



# Snakes, Dogs and Magazine Cover Shots!

Snakes, dogs and magazine cover shots! What do these three things possible have in common? They happen to be the conversation starters that got students talking about their personal lives and experiences. Three special Beach Chamber members confidently entered several of Bay County's schools this week, to meet with the classroom of students they have been mentoring each month. As they open the door to the classrooms, the students were poised and eagerly waiting to see what was in store for the next 30 minutes of class. Eager, maybe, for the reprieve from academic studies, but underneath the conversation starters, these mentors were skillfully weaving in learning lesson that will remain with each student for a lifetime.

**This month's "Focus on the Future" Mentors are:**

**Erica Spivey**, Associate Development Director for Children's Home Society, mentors Coach Sharon Gilson's reading class at Bay High School.

**Ron Sharpe**, Regional Resource Development Director for United Way, mentors Mrs. Ausec class at Mosley High School.

**Carol Brown**, Education Program Coordinator for Gulf World, mentors Mr. Cantwell and Ms. Prevost, ASPIRE classes at Bozeman School.

If you are interested in mentoring a class of students, contact Lisa Adams, Beach Chamber's Education Committee (email to: [www.thrivecoach@gmail.com](mailto:www.thrivecoach@gmail.com))

