa. Thank you for your support.



Hi! My name is Kamry Brown and this year I am a Little Miss Gorman Candidate. I am an energetic five year old. I am the daughter of Krista Brown and Mason Simmons and the granddaughter of Don and Kathy Brown and George and Linda Simmons. I have one sister Cassidy.



Recently, I graduated from Pre-Kindergarten at Maxfield Elementary. I loved learning how to write and all the silly songs we learned to sing. I have been involved in gymnastics, T-Ball, and Soccer. During my free time, I enjoy spending time with my sister and my cousins, jumping on the trampoline, swimming, playing outside, putting together puzzles and beating my Mom and Dad at the Wii.

I would like to thank Bob's Grocery for sponsoring me and Ethan Torres for being my escort. I would also like to thank all the members of the Community who supported me in my effort to represent our wonderful town. God Bless!!!

Hi! My name is Hadli Hampton and I am a candidate for Little Miss Gorman. My sponsor is Panda's Flowers and Gifts. I am 5 years old and I will be entering Kingergarten in August. My mommy and daddy are Adam and Sylvia Hampton and my big brother's name is Hayden. My grandparents are Manuel and Tomasa Ramirez, the late R.W. Hampton, Jr., Marilyn Hampton and Christie Duran. This year I played T-Ball and had so much fun. My hobbies are playing in the mud, jumping on the trampoline and helping daddy on the farm. My favorite food is chicken McNuggets from McDonalds. My escort is Nashton Guthery, son of Nicholas and Keri Guthery. Please drop your change in my can or contact my mommy or daddy to make a donation. Thanks for your support!



Softball Camp Held Recently At GHS

The Gorman High School held a Softball Camp recently at the Softball field. There was two other coaches from area colleges helping to show basics to better fielding and pitching. The girls attending were from area schools around Gorman.



Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Working Slated June 9th

The Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association was organized and incorporated by the State of Texas in 1992 as a Non-profit organization. The Twenty-First Annual Meeting on June 9th at 1:30 p.m. At the Gorman Housing Authority Hotel Apartment Building in Gorman. This letter is your invitation to attend the Business Meeting, review the Financial Report and participate in the Trustee Election.

Presently, a monthly maintenance fee of \$925.00 is paid to Charlie Carruth for care of the Cemetery.

Thanks to all those who express concern for the care of the cemetery. If you have a loved one, family or friend buried there, you should be interested in its care. Your participation is important to quality care of the Cemetery.

Donations, Memorials or Estate Planning may be made to: **GORMAN OAKLAWN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION** C/O Mary Waller - 7726 CR 362 - Desdemona, Texas 76445

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Revival At Liberty Baptist Church June 10-13

Liberty Baptist Church cordially invites everyone in the area to attend our Summer Revival Services on June 10 thru 13.

Sunday Morning Sunday School begins at 10:30 a.m. And the Morning Worship Service will begin at 11:15 a.m. Evening Services Sunday through Wednesday will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The Evangelist will be Jackie Auvenshine of De Leon and the Music Director will be Gary Mauney of Gorman.

A Covered Dish Lunch will follow the Sunday Morning Service and a Fellowship will follow the Wednesday Evening Service.

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Thank You For Your Support!!!

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, JUNE 20TH 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

New Hours - 10 to 11 a.m. - Second Thursday
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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Petition For Local Option Election

James Jay is applying for a petition to gather signatures for a local option liquor election for "The legal sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption only."
"La venta legal de todas bebidas alcoholicas para consumo solamente fuera del establecimiento."

This petition is for the incorporated city limits of Gorman, Texas. This petition will be filed with Cathy Jentho, County Clerk of Eastland County.

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 17.25 A: HWY 8 Desdemona, 10+ A Coastal, pond, new fences, nice Post Oaks, nat. gas/elec. available. \$79,000.
 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, 20+ 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, 3-3-2/1 in front, central A/C, metal roof & more! \$3,500 acre, possibly divide.

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 20 ACRES, M/L, GORMAN - Good coastal & native grasses, 1 tank & partially fenced. Will be surveyed out of a larger tract. Could be very productive. A2
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GHS Honor Roll - Sixth Six Weeks
 NINTH GRADE - A - ; A-B - Cindy Gonzales, Jacquelyn Rainey, Lauren Spivey, T. J. Trevino and Madison Warren.
 TENTH GRADE - A - Melissa Ramirez; A-B - Zach Carlton, Connie Gonzales, Mykisha Hampton and Kinsey Johnston.
 ELEVENTH GRADE - A - Luis Limon; A-B - Robert Shawver.
 TWELFTH GRADE - A - Kay Fischer; A-B - Dolores Garcia, Chelsea Griffith, Erica Madera, McKenzie Osborne, Katey Thackerson and Stetson Thompson.

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SUMMER READING CLUB UPDATE
"Grab a Bag of Books" Project
 The deadline for our great Get a Clue @ Your Library summer reading program is June 13th, although we already have some kids who have started reading. The part of the program for 1st-6th graders that we are doing in conjunction with Cisco College Library kicks-off on June 15th and runs through end of July. The orientation on June 15th will be held at Cisco College. All the other sessions (June 22nd, 29th & July 13th, 20th and 27th) will be Friday afternoon from 1:00-2:30 here at the Gorman community center. One of the Cisco librarians will come over and put on the program for our kids. This program will include theme related story time, a craft and snacks. There will be individual prizes for those reading at least 10 books in the allotted time. Those reader's names will go into a drawing for other larger prizes such as Super Soakers and a 4 pack of Majestic tickets. Any kids younger or older than the specified group above will also be able to participate in the summer reading club. Call or come by the library and I will explain the options all our kids have for reading this summer. So far we have the most kids signed up of all the participating libraries (Cisco Public, Eastland Centennial, and Ranger Public) so let's keep that GORMAN PRIDE going!!

For you summer adult readers who know you will be in the air-conditioned house when the temperatures start to soar, we have many great books for you, too. Right now we are making room on our shelves for all the new donated books we have received. Some of the older books have been put in bags by genre and will be available for a small donation (or free) to anyone who wants them. So come by and "Grab a Bag of Books" for you summer reading pleasure!

Some new books on the shelf this week include Committed to Memory (How we Remember and Why We Forget) - Rebecca Rupp, No Second Chance - Harlan Coben, The Colorado Kid - Stephen King, A Risk Worth Taking - Robin Pilcher, Outlaw Lawman - Paul Bagdon. Also, we have a great book I brought back from the Texas Library Association Conference in Houston this year, Letters to a New School Teacher - advice from America's best educators. So... come by and "Check us/it Out!!"

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A Letter To The Editor -
About Sanctions By Henry A. Buchanan

The people of New York City are being told they can't have a coke larger than sixteen ounces. Now what will happen? Plucky New Yorkers will order two 16 ounce cokes. And, they will get fat or whatever big cokes do to people because they think it is nobody's business if they drink a thirty-two ounce Coke. If they are told they can't have even a small eight ounce coke, they will have a five gallon size.

Now let's apply this Coke bottle to the Iranian nuclear issue. We are telling the Iranians they can't have nuclear power, not even enough to turn on a light bulb, and if they insist on having nuclear power we will launch all sorts of sanctions on them and not let them sell their oil.

So what do you expect the Iranians to do under such a threat? I'll tell you. They will not only have nuclear power for their light bulb but they'll make a bomb too.

The United States government is being run mostly by people who have been to college and want their children to have a college education. But anybody who has been to a Baptist church Vacation Bible School knows that all you have to do is tell somebody he can't have what he wants and that will guarantee that he will have it. That's been true since Adam and Eve were told not to eat any apples, but I'm making this one more appeal to Washington D.C.: Wake up and get smart; no sanctions!

(s) Henry A. Buchanan
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Pig Tales From Hogtown

Wow! Summer is here! May is supposed to be the month that we get the most rain - sure didn't happen. Pray for rain.

Thanks to all who came to breakfast last Saturday. Hope to see you the first Saturday in July.

Come and dance with us this Saturday evening when Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers will be here. The music starts at 7:00 and the concession stand opens at 6:00.

A couple of weeks ago, I mentioned that there would be a new business opening soon in Desdemona - it is very close to happening. If you drive through our little town, you may have noticed a lot of activity the last few months at the red barn at the corner of highways 8 & 16. The Red Barn will open within a few days. What kind of business is it? Watch Pig Tales.

See you in Desdemona!
 Carol Pell

***** ATTENTION PARENTS *****
STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Gorman ISD has purchased Student Accident Insurance for many years. Due to decreased funding from the State and the escalating cost of providing Student Accident Insurance, Gorman ISD will not purchase Student Accident Insurance for the coming 2012-2013 School Year.

We will be offering a "Voluntary Student Accident Insurance Plan" through Health Special Risk, Inc. for the 2012-2013 School Year that will have to be individually purchased by the parents. The plan will be a secondary insurance if the parent has insurance on the child, a primary insurance if the child is not covered by the parents insurance. More information on the coverage details is available at the Administration Office at the school. Your child will NOT be covered for any accident (athletic or non-athletic) unless you provide the insurance.

The plan gives you options for "At School" or "24 Hour" coverage. Special plans will be necessary to cover students participating in sports.

The Annual Premiums are:

	No UIL/Sports (NO Football, See Football only)	With UIL/Sport Coverage
School Time Coverage (PK-12)	\$64.00	\$64.00
24 Hour Coverage (PK-12) (covers after school and summer as well as at school)	\$128.00	\$128.00
Football Only (Grades 9-12)	\$265.00	(Spring and Fall coverage)

A student playing football and other sports would need both the Football and UIL/Sports coverage for a total of \$317.00 per year.

Enrollment forms will be available in August 2012.

Gorman ISD will continue to provide Catastrophic Accident Medical Expense Coverage for all students.

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My Journey by Ina Smith

I would like to thank Lonnie and the Gorman Progress for allowing me to write several articles about my Journey concerning my Cochlear Implant.

First I would like to say THANK YOU to everyone for the prayers, words of encouragement and support for me since my Cochlear implant. A big thank you to my family for having patience to help me with this journey. But most of all I thank God for giving someone the knowledge to make the Cochlear Implant.

This part of my journey, the Cochlear Implant started in September when I got to the point of not being able to understand anyone on the phone. I made an appointment with my Audiologist, K.C. Muier, in Stephenville. After testing my hearing she told me she was sorry, but it hearing aids were no longer going to be able to meet my needs. Yes, the sound would go in but, the little tiny nerves in my cochlea would no longer send the necessary vibes to my brain that were needed to make words. So it was time she said to consider a Cochlear implant. The next step necessary after her recommendation was for my ENT, Dr. Fowler to evaluate my ears to be sure there were no deformities or infection that was causing my hearing loss. He then had to refer me to a clinic that does Cochlear Implants and he recommended the University of Texas Medical Center in Dallas. My first appointment was on Dec. I had to return several times for test, and MRI and evaluations. Once it was determined I was a candidate for the implant, the process was then started with getting approval from Medicare and my insurance. Finally I was approved and surgery was scheduled for March 26 at the Zale-Lipsy Hospital as an outpatient.

The surgery went well and the implant was successful. April 11 I returned to UTMC and received my processor and was turned on. Yeah I could hear! but all sounds sound alike and my brain would now have to learn a new language. It will take up to 3 months or longer for my brain to recognize words. Not all programs are added to start with so on April 25 I returned for a new program and volume turned up to 80% (goal of 100%). I returned on May 23 for another program. I will go back in Sept. for more programs and testing.

I am happy to say that I can now hear the "call bells" at the nursing home which is one of the sounds I have never heard. Yes, to me it is very exciting.

Be sure and watch for other articles to appear here in the GORMAN PROGRESS.

Sun Safety in the Texas Heat

It is that time again in Texas when the temperatures get up to three digit numbers, but it is not just the heat that is getting to you. The sun also emits UV rays which can be harmful to the skin. Did you know that excessive exposure to the ultraviolet radiation of the sun is the most important preventable cause of all skin cancers? Melanoma is the most serious form of skin cancer and according to the National Cancer Institute it is estimated that there will be 62,480 new cases in the United States as well as 8,420 deaths in 2008. Do not let yourself or your family members be a part of these numbers. Learning a few things about skin safety can help you prevent it.

There are different types of UV rays that come from the sun. Some sun screens only protect from one type. Be sure to get a sun screen that protects from both UVA and UVB rays. Just because it is cloudy outside does not mean that the UV rays are blocked from reaching your skin. Like light UVA rays can go through glass, so before taking off for a car ride do not forget to put some sun screen on. UV rays can also do damage to your eyes so find a wide (3") brim hat and some sunglasses to protect your face as well.

Some tips on keeping the UV rays from harming you:

- Apply sun screen 20 minutes before going out in the sun -- it needs to soak in before being effective. Make it a morning routine and then you'll never forget!
- Apply sun screen every two hours when in the sun -- SPF 30 or higher and one that protects against both UVA and UVB rays. Remember the hat and sunglasses too!
- Fill a basket by the front door with sunglasses, hats and sun screen -- so as you rush out the door you remember take a bottle with you to reapply later as needed.
- Make playing in the shade fun -- During the peak hours of the day when the sun's rays are at their highest point find some fun games at <http://gameskidsplay.net>.
- Use extra caution around water and sand -- these surfaces reflect the UV rays which can increase your chances of getting a sunburn.

Want to learn more??? Then, check out <http://coolshade.tamu.edu/index.asp>. The Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Cancer Council encourage you and your family to practice sun-safe habits this summer and throughout the year.

Food Manager Certification Offered

How often does your family eat meals away from home? According to experts, Americans reported eating out approximately five times a week in 2006. Ease, convenience, and cost were cited as the top reasons respondents ate away from home.

In order to provide a service to the community and to restaurants, area food service managers and employees will have the opportunity to participate in the upcoming Food Manager Certification course sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Erath County. This prepares an individual to take the ServSafe test which fulfills state requirements and has national recognition. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) requires each food establishment to have one certified food manager.

To accommodate area restaurants, Texas AgriLife Extension offers a full one-day class with the test given at the end of the course day. The location for the course will be in Stephenville on Tuesday, June 19th at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center (U S 281 and Lingleville Highway) from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. or whenever the last person finishes their test! Deadline for registration is Tuesday, June 12th. Cost is \$105.00 which includes the course, book, and the test fee.

The forms and registration information can also be found at <http://foodsafety.tamu.edu>. Extension agents teaching the courses are Donna White, CEA-FCS Erath County (254/965-1460 or dwhite@ag.tamu.edu) and Kim Miles, CEA-FCS Brown County (325-646-7410 or k-miles@ag.tamu.edu).

These classes are designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety helps keep customers safe and satisfied. If you have any questions about the course, please contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Service Agents listed above.

Eastland County FSA Committee Election Nominations

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) announces that county committee election nominations begin June 15, 2012. Farmers, ranchers and landowners are encouraged to nominate farmer and rancher candidates to serve on their local FSA county committee by the August 1, 2012 deadline.

Elected county committee members serve a three-year term and are responsible for making decisions on FSA disaster, conservation, commodity, and price support programs, as well as other important federal farm program issues.

County committee members are a valuable asset because they are local producers who participate in FSA programs themselves and have a direct connection to farmers and ranchers in the community. We would like to see a high level of participation in this year's nomination and election process.

Producers may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Organizations that represent minority and women farmers and ranchers may also nominate candidates. Nominees must participate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area (LAA) in which the person is a candidate. To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A. The form and more information about county committee elections are available online at: www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

It is important that the county committee reflects the demographics and agricultural interests of the community these individuals represent. We strongly encourage all producers, including women, minority and beginning farmers and ranchers to participate in the nomination and election process.

County committees are comprised of three to five members elected by local producers. All newly elected county committee members and alternates will take office January 1, 2013.

Nomination forms must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on August 1, 2012.

This year's election will be held for LAA 1, which is the eastern portion of the county. LAA 1 has been served by Danny Snider for the past nine years. Because Mr. Snider has reached his term limit, he won't be eligible for re-election.

For more information about county committees, please contact John Bird at the Eastland County FSA office at 254-629-1636 or visit www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

2012 Gorman High School Scholarships

G. W. and Ann Maxfield	\$200	Carlie Jackson
Gorman Lion's Club	\$250	Carlie Jackson
Miss Gorman Contestant	\$100	McKenzie Osborne
Miss Gorman Contestant	\$500	Mallory May
Miss Gorman Contestant	\$500	Cortney Shirley
Eastland County Retired Teacher's	\$400	Cortney Shirley
Julia B. Skaggs Cook Scholarship	\$500	Carlie Jackson
Order of the Eastern Star	\$250	McKenzie Osborne
Ruth Bryant Memorial Scholarship	\$100	Ally Little
Ruth Ann Porter	\$500	Rebekah Powell
Gorman Band	\$200	Raven Kehl
Gorman ATPE	\$250	Raven Kehl
Gorman Peanut Queen	\$250	Katey Thackerson
Abundant Life Ministries Scholarship	\$250	McKenzie Osborne
Hispanic Leadership Institute	\$250	Mallory May
Irene Panter Memorial Scholarship	\$250	Jon Fenley
McKenzie Osborne Appreciation	\$600	McKenzie Osborne
Ranger College Regents Scholarship	\$2,500	Karla Lara
Comanche Electric Cooperative	\$1000	Delores Garcia
Hampton Paint and Body	\$200	Katey Thackerson
Darlene Hampton Memorial Scholarship	\$100	Katey Thackerson
Gorman Achievement Scholarship	\$100	Matt Fox
Gorman Achievement Scholarship	\$100	Stetson Thompson
Texas Farm Bureau Scholarship	\$200	Erica Madera
Ranger College Presidential Scholarship	\$2500	Chelsea Griffin
Sandra Snider Memorial Scholarship	\$400	Carlie Jackson
Cisco College Scholarships	\$2500	All Seniors
Valedictorian Scholarship Tuition Fee Waiver	\$4000	Erica Madera

-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer

Obamacare Continues to Prevent Health Care Access and Innovation

Medicare patients in Texas are finding it more difficult to access health care. Because reimbursement rates for physicians are declining, one in three doctors in Texas already limit Medicare patients, and over half are considering opting out of Medicare entirely. Under Obamacare, reimbursement rates could fall even farther. When doctors can't afford to take Medicare patients, it is the seniors in need of health care who suffer.

Sometime this month, the U.S. Supreme Court is expected to rule on President Obama's health care law. This ruling will come after months of review, and I am hopeful they will find this law unconstitutional. One of my top priorities is to repeal all of Obamacare so that our children and grandchildren are not saddled with a debt they must repay.

Anyone who tells you there is a simple, quick fix for our health care system isn't being honest with you. Obamacare was developed behind closed doors and billed as the solution to all of our problems. In reality, it has already increased costs and decreased access to important medical services. This week, the House will consider the Protect Medical Innovation Act, a bill that will repeal the taxes on medical devices that were included in Obamacare. I am a cosponsor of this legislation, and will continue to work to make health care affordable and accessible for you and your family. I will continue to keep you updated on efforts in the House of Representatives to replace this harmful legislation.

The Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act (PRENDA)

Last week, the House voted on H.R. 3541, the Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act (PRENDA) of 2011, which would prohibit abortions that are based on the sex of the unborn child. I voted for this legislation because I am a staunch pro-life supporter and PRENDA would protect the lives of unborn children. I think it is appalling that a pregnancy may be terminated simply because of the child's gender. While I am disappointed this legislation did not pass in the House, I will continue to support and advocate for a pro-life agenda based on conservative values and the belief that all Americans have an equal right to life.

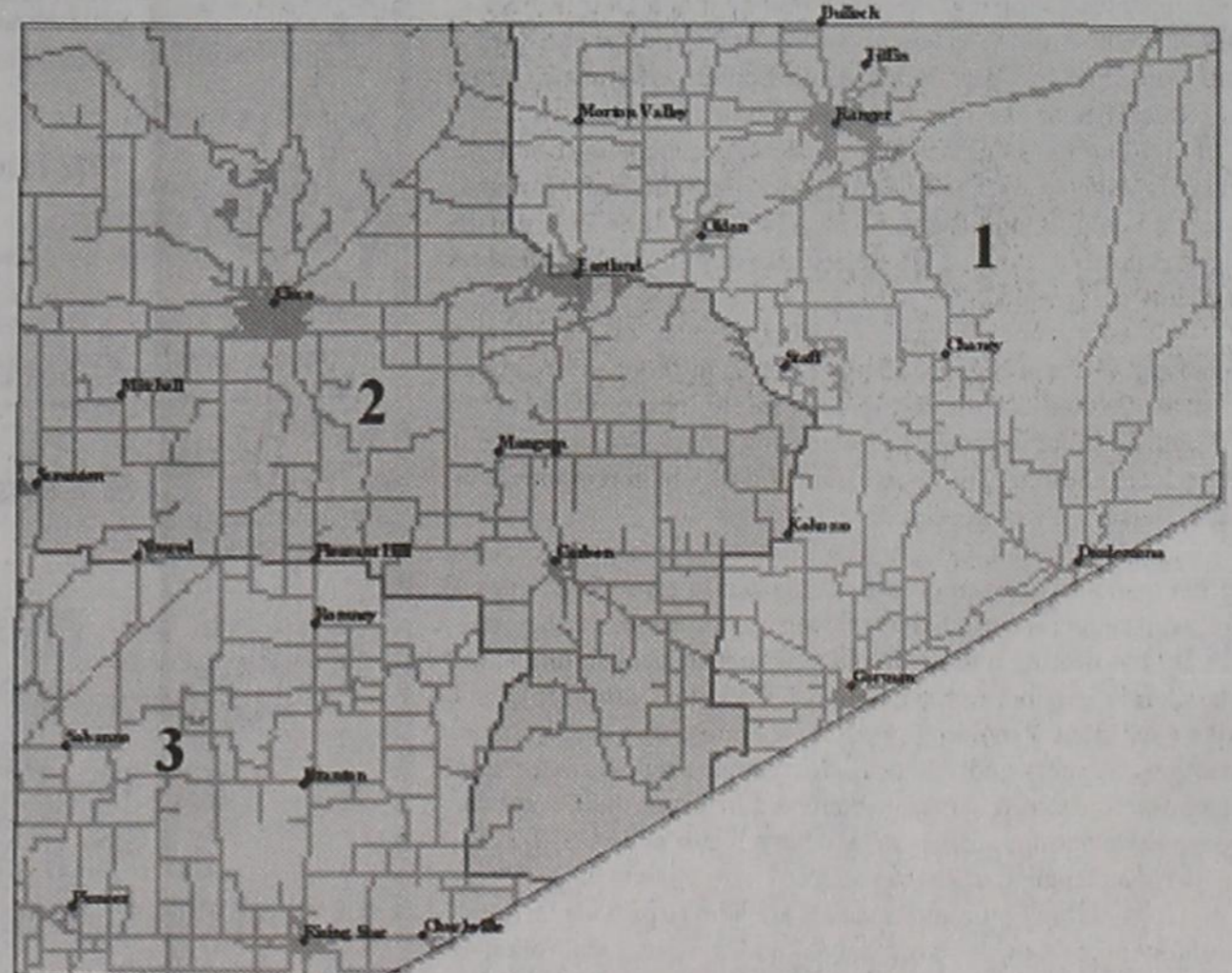
The House of Representatives is Focused on Jobs

Last Friday, the U.S. Department of Labor announced that the U.S. created only 69,000 jobs and unemployment rose from 8.1% to 8.2% in the month of May. This summer, the House of Representatives remains focused on getting Americans back to work and getting our country back on a path to prosperity and growth. We must begin the process of cutting the spending that has led to a national debt of almost \$16 trillion. Small businesses are not hiring because of uncertainty related to government regulations, energy prices, and higher tax rates they might be forced to pay. I am committed to relieving Americans from the red tape that prevents growth in local businesses and communities.

National Cancer Survivors Day

Yesterday marked the 25th annual National Cancer Survivors Day. I know first-hand what this day means to all Americans who have had cancer, or have experienced it with loved ones. I also understand the sadness for those who have lost loved ones. The American Cancer Society estimates that about 1.6 million people will be diagnosed with cancer this year, and 110,470 new cases in Texas alone. Early detection and screening is crucial in preventing and treating many kinds of cancer. We must remain vigilant in our efforts to continue research and take the important steps that help prevent cancer.

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona continues to have average attendance each Sunday. Visitors Last Sunday were from Stephenville and De Leon. Our pastor, Bro. Charlie Johnson and all the members invites visitors to attend each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. for the Worship Service.

Ann Miers of Stephenville visited last Sunday with her mother, Estelle Lindley. They attended church at First Baptist.

Ladies Monthly Social will be held on Monday morning, June 11th at the Community Center. Make plans to arrive at 9:00 a.m. To enjoy the good food served by the Hostesses. Visitors are welcome.

Thought for Today – *“When a man gets too big for his britches - his hat doesn't fit either.”*

Have a good day, Vonnie

AGRICULTURAL VIEWPOINT

By: Makenzie Wyatt

SNAKES

There have been several questions here lately about snakes, and I thought I would share this publication that the Texas AgriLife Extension Service has on the slithery creatures. It will help you identify your non-poisonous snakes from your poisonous snakes so pay close attention and if you happen to run into any coral snakes, remember the old saying: “Red touch black friend of Jack, Red touch yellow kill a fellow!”

Also, many snakes in Texas are protected by state law, and indiscriminate killing or any other control is illegal. Before using any snake control measures or relocating captured snakes to another area, contact local representatives of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. For additional information contact the nearest office of Texas AgriLife Extension - WILDLIFE SERVICES.

There are many different kinds of snakes in Texas, but only rattlesnakes (*Crotalus* spp.), copperheads (*Agkistrodon contortrix*), cottonmouths (*Agkistrodon piscivorus*) and coral snakes (*Micrurus* spp.) Are poisonous and should be avoided. Snakes are very specialized animals and have an important role in our environment. Most snakes are non-poisonous and help control rodent and insect populations. Like other reptiles, snakes are cold-blooded animals; their body temperature is regulated by climate conditions. Snakes cannot tolerate extreme cold and will normally hibernate during the winter months, usually emerging from their dens in late February or early March. Snakes are most active at night and during early morning and late evening hours.

DAMAGE: Most non-poisonous snakes cause little damage other than to frighten people. Occasionally, large snakes may feed on chicks, small ducks or eggs. In some cases, water snakes may damage fish farms by feeding on fish. The greatest danger to people is the possibility of being bitten by a poisonous snake. The best way to prevent snake bites is to learn how to recognize the poisonous ones and keep away from rocky or brushy areas where they are likely to be.

CONTROL METHODS: Cultural Control - If the presence of snakes is undesirable, removing their shelter is one of the most effective ways of discouraging them. Eliminating rock piles, brush piles, tall grass, etc., will cause snakes to seek a more suitable habitat. Lumber, wood piles and other debris around the home should be stored at least 18 inches off the ground. Controlling insect and rodent population in the area also will help to discourage snakes by eliminating their food supply.

EXCLUSION: Sometimes snakes enter houses, barns and other buildings. They are attracted by the presence of rodents or insects as well as by the cool, damp, dark areas of buildings. To keep snakes out of houses or other buildings, all points of entry must be sealed. Since snakes normally enter a building at or below ground level, all openings around water pipes, electrical outlets, doors and windows should be closed. Holes in masonry foundations around the home should be sealed with mortar. Hardware cloth or sheet metal also can be used to seal holes in wooden building or siding.

Snake-proof fences may be of some value if the area to be protected is relatively small. The fence should be made with heavy, galvanized screen with 1/4-inch wire mesh. The fence should be 36 inches wide, with the lower edge buried at least 6 inches in the ground. Slant the fence outward from the base at a 30-degree angle using supporting stakes inside the fence. Tall vegetation around the fence should be cut to prevent snakes from climbing over the fence. Since the construction of a snake-proof fence may be costly, this method is normally practical only in small areas.

Carbon Community Center News

The Carbon 5th Saturday Musical will be held June 30th, with music and dinner offered for \$5, beginning at 5:30pm.

The previous Musical, held December 31st, was enjoyed by all. Enthusiasm was evident when drawings were held at various times throughout the evening. Local merchants donated a wide variety of items that were awarded to lucky recipients.

Awarded as prizes that evening were gifts provided by Fullen Motor Company, Francie's Fountain and Deli, Amber's, Bryan's Auto Supply, Valentino's Restaurant, McDonald's, Randall Ford, Fullenwider Dodge, Gold Lantern, Hallmark Cards, Majestic Theater and Tractor Supply Company.

During the June 30th Musical, drawings will be held for gifts donated by The Silver Bullet, Higginbotham Brothers, Greer's Clothing and Radio Shack. Tickets will be issued with the purchase of a meal. Winners of these gifts will be pleased that they participated.

Groups or individuals wishing to sing or play should contact T.J. Cummings, at 254-488-1249, in order to be scheduled. We extend our thanks, in advance, to these musicians for using their talent to provide pleasure for others. We understand that a local choir may offer gospel music which, in previous Musicals, has been well received.

The Carbon Community Center is a non-profit organization made up of local citizens dedicated to providing a pleasant, well maintained location that serves the needs of the community by offering a meeting place with historical significance. The Center is home for memorabilia from the Carbon ISD and is an ideal site for reunions, weddings, anniversary celebrations, meetings, dinners and musicals. It is often used as the polling place for Carbon. If you are interested in using the Center for your next meeting, please contact Janis Keith at 254-639-2210, or LaTonne Rogers, at 254-639-2551.

Our 5th Saturday Musicals are held to provide an occasion for folks to enjoy music played and sung by local folks, to appreciate good meals and to make funding available that helps with repairs and maintenance to the building. Make long range plans to invite your neighbors and bring your family to our June Musical. We hope to see you there.

Happenings At FBC!!

Consider! Fear the Lord, worship faithfully, and consider gratefully all the things God has done for you! Praise God!

Mark your calendars:

June 4th thru 8th – 8:30am to 11:30am – Vacation Bible School “Amazing Wonders Aviation”.

June 9th – 8am- Brotherhood Breakfast - Come, eat, worship, & enjoy fellowship!

Children's Sermon: Traci held the Amazing Wonders Aviation plane – the place to be this week is Vacation Bible School at FBC. Learn more about our Awesome God and His Amazing Power! Come and bring your friends!

Special Music: FBC Choir – beautiful melody to stir our spirits and prepare us for worship.

Bro. Barry's Message: “Endangered Species” – Psalm 12:1 A picture of a baby seal revealed one of the cutest on the endangered species list. They must be protected not to become extinct. The next picture revealed an individual being Baptized – someone that believes the Word of God and follows Christ.

Psalm 12:1) Help, O Lord, for the godly are fast disappearing! The faithful have vanished from the earth! 2) Neighbors lie to each other, speaking with flattering lips and deceitful hearts. 3) May the Lord cut off their flattering lips and silence their boastful tongues. 4) They say, “We will lie to our hearts' content. Our lips are our own—who can stop us?” 5) The Lord replies, “I have seen violence done to the helpless, and I have heard the groans of the poor. Now I will rise up to rescue them, as they have longed for me to do.” 6) The Lord's promises are pure, like silver refined in a furnace, purified seven times over. 7) Therefore, Lord, we know you will protect the oppressed, preserving them forever from this lying generation, 8) even though the wicked strut about, and evil is praised throughout the land.

The Bible speaks of the condition of the people five thousand years ago. How many times a day do we say, “Help, O Lord!” The America of 2012 is accepted sin in the media and in television shows. Man Speaks, God speaks, and the Word of God speaks to reveal to us the sharp contrast of being enslaved or Saved.

As long as the devil walks the earth you are a target with a bulls eye on your back, to be ensnared by immorality. Compromise is the new motto, with efforts to find compromise in Christianity. Untruthfulness and falsehood where politicians lie for no reason at all. People in Government puffed up with pride and boastful wickedness.

Exercise your voice; shout not whisper, for the right of God. Powerful resurgence of faith in God! Don't apologize – carry out the Kingdom of God! Come alive for God!

If you are reading this and you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior please call Bro. Barry, ask Bro. Barry to talk with you about being saved or just ask him to pray with you, just call (254) 734-2420. Our Worship Service begins at 11:00am on Sunday mornings - please come and join us! Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email us at fbcgorman@hotmail.com



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