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Gorman Receives Energy Efficiency Grant From Oncor

The City of Gorman was awarded a \$5,985 matching grant through Oncor's City Matching Grant Program for installing an energy efficient air conditioning and lighting system at Gorman City Hall. The City Matching Grant Program was created to help cities save energy and money by implementing energy efficiency improvements. The high efficiency lighting and air conditioning systems will save more than 14,000 kilowatt-hours of energy annually, equivalent to the carbon dioxide emissions of more than 1,000 gallons of gasoline, according to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency calculations.



Jill Rainey (left) Ken Harriss -Oncor Area Manager (center) and Tacy Warren, City Secretary (right)

"The grant from Oncor was instrumental for the completion of this much-needed project," said City Secretary Tacy Warren. "While we're enjoying the energy savings, our citizens appreciate the more comfortable environment at City Hall." All cities receiving electric service through Oncor wires are eligible to apply for matching grant funding for the implementation of energy efficiency upgrade projects. "Now more than ever, it's vital our cities have the resources that need to implement energy efficiency improvements in their facilities," said Oncor Area Manager Ken Harriss. "The City Matching Grant Program is just another way Oncor is working to help improve our communities."

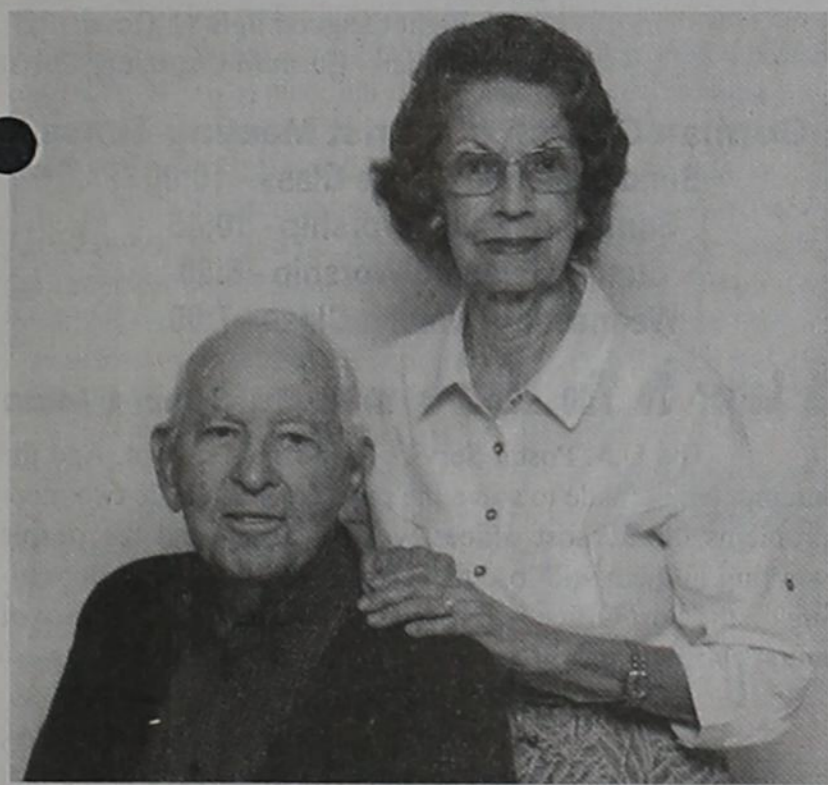
Grants are awarded for up to 50 percent of the cost of energy efficiency project installations, up to a maximum of \$50,000. Grant applications are judged on several criteria, including demonstrated financial need, the expected energy savings of the project and the speed with which it can be completed. "We're proud of the accomplishments of Gorman and thrilled to present this grant check," said Harriss. "This is exactly the type of energy-saving project the City Matching Grant Program was created to encourage." For more information on the City Matching Grant Program and other energy efficiency programs, visit www.takealoadofftexas.com.

Panthers Play At Baird In Important District Battle

The Gorman Panthers will travel to Baird on Friday night to take on a Bear team in a very important District 1A contest that will be a deciding battle that could put the Panthers in a good position in their quest for the District Title race. If the Big Red can win at Baird they will remain undefeated in District and would set the Panthers up for the deciding game when they host a strong Meridian Yellow-jacket team in a November 3rd title battle. The Panthers have a 2-0 record going into the Baird tilt and need to play at their best to put them in the best spot to take on the undefeated Meridian team. So lets all follow the Panthers to Baird on Friday night and back them to another District win.

Go Get 'Em Big Red!!

The Frank Shirley's Mark 60th Anniversary



The 60th Wedding Anniversary of Frank and Beth Shirley. They were married on October 20, 1951. To this union was added 4 sons, Gary L. and Shirley Ann from Desdemona, Stephen and Laurelle from Sulphur, LA., David and Kathy from Conroe, Timothy and Barbara from Tyler, 19 grandchildren and spouses, and 13 great-grandchildren.

LADY PANTHER PLAYOFF SHIRTS

The Athletic Booster Club is now taking orders for The DISTRICT CHAMPION LADY PANTHERS playoff shirts. Be sure to support our girls in their playoff run and get your shirt ordered today. The shirts will be ordered on Friday, Oct 28. Any orders after that day will not be accepted. Call Mrs Swanner at the school for more information. The number is 254-734-3171.

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Halloween Costume Parade Set For Monday, October 31st

This years Annual Halloween Costume Parade will be held on Monday Oct. 31 at 6:30. We will meet at the side street (McCall Street) next to Seaton Feed Store and will parade down Kent Street to the City Park where Trunk or Treat will be held. Please come and join. Come early and set up your vehicle for Trunk or Treat then mosey on down to McCall Street for the parade. Just a reminder we will not be handing out bags of candy again this year. See you there.

The Chamber of Commerce will be making Halloween pictures again this year in the Community Center starting at 5:00 pm, October 31st. Pictures are \$2.00 each.

CHARLIE GARRETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

"Let's Read a Scary Book" for TREATS not TRICKS, continues at the library until Friday, November 4th. We have added evening hours to our schedule on Monday.

Thank you to Maria J. Garcia for being our newest volunteer and holding the library open Monday evenings from 5-7. As always, thank you to all our volunteers: Carol Ward - Monday, Bobbie Henley - Tuesday, Suzan Lipson - Wednesday, Ruth Rodgers - Thursday, and Martha Rainey - Friday. The new schedule is M 3-7, T-F 3-5.

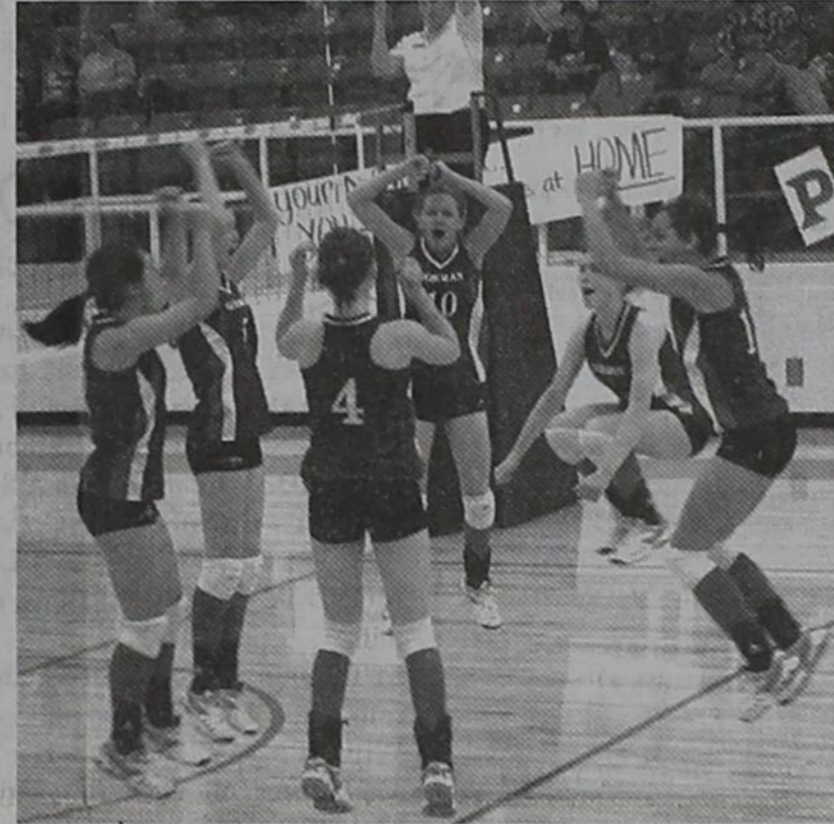
If you would be interested in other volunteer opportunities at the library, please call Suzan Lipson at 734-4305 or at the library, 734-3301 on Wednesday. Also thanks to our community for all the great book donations we have received lately. These are good new books in several genres, especially Christian Fiction and Westerns. Thank you to everyone who contributes to our great public library!

Next week look for a list of new books added to our collection.

Lady Panthers Win First District Volleyball Championship



Lady Panther District Champs from the left are: Melissa Ramirez, Kinsey Johnston, Cortney Shirley, Rachel Tucker, Holly Wood, Jacquelynn Rainey, and Megan Gray. Coaches are Jim Wood and Angie McCully.



A little celebration after a point well placed is always good to keep the spirits high.

All Square

After dropping a tight five set match earlier this season to the Mullin Lady Bulldogs, the Lady Panthers picked up the win in their second meeting last week against Mullin.

Middle Blocker Melissa Ramirez paced Gorman with 12 kills, while outside hitters Cortney Shirley had 9 kills and Kinsey Johnston had 7. Setter Holly Wood grabbed a double-double with 10 aces and 18 assists. Freshman setter Megan Gray had 16 assists and middle blocker Rachel Tucker, with 2 blocks and 6 digs, also contributed to the victory.

Lady Panthers Down Albany

After dropping their district opener to rival Albany, Gorman picked up its fourth straight district win by dominating the defending district champs in straight sets over Albany 25-19, 25-23, 25-19. The win this past Saturday, moves both the Lady Panthers and the Lady Lions to 4-1 in District and the Lady Lions to 4-1 in district and into a tie atop the 9-1A standings.

"We had a great crowd show up for this match", coach Jim Wood said, "I thought it really made a difference". "We had a good turnout from the community and a lot of our student body was there. They were really loud and really supportive, I loved it".

Gorman set the tone for the match on the first play of the game with a solo block by Melissa Ramirez (16 kills, 10 digs, 5 blocks). The Lady Panthers jumped out to an early 7-1 lead behind the clutch serving of Kinsey Johnston (5 aces, 6 kills, 7 digs). Every time Albany would make a run, Gorman would answer right back. The Lady Panthers finished the first game with a couple of key blocks by Rachel Tucker (3 blocks, 8 digs) and Megan Gray (11 assists, 2 kills).

Albany started game two on a 5-1 run, but Gorman rallied back to tie the game 5-5 behind a strong offensive effort by Cortney Shirley (8 kills, 7 digs). Neither team held more than a two point lead until late in the game. With Albany leading 22-20, the Lady Panthers rallied with a kill by Ramirez, a solo block by Tucker and an ace by Gray to end the second game on a 5-1 run and win it 25-23.

The third game was much like the second game, point for point, with neither team holding a lead. Albany was clinging to a 14-12 lead, when Gorman went on a 8-0 run to grab a 20-14 lead. That run was led by the accurate serving of Johnston, a big offensive effort by Ramirez and great setting by Holly Wood (season high 23 assists, 3 aces, 4 kills). The Lady Panthers finished the game and match much like the first game began, with a statement. Ramirez took the game with a thunderous spike to end the game 25-19.

"What an incredible performance by the girls", Wood said, "Every aspect of the game, mentally, physically, offensive and defensive, we were in control. I am so proud of them". Next up for the Lady Panthers are Lingleville and then they travel to Moran on Saturday. Gorman finishes district play on Tuesday, at home, against Ranger. Come out and support the Lady Panthers volleyball team in their quest for a district championship.

Gorman Escapes Lingleville

The Lady Panthers volleyball team beat the Lingleville Lady Cardinals in a close 5 set match 24-26, 25-15, 20-25, 25-18, 15-13 to remain atop the volleyball standings in district 9-1A.

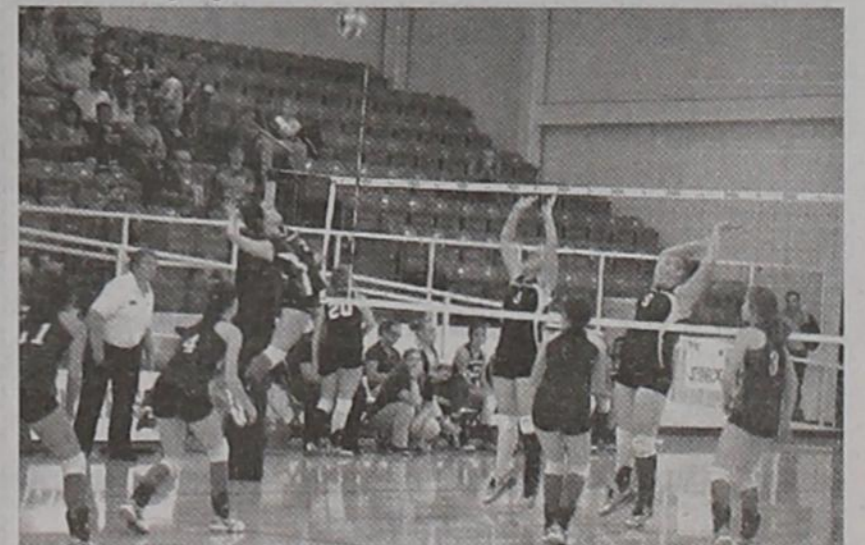
"I felt that we played really flat throughout the match", Coach Jim Wood said "In the 5th set we stepped it up and came out with the win." "Lingleville has improved tremendously from last year. Coach Jones really has them playing some good ball over there", Wood added "I'm not sure if we were still reeling from the big Albany win, or Lingleville just had an outstanding match, or if it was a combination of the two. Bottom line is we came away with the win and we will definitely use this as a learning experience."

Stat leaders for the match were Cortney Shirley, 17 kills, 15 digs; Holly Wood, 23 assists, 10 digs; Kinsey Johnston, 10 kills, 15 digs; Rachel Tucker, 4 blocks, 3 aces; Megan Gray, 17 assists, 4 digs; and Melissa Ramirez, 11 kills, 4 blocks.

More Volleyball on Page 3 All Volleyball Photos Courtesy of Becky Swanner



The gym was packed on Tuesday, Oct 18 to watch the Gorman Lady Panthers take the district championship in volleyball. Intense fans with plenty of spirit helped the girls play at their very best to take the match in 5 hard fought games.



2 is senior honoree for the night Cortney Shirley. She is shown after executing a perfect approach to get the air she needs to send the ball smashing across the net for the kill point. Also shown are teammates Melissa Ramirez, Kinsey Johnston, Rachel Tucker, and Kinsey Johnston. Not pictured, playing back row is Megan Gray.

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 The Junior Class of GHS
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Obituary

Nella V. Ragland
 EASTLAND - Nella V Ragland, 80, passed away Tuesday, October 18, 2011. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Desdemona Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Edwards Funeral Home Thursday from 5:30 ~ 8:00 p.m.



Mrs. Ragland was born February 16, 1931 in Elida, NM to Julius James Grimshaw and Nona Albina Rogers. She graduated from Howard Payne University. She married Elwood Ragland on July 12, 1954 in Desdemona. She taught school in Elida, NM, Gorman, Eastland and Ranger. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Eastland and the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. Ragland preceded her in death on February 1, 2009.

Survivors include 3 sons, Elwood Ragland Jr & wife Shelly of Fort Worth, Robert Ragland & wife Jenny of Lubbock and Gerald Ragland of Desdemona; 2 daughters, Jana Pittman & husband Pate of Scranton and Carol Marlow & husband Andy of Fort Worth; 2 brothers, Jay Grimshaw and Gene Grimshaw, both of Desdemona; 10 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, Eastland, TX

SCHOOL MENU
 Week of Oct. 31 -- Nov. 4

BREAKFAST
 MONDAY - Cereal, Biscuit, Juice and Milk.
 TUESDAY - Cinnamon Roll, Fruit, Juice and Milk.
 WEDNESDAY - Pizza, Hashbrown, Juice and Milk.
 THURSDAY - Pancake On A Stick, Fruit, Juice and Milk.
 FRIDAY - Biscuits, Ham, Gravy, Juice and Milk.
LUNCH
 MONDAY - Mini Corn Dogs, baked beans, Oranges, cookie and milk.
 TUESDAY - Chicken Strips, cheese potatoes, green beans, gravy, rolls, chocolate cake and milk.
 WEDNESDAY - Grilled Ham & Cheese baked chips, pickle spears, broccoli/ranch, fruit and milk.
 THURSDAY - Nachos Grande, crackers, salad, fruit and milk.
 FRIDAY - Panther Burger, chicken burger, potato rounds, burger salad, ice cream and milk.

GARAGE SALE: Thursday, Friday and Saturday - 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Hwy. 16 North to CR 494 - 2 1/2 Miles off of Road. Jewel Kimmell residence - Antiques - fishing equipment - tools - Christmas - Craft Supplies - Sway Bars for Travel Trailer - And Much More.

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Thank You
 We cannot adequately express how much your love and support toward our family during Thurman's illness and passing has meant to us. Your prayers have been felt. All the acts of kindness, visits, phone calls, cards, food, and flowers have touched our hearts.
 To Frances Simpson and the Dorcas Class, Carol Rae Ervin and the First Baptist Church who brought countless meals to Thurman, thank you very much. To the caring ladies Rebecca, Tasha, Vickie and Teresa who sat with Thurman, you are amazing. Thurman loved you all. To Dr. Dan, and Lighthouse Hospice, we appreciate all you did to help Thurman and to make him comfortable. We appreciate the First Baptist Church and the ladies who prepared and served the delicious meal after the service.

We have been touched by the many stories of how Thurman made a difference in others' lives. These stories have been recorded as a testament of how much Thurman was loved by all. Thanks to everyone who made the celebration of Thurman's life so special, Jackie Auvenshine, Brother Barry, Kelly and Christy Jay, and Jud Maxfield.

We are grateful for all your generosity. The contributions to charities and organizations have been overwhelming. Thank you for honoring Thurman.

Our family is blessed to have all of you in our lives.
 Mary and Mike McCormick
 Jay and Reim McCormick and children
 Marty McCormick and children
 Lee and Mela McCormick and children
 William Jay
 James and Ann Jay
 TJ Jay
 Russell Jay
 Bobby Jay
 Billy Fred Jay

"On The Wilder Side"

If you had to live in a climate where the year-round temperatures are like they were this summer, would you? I mean 115 every day, and bone dry... could you live there? I know I couldn't. I like it cold. The only way I made it through this summer is by knowing that Fall would come, then Winter, and Spring. It is amazing what difference HOPE can have in our lives. Hope helps you fight cancer. It helps you to have children. We have hope that our children will be good citizens and make wise decisions. I have friends who chose not to have children because they don't have hope for the future - how bleak! There have been a lot of people burning their brush piles lately since the burn ban has been lifted. Those brush piles were put there with hope that rain would come again. But what if the rain never came... what if you had no hope for a better tomorrow...

I have heard some very foolish people say that they wouldn't mind Hell all that much b/c all of their friends will be there, and other foolish statements like "the devil must be pretty cool, because we like the same things". There are several follies in these statements, but one of them is they have hope that they will enjoy hell... But they forget that there is no hope in hell.

If Hell only lasted for a season, I think I could make it. If it lasted a year, I could make it. If it lasted for a million years, I could make it, as long as I had hope to get out. If I knew that there was something better waiting for me on the other side, I could put up with anything. People work throughout the week and enjoy Fridays because they anticipate their weekend off. Children are anxious on Christmas eve because they hope for gifts under the tree. But when it comes to hell, there is nothing to hope for because there is no way to get out.

A recent survey showed that 35% of Baptists; 54% of Presbyterians, 58% of Methodists, and 60% of Episcopalians DO NOT Believe in a literal place called HELL! Maybe it's because people don't preach about it anymore. But I think if we had more preaching on hell, then we would have less of it in our communities. I hope we all believe in the reality of an eternal place of condemnation. And I hope that you have worked out your salvation with fear and trembling (Phil 2:12), so you won't have to go there.

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

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 - The Post Office - By Henry A. Buchanan
 The U.S. Postal Service is in trouble. Debt. And the attempt being made to solve the problem will create two more problems. Some post offices will be closed and the people working in them will lose their jobs. And the people depending on the Post Office will receive less service. So the price of a first class stamp will go up one penny, to forty-five cents.

But the problem with the Postal Service does not rest on the price of a first class stamp. The time was when a first class letter would go to any place in the country for three cents and the Post Office was operating in the black. Then what's the problem?

Junk mail. I go to my mail box every morning and find it filled with heavy slick multicolored mail advertising something I don't want. Most of it I wouldn't have on the Christmas tree. Some of it I wouldn't want my young grandsons to know was being sent to their revered grandfather. But all of this junk mail moves at, not forty-four cents per ounce, but eight to thirteen cents for the whole bulk. That's not fair.

Competition by other carriers and by the internet. I am not against competition. I even get packages delivered at my door by a smiling UPS truck driver on occasion, but I'd rather have packages sent to me by U. S. Mail than close down the Post Office.

What really riles me though is that my creditors - especially credit card companies urge me to save a stamp by paying my bill using some electronic device that is putting the Post Office out of business. On the return envelope they print a square for the stamp but urge me to not to use a stamp. I think if I pay my bill by check sent U.S. Mail, that's my business. In these hard times they should be glad to get it if I send it by Pony Express.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan
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Lady Panthers Maul Moran

The Gorman Volleyball team traveled to Moran and beat the Lady Bulldogs in straight sets 25-10, 25-12 and 15-20. The win locked up a playoff spot and at least a share of the district championship.

"After a sub-par serving performance in our last match against Lingleville, the girls responded in a big way with 38 aces for the match," Coach Wood said, "I think every girl had an ace in the match. The girls were hitting their spots really well."

Match stat leaders were Cortney Shirley - 5 kills, 3 aces; Kinsey Johnston - 8 aces, 2 kills; Melissa Ramirez - 4 kills, 6 aces; Rachel Tucker - 3 blocks, 1 ace; Megan Gray - 3 aces, 1 block; and Holly Wood - 17 aces, 1 kill.



Coach Wood is shown here giving some valuable advice while the team gets a break from game action. Also shown is assistant coach Angie McCully and managers.



#11 Melissa Ramirez gets up plenty high to slam the ball in the opposite court over the hands of the Ranger players.

A Night For Stories

Children In Action, CIA, brings you "Story Night" on Monday, Oct 31st, during its regular meeting time, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Biblical stories will be presented emphasizing God's power over the power of the devil. After the five-minute story, children will be given CIA bucks to be used at our in-house APEX store where small toy items may be obtained. Children will find this the highlight of their evening. Mark this on your "trick or treating" route. The entire stop should be about 10 minutes.

Please note that this is a "come and go" activity, and no transportation will be provided. Also, a word of warning, the stories will be a little on the scary end, so please decide accordingly for you and your child. We also request that young children be accompanied by a parent. For more information, please call 734-3203.

Homestead Happenings

We want to remind all the Trick or Treaters to be sure and come by Homestead on Halloween night.

October 22-29 is National Pastoral Care Week. We would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to each and everyone who comes to Homestead to offer love, support, hope and comfort for us at Homestead. Again Thank You.

We held our monthly birthday party on Monday. Once again Amy Wood furnished a delicious, beautifully decorated cake. Those having birthdays in October were Claudie Shelton on the 1st, Rozelle Caraway on the 25th and Robin Taylor on the 28th. We have no resident birthdays in November.

Mary, James, Henry and Anna Jesse of Ft. Worth visited T.D. Whitehorn. Wanda Shaw of Colman and Patricia McMillan of Brownwood visited Ora Lee Lawrence. Marge Churchville of Ft. Worth, Jerry and Sylvia Shugart of DeLeon visited Edgar Reynolds, Visiting Frankie Stacy were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hattox of Stephenville, and Maxine and Marilyn Huddleston of Lake Leon. Tresa and John Gilbert and Carolyn Gilbert visited Floydene Gilbert. Becca, Beth and Sara Woodall, Bo Caraway and Kathryn Scitern visited Rozelle Caraway. Jana Grice visited Ima Brown, Nell Kennedy of Olden and Ruth Rodgers visited Nell McAnnaly. Bob, and Debbie Hagood of Brownwood, Kathryn and Robert Miller, Annetta Dunning of Cisco and Pat Hagood visited Billie Marble, LaVerne Carr of Whitney visited Troy Scitern. Visiting Sunny Kellogg were Billy Don Simpson, B.E. Simpson and Tami Underwood. Helen, Rachel and James Tucker visited Robin Taylor. B.E. Simpson visited everyone. Have a good week.

Republican State Rep. Jim Keffer

Announces Grassroots Leadership Team

Eastland, TX—Today, Republican State Representative Jim Keffer announced his grassroots leadership team. The partial list includes over 250 elected officials, conservative leaders and community activists from each of the 8 counties of the newly drawn House District 60.

Long known for being a taxpayer "watchdog," it is estimated that Rep. Keffer's tax-cutting legislation has saved Texas families, homeowners and businesses billions of tax dollars. Earlier this year, Keffer started an online petition website calling for a balanced federal budget. The site - www.balanceourfederalbudgetnow.com has received thousands of visits and signatures from taxpayers in House District 60 and across the state. Rep. Keffer plans to personally deliver the petition signatures to members of Congress later this year.

"Hood County and the rest of the district have benefited greatly from Jim Keffer's tax-cutting legislation and leadership," Hood County Sheriff Roger Deeds said. "It has to be one of our top priorities that he remains our strong conservative voice in Austin." In addition to being a taxpayer "watchdog" Jim has also fought to protect local rural interests.

During the past session he fought and prevented the closure of Ranger College and other community colleges across Texas. He also helped pass a balanced state budget without raising taxes, photo ID legislation, eminent domain reform, stronger pro-life legislation, and additional 2nd amendment freedoms. Jim also co-founded the "Republican Party of Texas Debt Busters" program that helped get the Republican Party of Texas out of debt.

For his accomplishments during the past session Jim was rated by Texas Monthly magazine as one of the Top Ten Legislators and was also recently rated by Capitol Inside political newsletter as one of the Top Ten Legislators of the past decade. "There is no question that Jim is the best person to represent us in the Texas House," Former Brownwood Mayor Bert Massey said. "He fights to keep our taxes low, listens to the concerns of his constituents and delivers real results for the district. I'm proud to be on his campaign leadership team."

Over the past several months, Rep. Keffer has traveled to each county in the district and met with individuals to discuss local issues and to personally ask for support. He will continue to build his grassroots leadership team in the months ahead. "It is a true honor to have the support of so many respected leaders and friends from this district," Rep. Keffer said. "Our campaign is open to all House District 60 citizens who share our commitment to defending our children, our community, and our conservative values. I also pledge to continue being a taxpayer watchdog and protecting our local rural interests in the Texas legislature."

Jim and his wife, Leslie, first met at a church summer camp in East Texas. This year, they celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary and have 3 grown sons, a daughter-in-law and two grandchildren. Keffer is president of EBAA Iron Sales, Inc. and is a graduate of Texas Tech University. EBAA Iron is a family owned and operated iron foundry business with plants in Eastland and Albany, Texas and is one of the largest employers in his community. Jim has also given generously with his time in the community. He has served as Deacon and Sunday School Teacher in the first Baptist Church of Eastland, Past President of the Eastland Little League and is active with economic development through his local Chamber of Commerce and in the Texas Association of Business.

"SPOOKTACULAR" TOURNAMENT

The Lakeside Ladies Golf Association will host their annual TWO GUYS AND ONE DOLL GOLF TOURNAMENT on Saturday, October 29th. Tee Off is at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$150/team which includes a meal Saturday evening after the tournament. The cost does not include a cart, but personal carts are welcome and rental carts are available.

The fun actually begins on Friday evening, October 28th. Arrive in your best Halloween Costume and enjoy Happy Hour and Appetizers at 6:30 p.m. with Glow Ball Pitching and Putting Contests starting about "dark-thirty". Generous cash prizes will be awarded! The fun you will experience will certainly be "unBOO-lievable" !!

Call the club house at 254-629-2892 to sign up or for additional information. Lakeside is managed by Rod Straw.

Gorman ISD Elementary Honor Roll - First Six Weeks

First Grade: A - Emma Clark, Caroline Crain, Crystal Gonzales Nashton Guthery, Katherine Hair, Eli Martinez, Larissa Massengill, Kayle Nichols, Joseph Rainey, Erik Ramirez, Joey Salinas, Markee Simmons, Michelle Snider and Shaelyn Waters; B - Ayden Andrade, Raelena Fenley, Gabrielya Herrera, Chasidy Kunze, Jerry Murphy, Maddox Roberts, Adrian Ruiz, Kimin Squires and Gracie Walton.

Second Grade: A - Aryann Cook, Autum Evans, Jacob Harris, Suellyn Hunter, Marco Ramirez, Jassey Rice, Breanna Shirley and Trinity Torres; B - Izabella Aguirre, Hailey Abbot, Brianna Caballero-Satcher, Clarisa Cox, Karlie Landes, Tony Montelongo, Alan Olivares, Annesty Rainey, Isabella Segura, Natalie Torres and Brandon Walton.

Third Grade: A - Hayden Hampton, Kaitlyn Morton, Jessica Rice, Jonathan Rodriguez and Hannah Underwood; B - Stacy Gonzales, Ramiro Guzman, Hallie Hagan, Braylan Laminack, Braeden McDonald and Skyler Parsons.

Fourth Grade: A - Rachel Snider; B - Dylan Carlton, Caitlyn Clark, Tristyn Davis, Alexis Estrada, Kelsie Guthery, Larissa Hampton, Isaiah Landa, Genaro Madera, Keaton Moore, Karsyn Scitern, Kamren Sparger and Justin Wheeler.

Fifth Grade: A - Jennifer Cruz, Reece Scitern, Rees Byrd and Lauren Underwood; B - Justice Fischer, Briana Landa, Jesenia Rodriguez, Brandon Hogan and Morgan Wright.

"Pray For Rain"

Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 6th

Remember to Set Clocks Back 1 Hour

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<p>Instruction Text: Please use a black or blue ink pen only. Completely fill in the box provided to the left of your choice. Make no stray marks on the ballot. Do not use inks that soak through the paper.</p> <p>Texto de Instrucción: Por favor use solamente una pluma de tinta negra o azul. Llene completamente el espacio cuadrado a la izquierda de su selección. No haga marcas extraviadas. No use tintas que se pueden penetrar al papel.</p>	<p>PROPOSITION 3 "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students."</p> <p>PROPOSICIÓN 3 "Enmienda constitucional que dispone la emisión de bonos de obligación general del Estado de Texas a fin de financiar préstamos educativos a estudiantes."</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FOR A FAVOR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AGAINST EN CONTRA</p>
<p>PROPOSITION 1 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran."</p> <p>PROPOSICIÓN 1 "Enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la legislatura para proveer una exención de la tributación al valor con respecto al valor de mercado total o parcial de la residencia patrimonial del/la cónyuge sobreviviente de un veterano con incapacitación total o al cien por ciento."</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FOR A FAVOR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AGAINST EN CONTRA</p>	<p>PROPOSITION 4 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The amendment does not provide authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates."</p> <p>PROPOSICIÓN 4 "Enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la legislatura para permitir que un condado emita bonos o pagarés a fin de financiar el desarrollo o redesarrollo de un área improductiva, subdesarrollada o deteriorada y de dar en prenda del pago de dichos bonos o pagarés, aumentos de la tributación al valor impuestos por el condado en bienes del área. La enmienda no otorga autoridad para aumentar las tasas tributarias al valor."</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FOR A FAVOR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AGAINST EN CONTRA</p>
<p>PROPOSITION 2 "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstanding."</p> <p>PROPOSICIÓN 2 "Enmienda constitucional que dispone la emisión de bonos adicionales de obligación general por la Junta de Desarrollo de Aguas de Texas cuya suma, estando pendientes de pago, no exceda de seis mil millones de dólares."</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FOR A FAVOR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AGAINST EN CONTRA</p>	<p>PROPOSITION 5 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund."</p> <p>PROPOSICIÓN 5 "Enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la legislatura para permitir a ciudades o condados celebrar contratos interlocales con otras ciudades o condados sin imponer tributación o provisión de un fondo de amortización."</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FOR A FAVOR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AGAINST EN CONTRA</p>
<p>PROPOSITION 6 "The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund."</p> <p>PROPOSICIÓN 6 "Enmienda constitucional que aclara referencias al fondo escolar permanente, permitiendo que la Oficina General del Catastro distribuya ingresos procedentes de tierras u otros bienes del fondo escolar permanente al fondo escolar disponible, a fin de proporcionar financiación adicional para la educación pública y disponiendo un aumento al valor de mercado del fondo escolar permanente para fines de permitir un aumento de distribuciones provenientes del fondo escolar disponible."</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FOR A FAVOR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AGAINST EN CONTRA</p>	<p>PROPOSITION 9 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision."</p> <p>PROPOSICIÓN 9 "Enmienda constitucional que autoriza al gobernador para conceder el indulto a personas que cumplan con éxito un plazo de supervisión comunitaria por adjudicación aplazada."</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FOR A FAVOR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AGAINST EN CONTRA</p>
<p>PROPOSITION 7 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."</p> <p>PROPOSICIÓN 7 "Enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la legislatura para permitir que distritos de conservación y reclamación del Condado de El Paso emitan bonos apoyados por impuestos al valor a fin de financiar el desarrollo y mantenimiento de parques e instalaciones de recreo."</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FOR A FAVOR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AGAINST EN CONTRA</p>	<p>PROPOSITION 10 "The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office."</p> <p>PROPOSICIÓN 10 "Enmienda constitucional que cambie la duración del plazo no vencido del cargo que causa la renuncia automática de ciertos funcionarios electos de condados o distritos si éstos se postulan a otros cargos."</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FOR A FAVOR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AGAINST EN CONTRA</p>
<p>PROPOSITION 8 "The constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open-space land devoted to water-stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity."</p> <p>PROPOSICIÓN 8 "Enmienda constitucional que dispone la tasación para fines de tributación al valor, a tierras de campo abierto dedicadas a fines de administración de aguas con base en su capacidad productiva."</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FOR A FAVOR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AGAINST EN CONTRA</p>	

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Brighten Your Kitchen With a Few New Fixtures and Dimmers

NewsUSA

(NU) - The high "price tag" on groceries and gas do not have to put a damper on your plans to remodel your kitchen this year. According to the American Lighting Association (ALA), just merely changing out the decorative lighting fixtures over the breakfast nook or center island can have a big visual impact, creating a fresher, more up-to-date look - and it is considerably less expensive than replacing the cabinets or countertops.

If your kitchen's only source of lighting is from recessed cans, consider adding a few fixtures to serve as aesthetic and functional focal points in the room over the casual eating area and/or the island. To make all your lighting as efficient, effective and attractive as possible, dimmers are a must-have update.

"The greatest benefit of installing dimmers in an existing kitchen is that the quality of the resulting light will inevitably appear much more comfortable and flexible than what you had before," explains Joe Rey-Barreau, education consultant for the ALA and an associate professor at the University of Kentucky's School of Interior Design.

Todd Phillips of Quoizel, a leading lighting manufacturer, keeps track of the latest trends in kitchen design. "Transitional is still the operative word," says Phillips. "What's popular right now is what I would describe as Cleaned Up Americana. This is representative of the classic, familiar shapes and elements we all recognize, but with a bit sleeker appearance and on-trend finishes such as bronze and brushed nickel."



Replacing only the lighting can make a kitchen look like it was completely remodeled.

"Handcrafted, hand-forged designs are also gaining in popularity," Phillips continues. "The key word is clean. Finishes are still neutral, simple and clean. Along with beige, white, bronze and brushed chrome, I'm starting to see more polished chrome. I also find the more custom designs are a bit bolder in their use of color in the kitchen and in the lighting," he adds.

For help selecting the most appropriate, efficient and economical decorative lighting for your décor, visit an ALA-member lighting showroom. To find your closest showroom and to learn more about the latest lighting styles, visit www.AmericanLightingAssoc.com or call 800-BRIGHT IDEAS (800-274-4484).

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Monthly Musical was held last Saturday night at the Community Center. Several musical groups and singers attended. We appreciate these musicians that attend each month. We appreciate the ladies that donate food each month to the Concession Stand. These monthly musicals are held on the fourth Saturday night of each month except December. This is a "SMOKE FREE" environment and the admission is "FREE".

First Baptist Church of Desdemona had 30 in attendance last Sunday with a visitor, Geraldine Boyd of Brownwood. Our pastor, Bro. Charlie has a "Special" time each Sunday morning with all the children and to be honest he enjoys this part just as much as the children. Visitors are invited to attend each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. For Sunday School and 11:00 a.m. for Morning Worship Service. Our Church may be small in attendance from time to time but we are always big in "LOVE" and "SPIRIT".

Desdemona Thanksgiving Supper will be held on Saturday night, November 12th at the Community Center (former School Building). This annual event began at the end of World War II when this Community gave a "Welcome Home" supper for all of our returning service men and women. Make plans to attend for a good home-cooked meal of turkey and dressing with all the trimmings. This annual event will continue for as long as possible. Service begins at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are Adults \$10.00 and Children (12 and under) \$5.00. Music entertainment program will be provided for everyone to enjoy.

Friends of Desdemona send sincere sympathy to the family of Nell (Grimshaw) Ragland, 80, of Desdemona. Burial was on Friday in the Desdemona Cemetery. Survivors include her children, Jana, E. C., Robert, Carol, Gerald and their families. Preceded in death by her husband, Elwood Ragland and her parents, Jim and Nona Grimshaw. Nell attended school in Desdemona and graduated with the Class of 1949.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated.

Have a good day, Vonnie

USDA Announces Disaster Assistance Sign up for 2010 Crop Losses

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced that the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program enrollment for 2010 crop year losses begins November 14, 2011.

Producers across the state experienced several natural disasters during the 2010 crop year that caused hardship and financial losses to many agricultural operations. The SURE program provides assistance to producers when disaster strikes, so FSA encourages producers with 2010 crop losses to contact their county FSA office to learn more about the program.

To qualify for a SURE payment, the producer's operation must be located in a county that was declared a disaster for 2010 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.

The following counties received a disaster designation during 2010: Anderson, Angelina, Aransas, Archer, Austin, Bastrop, Bell, Blanco, Borden, Bosque, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Brooks, Brown, Burleson, Burnet, Calhoun, Callahan, Cameron, Camp, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Childress, Clay, Coke, Coleman, Collin, Collingsworth, Comal, Comanche, Concho, Cooke, Coryell, Cottle, Crockett, Crosby, Culberson, Dallam, Dallas, Dawson, Delta, Denton, Dickens, Eastland, Edwards, Ellis, Erath, Falls, Fannin, Fayette, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Fort Bend, Franklin, Freestone, Galveston, Garza, Gillespie, Glasscock, Grayson, Gregg, Grimes, Hale, Hamilton, Hansford, Hardeman, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Hartley, Hays, Hemphill, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hill, Hockley, Hood, Hopkins, Houston, Howard, Hunt, Hutchinson, Irion, Jack, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Kendall, Kenedy, Kent, Kerr, Kimble, Lamar, Lamb, Lampasas, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Limestone, Lipscomb, Llano, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn, McCulloch, McLennan, Madison, Marion, Martin, Mason, Matagorda, Menard, Milam, Mills, Mitchell, Montague, Montgomery, Moore, Morris, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Nolan, Ochiltree, Orange, Palo Pinto, Panola, Parker, Polk, Rains, Red River, Reeves, Refugio, Roberts, Robertson, Rockwall, Runnels, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San Saba, Schleicher, Scurry, Shackelford, Shelby, Sherman, Smith, Somervell, Starr, Stephens, Sterling, Sutton, Tarrant, Taylor, Terry, Titus, Tom Green, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Val Verde, Van Zandt, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wharton, Wheeler, Wichita, Wilbarger, Willacy, Williamson, Wise, Wood and Young.

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 or visit the website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/sure>.

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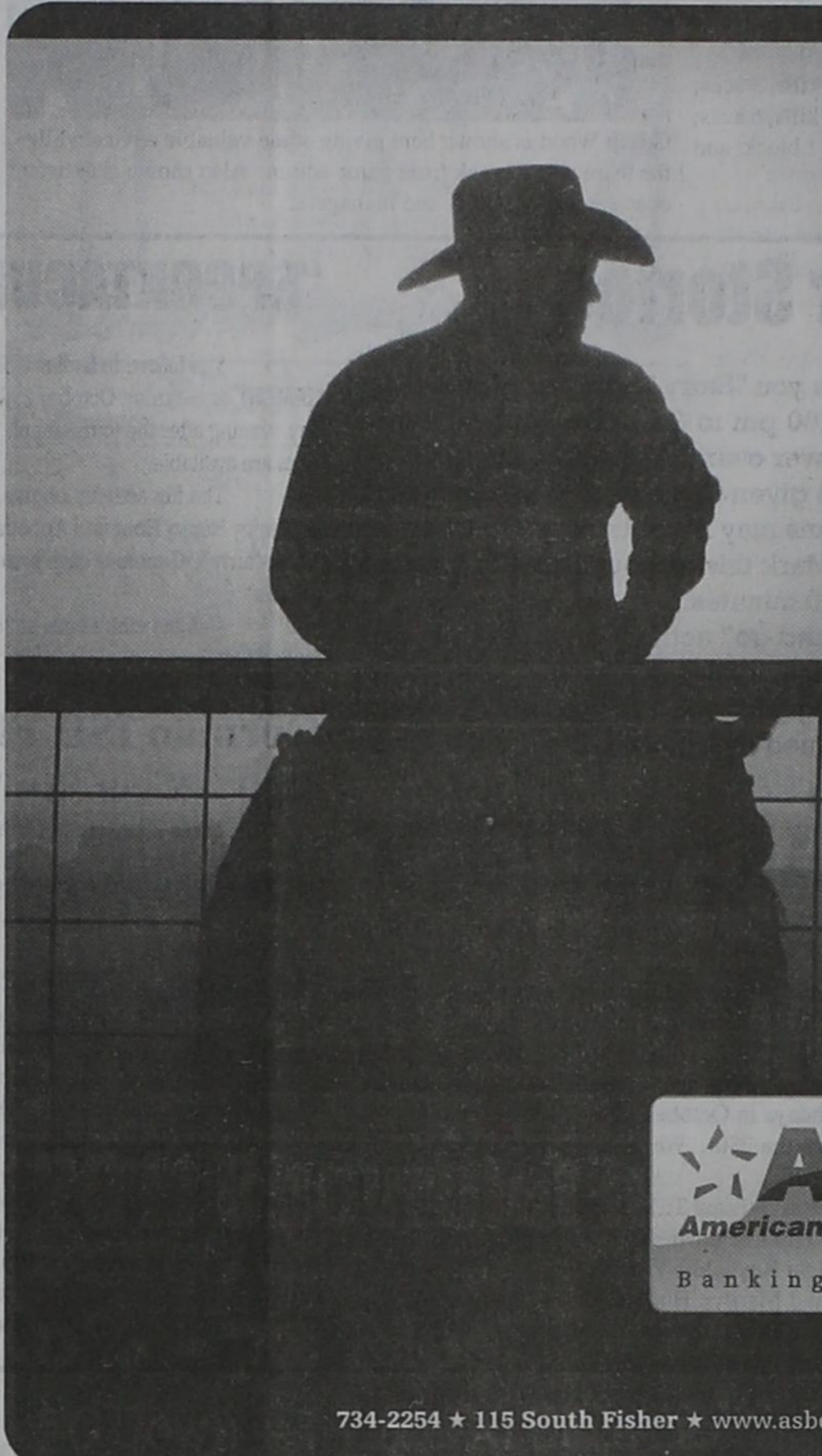
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For additional information please call
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Deadline to Purchase 2012 NAP Insurance for Hay and Pasture

December 1, 2011 is the final date to purchase 2012 Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on native and improved grasses for hay or grazing. NAP is designed to reduce financial losses that occur when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production for an eligible crop by providing coverage equivalent to catastrophic (CAT) insurance.

For more information, contact the Eastland County Farm Service Agency at 254-629-1636 extension 2. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.



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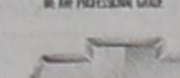
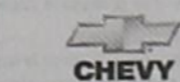
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