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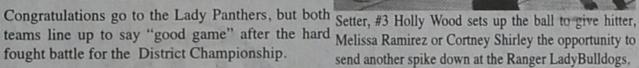
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Lady Panthers Win First Ever Volleyball District 9-1A Title





send another spike down at the Ranger LadyBulldogs,

The Gorman Lady Panthers volleyball team walked off their home court last Tuesday night with their first ever District Title after beating Ranger in an epic five set match 25-9, 23-25, 16-25, 25-16, 15-3. The win clinched first place for Gorman and dropped Ranger to third place behind Albany in the District 9-1A standings. "The girls really wanted this win," Gorman coach Jim Wood said. "Not just for the district title but also for Cortney (Shirley). She is our only senior and this was her last time to play on our floor, in our gym."

Gorman (22-12, 7-1) opened up the first set with a 9-0 run behind the serving of Holly Wood. The next server, Kinsey Johnston, went on a 5-0 run, and Melissa Ramirez followed that with a 7-0 service run to easily take the first set. "We served very aggressively which got us off to a quick start. Our first three servers got us out to a 21-3 lead," Wood said.

The second set, Ranger (0-0, 4-3) settled down and opened up a 15-11 lead. The Lady Panthers came back to tie the game at 15-15. Both teams, playing well, traded points. With the game tied at 23-23, a controversial call gave the Lady Bulldogs game point. A Gorman error ended the set in favor of Ranger 25-23.

Ranger opened the third set on a 7-3 run aided by six Gorman miscues. "We really struggled in this set," said Wood. "We started off the set with five straight errors and ended it with three straight errors." However, the fourth set was just the opposite, Gorman started off with a 7-3 run of their own behind the serving of Johnston. That seemed to spark the Lady Panthers to get back on track. Rallying behind the home crowd and great team play, Gorman won set four 25-16.

In the deciding fifth set, Gorman won it much the same way they won the first set, with great serving. Ramirez served 11 straight points to grab a big 13-3 lead. Senior Cortney Shirley ended the set, and match, with back to back kills for the win and the championship. "The crowd was absolutely fantastic," said Wood. "The crowd is what got us back into the match after getting down in game three. I don't think they ever stopped cheering during the entire fifth game. They were one of the loudest crowds I've ever had at a match. It was great." Wood added, "And for Cortney to have the last two kills in the match was really special."

The Lady Panthers played a warm-up match last Saturday in DeLeon against DeLeon, starting at 9:00 am. They will play Saturday, November 5th in the Area round of the playoffs. The site and team still to be determined at press time. Stat leaders for the Ranger match were Cortney Shirley - 13 kills, 8 digs; Rachel Tucker- 7 blocks, 11 digs; Kinsey Johnston - 14 digs, 7 kills, 5 aces; Melissa Ramirez – 12 kills, 13 digs, 9 aces; Holly Wood – 21 assists, 9 aces; Megan Gray – 8 assists, 3 blocks.

Halloween Parade Held Monday Night



HALLOWEEN PARADE -- Couple hundred children and parents attended the Gorman Halloween Parade held Monday, Oct. 31st. The kids enjoyed trunk or treating around the City Park.



Red Ribbon Week 2011

The 2011 Peer Assisted Leadership group coordinated the Red Ribbon Week October 24 to October 29th. They decorated for Red Ribbon Week and passed out pencils, bracelets and bookmarks generously provided by Gorman Police Department and the chief Barbara Fenley. Posters, bookmarks and ribbons were provided by the Abilene STAR Council. The students had a great time dressing up to show their support for drug prevention. The door decorating contest winners were Mrs. Grissom's kindergarten class and Mrs. Kellar's fifth period class. The P.A.L. students also worked with the elementary students in the P.E. classes to encourage students to be active and make good choices. I appreciate all of the P.A.L. students and the effort they put into Red Ribbon Week.

Everyone's Welcome

Come To Be Blessed At The Bride of Christ Church in Gorman, Texas on November 6th. Services at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Rev. Tom Stamman Will minister through the Preaching of the Word and Personal Phophetic Prayer. Life Changing personal and Phophetic Prayer is Offered after each Service.

Panthers Outrun Baird 41-25; **Host Meridian For District**

GAME AT A GLANCE **GORMAN** BAIRD First Downs 34/244 Carries/Yds Yds Passing 1 of 3/0 Pass Cplt./Int 6 of 15/1 Fumbles/Lost 3/0 Punts/Avg. Penalties

The Panthers journeyed to Baird for a District game and came out with a 41-25 win for a 3-0 record in District. The Big Red jumped out to a 21-7 lead in the first quarter and added 13 in the second for 34-13 lead at half. They added 7 morein the third and held the Bears to 12 in the fourth for the 41-25

Gorman scored on their opening drive, going 56 yards in just 3 plays with B. J. Ramirez running in from 41 yards out with 10:32 on the clock. Matt Fox added the point after and the Panthers were up 7-0. The drive featured runs of 5, 10, and 41 by Ramirez.

The Panthers took their second possession on their own 45 and went the distance in 8 plays with Dakota Pacheco scoring on a 5 yard pass from Carlton with 4:31 left in the first. Fox added the extra point and the score rose to 14-0. The drive featured runs of 3, 18 and 12 by Zach Carlton and 11, 7 and 1 by Ramriez and 1 by Fox.

The Bears then took the kickoff and moved 66 yards in 4 plays with A. J. Camacho getting the final 73 on a run with 2:44 left. The extra point made the score 14-7.

Then Gorman answered right back, going 57 yards in 4 plays with Matt Fox getting the final 7 on a run with 1:14 left in the first period. Fox added the point after and the score was 21-7. The drive featured runs of 5 and 30 by Fox and a 15 yard penalty on the Bears.

The next score for the Big Red came on a 70 yard interception by Carlton with 7:42 left in the half. The kick of point failed and Gorman led 27-7.

However on their next possession the Bears went 80 yards in 4 plays with Garrett Kirkland going 75 yards on a run with 5:41 left in the half. The try for 2 points failed and Gorman led 27-13

The Panthers came right back on their next possession, going 57 yards in 8 plays with Carlton getting the final 2 yards with 2:01 left in the half. The kick by Fox made the score 34-13 at the intermission. The drive featured runs of 11, 35 and 2 by Ramriez and 7 by Carlton.

Both teams played on fairly even terms until late in the third quarter when Gorman took the ball on their own 46 and scored in just 2 plays with Yovani Palacios catching a pass from Carlton and racing in from 48 yards out with just 11 seconds left in the third. Fox added the point after and Gorman was up 41-13.

The Bears answered right back, going 65 yards in 10 plays with Bryson Moore getting the final 14 on a run with 7:19 left in the game. The pass

Try for 2 points failed and the score was 41-19. The drive was helped by 2 penalties on the Big Red for 30 yards.

Baird scored again in the final 9 seconds of the game on a 35 yard pass from White on a 53 yard drive. The try for point failed and the final score was 41-25.

Ramirez again led the Panthers with 149 yards on 15 carries. Fox had 51 on 8 tries and Carlton got 44 on 11 keepers.

Gorman will host the Meridian Yellowjackets for the District title Friday night at Brogdon Field. The Jackets have a very strong team and will be a tough opponent for the Panthers for the title. So come on out and back the Panthers to victory.

Go Get "Em Big Red!!



TRYING TO CATCH THE PASS - Yovani Palacios is shown trying to catch in pass in game action against Baird Bears.



IN THE GRASP - Baird quarterback is being wrestled down by James Thomas in game action Friday.



CATCHING PASS IN STRIDE - Dakota Pacheco is shown about to catch a pass in stride against Baird Friday night.



AROUND THE CORNER - B.J. Ramirez is shown scampering toward gathering some of the extra yards in game action. Blocking for him is Dakota Pacheco, Matt Fox and Randall Miley.

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, NO-VEMBER 16TH 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

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Jelly Belly jelly beans are currently made in 92 flavors, and the most recently released flavor is Candy Corn. Known for jaw dropping flavor profiles that hit the mark, the company also makes 100 more fine confections such as licorice, jells, gummies, seasonal sweets and chocolate covered treats. Additional information is available at JellyBelly.com or the Jelly Belly Hotline (800) 323-9380. Become a fan at facebook.com/jellybelly.

Obituaries

Mike McCormick

Mike McCormick, age 65 of Aledo, formerly of Gorman, passed away Monday, October 31, 2011 at his home.

Graveside services were 11:30 A.M. Wednesday at the Gorman Cemetery with Kelly Jay and Jim Parker officiating. Services under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gor-

Mike was born September 21, 1946 in Gorman, Texas to John Martin McCormick and Dorothy Alvena Burleson McCormick. He graduated from DeLeon High School and Tarleton State University. He married Mary Linda Jay

on June 14, 1969 in Gorman. He was raised in Gorman and De-Leon and moved to Aledo in 2004. Mike was a retired banker, accountant and a member of the Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mary McCormick of Aledo; three sons, Jay McCormick and wife, Reim of Tomball, Marty McCormick of Aledo and Lee McCormick and wife, Mela of Fort Worth; an aunt, Betty Lowery of DeLeon; six grandchildren, Luke and Ireland McCormick, Skyler and Ian McCormick and Logan and Natalie McCormick. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Pat McCormick.

Donations may be make to the American Cancer Society.

Jackie Ray Abbe

Jackie Rey Abbe, age 73 of Fort Worth, passed away Friday, October 28, 2011 in a Fort Worth hospital.

Graveside service was at 2:00 P.M. Sunday at Oakland Cemetery with Jackie Auvenshine officiating.

Jackie was born January 30, 1938 in Big Springs, Texas to William David Abbe and Carrie Lucille White Abbe. He married Margaret Ann Woodall on August 7, 1954 in the Oliver Springs Community. She preceded him in death on August 6, 1983. He later married Lorene Lovin on June 16, 1984 in Eastland. She preceded him in death in December 2009. He was a retired heavy equipment operator and a Baptist. He was a veteran serving in the United States Air Force for nine years.

He is survived by two sons, Chuck Abbe and wife, Melinda of Gorman and Jack Abbe, Jr. and wife, Pam of DeLeon; one daughter, Stacy Herring and friend, Stacy of Marshall, TX; three stepsons, Danny Hayes, Benny Hayes and Steve Hayes; sixteen grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, a son, two sisters and a stepdaughter.

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MONDAY - Cereal, Graham Crackers, Juice and Milk. TUESDAY - Donut, Fruit, Juice and Milk. WEDNESDAY - Burrito, Hashbrown, Juice and Milk. THURSDAY - Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Juice and Milk FRIDAY - Biscuits, Ham, Gravy, Juice and Milk. LUNCH

MONDAY - Cheese Pizza, salad, oranges, cookie and milk. TUESDAY - Spaghetti, seasoned corn, salad, bread stick, brownie

WEDNESDAY - Chicken wraps, refried beans, crackers, carrots and ranch, fruit and milk.

THURSDAY - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, roll and honey and milk.

FRIDAY - Panther Burger, chicken burger, potato rounds, burger salad, sherbet and milk.

"On The Wilder Side"

I usually like the shows on the History Channel, but one of them called "Ancient Aliens" worries me. It worries me because this program has gone to great lengths to take credit away from God's miraculous wonders and give it to theoretical extraterrestrial beings. In other words, they are saying that the Bible is a hoax and that the real mysteries and wisdom of life came from "ancient aliens". I think ungodly programs like this can be damaging to our souls and might shake our Christian faith if we allow Satan to get a foothold on

But truth be told, aliens ARE mentioned in the Bib No, not the little green guys that fly around in space ships, but another type of alien. 1 Pet 2:11,12 "Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God"

Did you catch that, God's word says that Christians are to act as "aliens and strangers" in this world. We, who confess that Jesus is the Christ and Lord are the aliens who walk on the earth. We are blood descendants of a much higher and wiser Being Who gave His life for us. And so as new creations, we are to act, think, and look differently than those around us. Rom 12:2 tells us that we should no longer conform to this world and that we should be so different that the those around us view us as "strange" because we are not like them (See 1 Pet 4:4). Finally, we have a warning in Rev 3:16 to be diligent in living for God, because a lukewarm Christian is like lukewarm water and not useful for much.

I hope you are living as an alien in this world! Fight the good fight (1 Tim 6:12) -Jason Wilder - Gorman Church of Christ

GARAGE SALE: November 4th & 5th - Friday and Saturday - 8 a.m. to till ?? New Christmas Oranments, Christmas Items, Household Items, Large Size Women's Clothes, Kids Clothing, Furniture. No Early Sales.

A Letter To The Editor - - By Henry A. Buchanan

Moammar Gadhafi is dead. God knows where. He died a fearful death, not having lived well, but fearful of sharing the power.

Not like Socrates who drank the hemlock, preferring death to life in exhile from his beloved Athens. Not like Jesus who died on a Roman cross rather than submit to the authority of religious leaders who were corrupt, and political and military power that was unjust. Not like Abraham Lincoln who died hoping to heal the wounds of war.

But how should a man face death? If he has beheld both a sunrise and a sunset, if he has seen the greening of a tree in spring and the beauty of a daisy in autumn; if he has paid his debt to the society that gives him freedom, he has lived.

If he has listened patiently to the questions of a child, and has been glad to see a boy become a man; and if he has loved a woman and known the joy of that woman's love, then he has not only lived, but can face death without fear or re-

> (s) Henry A. Buchanan 1131 N. Kent St. - Gorman, TX 76454 254-734-456 10/27/11

Carbon Volunteer Fire Department Thank You!!!

Wow! You did it again -- Made our 6th Annual Carbon Community Fellowship and Volunteer Fire Department Benefit the greatest success ever.

We can't do our job without your help and we sincerely appreciate each person who chose to be a part of our efforts. You are the best!

An extra-special expression of gratitude to our outstanding area cooks (Guys/Gals) - The food was absolutely delicious!

We also want to express our thanks to all of the area businesses and individuals for your contributions. Your support continues to assure the success of our auction year after year.

In Eastland: Bryan' Auto Parts, Great Times Furniture, Stanley Ford, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Autozone, Greer's Western Store, Main Street Oil and Lube, Ashley Wheat, Eastland Drug/Gold Lantern, Francie's Fountain and Deli, Hardwick Nursery and Produce, Coats Furniture, Don and Barbara Massingill, Radio Shack (Richard Barron), Brookshire's, Betty Cross, Jammerman's BBO Shack and Wal-Mart.

In Gorman: Charles and Carolyn Little, Karen Guthrie (Country Cuts), Catherine Eaves, Shannon and Kim Mauney, Bob's Grocery, Nathan Files (Nathan's Barber Shop), And Ed Rodgers.

In Carbon: Carbon Community Baptist Church, Jonna Herrera, Jo Haley, Mittie Bledsore, Janis Keith, Susan's Beauty Shop, Divine Designs (Steve Monty), Carbon Wildlife Management Association, Nita Jouett and Diamon D.

In Olden: Leon River Cowboy Church Bland (GOOD JOB!)

In Cisco: West Texas Gas, Lee Wood (Auctioneer)

In Arlington: Fred and Libby Hughes, Bill and Reda Cook and the Arlington Crew, Greg Jones, Texas Rangers Baseball Association.

We hope this listing is complete. If not, please forgive the oversight and thank you again!!!!!

Eastland/Stephens Drought and Post Charlie Garrett Wildlife Management Meeting

Eastland and Stephens County have been hit hard by wildfires and drought in the past year, Texas AgriLife Extension Service of these two counties is providing a meeting to manage your land following these hard times. Topics will include fencing, wildfire and drought affects on plants and wildlife, economic forecasts, and an update on the conditions following the Jackson Ranch Fire. The meeting will be held at the Jackson Rural Event Center on the Jackson Ranch outside of Strawn on November 10, 2011. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and three (3) CEU credits will be given to pesticide applicators. A catered lunch will be provided, and the cost of the program will be \$10.00. Please RSVP by November 7, 2011 to Leslie Neve, Stephens County Ex- and lots of new paperbacks from the ever popular Nora Robtension Agent-Ag & Natural Resources at 254/559-2313 or Halee Mitchell, Eastland County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Science Agent at 254/629-2222.

Memorial Library News

Thank you all who participated in our "Scary Treat not Trick Book Read" We still have plenty of treats at the library so come on by until Friday this week. The Ghosts and Goblins are still about as evidenced by the parade and Trunk or Treat in the park last night.

Some new books you will find on our shelves this week are:

The Help - Kathryn Stockett The Rescue - Nicholas Sparks A Walk to Remember - Nicholas Sparks

COME BY AND CHECK IT OUT!!







Football Game **Photos**









"Pray For Rain" Daylight Savings Time Ends November 6th Remember to Set Clocks Back 1 Hour

Pig Tales From Hogtown

This little piggy has a sad tale to tell - as you probably know, we, here in Desdemona, have lost 2 fine folks in the past couple of weeks. Please say a prayer of comfort for the families of Nell Ragland and Eddie Fox.

This Saturday, November 5th, is 'Breakfast at the DAC' here in Desdemona. We serve from 7:00 until 10:00. You hunters who come in after daylight will be ready for a hearty breakfast. You can get it here! We serve bacon, sausage, eggs, pancakes, biscuits and gravy. The cost is by donation.

The following Friday, November 11th, is our regularly scheduled 2nd Friday of the month dance. This will be our last dance of 2011 - we always cancel the December dance because of our annual Christmas Store here at the DAC. The second Friday dances will resume on January 13th.

It is difficult to believe that another year is nearly finished and the holidays are getting close. Our beautiful activity center is available for your holiday parties. If you want more information, please call Marsha Beach at 512-629-8615. Marsha is the secretary of our board of directors and has the rental informa-

Those of you who have been to our Christmas Store know what a great time we have and what great things you can get at a very reasonable price. We sell gently used or new items that are Christmas related or are suitable as gifts - think 'teacher gifts, etc'. Also, I know some of you come for the baked goods and freeze them for Christmas. The ladies of Desdemona outdo themselves with their baked goods. They are great cooks! If you have any gently used items that you would like to donate, please call me at 254-758-2420 and I will make arrangements to meet you at the DAC. I don't have the official dates for the store yet, but it is usually held the first 2 weekends in December. Watch Pig Tales for further updates.

> Hope you can get out and enjoy this beautiful weather. See you in Desdemona! Carol Pell

HEALTH

Get Out of the Dark With **Routine Eye Exams**

NewsUSA

(NU) - Every five seconds, someone goes blind, but in 80 percent of the cases, the blindness is preventable. Blindness from eye disease is often treatable, but only if it's noticed early through routine eye exams.

To help prevent avoidable vision loss, EyeCare America, a public service program of the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, is offering free eye exams by vol-unteer ophthalmologists dedicated to a worthy cause. Ophthalmologists are medical doctors who specialize in eye and vision care, from glasses to complex

"More than 45 million people worldwide are blind," says Richard P. Mills, MD. "In many cases, the most severe eye diseases offer no warning signs, until it's too late and vision loss is irreversible. But regular eye exams can help you catch problems early, while there is still time to treat conditions and prevent permanent loss of sight.'

EyeCare America provides year-round eye exams at no outof-pocket cost to people age 65 and over. Eye exams are provided by a corps of nearly 7,000 Eye-Care America ophthalmologists across the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

People who are interested in the program can visit www.eyecareamerica.org to see if they are eligible. The organization's online referral center also enables friends and family members to find out instantly if their



Regular eye exams will help catch eye conditions like glaucoma while still treatable.

loved ones are eligible to be matched with an ophthalmolo-

While some eye diseases, such as cataracts, progress slowly and offer symptoms, serious eye problems, such as glaucoma, age-related macular degeneration (AMD) and diabetic retinopathy, often offer few or no warning signs. They can be caught and treated in the early stages through a medical eye exam when preventive care is still possible. By the time these conditions do begin to show symptoms, such as blurred vision or black spots across the field of vision, often vision loss is irreversible.

EyeCare America provides services to medically underserved seniors and those at a high risk for eye disease. Since its inception, EyeCare America has helped over 1.5 million people.



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Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We were a small group on our meeting the 19th of September. Estelle Lindley gave the blessing for all. We talked about our future which looks bleak. People are failing, sick or injured and can't attend anymore. I do hope some can come back for out get together on October 16th at 11:30.

There was plenty of good food for so few, with five of us bringing dessert. For once we had plenty of sweets. HA!! We enjoyed King Ranch Chicken, green salad, beans, peas, mixed vegetables and cornbread. Our desserts were Jello with Fruit, a good fruit cobbler by Geraldene Wright, strawberry shortcake by Sandy Warren, great homemade shortcake. Also a delicious pumpkin pie by Estelle Lindley, fruit cocktail and cookies.

I talked with Betty Frazier and Jackie Burns. Both sounded good and upbeat, I believe they are feeling much improved. We miss seeing Billie Bennett, but she has been feeling not as strong. I talked with Ruthie Porter and Billie was coming over for a visit. Good to hear she is getting out some. We all missed Jerry Underwood. She has some trouble in getting around. How well I know about that. We both are using walkers in our home, safer. At least until my siatic quits acting up in mornings.

Susan Lipson, our Librarian in Gorman has been doing a great job. She is organizing with some of our help as Volunteers. The place is looking good and hopefully can find books easier. But first we have to remember where all are in their new places.

I must eat my words. The Gorman Football Team has made a great recovery by winning their first district game. I guess their early games were much stronger teams. Hope they can continue their winning ways, a lot more fun.

Don't forget the Thanksgiving Dinner in Desdemona on the 12th of November at 5:30 p.m. Hope we can have a pretty good turnout. Remember the Seniors will pay, a treat for all of you. Our next meeting at the Center will be on the 16th of November. Please try and come out. This may be the last meeting for awhile.

So please be there.

Hope all is well and people feeling better. CAROL

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona had 47 in attendance last Sunday. Several visitors attended and they are always "WELCOME". Following the morning worship everyone enjoyed a "POT LUCK" dinner at the Church Annex. This is a great fellowship time for all the members and visitors too. Our pastor, Bro. Charlie and wife, Jana are Doing a great job as leaders in our Church. Visitors are welcome each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. For Sunday School and 11:00 a.m. for Morning Worship Service.

Desdemona Thanksgiving Supper will be held on Saturday night, November 12th at the Community Center (former School gym). Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. Make plans to attend for a "Home-Cooked" meal of Turkey, Dressing with all the Trimmings. Tickets are Adults \$10.00 and Children (12 and under) \$5.00. Proceeds go for repairs, etc. on the Old School Building.

"Happy Birthday" to our sister-in-law, Ann Keith in Desdemona from Pug and Vonnie Guthery of Desdemona and Avie Taylor of De Leon.

"Happy Birthday" to our great granddaughter, Kaley and to our two granddaughters, Sonja Hornback and Angela Powledge from Granny Coon and Granke Guthery of Desdemona.

Friends of Desdemona send sincere sympathy to the family of Eddie Fox of Desdemona. Burial was Thursday, October 27, 2011 in the Desdemona Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Pat Fox; daughter, Terri Cooper; sons, Tim Fox and Chris Fox; father, P. E. "Shorty" Vox; sister, Gay Moore. Preceded in death by his mother, Almarie (Riggs) Fox. Eddie attended school in Desdemona and graduated with the Class of 1961.

Agricultural Risk Management Seminar

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will conduct a free regional risk management seminar from 8:40 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on November 9th at the Comanche Community Center, 100 Indian Creek Drive in Comanche. "2011 has been a real test of all Texas agricultural producers' risk management plans and strategies," said Whit Weems, AgriLife Extension Agent in Erath County and a seminar coordinator. "The purpose of this seminar is to allow producers to examine their current risk vulnerabilities as well as possible future opportunities. Rather than the standard market outlook programs we usually have, this one will address the bigger picture issues of finances, marketing, legalities and the increased production risks many producers are now facing".

Weems said speakers will be a combination of local professionals who will be joined by AgriLife Extension specialists from the regional centers in Stephenville, San Angelo and Vernon. Weems said the day's topics will include marketing alternatives and considerations for local livestock producers, management lessons and strategies for cow-calf producers, crop and rainfall insurance alternatives, tax management and planning strategies, U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service technical assistance resources, overall farm and ranch insurance planning and agricultural lending perspectives of farm and ranch financial business performance. "The mix of industry professionals and university specialists is meant to ensure attendees receive objective information about their risk management alternatives without a sales pitch from companies offering products or services," Weems said. All program costs including lunch are being underwritten courtesy of Central Texas Farm Credit. For more information and to RSVP by November 7th, contact Weems at 254/965-1460 or email w-weems@tamu.edu.

HOME

Keep Old Man Winter at Bay

NewsUSA

(NU) - When the air turns crisp and the trees start to shed their leaves, you know winter is not too far around the corner. Before the temperatures start to drop, you may want to address commonly overlooked home winterization projects to ensure that you and your family stay warm and comfortable this season.

fortable this season. One of the most overlooked yet most essential - items in your home is the furnace, and there are some simple steps you can take to avoid being left in the cold. According to Lori Boyce, manager of heating and indoor air quality products for Carrier's Residential Systems, it is important to perform a visual inspection of the furnace before it begins its heating cycle. Boyce recommends homeowners begin by inspecting the furnace exterior and area around the unit. The surrounding area should be kept clear of clutter or debris.

Next, Boyce recommends checking to see if the air filter needs to be changed. It is recommended that you replace your filter quarterly or semi-annually. "A clean filter is important to keep your furnace operating efficiently," says Boyce. "A local Carrier dealer can provide you with a high-quality replacement filter, or you can clean reusable filters at home using cold water."

Set your thermostat to heat in order to confirm that the furnace cycles from start-up through shutdown normally. Check to make sure air is blowing from the small grates in each room.

If a furnace fails to start up during a system check, make sure the thermostat is set to "heat" and that the furnace door is properly in



Prevent furnace repairs by doing regular home inspections.

place. There is a safety switch on many furnace doors that "pops out" when the door is removed. If this is the case, properly close or position the door, and repeat the system check. If the furnace still fails to start-up, call your local heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) professional.

Even if you regularly check to make sure your HVAC equipment is operating efficiently, it is a good idea to schedule seasonal checkups with an HVAC professional.

"A properly working furnace is essential for most people during colder months, but there are other steps homeowners should take to maximize the heat in their homes," added Boyce. "Installing storm windows, adding extra insulation in the attic or walls, and replacing weather stripping on windows and doors are all dependable ways to keep your family comfortable during the winter season."

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For more seasonal tips throughout the year, visit www.carrier.com.

Happenings At FBC!!

Hunger! Would you know if you were spiritually hungry? Jesus provides spiritual food through His Word that satisfies the greatest of appetites. Jesus is our security in times of troubles and our salvation is secure through Him. Jesus is the only remedy for spiritual hunger, so feast!

Mark your calendars:

Nov. 6th – Daylight Savings Time Begins. Nov. 13th – Prepare to Give for Fall Harvest.

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

Charlie and wife, Jana are Doing a great job as leaders in our Church.

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and 11:00 a.m. for Morning Worship Service.

Children's Sermon: Traci conducted an experiment - she blindfolded Megan, she opened a bag of M&M's, she showed the children the color of the M&M, she fed the M&M to Megan, and lastly she asked Megan to guess the color of the M&M. Each time Megan said, "Tastes like chocolate." Megan couldn't guess the color. In Romans 10 we find that anyone that trusts in God will never be disappointed. God doesn't see our color and it doesn't matter to Him if we are rich or poor. God sees inside of us, He sees our chocolate.

May we strive to be like God and see the beauty and goodness inside of other people.

Bro. Barry's Message: "Stand and Look Up" – Luke 21:5-6 - Bro. Barry told of an experience he had in a big city. He picked a busy intersection, stood on the corner, and looked up. He found out that all the people passing by looked up as well. As God's creation there is a yearning in all of us to behold the second coming of Jesus, and look forward to it. There are many gorgeous and ornate Churches worldwide. People visiting these spectacular Churches must be careful not to find themselves looking at the building and miss the message.

Just as the disciples in Luke 21:5-6, talking about the majestic stonework rather than concentrating on what the Lord was about to say. Luke 21:7-28

There are some passages we read in the Bible that are specific to the time they were written. Bro. Barry refers to it as the "Lord's Comma" to say, "Not for us!" Specifically, the walls of the Temple come down and the period of the Gentiles comes to an end.

We are seeing great earthquakes in our day, not just earthquakes, but great earthquakes. What happened in Japan and Haiti continue to marvel experts. Roaring seas, innumerable wars around the world, famines, sickness, strange tides, strange signs etc. The Bible does not say, "after these things happen". Rather the Bible does say in Luke 21:28, "so when all these things begin to happen, stand and look up, for your salvation is near!"

The days we live in are unpredictable and uncertain. Don't be scared! Don't be afraid! May you find strength in Jesus to stand and look up. Jesus is coming again!

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.

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