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



2007 Little Miss Gorman - Caitlyn Clark

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

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

Miss Gorman Contestants: Perla Maldonado-Chamber of Commerce was escorted by her father, Jose Maldonado; Michaela Burns-- Fire Department was unable to attend; Brittany Henderson-- Lion's Club was escorted by Tyler Johnson.

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

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

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



2007 Miss Gorman - Brittany Henderson



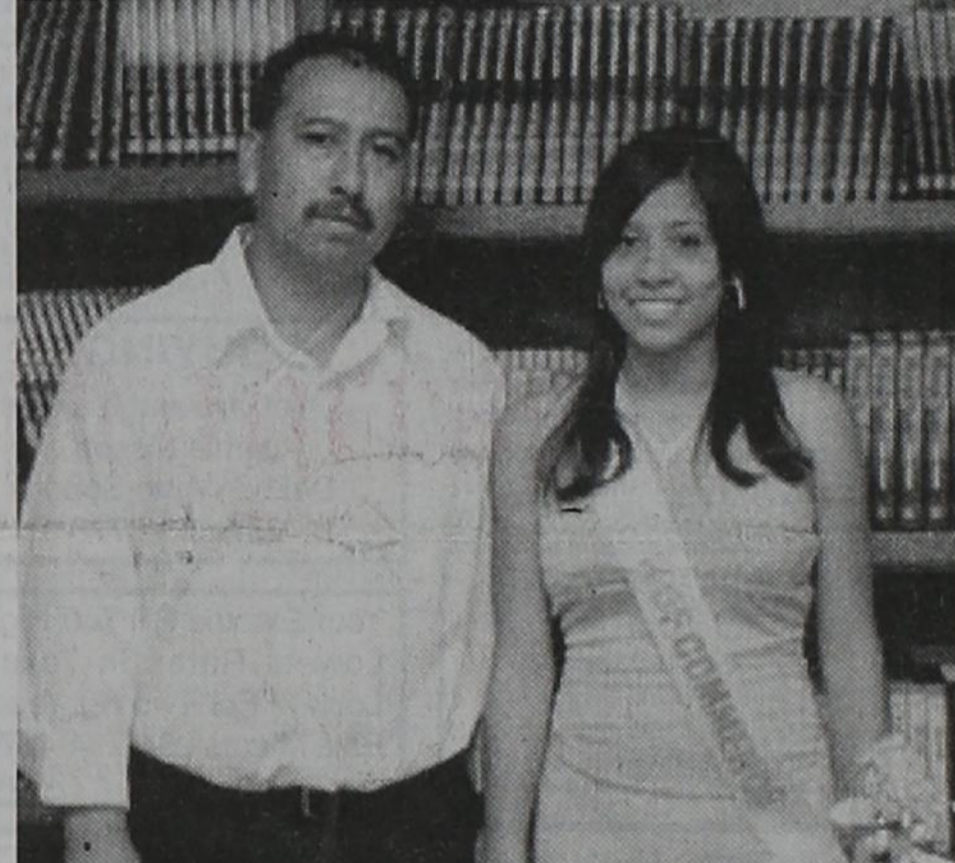
Little Miss Gorman Candidate - Kelsie Guthery escorted by Keaton Moore



2006 Miss Gorman
Reba Granado



2006 Little Miss Gorman
Briana Landa



Miss Gorman Candidate - Perla Maldonado escorted by Jose Maldonado



Little Miss Gorman Candidate - Makenzie Rainey escorted by Jordan Scitem

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

Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile To Be In Gorman Monday, July 9th

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

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

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

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

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

Community Singing July 7th

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



July 9th thru July 13th - 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Come join us on an adventure as we search for treasure! The Canteen Cabana will serve supper every night at 5:30. VBS will begin at 6:00 pm.
Become a Treasure Seeker and join us on our exciting Discovery Digs and meet Professor Who, the lovable owl!

VBS 2007 Gorman United Methodist Church

FAN FLIPS ARE HERE

The flip flops that were sold by the Gorman High School Cheerleaders are here! If you ordered a pair and have not yet received them, please contact the cheerleader you bought them from and set up a delivery time. There are a few extras, so if you did not get a pair contact Becky Swanner at 734-2480. Also, if demand is great enough we will be able to place another order. Contact Becky Swanner or any cheerleader to order your fan flips. Remember, junior high and high school will be able to wear Gorman flip flops on Thursdays this year, no other flip flops may be worn!!

Gov. Perry Declares Disaster For 37 Central Texas Counties

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

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

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

The governor's disaster declaration opens the door to a variety of assistance from state agencies, including the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, (TDHCA), the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Office of Rural and Community Affairs (ORCA). TDHCA administers emergency assistance through the disaster relief HOME program. This program can provide up to \$500,000 per jurisdiction for distribution to qualified individual applicants.

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

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

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

It's Maudelle Poynor's 80th Birthday
- Open House -

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

No Gifts Please, Only Cards and Packages of Seeds

Large Item
Pickup
Thursday,
July 5th

Pig Tales From Hogtown

It's time for our monthly get-together in Desdemona. July 7 is 'Breakfast at the DAC'. Bring your friends and neighbors and join us for good food and good fellowship from 7:00A.M. until 10:00P.M. It is a great way to start a new month. Remember to mark the first Saturday of each month to join us. August 4th will be the next breakfast. Oink! These months just fly by!

It is hard to comprehend so much rain after all the years of drought that we have endured. I know you will join me in offering thoughts and prayers to those who have lost homes and belongings and more importantly loved ones during the floods. Apparently there is more rain to come this week. Be safe.

See you Saturday at the DAC.

Carbon Golden Exes Reunion Needs More Addresses

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

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

Carol Pell

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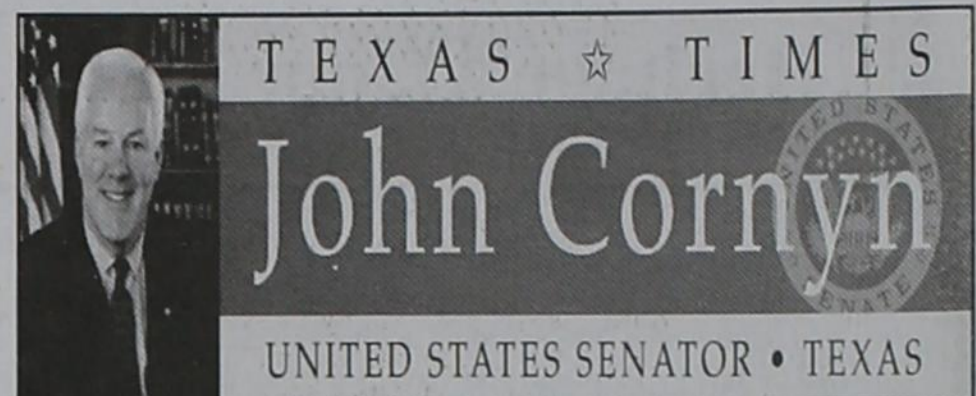
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Remaining the world energy leader

For decades, starting with Spindletop, Texas produced oil and gas that powered the United States to its 20th century leadership in the world. Even today, Houston is the technological center for energy production worldwide.

Fossil fuels are now being slowly depleted. But Texans are notoriously resilient. So it's entirely appropriate that Texas is re-emerging as an energy king yet again—this time as the national leader in renewable energy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Some want a big tax increase on traditional oil companies to finance these projects. This would increase the cost of gas for Texas drivers, and make our electricity and natural gas more expensive. It would also make American energy projects, and Texas firms, less competitive worldwide.

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

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

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

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

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

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

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

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

FOOD BANK
New Hours - 10 - 11:00 a.m.
Second Thursday

Boy Scouts
Meeting Week
Tuesdays — 6:00 p.m.
Methodist Church

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, 503 N. Fisher, Gorman, Tx 76454, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

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

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

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

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