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Markee Simmons Named Little Miss Gorman



2011 Little Miss Gorman - Markee Simmons

"TOUR THE PEANUT COUNTRY" 12TH ANNUAL BIKE RIDE AND WALK/RUN EVENT SCHEDULED FOR JULY 16TH

The "Tour the Peanut Country" 12th Annual Bike Ride And Walk / Run will be held in Gorman, Texas.

The 12th Annual "Tour of the Peanut Country" begins in the quaint downtown Gorman City Park. Pick one of four routs of your choice that will have you traveling through the scenic farming country of Eastland County. The scenery will generally be rolling hills and the curves along farm to market roads or shouldered state highways. The ride will start at 8:00 a.m. with no starts later than 9:00 a.m. The course will close at 2:00 p.m.



There will be frequent rest stops stocked with water, Gatoraid, snacks, fresh fruits and more. Sag wagons will be available should you have any medical trouble or need medical assistance.

BIKE RIDE
 100K 45K 29K 9K Route

WALK / RUN
 5K and 15k

The Walk / Run will start at 8:05, after the bikeriders have started. There will be two routes. A 5k route and a 15k route. Maps and signs will show the two routes. Please sign up at the registration desk before the bikeride start.

Where is Gorman -- From Fort Worth : Drive west on I-20 to Hwy 16 Exit (Strawn - DeLeon). Go south to Hwy 8 in Desdemona. Go West to Gorman 8 miles. From Austin : Take Hwy 183 North to Goldthwaite and turn North on Hwy 16 to DeLeon, then West on Hwy 6 to Gorman. From Waco : Take Hwy 6 West to Gorman. From Abilene : Drive East on I-20 to Eastland Exit 340, then South on Hwy 6 to Gorman

Registration opens at 7:00 a.m. at the Start/Finish line in City Park

First 50 Pre-registered riders will receive a t-shirt along with other assorted goodies

Dry camping is available at the Start/Finish line

Nearby DeLeon and Eastland have motel and camping facilities

Airman Ty Vaughn Graduates From Basic Training

Air Force Airman Ty Vaughn recently graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Ty successfully completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airman Vaughn will spend the next several months at Sheppard Air force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas attending extensive training in Aerospace Ground Equipment.

Ty is the son of Molly Gaines, of Graham, Vernon Gaines, of Gorman and the grandson of Cliffa Vaughn, of Gorman. Ty's family wishes him continued success and is very proud of him!



Warren/Graham Reunion!!!!

The annual Warren /Graham Reunion will be held the 16th of July at The Methodist Church in De Leon. Some of the kin from Pontotoc, Mississippi will be here. The Reunion alternates between Pontotoc, Miss. and DeLeon each year. Some of the first settlers to this area started coming after the end of the Civil War.

My great grandpa, Joel Jasper Warren (buried at Kokomo in 1933), settled on a section of land between Gorman and Kokomo around 1900. Land was granted to the railroad companies by the federal government to be sold to pioneers moving west. That's how a lot of us wound up here.

K. Welch

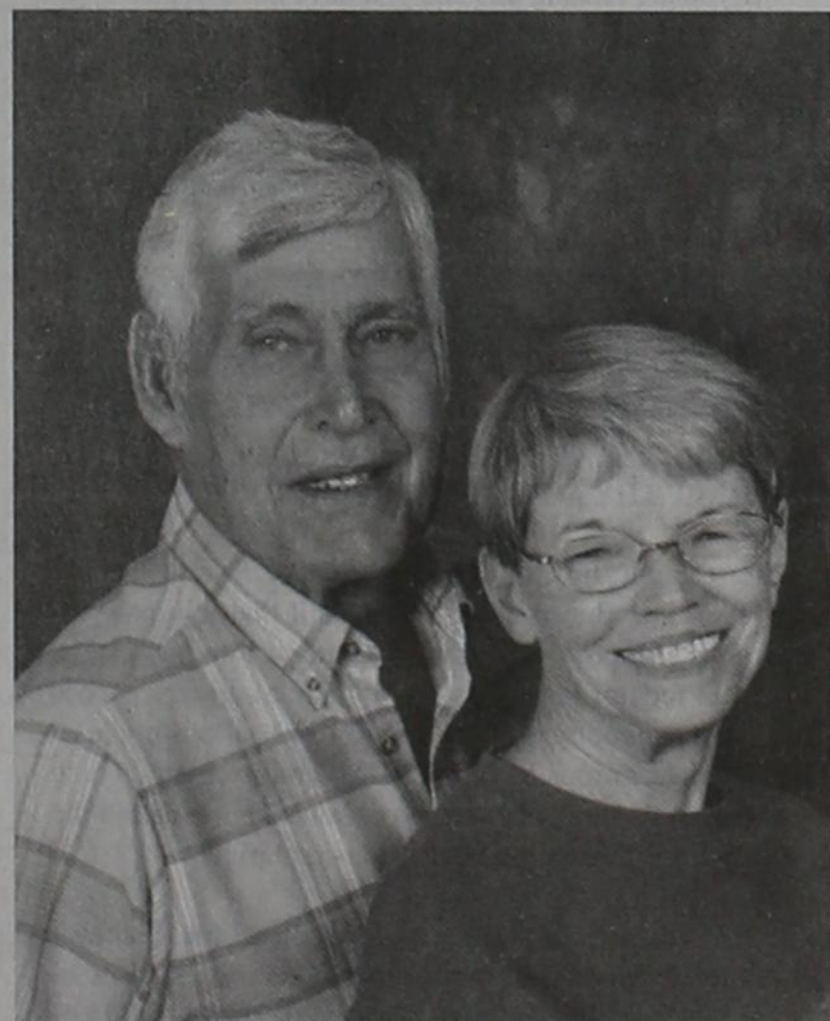
The Building & Standards Commission will be meeting Monday, July 25th, 2011 at 5:30 for a regularly scheduled meeting in the Gorman City Commission Chambers, located at 116 S Kent. The board will be reviewing properties that are in violation of City of Gorman Ordinance 302.2.

Medical Fund Started

A Beneficial Account has been established at American State Bank in Gorman for Medical Expenses for the family of Rafael Mata, Jr. who received head injuries in an accident recently and remains a patient at Cook's Children's Hospital.

Donations may be mailed to:
Rafael Mata Beneficial Account
 115 S. Fisher St. - Gorman, Texas 76454

John and Edna Joyce Brinegar Mark 50th Anniversary



John Brinegar and Edna Joyce Watson were married by Brother A.D. Kyle on Monday July 10, 1961 at 10am in a single ring ceremony. The brides parents, Edna and Arland Watson were the only attendees. Edgar and Bertie Brinegar are the parents of the groom.

The celebration of 50 years took place on Sunday July 10th in Thurber at the New York Hill Restaurant. The eldest son John Edwin Brinegar, his wife Karen and their daughter Brittany made the trip from Grand Prairie. Son, Sam, his wife Crystal and their sons, Samuel, Matthew and Joshua from Arlington attended the celebration as well.

The three generations ate, reminisced, took pictures and visited for several hours.

Eastland County Elected Officials

2012 Proposed Budgeted Salaries

Salary increases for Elected Eastland County Officials For The 2012 Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2011

Office Held	Current Salary	Mileage Allowance	Cell Phone Allowance	2011 Budget	Mileage Allowance	Cell Phone Allowance	Increase
COUNTY JUDGE ¹	80,499.33			80,499.33			0.00
COUNTY CLERK	34,407.13			34,407.13			0.00
DISTRICT CLERK	34,407.13			34,407.13			0.00
Justice of Peace - Pct. #1	34,407.13	2,100.00		34,407.13	2,100.00		0.00
Justice of Peace - Pct. #1	34,407.13	2,100.00		34,407.13	2,100.00		0.00
Justice of Peace - Pct. #1	34,407.13	2,100.00		34,407.13	2,100.00		0.00
COUNTY TREASURER	34,407.13			34,407.13			0.00
TAX ASSESSOR	34,407.13			34,407.13			0.00
COUNTY SHERIFF	38,918.56		468.00	38,918.56		468.00	0.00
Constable Pct. 1	19,286.73	6,000.00		19,286.73	6,000.00		0.00
Constable Pct. 2	11,486.67	3,000.00		11,486.67	3,000.00		0.00
Constable Pct. 1	11,486.67	1,650.00		11,486.67	1,650.00		0.00
Commissioner Pct. 1	34,407.13			34,407.13			0.00
Commissioner Pct. 2	34,407.13			34,407.13			0.00
Commissioner Pct. 3	34,407.13			34,407.13			0.00
Commissioner Pct. 4	34,407.13			34,407.13			0.00
DISTRICT JUDGE	3,620.45			3,620.45			0.00
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	3,620.45			3,620.45			0.00

¹\$15,000 of this elected official's salary is paid by a State supplement

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Gorman Senior Citizens meet once a month on 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.

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

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, JULY 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

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.

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. Cecil Funderburgh, Master - Kenneth Good, Secretary.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oaklawn Cemetery Association, 7726 CR 362, Desdemona, Tx 76445 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

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 S/E Gorman: 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reservoir, close to pavement. \$2,500 Acre.
 S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.
 100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building. Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950.00 A.
 107.09 A, 2 mile S of Gorman FM 579: Old home w/ large Oaks, old well, approx. 40 a good coastal, 40 a cultivated, small pond. \$2,150 per acre.
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 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.
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"On The Wilder Side"
 This past Thursday was like any other hot day for most of us. But for Shannon Stone, a 39 year old Lieutenant with the Brownwood Fire Department, it started as a great day to spend with his six year old son at a Texas Rangers vs. Oakland A's baseball game. If you watched the news last week, you know that All Star player Josh Hamilton tossed a foul ball into the stands to a group of fans. One of these fans was Shannon Stone who, no doubt wanted to catch the baseball for his son, who was dressed from head to toe in Rangers' clothes. Unfortunately, just as the ball hit Stone's hands, he leaned forward too far and fell twenty feet. Shannon Stone died in the ambulance on the way to the hospital.

I will not presume to know anything about Stone, other than his coworkers say He was a wonderful father and decorated fireman. I know that his friends and family will certainly miss him, and his son may never recover from any emotional distress this has caused.

This past May, another baseball fan fell out of the stands to catch a foul ball, and one fell thirty feet last year at another Rangers' game. Now, I know that there is some pride to saying you caught a ball, or that Josh Hamilton threw it straight to you... But is the reward worth the risk?

How many people have wonderful lives with amazing children and jobs and friends, but throw it all away so they can catch one "foul ball". I'm not talking baseball anymore. Now I'm talking about people who seem to have everything going for them, but still aren't happy enough. They are at a MLB game with a son who idolizes them, but that's still not enough. You've got to put it all on the line to get more. And usually, when you risk it all, you lose it all.

So I will say to you, the faithful reader of my columns, I hope you don't go catching fly balls. There is nothing in the world better than being content with what you have and who you are. If you have a good family, a good job, good friends, and good health, then do whatever you can to hold on to it, because Satan will always try to throw you "fly balls" to take away what you value most.

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

A Letter To The Editor
 About Mark Twain's 'Adventures of Huckleberry Finn'
 By Henry A. Buchanan

Now we are safely past the twenty-first day of May, and I will address the issue of the professor at Auburn University, who objects to Mark Twain's use of the term "nigger" in his Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.

Huck's adventure is a ride on a raft on the river with a black man, a slave called Nigger Joe. It is more than just a ride on a raft on the river. It is an experience of a white boy becoming a man in the early days of the country, and a black man, a slave, living the hope of freedom. Only a silly fool would try to steal this experience of manhood and this hope of freedom by substituting political correctness for the literary genius of Mark Twain.

When I was a little white boy, and a little black boy whom Papa named Sunshine come to live us with because his own Pa as "tard of feedin' 'im", the term "nigger" was used to indicate a person's color; it did not define his character or his worth. Now, largely because I was persistent in preaching and writing that black children and white children should go to school together and be educated in an equal social order, we have a race of people calling themselves African American.

With education black people have gained the dignity of equality, and they are no longer called "niggers." Not in public anyway.

I will not change my story of Sunshine, the little black boy who came to live with us and has become immortal because he was taken on a "Snipe Hunt."

What Professor Gribben needs to do is try to write a better story than Mark Twain's 'Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.' Or even try to stop my 'Sunshine Hunts the Snipe.'

(s) Henry A. Buchanan
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Happenings At FBC!!!

Summer! Summer is in full swing with camps and vacations. Please keep travelers, the young, and the elderly in your prayers. May we all beat the summer heat with the help of the good Lord!

- Mark your calendars:
July 14th - Food Pantry - Volunteers are appreciated!
July 25th thru 28th - Mission Camp - Please pray for our kids & summer camps.
July 31st - 6pm - Fifth Sunday Singing at Kokomo Baptist Church.

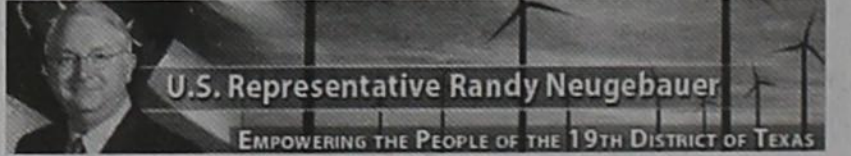
Children's Sermon: Traci brought a bag of simple & ordinary pencils with one common difference and that was a missing eraser. Erasers make mistakes go away. These pencils remind us of people; different colors, tall, short, etc. All people make mistakes. God gave us Jesus to forgive our sins, like an eraser to erase our mistakes. Peter asked the Lord how many times he should forgive his fellowman and the answer was to forgive seventy times seven, which is a lot. When people hurt our feelings forgive them and make it better. Thank God for Jesus, for forgiveness, and for erasers.

Bro. Barry's Message: "Living In A Stacked Deck" - John 4:1 - Our Youth give us vigor, and we miss them in Church when they are away at Camp. Lake Leon water level is historically low. Nature is a result of the planet spinning on an axis at a distinguished angle. Drought, flood, tornados, tidal waves, and earthquakes are all correlated to the sun & moon and pressure & power. Human Nature is it's own beast, and it's in all of us. Some think the "deck is stacked against them". Bro Barry is even wondering why the infection has reoccurred in his left hand; hasn't he had enough trouble in his lifetime with his injured arm?
 Romans 17:14-20 gives us a vivid description of the battle with Human Nature; God didn't intend the evil that lurks within each human being.

- LOOKING BACK:**
1. Whom Have I helped in life? - Helping others and loving others is a commandment from Christ. A fine young man demonstrated honesty & integrity when found money that someone had lost in the Church and turned it in; that's helping someone and following Christ!
 2. What have I done for Jesus? - Church Camp costs a lot so giving financial support to send a kid to camp is an awesome gift of spiritual experience. Share your Salvation. Living in service to our Lord gives a witness for Jesus to others.
 3. How much have I given into the Life of My Church? - Some do a task at Church every day. Give your time. Give your talent. Pray for your Church.
 4. What have I accomplished for the LORD? - Each of us will face God's judgement, and we'll answer that we've done our best or wish we'd done better. Just be YOU and make the effort; it doesn't matter how they respond. Love Jesus and Love One Another!

ONLY JESUS CAN GIVE US VICTORY IN THE END.
ONLY JESUS CAN GIVE YOUR HOME HAPPINESS IN THE END.
ONLY JESUS CAN SAVE US FROM OURSELVES.

No fame or fortune will give you what only Jesus can. Stop dreaming of the magical rose garden on the horizon. Live in the now, stop & smell the roses. Jesus loves you! Follow Jesus, His way!
 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 Morning - please come & join us! Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email: fbcgorman@hotmail.com



NEUGEBAUER STATEMENT ON H.R. 2429, A BILL TO HELP THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY

Last night July 6th, Representative Randy Neugebauer (R-TX) introduced H.R. 2429, a bill that will ease restrictions on fuel transport for farmers and custom harvesters. Under current federal law, class A commercial drivers license (CDL) holders cannot transport more than 119 gallons of diesel fuel without a Hazardous Materials (HM) endorsement, which can be costly and time-consuming to obtain. This is called the "bulk packaging" definition of hazardous materials:

"The restriction of 119 gallons of diesel fuel makes it very difficult for some farmers and custom harvesters to transport the amount of fuel necessary for a single day of field operation with today's equipment. Some farm equipment, like large combines and cotton pickers, can have fuel tank capacities of 300 gallons or more. Current restrictions force agricultural employees to make multiple trips from the service fuel station to the equipment in the field, wasting valuable time and money during the busiest time of the year.

"My bill would allow custom harvesters, agricultural retailers, agricultural business employees, agricultural cooperative employees, and agricultural producers to haul up to 1,000 gallons of diesel fuel if the service vehicle is clearly marked with a placard reading 'Diesel Fuel,' without having to obtain a Hazardous Materials endorsement.

"H.R. 2429 would help the agriculture industry operate more efficiently - the bill is a common sense step that recognizes the needs of modern production agriculture."



Celebrate Summer with Cisco Writers Club:

Enter our 35th Annual Summer Writing Contest!

The Cisco Writers Club is announcing its 35th annual summer writing contest. This competition is an exciting opportunity to have your manuscript judged in conjunction with others. Hundreds of dollars are awarded each year in this event, held annually now for three and a half decades.

Submissions are accepted from June 1 to July 31, so act quickly.

New this year is the capability to submit documents and fees electronically, making entry quick and easy. Our Contest page at www.ciscowritersclub.org has the details.

You're invited to participate, then join us at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 6, to celebrate the winners. The awards will be made in the American State Bank Community Room in Cisco.

Cisco Writers Club 35th Annual Contest - Summer 2011. Entries may be made from June 1, 2011, through July 31, 2011. CASH AWARDS: \$10, \$5, \$3, and \$2 respectively will be made to judges' determinations of first, second, third and honorable mention at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 6, 2011, in the Community Room at the American State Bank in Cisco, Texas. Eleven special awards boost prizes for top entries in categories marked with *. FEES: \$5.00 per entry.

CATEGORIES AND MAXIMUM LENGTHS (Limit two entries per category):

1. *Christine Reich Rhymed Poetry - 30 lines
2. *Dr. Joe Stamey Unrhymed Poetry - 30 lines
3. *Jasper Cook Humorous Poetry - 30 lines
4. Short Shots (brief anecdotes like those in Reader's Digest®) - 200 words
5. *Columns of General Interest - 750 words
6. *Children's Stories for 12 and under - 1,200 words
7. *Articles of General Interest - 2,000 words
8. *Articles of Inspiration - 2,000 words
9. *Articles of Nostalgia - 2,000 words
10. Short Stories - 2,500 words
11. *Books - Brief synopsis and first two chapters

SELECTED JUDGES, competent in their categories, will be asked, but not required, to critique entries.

MANUSCRIPTS must be your original work, unpublished as of May 1, 2011, and must not have placed first previously in this contest. Limit two entries per category. You may send manuscripts electronically (see instructions below) or mail a crisp, clear, typed copy by midnight, July 31, 2011. Double space prose; poetry may be single-spaced. Make book synopses brief summaries, covering basic plot or theme and revealing the ending. Use standard 8.5" x 11" paper, printed on one side only, with margins no less than one or more than two inches all around. Retain a copy for your records. Note: While Cisco Writers Club exercises reasonable precautions, it is not responsible for lost or stolen material.

COVER SHEET: In the upper left corner put your name, address, telephone number and E-mail address (if any). In the upper right corner put the name of the category and word count if prose (except books) or line count if poetry. In the middle of the page, center the title. DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON ANY OTHER PAGE.

FIRST PAGE: In upper right corner repeat the category and word or line count. Double space eight times to center title; double space twice more to begin manuscript, book synopsis, or first chapter page. (Center chapter titles two double spaces below book title.) DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME on this or any succeeding page.

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona continues to have good attendance each Sunday. Visitors attending last Sunday were from Watkinsville, Georgia, Austin, and Desdemona. Visitors are invited to attend on Sunday at 10 a.m. for Sunday School and 11 a.m. for the Morning Worship Service.

Ladies Monthly Social was held on Monday morning at the Community Center. Several Ladies attended to enjoy the good food served by the Hostesses. Next Social will be held on Monday, August 8th at the same location and same time. Visitors are welcome.

Desdemona School Class of 1951 will celebrate their 60th Class Reunion in August. Classmates thru the years are Tommy Beaty, Jim Craig, Bates Duke, James Buckley, Joe Ben Koonce, Bob Honeycutt, P.D. Ash, Rex Tilly, June Frank Eldridge, Royce Griffith, Poe Southall, Edward Stewart, Elmer Ray Joiner, Herman Dupree, Franklin Lott, James Alton Kemp, Billy Highsmith, Ann Lindley, June Jacobs, Jeanette Owens, Alla Rae Friday, Wanda Phillips, Frances Gee, Betty Brightwell and Vonnie Keith. Hope I haven't left anyone out. Those to graduate from this Class in May 1951 were Tommy, Bates, Royce, Joe Ben, James, P.D., June, Jeanette and Vonnie. Several class members are deceased.

Visitors with Robert and Ima Brown during the weekend were their son, Robert Alton Brown of Fort Worth. Also Robert's first cousin, Katie Losh of Charlotte, N.C. and second cousin, Linda Hood all of Cleburne. Following dinner Robert and Ima drove these cousins to De Leon Cemetery to visit the grave of Katie's Mother who was buried in 1943.

Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2011 at the School Gym. Morning program begins at 10:00 a.m. Noon Meal will be catered. Ex-Students, Teachers and Friends are invited to attend. Mark your calendar for this date and make plans to attend. This annual affair began in 1921 and has continued thru the years except during World War II when tires and gasoline was rationed. Please contact this reporter at P. O. Box 187, Desdemona, Tx 76445 if you have a change of address. I Need This for the mailing list. Thank You.

Have A Good Day, Vonnie

Gorman City Minutes

JUNE 16, 2011

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners David Stanley, Kenneth Good, and Durward Webb. Absent was Joe Casey. Others present were Barbara Fenley, and Glenn Scitern.

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

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:30 p.m.

David made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Durward made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

David made the motion to approve the bills for payment with a second from Kenneth. Motion carried 3-0.

No Citizens were present for Citizens In Put,

Glenn and Barbara were present as department heads.

Ordinance for Historical Marker @ Gorman ISD was tabled again. Still getting ordinance wording.

Durward made the motion to amend the final budget amounts for the fiscal year 2010-2011, with a second from David. Motion carried 3-0. (amounts attached to minutes)

David made the motion to accept the amounts of the 2011-2012 Proposed Budget with a second from Durward. (also attached)

Tacy addressed the Commission on the need for a face lift or upgrade at the Community Center. David made the motion to allow Tacy and Jill to obtain bids on painting the center, staining the floor after capret removal, remodel or upgrade the restrooms, put cabinets in the kitchen, and possible counter top change, side and back door replacements, and new light weight tables and chairs. Durward made a second, motion carried 3-0.

David made the motion to replace Community Center with Parks and Recreation on the water bill. These proceeds then could go towards matching funds for the Community Center, the parks, or the swimming pool. Kenneth made a second. Motion carried 3-0. This still remains as an optional charge, and no increase to current amount.

Tacy explained the need to put full coverage on some of the fire department vehicles so that all of the equipment that is attached or in these vehicles would be covered.

@ 5:58 p.m. David made the motion to go into Executive Session. Durward made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

@ 6:30 p.m. David made the motion to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Regular Open Session. Kenneth made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

The Commission all agreed that Glenn, Curtis, and Leland all need to be able to take water samples.

There being no further business for discussion, David made the motion to adjourn with a second from Durward. Motion carried 3-0, time was 6:33 p.m.

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July 16, 2011

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Sponsored by: The Desdemona Community Center and Foundation.

USDA Deadline to Apply for SURE Crop Disaster Benefits is July 29

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) announces that the deadline to apply for assistance for 2009 crop losses under the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program is July 29, 2011.

The SURE program compensates producers for production and/or quality losses during times of disaster. All producers who have experienced crop production and/or crop quality losses must apply for SURE program benefits by the deadline.

To meet program eligibility requirements, the farming operation must be physically located in a county that was declared a primary or contiguous disaster county by the Secretary of Agriculture under a 2009 Secretarial Disaster Designation.

Producers located in designated disaster counties must have suffered at least a 10 percent loss on a crop of economic significance and purchased crop insurance through the Federal Crop Insurance Act or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

However, an operation located in a county that did not receive a primary or contiguous disaster designation, can still qualify for SURE benefits if the actual farm production was less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to a qualifying disaster event.

Producers and legal entities collectively cannot, directly or indirectly, receive more than \$100,000 in SURE and other FSA disaster assistance payments. FSA disaster programs include SURE, Livestock Forage Program (LFP), Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), and Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-raised Fish (ELAP).

Producers or legal entities, whose nonfarm income is more than \$500,000, are not eligible for SURE program payments.

For questions regarding the SURE program, please contact the Eastland County FSA office at 254-629-1636 extension 2.



We Must Ensure Pay for Our Military

With the United States only weeks away from hitting our \$14.3 trillion debt ceiling and leaders in Washington divided over deficit reduction, the American people are very concerned and rightfully so. This looming deadline over the debt ceiling certainly underscores a very troubling fiscal reality for our nation. Our soaring national debt is stifling economic growth and job creation. But this budget crisis is also an opportunity for leaders in Washington to make the tough choices that are necessary to put our country back on a path to sustainable prosperity.

Despite some resistance to the true causes and the seriousness of our nation's budget deficit and debt problems, I am undeterred, and remain hopeful that Congress and the White House will come together in the next few weeks on a plan to balance the federal budget and ensure that we will not need to raise the debt ceiling again. But as Congress and the White House hammer out tough decisions on spending, there should be no disagreement nor any question over whether America will pay our troops on time and in full for their services. If there is one thing that all of us in Congress can agree on, it is our tremendous pride and support for our brave men and women in uniform.

As current law stands, if the Congress and the White House were unable to agree on a budget and debt limit plan, and a government shutdown were to occur, our active duty military would not receive a paycheck to support themselves and their families. They would continue to do their patriotic duties and, in many cases, put their lives on the line for our country. But they would not be paid, until Congress and the President could agree on the debt ceiling plan.

Last April, when we were facing the threat of another government shutdown, I introduced the Ensuring Pay for Our Military Act. My simple and straightforward legislation ensures that in the event of a government shutdown over budget issues, our nation's servicemen and women would continue to receive their pay on time and in full.

Immediately after introducing this bill last spring, I was contacted by a military spouse. Her husband was on his tenth deployment in support of operations in the Middle East. The spouse was at home raising their 1-year-old son. She was very concerned about whether she would be able to pay her bills if the government in fact shut down. And her heartbreaking story is the story of thousands of other military families across our country. We can only imagine the stress of families who have loved ones in harm's way.

Even the threat of an interruption of pay is very stressful for military families. This is unacceptable. The last thing our military families should worry about is not receiving their paycheck on time because Congress and the President have not been able to make the tough choices on the national finances.

At a time when our nation has 100,000 troops in Afghanistan and more than 45,000 in Iraq, it is unconscionable to me that we ask our troops to serve on the front lines while worrying about whether the mortgage can be paid on time. From the state of Texas alone, there are more than 28,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines currently deployed, which is second only to California in the highest number of deployed troops from one state.

These brave Texans are working long hours in extreme conditions, facing a dangerous enemy, and the most remarkable thing is they all raised their right hands and volunteered to serve. The very least we can do is make sure they get paid on time in the event of a government shutdown. It would be tremendously damaging for morale to tell our troops to go on long deployments, away from their families, and then not pay them.

My bill currently has 80 cosponsors in the Senate and should sail through both houses of Congress with bipartisan support. Now is the time for Congress to vote to ensure that our troops will not miss a paycheck due to gridlock in Washington. Now. Not at midnight on August 2nd.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas

USDA-FSA to Host Four Webinars on Hispanic and Women Farmer and Rancher Claims Process

(COLLEGE STATION, TX) – June 23, 2011-- USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director Juan M. Garcia today announced four webinars (internet-based virtual meeting) to discuss the USDA Hispanic and Women Farmer and Rancher Settlement Claims Process and current FSA loan programs. These webinars are scheduled for June 30th, July 14th, July 28th and August 11th at 7:00 PM.

On February 25, 2011, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and Department of Justice Assistant Attorney General Tony West announced a process created to resolve the claims of Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who assert they faced discrimination when seeking USDA farm loans during certain periods between years 1981 and 2000. The optional claims process offers a streamlined alternative to litigation and provides at least \$1.33 billion in compensation, plus up to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers.

The interactive webinars will provide an overview of the USDA Hispanic and Women Farmer and Rancher Claims Process as well as FSA farm loan program updates. Farm loan program topics to be discussed include interest rates, terms, and eligibility and security requirements.

"I encourage producers who want more information about the claims process or about FSA farm loan programs to register for one of these webinars," said Garcia. "The webinars are free and open to the first 100 participants who register," he said.

Garcia emphasizes that these webinars are intended as forums to discuss the general plan for the claims process and FSA webinar hosts will not be able to discuss the details of any individual claim during the course of the webinars.

To view the webinar schedule and register, please go to www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/tx_hwwebinar_2011.pdf.

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