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Eastland Jr. High Student Jacob Marrow Qualifies For NJH Finals Rodeo in Gallop, NM

Jacob Marrow, a 7th grade student at Eastland Junior High has earned a position on the Texas State National Junior High Rodeo Team and will be traveling with fellow teammates to Gallup, New Mexico from June 24th thru June 30th to compete at the 8th Annual National Junior High Finals Rodeo (NJHFR) in the Bull Riding competition.

Featuring more than 1000 contestants from 47 states, Canadian provinces and Australia the National Junior High Finals is the world's largest junior high rodeo. In addition to competing for more than \$75,000 in prizes, NJHFR contestants will also be vying for more than \$100,000 in college scholarships and the chance to be named the National Junior High Rodeo Champion. To earn this title, contestants must finish in the top twenty after two go-rounds of intense competition before advancing on to Saturday's final championship performance. Again, this year, the Saturday Championship performance will be televised nationally as a part of the "Cinch Town Tour" telecast series. The NJHFR is scheduled to air, (Check local listings for time). Please check in the media office or online at <http://nhsra.org> for the broadcast schedule.

Along with great rodeo competition and the chance to meet new friends from around the world, NJHFR contestants have the opportunity to enjoy volleyball, tug-of-war, contestant dances, family-oriented activities, church services sponsored by Fellowship of Christian Cowboys, and the chance to shop the NJHFR western tradeshow, as well as visit the historical attractions of New Mexico and nearby Arizona.

To follow your local favorites at the NJHFR visit the NHSRA Web site daily for complete results at www.nhsra.org. Live broadcasts of the NJHFR will also be broadcast on the ihigh website at <http://www.ihigh.com/nhsra/>. This feed can also be connected via a link at www.nhsra.org. For ticket information and reserving call toll free at 1-800-590-1302.

Rasha Rainey To Hold Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser June 15th

I am Rasha Rainey and I am running for Miss Gorman under the Lion's Club. I will be selling Breakfast Burritos as a Fundraiser on Friday, June 15th from 7 a.m. To 9 p.m. We will be going around to businesses and selling them. Your donations and support are greatly appreciated.

We have:

Bacon - Egg - Cheese

Sausage - Egg - Cheese

Bacon - Egg - Potato - Cheese

Sausage - Egg - Potato - Cheese

Don't like these choices? Give me a call and pre-order your burrito! Call Rasha Rainey at 512-277-0176!

Look Who's New - It's A Girl!!!

Michael and Kimberly Leal would like to announce the birth of their baby girl, Nohely Elyzabeth Leal, who was born on April 3, 2012. Her paternal grandparents are Rudy and Obdulia Leal and her maternal grandparents are Carlos and Delia Ibarra. Her maternal great grandparents are Rafael and Margarita De La Torre.

Rock Bluff Baptist Church To Hold Revival June 17th thru 24th

Rock Bluff Baptist Church will hold a Revival beginning Sunday, June 17th and continues through June 24th. Prayer Service at 7:30 and Services at 8 p.m. Evangelist will be Bro. Terrill Jackson of Cisco bring the message. Make Plans To Attend.

Comanche County Sand Hill Cemetery Association Annual Business Meeting

Comanche County Sand Hill Cemetery Annual Business Meeting will be held Saturday, June 23rd at 2 P.M. at Hwy 6 Cafe in De Leon. Nita Wilson Gonzales, Secretary 254-842-4520

Strawn 3rd Saturday Jamboree Will Not Be Held During June

Strawn 3rd Saturday Jamboree WILL NOT BE HELD DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE. Please watch the newspapers for future dates. We appreciate the past support of our jamborees and all future jamborees.

Please help us spread the word so as to not inconvenience anyone with an unnecessary drive to straw. Thanks

Miss and Little Miss Gorman Contest Now Underway

The Miss/Little Miss Gorman 2012 contest is underway. The Miss Gorman candidates this year are: Lauren Spivey, Chamber of Commerce; Stephanie Grissom, Fire Department; and Rasha Rainey, Lion's Club. The Little Miss candidates this year are: Angelica DeLeon, Lion's Club; Seanna Jones, Fire Department; Alizabeth Wilder, Chamber of Commerce; Kamry Brown, Bob's Grocery; Hadli Hampton, Panda's Flowers & Gifts; and Lily Madera, Gorman Pharmacy. The Little Miss candidates have cans out all over town. Please help them with a donation as this is the only way they can make money. The Miss Gorman candidates have many fundraisers in progress. Support them, please, as this is a lot of work and they work very hard for this contest. The proceeds from this project go back into our community; much of it goes to help out with the kid's projects in Gorman, such as scholarships, the Easter Treasure Hunt and the Livestock Show. The Miss/Little Miss Gorman pageant will be held on June 30th at the School Auditorium. Many thanks go to Mykisha Hampton and Markee Simmons, Miss and Little Miss Gorman 2011 for representing Gorman at many functions this past year. They have represented us very well.

Eastland County Judge Lifts Burn Ban With Stipulations

TO: ALL UNITS AND STATIONS: COURT LIFTS BURNING BAN
EASTLAND COUNTY JUDGE LIFTS BURNING BAN

On Thursday, June 7, 2012, after receiving information from other knowledgeable sources, the County Judge decided to remove the OUTSIDE BURNING BAN in Eastland County with the stipulation and request that anyone intending to plan and execute any type of outside burning, please contact Eastland County Cooperative Dispatch (254) 629-1728 and their nearest fire department to notify them of the time and location of the outside burning activity, with no fire being started if there is 15 MPH wind speed or above. Please use extreme caution with any outside burning! The County Judge may rescind the Order Restricting Outdoor Burning upon a determination that the circumstances that required the Order no longer exists.

In making this announcement, the Commissioner's Court expressed its appreciation to the various fire fighters, fire departments, and all other citizens of Eastland County who cooperated so diligently in helping to alleviate the emergency condition of dangerous wild fire.

It is hereby ordered by the County Judge that the outside burning ban in Eastland County be removed effective immediately.

Respectfully submitted,
Eastland County Commissioner's Court
(s) Rex Fields
Rex Fields, County Judge

(s) Cathy Jentho
Eastland County Clerk

2013 County Stock Show Rule Changes

The Eastland County Livestock Raisers have published the rules for the annual junior livestock show, to be held January 9-12, 2013. Eastland County elementary and secondary students, their parents or guardians should contact their school district's supervising ag science teacher, the county agent's office or Brian Perry, ECLRA President, to obtain a copy of the 2013 show rules, which have changed slightly from the 2012 version.

Chief amongst the changes is a requirement that all participants be enrolled members of an Eastland County 4-H or FFA Chapter no later than October 15, 2012. Membership has always been a requirement for participation in the Eastland County Livestock Show, but different clubs within the county had different deadlines for membership. Implementing a uniform deadline applicable to all participants maximizes the educational benefit for our students and enables the ag teachers and county extension agents to properly supervise and assist students as they select, feed and a care for their animal projects, while ensuring a fair playing field for all exhibitors in the county.

ECLRA has also added a "Bucket Calf" competition for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Graders showing 4-6 month old calves, which will be introduced at the 2013 show. This competition was designed to introduce our younger students to cattle projects in a safe and fun forum, appropriate for their age and size.

The rules of the 2013 show have been amended to allow market angora goats to be of either gender and provide the show superintendent the flexibility to run Junior Doe meat goats in heats, depending on the number of entries. Minor alterations were made to the Commercial Heifer show, and students should consult those rules in conjunction with their supervising teacher or agent.

In a nod to the requests from a number of buyers, financial partners and parents, ECLRA has made the decision to move the sale from Saturday night to the afternoon in 2013. The full and revised schedule will be released at a later date.

Austin Reese receives B.S. from University of Texas at Austin

On May 18, 2012 Austin Charles Reese graduated from the Cockrell School of Engineering at UT Austin with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. Austin specialized in Structural Engineering while at UT and plans to continue his education by pursuing a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering at the University of Texas-Arlington.

Austin is a 2008 graduate of Weatherford High School, where he participated in several prestigious events such as Academic Decathlon and President of the WHS National Honor Society.

Family and friends attending the graduation ceremony were mother and step-father - Gina and Roy Bryant of Baltimore, MD, maternal grandmother - Glenda Burger of Eastland, family friend - Dr. Tomasine Payne of Dallas. Also joining the celebration were sister and niece - Nicole and Addison Butler of Granbury, paternal grandmother - Glenda Ripley of Gorman, and father and friend - Rodney Reese and Traci of Ft Worth.

Gorman Swimming Pool Fundraiser Bar-B-Que Sandwich - Chips - Drink

- \$8.00 Per Plate

At Gorman Community Center

Friday, June 22nd -

11:00 a.m. till Sold Out

Call Julie Clark - 734-6100 or Diane Casey - 631-5842

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.

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

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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ORDINANCE NO. 2012-01

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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 for hunting, water well, steel pens. \$525,000.

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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.

407 A: N/E Gorman, 3 pivots, 16 wells, 8 ponds, 3 metal barns, 3 sets steel corrals, irrigated Bermuda, 3-3-2 /fr/ acre. 12' x 12' metal roof & more! \$3,500 acre, possibly divide.

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Obituary

Alma Lucille Johnson

Alma Lucille Johnson, age 89 of Desdemona, passed away Tuesday June 5, 2012 at the Homestead Nursing Home in Gorman.

Services were at 10:00 A.M. Thursday at the Church of Christ in Desdemona with Ken Frazier and Larry Roberts officiating. Burial followed at Howard Cemetery. Services under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gorman.

Mrs. Johnson was born February 13, 1923 in Desdemona, Texas to Silas E. Carter, Sr. and Julia Ophelia Dwyer Carter. She married Doyl Johnson on April 23, 1938 in Desdemona. He preceded her in death on June 8, 2003. Lucille worked hard all of her life helping Doyl on the farm as well as working for Hollywood Vassarette for more than 27 years. She loved the outdoors and enjoyed taking her grandchildren on walks showing them flowers and other things of nature. She was a member of the Church of Christ for over 50 years.

She is survived by two sons, Paul Johnson and wife, Pat of Lubbock and Roy Johnson and wife, Charlotte of Desdemona; daughter-in-law, DaSha Johnson of Desdemona; sister, Winnie Mae Rainey of DeLeon; brother, S. E. Carter of Eastland; grandchildren, Paula Palmer of Fort Worth, Greg Johnson of Lawrence, Kansas, Brad Johnson of Austin, Kristi Adams of Stephenville, Toni Carlile of Lantana, Brentley Johnson of New Mexico and eleven great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sons, Clyde Johnson and Donal Ray Johnson, two sisters, Ester Cannon and Jean Jernigan; brother, John Dwyer Carter and a daughter-in-law, Roberta Halbert Johnson.

Donations may be made to the Foster Children's Home in Stephenville.

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!"

A Letter To The Editor -

About Busting Unions By Henry A. Buchanan

They tried. Tried to recall the governor of Wisconsin for union bustin'. Teachers' unions. Government workers unions. Public services. The Governor, Scott Walker, busted them. And the people fought back. But failed to unseat him. Now he is in position to exercise more power. Where will it lead to?

Look at Syria. The people have been protesting the dictatorial power of Assad for over a year now. And the "Leader" has killed sixty thousand of the people.

The United States and just about everybody except Russia and China are shrieking about what is going on in Syria. But we are helpless or unable to do anything about it except condemn it because we can't go in shooting without shooting the wrong people.

So what can we do? We can't do anything about Syria but we can take warning about Wisconsin because when the governor begins to exercise this power taken from the people who have gained it by years of struggle, then the power of the people is broken and all workers become the pawns of the governor of the state.

The next move will be to bust the auto makers unions, the steel workers and coal diggers. They won't take it without a fight, and the American people will get hurt in the fight.

Education is at the heart of this issue as it was with the social issue in civil rights. The blame for the failure to turn out graduating classes of geniuses is already being laid on the teachers' desk. It's time to ask whether the state is going to be a friend to the teachers we are depending on to educate our children, or will the governor take over the classroom, whip in hand.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan

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"On The Wilder Side"

Have you ever wondered how well we are fulfilling our task of taking the message of the cross to a lost and hurting world? By the looks of it, we aren't doing very well. All around us we find church buildings closing their doors for good and attendance in worship is in decline across the nation. What are we doing wrong?

Maybe people don't realize they are lost? Could it be that fewer people believe in God? Do some people feel that Christianity is old fashioned? I don't think that's it. I'm convinced that a great majority of people still believe in God and even His Son. I am also convinced that a great majority of non-church goers still believe in the value of the church. I think one problem may be our sales pitch.

One day a young salesman was disappointed about losing a big sale, and as he talked with his sales manager he lamented, "I guess it just proves you can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink." The manager replied, "Son, take my advice: your job is not to make him drink. Your job is to make him thirsty."

We can invite people to church, but we can't make them come back. We can sit at the dinner table and have a Bible study with them, but we can't force them to become a Christian. We can teach about morality, but we cannot force them to be moral. We can lead them to water, but we can't make them drink. But realize that our job is not to make them drink. We can't force any of these things on them.

Our task as Christians is to be the salt of the earth (Matt 5:13). That means that we add flavor and we preserve. But salt also makes you thirsty. Our lives are supposed to be so rich with Christ that we make the world thirsty for His living water (Jn 4:14). Is that what you are doing? Are you honestly showing others how much you love Christ and appreciate the grace He has given to you?

Rev 22:17 says The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life. Never forget that you are Christ's salesman. You can't make anyone drink, but you have the ability to make them thirsty.

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

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THURSDAY: XL Chili Cheese Dog Combo, fries and 20-oz. drink

FRIDAY: 4 pz. Steak fingers-fries, gravy, Texas toast, 20 oz. drink

HAPPY HOUR MONDAY - FRIDAY 2:00-5:00 PM

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Richard Barron, of Carbon, Texas, has been named to the Hardin-Simmons University Honor Roll for the spring 2012 semester. The Honor Roll is comprised of students carrying 12 or more semester hours who obtain a GPA of 3.6-3.74.

About Hardin-Simmons University: HSU has an enrollment of approximately 2,300 undergraduate and graduate students from 28 states and 20 countries. HSU sits on 220 acres and has a 13:1 student-to-faculty ratio. Eighty percent of HSU's faculty members hold the highest available degree in their fields. Tuition rates for full-time students do not increase while they are enrolled in consecutive fall and spring semesters and make continuous, satisfactory progress toward a degree. (The tuition freeze does not apply to some programs.)

Through seven schools and colleges, HSU offers seven undergraduate degree programs encompassing more than 70 major fields of study. Eighteen graduate programs are offered, including doctoral programs in physical therapy, ministry, functional manual therapy, and education.

On the web: <http://readabout.me/achievements/Richard-Barron-Named-to-Honor-Roll-at-Hardin-Simmons-University/4204183>.

4-H NEWS

Camp Chef

DATE CHANGE . . . Camp Chef has been changed to July 10th at the Rising Star Church. Camp Chef will be one day of cooking, community service and games. Camp Chef registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the camp ending by 3:00 p.m. The camp will be for ages 9 and up. Cost of camp will be \$15.00 per person. Please call the Texas AgriLife Extension Office at 254/629-2222 for more information about this camp or to register. Registration deadline is June 29, 2012. We are only accepting twenty participants for this camp . . . Call today to reserve a space.

Horizons Camp

What is Horizons? . . . It is a camp featuring six different 4-H project learning programs. Each participant will select from one of the six programs to be offered. These include: robotics, culinary arts, clothing & textiles, dog project, natural resources and creative leadership. It will also include many of the fun activities you have come to enjoy at the 4-H Center, such as dancing, swimming and lots more. More than just camping, we strive to provide opportunities for young people to:

- * Understand self and others
- * Live and work with a small group of peers, cooperatively making decisions that affect the group
- * Experience adventure and challenge not usually found in daily home life.
- * Respect and enjoy nature and the outdoors.
- * Apply knowledge, skills and attitudes to real life situations.
- * Have FUN!

Registration covers all meals, lodging, refreshments, health care services, facility and programming fees for the 4-night, 5-day event. Registrations accepted on a first come first served basis until the camp is filled. Youth are assigned to dormitories with other youth from their county; youth may request a dorm roommate during the registration process.

Horizons Camp is for youth 4th grade thru 8th grade. It is scheduled for July 3-7, 2012. Early registration (March 1-June 14) - \$275.00; Late registration (June 15-23) - \$289.00.

If interested in Horizons Camp, please call the Texas AgriLife Extension Office and get registered. Any questions regarding this camp, call Halee Mitchell or Makenzie Wyatt at the Extension Office (254/629-2222).

Steer Validation

DATE COMING UP . . . Steers to be exhibited in 2012-2013 at Eastland County or any Major Stock Show in Texas MUST BE Validated. Validation is June 19th at 9:00 a.m. at Moylan Steer Barn on Highway 3101 2 1/2 miles north of Eastland. If you have questions, please contact Makenzie Wyatt at the Extension Office at 254/629-1093.

Farm Service Agency County Committee Nomination Period Begins June 15

WASHINGTON, June 12, 2012 — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced today that the nomination period for local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees begins on Friday, June 15.

"I urge all farmers and ranchers to participate in this year's county committee elections by nominating candidates by the August 1 deadline," said Vilsack. "County committees are a vital link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture and provide a voice to landowners, farmers and ranchers so that they have an opportunity for their opinions and ideas to be heard."

To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area in which the person is a candidate.

Farmers and ranchers may nominate themselves or others, and organizations representing minorities and women also may nominate candidates. To become a candidate, an eligible individual must sign the nomination form, FSA-669A. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> elections. Nomination forms for the 2012 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 1, 2012. Elections will take place this fall.

While FSA county committees do not approve or deny farm operating loans, they make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other agricultural issues. Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are about 7,700 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees. Committees consist of three to 11 members that are elected by eligible producers.

FSA will mail ballots to eligible voters beginning Nov. 5. The voted ballots are due back to the local county office either via mail or in person by Dec. 3. Newly elected committee members and alternates take office on Jan. 1, 2013.

On June 4, Secretary Vilsack announced his intention to strengthen the FSA county committee system by appointing voting members from the socially disadvantaged (SDA) community in county jurisdictions that lack fair representation. The goal is to ensure locally elected representatives reflect the diverse interests of their communities.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We were unable to have our meeting and dinner in May due to several funerals. My daughter in law, Amy's mother passed away suddenly on Mother's Day. Very Sad. She had been ill for awhile. The heart doctors had repaired her heart, so thought she had a few more years to live. She is buried out in Rock Church Cemetery in Blanket. Her son and my husband are there. Many Ward and Whitmore relatives also.

I visited with Daisy Slaton a couple of weeks ago. She is doing good. She did have a scare with her Meds with a trip to hospital. What Genes she has! But now is given some and they don't always agree. Daisy's sister Velsie Rawson is now at The Woodlands with her. So they can have some nice visits together.

We will have our next get together on June 20th. I should be there unless they change appointment in Houston. If for some reason I can't, please you all come. This should be a group effort again. If someone brings a meat, I will reimburse or Susan Lipson.

Hope to see you on the 20th. Take Care All - Carol.

I forgot to mention Susan Lipson is doing a great job as our head Librarian. She's offering a Summer Reading Program for our Kids in Gorman. Hope many children will sign up and get to reading. I believe they have till June 15th, this much more fun than caring a phone in your hand constantly!

Farm Service Agency Announces Accepted CRP Offers

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According to Douglass, during 2011, CRP acres nationwide reduced nitrogen losses from farm fields by 623 million pounds and phosphorus losses by 124 million pounds. CRP has also restored more than two million acres of wetlands and associated buffers and reduces soil erosion by more than 300 million tons per year.

All CRP signup 43 offers were evaluated and ranked using the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) that consists of the following five environmental factors plus cost: wildlife enhancement, water quality, soil erosion, enduring benefits and air quality. The national average rental rate per acre for this sign-up is \$51.24.

For more information about the Conservation Reserve Program, please contact your local FSA office or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp>.

Pig Tales From Hogtown

Thanks to everyone who attended the dance at the DAC last Saturday night! Please mark Tuesday, July 10, for the next jam session - I seem to have a mental block and fail to mention the jam sessions in a timely manner. Hope we have people show up at the DAC tonight (Tuesday). We have had great success so far and we sure enjoy the music!

Sure thought we would get rain last evening, but all we got at my house was wind. Pray for rain.

The Activity Center is rented for different functions the next few weeks but our next public activity will be 'Breakfast at the DAC' on July 7.

Stay cool.

See you in Desdemona!
Carol Pell

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.

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.

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First, it must be stated, "Organically Grown" is not all that it is cracked up to be. For a field or crop to be labeled "Certified Organic", it must be new land or rather, land that has lain dormant for at least 3 years. Essentially, the farmer will push back brush, lay off rows, plant and hope for the best with some occasional manure fertilizer. Scientific tests cannot find that these crops are better for the consumer but the advocates of this practice say tests can't prove what they know to be true; better flavored produce, hope of improving the environment, and a healthier product. I will stay off the soapbox and reserve my personal opinion on the topic but let me give this analogy. If you were running a daycare and had a child with no natural immunity that could not take medicine and lived in uncivilized conditions, you would expect that child to be sick and this is essentially what we are doing by asking farmers to produce organics.

On the other hand, there are many benefits to eating foods grown in our region. It keeps our money circulating locally rather than having it sent around the country or the world. There are conflicting reports that local foods improve allergies, but there are few arguments as to the improved taste and freshness. There is also evidence that eating local produce lessens our carbon footprint by reducing the fuel consumption involved with trucking in produce.

The Greenhouse stocks both Local and Organic, and even Organic/ Local produce. If you would like more information on this topic, please stop by or contact us at 893-8018 or gynnalyn@hotmail.com. If you have produce, we would like to also help you market these products to the consumer.

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona had 34 in attendance last Sunday with visitors from De Leon. Our pastor, Bro. Charlie Johnson has improved very much since recent throat surgery. Visitors are invited to attend the Worship Service each Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School June 18 thru 22. Romelia Garcia will be the leader for these children with other young ladies helping with Classes and refreshments.

First Baptist Church will celebrate 140 Years of Continued Leadership on Sunday, June 24. Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. Followed by Lunch at the Church Annex. More details in next week's news article.

Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 11th at the Old School Gym. Morning program begins at 10 a.m. Noon Meal will be catered. This annual event began in 1921 and continued thru the years except during World War II when gasoline and tires was rationed.

Please contact this reporter if you have a change of address for Homecoming. It is important to "up-date" the invitation mailing list. Send new addresses to P. O. Box 187 - Desdemona, Texas - 76445. Thank you for your help.

Have a good day, Vonnie

Home Canned Salsas

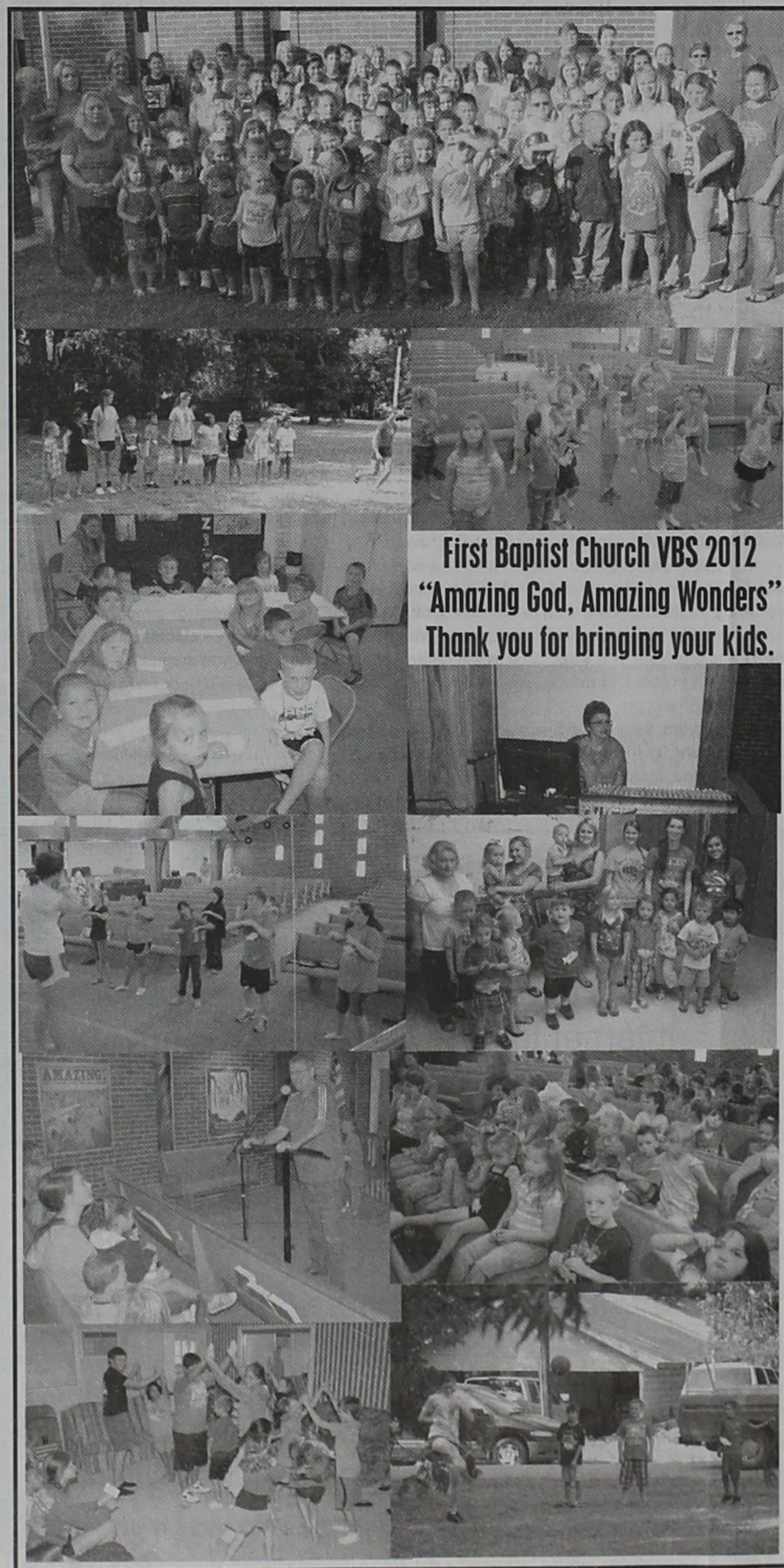
What better way to use up your garden tomatoes than to make salsa. Salsas can be made fresh at home and used immediately or stored in the refrigerator for a short time. However, when homemade salsas are canned it is very important to use a tested recipe and process them correctly to destroy the bacteria that can cause botulism - a dangerous food poisoning. Follow the recipe instructions exactly and do not alter the proportions of ingredients. Adding extra vegetables to the ingredients or reducing the volume by overcooking can make the salsa unsafe. The acidity of the mixture must remain at a safe level for the processing method and time given in the recipe. A tart flavor does not guarantee that the acidity is high enough. It is also unsafe to add starch or cornstarch to thicken the mixture before canning. The texture and flavor of salsas may vary depending upon the ingredients and spices used. Salsas usually are a combination of tomatoes, peppers, onions, garlic, acid, salt and spices. Red or green tomatoes may be used. Tomatillos (Mexican bush tomatoes) may be used in some recipes. Different types of peppers may be used, from mild green chiles for a milder product to serrano or jalapeno peppers for a hotter product. However, the proportion or amount of peppers called for in a recipe should not be changed. An acid ingredient, usually vinegar or lemon juice, is critical to the safety of the canned product. Without the addition of acid, the product would have to be processed in a pressure canner and not in a boiling water canner. It is unsafe to substitute an equal amount of vinegar for lemon juice when the recipe calls for lemon juice, because lemon juice is more acidic than 50-grain vinegar. It is safe to substitute lemon juice for vinegar. Use only vinegar with at least 5 percent acidity (50-grain) or bottled lemon juice. When selecting tomatoes to make salsa use only firm, ripe tomatoes with no disease spots. Do not use tomatoes from dead or frost-killed vines. Green tomatoes are more acidic than red tomatoes and can be substituted for red tomatoes. Tomatillos also may be substituted for red tomatoes. The Roma tomatoes are firmer and make the salsa thicker than slicing tomatoes do. Remember when working with peppers to wear rubber gloves and wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water before touching your face or eyes. The volatile oils in hot peppers can cause severe chemical burns. For more information about canning salsas at home, please contact Halee Mitchell at 254/629-2222 or hdmitchell@ag.tamu.edu.

CHILI SALSA (Makes 6-8 pints)

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| 5 pounds tomatoes (3 quarts chopped) | 2 pounds peppers (2 quarts chopped) |
| 1 pound onions (2 1/2 cups chopped) | 1 cup vinegar (5%) |
| 1 Tablespoon salt | 1/2 teaspoon pepper |

Peel chiles. Wash tomatoes and dip in boiling water for 30-60 seconds or until skins split. Dip in cold water, slip off skins, and remove cores. Coarsely chop tomatoes, peppers and onions. Mix all ingredients together in a large sauce pan. Heat to boiling then simmer for 10 minutes. Fill pint jars, leaving 1/2 inch of space at the top. Put lids and process in boiling water canner:

- 15 minutes for altitudes of 0 to 1000 feet
- 20 minutes for altitudes of 1001 to 6000 feet
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