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Lady Panther Netters Defeat The Ranger Lady Bulldogs

Saturday was a good day for the Lady Panther Volleyball Teams. Both Jr. Varsity and Varsity teams recorded wins against the Lady Bulldogs. The Jr. Varsity team defeated the Lady Bulldogs in 2 sets. The Varsity team defeated the Ranger team in 3 sets, 25-16, 25-20, 25-23.

Outstanding play was the order of the day for the Jr. Varsity squad. Lead by Alaina Swanner and Lauren Spivey, along with Kailie Hines, Hailie Majors, Arlette Giles, Kodie Sparger, and Elena Christain got some revenge on the Jr. Varsity squad from Ranger by handing them 2 straight set losses. The Jr. Varsity squad from Ranger defeated the Lady Panthers in September, but The Lady Panthers returned the favor on Saturday.

The Lady Panthers district record now stands at 1-3. The ladies play the Jr Varsity squad from DeLeon on Tuesday.

The varsity squad returned the favor to the Lady Bulldogs from Ranger. In their first meeting, the Lady Bulldogs defeated the Gorman team in 5 sets. Ranger won the first two sets then the Lady Panthers came roaring back to win the next two sets, but lost the fifth set. This was not the case Saturday in Ranger. The Lady Panthers came out with a vengeance and took care of business and handed the Lady Bulldogs their third loss in district.

Lead by Rachel Tucker, Kinsey Johnston and Melissa Ramirez, along with Jacquelynn Rainey, Megan Gray, Yulissa Madera, Vanessa Longoria, and Alexia Madera round out the Lady Panthers.

Melissa Ramirez had 5 kills, and two blocks. Kinsey had 7 kills and 2 blocks. Rachel Tucker had 4 solo blocks and a couple of assisted blocks.

After Saturday's victory, the Lady Panthers district record is 3-3. Tuesday night the Lady Panthers take on the Lady Bearcats from De Leon.

Gorman Haunted House

The Gorman Junior Class of 2014 is going to be hosting a haunted house on October 20th from 7:30 to 10:00 and on October 27, 28, and the 31st from 7:30 to 11:00 in the two story building. The charge will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. We will also be selling hot cocoa and goodies at the entrance. Thank you and come out and support the Junior Class.

GORMAN ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB
WILL HOLD THEIR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15TH AT 6:30 P.M.
AT THE GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL

2ND ANNUAL FIREMAN APPRECIATION BENEFIT
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2012
5:00PM - ??
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Halloween Parade - October 27th

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN

Time for the annual TRUNK OR TREAT/SPOOK PARADE!!! Get your costumes on and come out and join us Saturday October 27, for a great time in the City Park. This year we will be having Trunk-or-Treat, pictures and as always, the BIG SPOOK PARADE. Festivities will begin around 5:00. The great Ina Smith and a few of her helpers will be handing out bags for the kids to hold their treats. The parade will begin at 6 and go from the Post Office to the Park. We would like to see EVERYONE be a part of this wonderful night. If you want to decorate your trunk, pick up bed or even wheel barrow; bring it on down to Main Street so you can hand out candy to our princesses, superheroes, witches, vampires, fairies and pirates. There will be a "prize" for the best decorated "trunk". This year to help with congestion, we will be parking the "trunks" in the parking spaces in front of the downtown buildings, please be here by 5 (and if you are not handing out candy, please park on the side streets). We would also love to have other stuff for the kids to do (ring toss, cake walk, face painting, duck pond) if you are interested or have any questions, call the City Office at 734-2317 and talk to Tacy or Jill.

"Thank You"

We wish to thank each and everyone for the kind and loving care given to our dear Jerry Underwood during her illness and passing. Words cannot express our gratitude to the Comanche County Healthcare Hospice group for their service. They were so compassionate regarding medical care, and continued to follow Jerry when she entered Homestead Nursing and Rehab facility. We thank each member of the Homestead staff for the excellent care they gave Jerry and the support they gave to family and friends. Thanks to the Higginbotham Funeral Home Staff: Ray, Carolyn and Margie Nell for their service and also Karen Guthery. Thanks to Durwood Webb for his words and Bro. Jason Wilder for this comforting message from God's Word at the funeral service. The choir and the songs they sang were comforting and we thank them. Jerry loved flowers, thank you for the floral arrangements and plants sent. Thank you Shanda for a job well done on the flowers. Those who served as pallbearers have our heart felt thanks. We were blessed by the Church of Christ women and men who served the family and friends lunch at their fellowship hall. Thanks to everyone who served and furnished food. Each of these acts of love and kindness will be remember by us. God Bless Each of You.

The Keith and Gail Wells Family
The Albert and Juanita Palmer Family
The Stacy and Renee Webb Family
Bill Townley
Rick and Tammy Townley
Family Friends - Jud and Ann Maxfield

Mark Your Calendars Now
For The 7th Annual Carbon
Volunteer Fire Department Benefit Dinner
Saturday, October 27th

Panthers Outmanned By Lions; Travel to Ranger Friday Night

GAME AT A GLANCE		GORMAN	ALBANY
7	First Downs	25	
23/104	Carries/Yds	32/405	
13	Yds Passing	151	
3 of 8/3	Pass Cplt./Int	9 of 15/1	
5 / 3	Fumbles/Lost	0 / 0	
3/36	Punts/Avg.	0/0	
2/30	Penalties	4/55	

The Gorman Panthers hosted a very strong, highly rated Albany Lions team Friday night and were overwhelmed by the Lions and also had 8 turnovers, which didn't help the course, and would up on the short end of a 63-6 score. The closest the Panthers got was a 14-6 score in the initial period and then went scoreless the rest of the way.

The Lions wasted little time when Ryan Pleasant got the opening kickoff on the Lion 10 and returned untouched for the score with only 18 seconds off the clock. Jake Bumgardner added the point after and the score was 7-0.

On the first Gorman possession, the Panthers fumbled the ball and the Lions got the ball on the Gorman 24 and after an incomplete pass, Bumgardner ran it in from 24 with 11:17 left. He added the point after and Albany was up 14-0.

Gorman's lone score came following an interception of a Lion pass on the Lion 33. Following runs of 4, and 13 by Zach Carlton and a 12 yard pass to Dakota Pacheco. Carlton got the final yard with 6:08 left. The kick try failed and the score was 14-6.

The Lions came right back, going 78 yards in just 3 plays with Bumgardner getting the score from 55 yards out with 4:50 left in the first. He added the point after and the score was 21-6.

On the Lions next possession following a Panther fumble, the Lions took the ball on their own 48 and scored in just 4 plays with Pleasant getting the final yard with 2:16 left. They kick was good and the score rose to 28-6.

On the next possession the Lions got the ball on their own 8 and scored in 3 plays with the help of a Gorman penalty, when Samuel Raymond ran for the final 1 yard with 11:35 left in the second. Bumgardner added the point after and the score was 35-6.

On their next possession the Lions went 50 yards in just 3 plays with Pleasant getting the final 16 on a run with 7:42 left. They kick was good and the Lions were up 42-6.

The Lions scored again with 8:15 left in the third with Raymond getting the final 5

on a run. The kick was good and the score rose to 49-6.

The Lions scored again with 5:32 left after a Panther interception when Salvador Garcia ran in from 17 yards out. The point after made the score 56-6.

The final Lion score came with 3:55 left when Dylan Burch went 24 yards for the score. The point after made the final score 63-6.

B. J. Ramirez led the Panthers with 72 yards on 7 tires. Carlton got 19 on 11. Pacheco had 14 on 2 tries and Rylan Laminack carried 3 times for a -1.

The Panthers will travel to Ranger on Friday night to take on the Bulldogs in another District Battle. Let's all follow the Panthers and back them to victory.

Go Get "Em Big Red!!



Gorman Chamber Cookbooks

The new Chamber of Commerce cookbooks are available for \$15 each. They have a nice hard back and should hold up over the years.

They are available at the City Office, American State Bank, Panda's Flowers & Gifts, and Gorman ISD in the Tax Office.

They can also be mailed. Call Shanda at 254-734-2519 or Terry at 254-734-3171 for mailing information.

They will make great birthday or Christmas gifts and the proceeds will go to upgrade the swimming pools for our kids.

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, OCTOBER 17TH 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 - 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Fourth 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, 156 N. Mohon, De Leon, Tx 76444 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

Obituaries

Jearldean "Jerry" Underwood

Jearldean "Jerry" Northcutt Underwood, age 91, passed away, Wednesday, October 3, 2012 at the Homestead Nursing & Rehab of Gorman.

Services were at 11:00 A.M. Friday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Jason Wilder officiating. Burial followed at Oakland Cemetery.

Jerry was born November 28, 1920 in Comanche County, Texas to Bennie Northcutt and Rebecca (Nelms) Northcutt. She attended elementary and high school in Desdemona, Texas. She married Homer Underwood on July 26, 1948 in McCamey, Texas. He preceded her in death on October 4, 1981. Jerry was employed at Texas Federal Inspection Service from September 13, 1959 until her retirement on May 31, 1986. She was a member of the Gorman Church of Christ.

She is survived by niece, Gail Wells and husband, Keith of Conroe; niece, Juanita Palmer and husband, Albert of Garland; great nieces and nephews, Felicia and Trey Bayer of Conroe, Troy and Susie Wells of The Woodlands, Rick and Tammy Townley of Gorman, Bill Townley of Gorman, Rane and Stacy Webb of Gorman, Ken Palmer and wife Carol of Garland, Jeff Palmer of Garland and several great-great nieces and nephews; good friends and neighbors, Jud and Ann Maxfield, Lou Marlow and Cindy Gonzales and family. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Dorothy Stove.

Memorials may be made to the Comanche Community Healthcare Hospice at 10201 Hwy 16 North, Comanche, TX 76442.

Allene Reeves

Allene Reeves, passed away Sept. 23, 2012 in Kaufman, TX. She was born September 4, 1917 in Humphrey, OK to William M. and Bernie (Grimsley) Hallmark. Allene was a homemaker for most of her life although she did work during WWII and, later in her life, at a gift shop in Eastland, TX. Her love for family made her an expert homemaker and Allene loved to cook, sew and make "something out of anything" for her family and friends. Her generosity and kindness will be a treasured legacy by her family.

Allene was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Cecil Reeves, her parents and her 2 brothers: Bill and Gordon Hallmark.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children: Robert Reeves and wife, Evonne, of Waxahachie; Celia Eldridge and husband, Pete, of Kemp; and Bernadean Connell and husband, Don, of Weatherford; 8 grandchildren: Robin, Adam, Daniel, Paul, Ryan, Sarah, Joseph, and Emily; great grandchildren: Brooklyn, Ella, Luke, Landon, and Aiden as well as several nieces, nephews, extended family and a host of friends.

Funeral services were at 4pm, Friday, September 28, 2012, at Anderson-Clayton Bros. Chapel. Interment was at 11:00am, Saturday, September 29, at Gorman Cemetery in Gorman, TX. The family receives friends 6-8pm, Thursday, at the funeral home.

For those desiring, memorials may be made in honor of Allene to the First Baptist Church of Kemp, 12400 E Highway 175, Kemp, TX 75143.

"On The Wilder Side"

There is supposedly a tree on the Greek island of Kos that history says Hippocrates himself (i.e. Hippocratic Oath) once gathered his students for class. Although the current tree is only about 500 years old, it is reported that this tree is a shoot of the original tree. Additional legend places the Apostle Paul as once teaching under this tree even if the tree is not at the site where the Bible says Paul traveled. Still, 500 years is quite an accomplishment for a tree, however, such a great span of time has certainly made its mark.

Close examination shows that although the tree has every appearance of a regular tree from one side, from the other it is obvious that the tree is thoroughly hollow. In fact, the trunk consists of only a semi-circular ring of about 6 inches or so of actual tree with bark both inside and out. The ornate metal railings around the tree are, in fact, supporting some of the branches as there is not enough left of the trunk or roots to support the weight. Still, year after year, the tree somehow manages to sprout a few sparse leaves and fruits.

Sometimes I wonder how much we are like that hollow tree. On one side we look like good strong Christians and show the world just how faithful we are. But if the truth were to come out, we'd be found to be just as hollow and barely alive. In Matt 23:25-26 Jesus said, "you are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy—full of greed and self-indulgence! You blind Pharisee! First wash the inside of the cup and the dish, and then the outside will become clean, too."

Contrary to popular belief, Christianity is not a religion of appearances. You could dress a worldly sinner in robes and rings but you then you would only have a well dressed worldly sinner. What good does it do for us to teach people how Christians should live if we don't first teach them how to follow Christ. In Jn 6:29 Jesus said, "This is the only work God wants from you: Believe in the one He has sent." You see, once our hearts are clean, then our actions will follow. Anything beyond that are failing attempts to please both God and man.

Fight the good fight (1 Tim 6:12) -

Jason Wilder - Gorman Church of Christ

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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.
 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/H, fireplace, metal roof, 150+ A. Coastal, 2 pivots, good fences, 6A Lake, 2 ponds, 6 water wells, 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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Public Notice
 City of Gorman
 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program

Date of Publication: October 11, 2012

The City of Gorman is giving notice of the intent to submit a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program application for a Community Development Fund grant request of \$ 275,000 for water system improvements, including the construction of a new water well, with access road, fencing, power; and 5,000 LF of 6" water supply line. The project is located off SH 6 and then along FM 679, and Roberts Street to the City storage tank.

The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

Miears Family Garage Sale:
 Saturday, October 13th - Across from Gorman DQ - 8:30 - ?? - Coats, shoes, and like new winter clothing for all. Boys 5-7 and 12-16; Ladies 10-22; Girls 24 Mos. - Size 12; Men I-XL and 44x30, 44x32, 46x30. Christmas Decorations, Games, Toys, Foosball Table, All in excellent used condition. Weight set, trampoline, microwave, bikes, art frames, minifridge, dishwasher, table and chairs, audio/visual cabinet, high chair, motorcycle, king and twin bedding.
DON'T MISS OUT! PRICE TO SELL!

UPDATED VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	TEAMS
Oct. 13	Saturday	Lingleville	Home	10:00	Var (Parent Day)
Oct. 16	Tuesday	Moran	Moran	5:00	8th, Var
Oct. 20	Saturday	Albany	Albany	10:00	Jv, Var
Oct. 23	Tuesday		Open Date		

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BID NOTICE

Eastland County is taking bids to purchase one new 1/2 ton four-door crew cab pickup. Specifications may be obtained on the Eastland County website www.eastlandcounty-texas.com or at the Eastland County Auditor's office in the Eastland County Courthouse, Suite 205, 254-629-1082.

Payment will be made by check upon receipt of the vehicle by Eastland County and after approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Eastland County Commissioners' Court.

Bids should be sealed and submitted to the Auditor's office by Monday, October 22, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.

Loretta Key
 Eastland County Auditor
 100 West Main, Suite 205
 Eastland, TX 76448

Bids will be opened Monday, October 22, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Eastland County Courthouse. Eastland County reserves the right to reject all bids and to accept the bid that is most advantageous for the County.

Gorman Church of Christ Meeting Times
 Sunday Morning Bible Class - 10:00
 Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45
 Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00
 Wednesday Evening Class - 7:00

A Letter To The Editor
 About Stealing the Pope's Secret Documents
 By Henry A. Buchanan

The butler did it. So the mystery is solved at the beginning. No other suspects, no twisting and turnings of events to confuse the reader. The butler did it, and confesses that he did it, but he didn't mean any harm by it. And he loves the man he did it to like a father.

The butler is Paolo Gabriele. The man he did it to is the Pope Benedict XVI. And what the butler did is filch the Pope's private correspondence - allegedly that is - and leak them to a journalist.

The journalist - allegedly - made the documents public, and the butler is in jail. The Pope is upset because the documents were marked for destruction because they were not just ordinary sermons. They were about power struggles and corruption inside the Vatican. There is even a hint that the stolen documents were about sex. And everybody knows now that sex is the scandal that threaten to bring down the Church; local parish priests who sexually violate altar boys, bishops who cover up and move the offending priests from one parish to another, cardinals who cover the bishops, and now finally the Pope, the man at the top.

And the Pope trusted the butler to shred, burn or otherwise destroy those documents. At least he trusted him to not make them public because it would look bad for the public to know that a power struggle was going on right on the cathedra, the chair where the Pope sits when he makes statements that can't be changed. And the ruling against marriage for priests was made ex Cathedra, which is while a Pope was sitting in that chair, so priests are under a lot of pressure because they can't marry and have legitimate sex, so they do it to the altar boys.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan
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A Letter To The Editor

Mr. Buchanan has been misinformed by the Democrats. They sent Susan Rice, Jay Carney and Hillary Clinton out to cover up the 9/11 attack. The President didn't want the American People to know that it was a terror attack. So they said it was from the Movie. But there was no demonstration's before the attack.

The Vice President keeps running around say Bin Ladens dead and G.M. Is alive. But he dose not say that G.M. Wants the Government out. How does Mr. Buchanan think that the Republican Congress is putting this country at risk.

It is the Democrats that has made this country weak. You make the Military weak therefore the Country is weak. So Mr. Buchanan put things in order. The Democrats in charge of the senate and have not passed a bill in three years and they have us with over 23 million unemployed, People on Food Stamps doubled, 40 thousand signed up for disability, gas prices doubled, more home foreclosed, 16 trillion dollars in debt. Also our credit has been down graded. So only thing they passed was Obama Care that is a TAX on the poor and middleclass. But pass it so we will know what is in it. Now we know. Worse - So Blame The Do Nothing Democrats For The Shape This Country Is In.

(s) Bill Barrentine
269 SW Mangham Way
Lake City, Florida 32024
386-365-5784

Pig Tales From Hogtown

Hope to see you all at the Desdemona Activity Center this Saturday evening for our usual second Saturday dance with Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers. The music starts at 7:00 and the concession stand opens at 6:00.

There will be a fish fry at the DAC on October 20. Y'all know how great the fish tastes when the Desdemona men cook it! We will also have chicken along with hush puppies, slaw and beans. Serving will be from 6:00 - 8:00. We are accepting donations with a suggested price of \$10.00

Beginning in November, we will be adding hash brown potatoes to our first Saturday of the month breakfasts.

It's hard to believe, but it is time to at least start mentioning the Christmas season - the annual Christmas store will be held the first 2 weekends in December. It will run Thursday through Saturday each week. If you have any gently used Christmas items that you would be willing to donate, please call 254-758-2420 and we will make arrangements to get them here.

We have, at the DAC, a lovely cake plate that belongs to someone who brought a cake to a recent family dinner. If you are missing your cake plate, please see someone here.

See you in Desdemona!
Carol Pell

Volleyball Pictures



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HOW TO MAKE RURAL COMMUNITIES STRONGER

Eastland County cities Cisco, Eastland, Gorman, Ranger and Rising Star are members of Texas Midwest Community Network. The organization hosts the 19th Annual Texas Midwest Conference, Oct. 17, at the Abilene Civic Center. The conference will offer solutions for challenges communities face today and in the future.

TMCN is the only regional organization of its kind in the state. The annual conference is the only event in the region to provide access in one day to numerous agencies, organizations and businesses that provide resources and services to rural communities. The most valuable aspect of the conference is the networking among community representatives as they share successes as well as insights to challenges they have overcome.

Attendance at the conference is open to all concerned citizens in the region. Most communities are represented by city & county officials, economic development professionals and board members, chamber of commerce executives and members, civic volunteers, healthcare professionals, school officials and student leaders who attend to learn more about the resources and services available to benefit communities.

Participants in the Information Expo include: Big Country Area Health Education Center, Choice Partners Cooperative, Cisco College, Digital Impact Outdoors, Gayla Fullerton CPA, Hibbs & Todd Engineers, Hendrick Health System, Howard College, Jacob & Martin Engineers, On Target Promotions, Merritt, McLain & Hamby, Terracon Consultants, Texas Center for Rural Entrepreneurship, TCEQ, TDA, TXDOT, Texas Engineering Extension Service, Texas Forts Trail, Texas Tech SBDC, TSTC West Texas, WCT Council of Governments, West Texas Innovation Network, Workforce Solutions of WCT and Abilene Regional Airport.

For complete details on conference agenda and pre-registration go to the Texas Midwest website at www.texasmidwest.org or call 325-795-8626.

TMCN member cities include Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Hico, Knox City, Menard, Merkel, Miles, Munday, Ranger, Rising Star, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, San Angelo, San Saba, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye, and Winters.

Registration for Cancer Services Network's RUNTOGETHER 5K 1 MILE Run/Walk

Abilene: - Runners and walkers, take your mark on October 27 for the 5th Annual RunTogether 5K 1 Mile Run/Walk benefiting Cancer Services Network. This event brings the community together to provide hope and help for local cancer patients.

The run/walk will begin and end at Frontier Texas at 625 North 1st Street. Early registration is \$25. Participants can organize teams or raise funds in a variety of ways and direct their fund-raising efforts toward Cancer Services Network's patient services program. Register early at www.cancerservicesnetwork.org/events/html.

"Every dollar makes a difference," says Nancy Estes, executive director of Cancer Services Network. "We very much appreciate our patients and their family members who put their trust in Cancer Services, and community support makes a tremendous difference in our providing help and hope to those affected by cancer."

"We are looking forward to bringing our community together for cancer awareness and to introducing a terrific new route for families who enjoy running and walking," Katie Browning, chair says. "Our goal is to provide an event that reaches into the community to bring together neighbors, friends, co-workers, and families to celebrate those who have survived cancer and to remember those who have not. This event is held in cooperation with the Abilene Runner's Club. Proceeds from the 5K will benefit Cancer Services Network, a non-profit organization, which provides financial and emotional support to underserved cancer patients and their families in a 19-county service area. The mission of Cancer Services is to raise the level of hope for cancer patients by providing assistance for: emergency funds, insurance assistance (COBRA), prescriptions, nutritional supplements, cancer-related medical supplies, and transportation. Cancer Services Network is an agency of the United Way of Abilene.

Registration and more information are available online at www.cancerservicesnetwork.org/events/html.

SLOW COOKER SAFETY

What's for dinner? Each day, millions of people are faced with this question. Without a plan, takeout meals and fast food starts to look pretty good. Although eating out occasionally is okay, eating out too often can put a bulge in our waistline and a dent in our wallet. So, what's the solution for a time-restricted, nutrition-conscious, budget-minded individual? Look no further than the slow cooker. "Slow cookers are great because they basically do the cooking while you are away," says Dr. Jenna Anding, Associate Professor and Nutrition Specialist with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. "It is almost like having your own personal chef". In addition to preparing great tasting meals, a slow cooker can help save money. Compared to an oven a slow cooker uses less electricity. In addition, slow cookers do not heat up your house like an oven (an added bonus during those hot summer months). Finally, slow cookers are a great way to prepare inexpensive, lean cuts of meat. The moist heat generated by the slow cooker makes these cuts of meat more tender compared to other cooking methods. "Another great feature of slow cookers is the ease of use," notes Anding. For the most part, all one has to do is place the ingredients in the slow cooker, plug it in, and turn it on. However if important food safety recommendations are ignored, food prepared in a slow cooker could cause a food borne illness. To reduce the risk of food borne illness, Anding recommends the following tips:

1. Start with a clean cooker, utensils and work area; wash your hands before and during food preparation;
2. Refrigerate perishable foods until preparation time. If you chop meat and vegetables in advance, store them separately in the refrigerator in covered containers;
3. Never place frozen meat or poultry in the slow cooker;
4. In the past, it was not recommended that large pieces of meat or a whole chicken be cooked in a slow cooker. However, recent research suggests that the newer models of slow cooker are safe for cooking large pieces of meat and poultry. Follow the instructions and recipes that come with your slow cooker. If you do not know the age of your slow cooker, be on the safe side and cut the meat and poultry into smaller pieces and place them in the cooker with the right amount of liquid.
5. Fill the slow cooker between 1/2 and 2/3 full. Root vegetables cook slower than meat or poultry so place them on the bottom. Add the meat, and then fill the slow cooker almost to the top of the food with liquid (broth or sauce).
6. Don't Peek!!!! Each time the lid is removed, it can take 20 minutes to regain the lost heat. This increases the cooking time.
7. If you are not home during the entire slow-cooking process and the power goes out, throw out the food, even if it looks down!
8. Use a food thermometer to make sure meat and poultry dishes have reached a safe internal temperature.
9. Store leftovers in shallow covered containers and refrigerate within two hours of cooking.

If you are new to slow cooking or want to get reacquainted with the one you already have, contact Hallee Mitchell, Eastland County Extension Agent at 254/629-2222 or hdmitchell@ag.tamu.edu.

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Thanksgiving Supper will be held on Saturday, November 10th at the Community Center (former School Building). This annual event has been going since late 1945 when all the service men and women from our area arrived home from World War II. Mark your calendar for this date and make plans to attend. More details later on.

Friends of Desdemona send sincere sympathy to the family of Jeraldean "Jerry" (Northcutt) Underwood of Gorman. She was a former resident of Desdemona where she attended school and graduated with the Class of 1938. Preceded in death by her parents, Bennie and Rebecca Northcutt; her sister, Dorothy (Northcutt) Stowe; and her husband, Homer Underwood.

Enjoy this Fall weather and Cooler Days.

Vonnie

Happenings At FBC!!

Ever! No act of love and kindness, however small, is ever wasted!

Mark your calendars:

Oct 13th - 8am - Brotherhood Breakfast - Come & enjoy great fellowship, food, & fun!

Oct 22nd, 23rd & 24th - Be Part of FBC Church Directory - Sign up or Call Church Office for Pics.

Wednesdays: RA's & GA's at 6pm, Mission Friends at 6pm, and Youth at 6:30pm. Bring your friends! It's fun to learn about Jesus!

Children's Sermon: Traci led the children in singing the Zacchaeus song: "Zacchaeus was a wee little man. And a wee little man was he. He climbed up in a sycamore tree. For the Lord he wanted to see. And as the Savior passed that way. He looked up in that tree. And He said, "Zacchaeus, you come down! For I'm going to your house today. For I'm going to your house to stay". People didn't like Zacchaeus because he was a tax collector, but Jesus did. If you seek Jesus, He'll be there. If we love Jesus we'll grow on the inside the rest of our lives to become better people. Love all people and tell all people about Jesus!

Special Music: FBC Choir - "On Christ the Solid Rock" - An extraordinary hymn of grace.

Bro. Barry's Message: "Hope" - I Corinthians 11:1 (NLT) - October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and each year Gary Mauney is the exemplary supporter by wearing pink. Thank you, Gary!

A person cannot lose hope unless you first had it. Our Wednesday night Programs are to reach young people and teach Hope in Christ. Paul said in I Corinthians 11:1 "And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ". Live your life imitating Christ to affect other people. Hope is faith and trust in Christ. I Corinthians 10:31) So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. 32) Don't give offense to Jews or Gentiles or the church of God. 33) I, too, try to please everyone in everything I do. I don't just do what is best for me; I do what is best for others so that many may be saved.

In an affluent area of Aledo, Texas news reports shock the airwaves when reporting a calm 911 call by a seventeen-year old boy recounting his own shooting of his fifteen-year old sister and their mother, Assistant Principal and Teacher.

How do we learn what we need to do for others to avoid such devastating consequences?

TO SAVE AMERICA: (1) We must REPENT. - Come to the realization that no matter what you have done, God forgives when you ask for forgiveness and change your ways. When you live for the Lord your dreams and ambitions change. II Chronicles 7:14 Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land. (2) We Must PRAY. - Studying about prayer you learn that many times Jesus would slip away to pray alone. God, and God alone, can change America and the world. Make time for prayer and make prayer a daily part of your life. I Timothy 2:1) I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. 2) Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. (3) We must TRUST. - Who is completely trustworthy? Trust in the Lord!!! Proverbs 3:5) Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. 6) Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. (4) We must WITNESS. - YOU are a witness for Christ! I Timothy 2:3) This is good and pleases God our Savior, 4) who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. 5) For there is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus. None of us are perfect; we are saved by God's Grace. May the Lord use your Witness to give people Hope; Hope in Christ is eternal!

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

G.E.D. STUDY CLASS REQUEST

The Adult Education Study Classes have been meeting since the beginning of September with around ten (10) participants each week attending these study classes. The classes meet each Monday and Tuesday in Eastland and Cisco, and would welcome a visit from any of you. As with most parts of our economy, the Adult Education Funds have become more limited for the Abilene Adult Education Co-op under which our program is funded. We have several volunteer aides who are giving their time each week without salary. The G.E.D. study classes have a scholarship to help those who cannot afford to pay for the G.E.D. test. Currently the cost of the G.E.D. test at Abilene is \$125.00 and at Cisco College it is \$75.00.

This is a request to your club or to individuals for any help you might be able to provide in helping with the G.E.D. scholarship fund. These students are eager to learn and are hoping to acquire new skills which can help their own families and our communities. Education is the ticket to a better community. Recruiting students would be another way that you could help this program be successful. Thank you in advance for your consideration for this most important need.

Please send all donations to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Eastland County at 100 West Main, Suite 104, Eastland, TX 76448. Make checks payable to Eastland G.E.D. Task Force. Please feel free to call the Extension Office at 254/629-2222 if you have questions or need assistance. I, Hallee Mitchell, Extension FCS Agent, would be more than happy to report on the G.E.D. program at any club meeting. Call and let's set a date and time.

Your Future Is Calling

Finish your G.E.D. Test by the end of 2013 and get started on the life you deserve. With a high school credential, more doors open to a better job, college and the respect you deserve. The current version of the G.E.D. Test is expiring at the end of 2013. Starting in 2014, there will be a new G.E.D. Test. The current version of the G.E.D. Test is expiring at the end of 2013 and your scores will expire too if you do not finish and pass the test by then. Finish the test now, so you will not have to re-take the parts you have already passed. If you are 18 years of age or older and need study classes or information about taking the G.E.D. Test, now is the time!!!

Take advantage of this free service in Eastland County sponsored by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, The Open Door, and Abilene I.S.D. Adult Education. Trained G.E.D. volunteer tutors will be on site at each study class to help students prepare to take the G.E.D. test. Eastland G.E.D. study classes will be held at 504 South Madera and at The Open Door Center located at 1906 Highway 206 in Cisco. Please call the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service at 254/629-2222 or hdmitchell@ag.tamu.edu if you have any questions.

Gorman City Minutes

SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners David Stanley, Joe Casey and Dylan Cogburn. Absent was Commissioner Kenneth Good. Also present was Billy Carson.

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

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:35 p.m.

David made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Dylan made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

The Commission went over the bills. Joe made the motion to approve them for payment with a second from Dylan. Motion carried 3-0.

No citizens present for Citizens In Put.

Jill relayed to the Commissioners that there were possibly some interested persons on submitting bids for upgrades and remodeling of the Community Center.

Due to safety issues and concerns the Commission agreed to remove the slide and the see-saw / teeter totter from the City Park. A work order will be issued for the crew to take care of removal.

The mayor explained the dire need for a new tapping machine for the City crew. Joe made the motion to have Joe Williams order one, to price check "apples to apples" before ordering. David made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Red Cross requested a formal agreement with the City of Gorman stating that the Gorman Community Center can be used by the Red Cross as an emergency shelter during a disaster should the need arise.

David made the motion to sign the agreement. Dylan made a second. Motion carried 3-0. Amendment considerations will be reviewed at the next regular meeting for ordinances #225 and #235.

David made the motion to accept the price quote submitted by TXU Energy and retain the same service. Joe made a second to the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business for discussion Joe made the motion to adjourn with a second from Dylan. Motion carried 3-0, time was 6:25 p.m.

USDA Announces Disaster Assistance Sign-up for 2011 Crop Losses

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced that producers can enroll in the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program for 2011 crop year losses beginning Oct. 22, 2012. Under the 2008 Farm Bill, SURE authorizes assistance to farmers and ranchers who suffered crop losses caused by natural disasters occurring through Sept. 30, 2011.

Eligible producers who experienced a 2011 crop loss can contact the Eastland County FSA office to learn more about the SURE program. All eligible farmers and ranchers must sign up for 2011 SURE benefits before the June 7, 2013 deadline.

To qualify for a SURE payment, the producer's operation must be located in a county that was declared a disaster for 2011 and have at least a 10 percent production loss that affects one crop of economic significance. Producers with agricultural operations located outside a disaster county are eligible for SURE benefits if they had a production loss greater or equal to 50 percent of the normal production on the farm.

In Texas, 213 counties received a primary Secretarial Disaster Designation and 41 counties received a contiguous Secretarial Disaster Designation during 2011. This means that all 254 counties in Texas can apply for SURE benefits as long as all other eligibility requirements are met.

To meet program eligibility requirements, producers must have obtained a policy or plan of insurance for all insurable crops through the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and obtained Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on non-insurable crops, if available, from FSA. Eligible farmers and ranchers who meet the definition of a socially disadvantaged, limited resource or beginning farmer or rancher do not have to meet this requirement. Forage crops intended for grazing are not eligible for SURE benefits.

For more information on SURE program eligibility requirements contact the Eastland County FSA office at 254-629-1636 ext. 102, or visit the website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/sure>.

FSA Prepares to Issue CRP and DCP Payments

October 02, 2012 - Eastland County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director John Bird announced that FSA will issue Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) payments during the first few weeks of October.

"FSA will issue the payments timely as long as all producer eligibility requirements are met," said Bird.

CRP and DCP payments could be affected if producers have not submitted the required Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) forms. Affected producers will need to submit the proper AGI forms before payments can be issued. In addition, producers who signed up for CRP emergency haying and grazing and did not pay in advance will notice that their annual rental payment was reduced by the acreage that was hayed or grazed.

Producers who were affected by county office consolidations will not experience payment delays. All county office payments, regardless of consolidations, will be generated at the same time as long as all other eligibility requirements are met.

For more information on CRP and DCP payments, contact the Eastland County FSA office at 254-629-1636.

AGRICULTURAL VIEWPOINT

By: Makenzie Wyatt

Fall Vegetable Gardening

Once the decision to have a fall garden has been reached, a gardener must take action -- drastic action. One must pull out some of those plants that have been nurtured from "babies" in the spring to monsters now. This takes courage and faith! It is recommended that all plants, weeds included, be removed except okra, cherry tomatoes and pole beans if the foliage is healthy. Large fruited tomatoes may have some small ones still hanging on, but unless you have at least 20-25 good sized fruit, pull them out -- make green tomato relish or chow-chow. If you recall, the largest, best tomatoes you had this spring were the first ones produced. The tomato plant has gotten old, diseased, and damaged by insects; it will never produce an abundance again. Besides, it is too large to be manageable as far as insect and populations are concerned. Pull the old plants up and discard them. Give them to the garbage man. Don't try to compost insect and disease-ridden plants -- spider mites don't compost!

Then, determine where to put the garden. If you are an "ole timer," you may need to think in terms of garden relocation. The major consideration for garden placement is sunlight. All vegetables require some sunlight; the most popular vegetables require full sun. "Full" sun means at least 8 hours of intense, direct exposure. If such exposure is not received by crops such as tomatoes, peppers and squash (vegetables that contain seed), the plants grow spindly, they have weak stems, drop blooms and are generally nonproductive. Shade in the afternoon (after 3 p.m.) is wonderful; shade in the morning is acceptable. There are vegetables which produce passably in the shade. Generally, those crops such as greens, broccoli, cauliflower, root crops (carrots, turnips) which do not produce a fruit with seed will yield sparingly in semi-shaded areas but even these crops will do better in a full sun condition. Crops such as tomatoes, peppers, squash, beans and cucumbers may not produce anything if grown in the shade; plants will grow tall and spindly. The production potential of the garden's most popular vegetables depends solely on the amount of direct sunlight they receive.

Some gardeners believe shading is beneficial, but remember that commercial vegetable producers never shade crops. Use shade-tolerant crops for planting between larger growing vegetables such as tomatoes. During the early establishment period of a crop such as tomatoes, leave several feet of vacant space between transplants in which short, fast-maturing, shade-tolerant vegetables can be produced.

Do not locate the garden within 6 feet of hedges, shrubs or trees. Not only do these larger, more permanent plants compete for light, but they also gobble up nutrients and water necessary for healthy vegetables.

If a new garden site has been selected and it was previously covered with grass, this turf MUST be removed. Do not think that you can dig or till this existing grass into the garden soil and get ride of it. Even a well-tilled, pulverized garden soil will contain enough bermuda grass sprigs to cause troubles for years to come. New garden areas are doomed before they begin if all bermuda and other lawn grass is not completely removed BEFORE tillage begins. If a raised garden is being considered, sod should be removed BEFORE additional soil is put into the prepared frame.

What about chemicals which might be applied to the grass to kill it rather than pulling it out? Yes, you are in luck! There are several brand names which contain the weed and grass kill glyphosate.

Once the sod has been removed, the garden area should be shoveled to a depth of 10-12 inches. Rototillers, when used in a new garden area, will not penetrate adequately. Rototillers can be used to loosen and mix shoveled soil. Apply 1-2 inches of coarse (sharp), washed sand and 2-3 inches of organic matter to the garden site surface and incorporate to improve the soil's physical quality. The soil's physical condition will have to be altered over a period of time rather than trying to develop desirable soil in a season or two. If you are making the effort to build a raised bed garden don't skimp on the soil which you put into it.

The addition of fertilizer is the next step. You have two options. You can add only one pound of ammonium sulfate (21-0-0) per one hundred square feet (10 feet by 10 feet) and use ammonium sulfate every three weeks at the rate of one tablespoon sprinkled around each plant and watered in as a sidedress application for hybrid tomatoes and peppers. The second fertilization choice, and probably the one which will result in a more abundant harvest, is to use 2-3 pounds of a slow release fertilizer (19-5-9, 21-7-14, 25-5-10) per 100 square feet of garden area. Even if slow release fertilizer is used, it is still recommended to use ammonium sulfate (21-0-0) every three weeks at the rate of one tablespoon sprinkled around each plant and watered in as a sidedress application for the super productive hybrids. Horse or cattle, never fowl in the fall, manures may be substituted for commercial fertilizer and used at a rate of 60-80 pounds per 100 square feet of garden area.

After all ingredients have been added, mix the soil thoroughly and prepare beds on which to plant rows of vegetables. These beds should be 30-36 inches apart to allow for easy movement through the garden area when plants get larger. Pile and firm the planting beds then pre-irrigate the entire garden area by wetting with a sprinkler for at least two hours. Allow the area to dry for several days and it will be ready to plant.

When growing tomatoes and peppers, it is easier to use transplants. However, the use of transplants alone does not insure bountiful, precocious fall production. What must be accomplished is rapid establishment of fall transplants. As hot and dry as the weather has been, some people think that transplanting is risky. Transplants WILL survive hot temperatures and full sun IF adequate moisture is available to the plant. "To the plan!" is the key phrase. Transplants in peat pots or cell packs with restricted root zones require at least two weeks to sufficiently enlarge their root systems so that active growth can begin. Until that time, gardeners must provide adequate, daily moisture or the transplants will either die or stunt to the point that fruit maturity will be delayed. Delayed maturity is what we need to avoid!

Daily moisture should be provided on an individual basis to transplants. Depressions or basins around each transplant can be filled daily, or as needed depending on the soil type, with water to provide the necessary wetting or a drip irrigation system can be installed. Too much water, i.e., keeping roots soaking wet instead of moist, will cause root rotting and subsequent transplant stunting or death.

A transplant with a larger root system which can be easily watered will be helpful. Such a large root system will spread faster, have access to more water and will support an older plant which has the potential of producing more fruit, sooner. Of course larger transplants will cost more but the ease of establishment may be worth the extra funds. Proper timing is probably the most important factor in successful fall gardening. Regardless of variety selected or cultural practices used, if a gardener does not do the right thing at the right time, any chances of success are diminished. Remember these are "average" planting dates for each region.

With these dates in mind, a gardener can decide which frost-susceptible vegetables to plant, when to plant and whether to use transplants or seeds. Fall vegetable crops are categorized as long-term and short-term crops. Duration of these crops is dependent upon when the first killing frost occurs and the cold tolerance of the vegetables.

Plant long-term, frost-tolerant vegetables together. Frost-tolerant vegetables include beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, chard, collards, garlic, kale, lettuce, mustard, onions, parsley, spinach and turnips. Plant short-term, frost-susceptible vegetables together so that they can be removed after being killed by frost. Frost protection and the planting of a cereal rye cover crop are facilitated if such a grouping system is used. Frost-susceptible vegetables include beans, cantaloupes, corn, cucumbers, eggplants, okra, peas, peppers, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, squash, tomatoes and watermelons.

Keep in mind the relative maturity rate, average height (in feet) and frost sensitivity of the crop of various garden vegetables with FS meaning frost-susceptible crops which will be killed or injured by temperatures below 32 degrees F, and FT meaning frost-tolerant crops which can withstand temperatures below 32 degrees F.

The quick (30-60 days) maturing vegetables are: beets (1 1/2 feet); bush beans (1 1/2 feet); FS: leaf lettuce (1 foot) FT; mustard (1 1/2 feet) FT; radishes (1 1/2 feet) FT; spinach (1 foot) FT; summer squash (3 feet) FS; turnips (1 1/2 feet) FT; and turnip greens (1 1/2 feet) FT.

The moderate (60-80 days) maturing vegetables are: broccoli (3 feet) FT; Chinese cabbage (1 1/2 feet) FT; carrots (1 foot) FT; cucumbers (1 foot) FS; corn (6 feet) FS; green onions (1 1/2 feet) FT; kohlrabi (1 1/2 feet) FT; lima bush beans (1 1/2 feet) FS; okra (6 feet) FS; parsley (1 1/2 feet) FT; peppers (3 feet) FS; and cherry tomatoes (4 feet) FS. The slow (80 days or more) maturing vegetables are: Brussels sprouts (2 feet) FT; bulb onions (1 1/2 feet) FT; cabbage (1 1/2 feet) FT; cantaloupes (1 foot) FS; cauliflower (3 feet) FT; eggplant (3 feet) FS; garlic (1 foot) FT; Irish potatoes (2 feet) FS; pumpkins (2 feet) FS; sweet potatoes (2 feet) FS; tomatoes (4 feet) FS; watermelon (1 foot) FS; and winter squash (1 foot) FS.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please call Makenzie Wyatt, Eastland County Extension Agent-Ag at 254/629-1093.