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Eastland County Judge Outlines Budget Plan

The Future of Eastland County is What We Make of It!

By Brad Stephenson, County Judge

After 5 months of research, study, analysis, newspaper articles, one-on-one meetings, and Town hall meetings, we must make a decision with regard to Eastland County's 2000 budget.

As you are aware, our County is in severe economic distress. We have dwindling tax values, prior deficit spending and an even higher projected 2000 deficit. This projected deficit now stands at \$600,000.00.

As such, it will be necessary to increase taxes substantially while severely cutting County services. Neither option is particularly palatable! However, steps must be taken to stabilize our system as quickly as possible. Each County department head will cut their last year's budget by a 7.62% across the board. In addition, they will absorb a 12% increase in Group Health care cost.

This plan will raise taxes by 7.375-cents per \$100 valuation over and above the estimated 3-cent increase, which will automatically adjust due to loss of value in 1999. Our figures indicated that we lost 23 million dollars in valuation primarily due to loss of oil and gas values this past year.

Under this plan we will raise approximately \$300,000.00 more tax revenue but, it will necessitate cutting an additional \$300,000.00 from our 1999 budget. Our total estimated revenue at the proposed 60.375 cents effective rate is \$3,620,328.00. Last year's budget was \$3,918,920.00. What this means to the average homeowner is approximately \$20.75 per year increase.

A few months ago, you elected me to come up with a plan for the future of Eastland County. I firmly believe that given the condition we inherited, this is the only reasonable stop gap measure available.

You notice, I said stop gap! These measures only stem the bloodflow and do not eliminate the problems.

I want to respond briefly to recent articles/letter to editor of Mr. Bill Rollins and Mr. M.L. Poole.

First, let me say that I agree, the jail has been extremely controversial and has come to the County at the worst imaginable time. No one more than myself would like to be without the subsequent burden. However, we have the jail and there is nothing you or I can do about it. The only thing we can do is learn from the experience and make the best of a tough situation.

One such place that lessons can be applied is here. I know without doubt that if the voters of Eastland County have the opportunity to have all the facts, and if they want to vote on the issue, the people who we serve in County Government will make the right decision.

Approximately 7.375-cents of the proposed tax increase will be subject to possible rollback. If you wish to vote on the issue, I strongly support your right to do so. Before you do, however, I strongly urge you to become

informed.

I personally believe that the critical decisions we are making today will have a lasting effect on the future of Eastland County.

To that end, I have studied hard, written articles of information in all our County newspapers and conducted Town Hall meetings in hopes of providing you with all the information at my disposal. Now that the full impact is known, I will be scheduling another round of Town Hall meetings for your input.

Many citizens have proposed various ways to cut back on the burden to our taxpayers with regard to County Government. At this juncture, I believe all possibilities should be on the table for proper evaluation and action after the proposal has been determined to be beneficial to our County.

Frequently proposed solutions include unitization of our precinct road system, consolidation of departments in County Government and cooperative ventures between our City and County Governments.

I assure you that these and many other issues are on the table and some will be a partial answer to our overall problem. However, you must know that these partial solutions can only be accomplished by following the statutorily prescribed procedure.

Consolidation of offices can only be accomplished through legislative action by the state. Unitization can only be accomplished by vote of the Commissioner's Court or vote of the people after careful study and evaluation.

While I know this plan calls for immense sacrifice, I strongly urge each of you to study the plan carefully before accepting or rejecting it. The plan may not be equitable in your mind, but, it is the fairest solution and no one has yet suggested an alternative when confronted with the facts.

Please understand that this plan is as painful to me as it is to you, perhaps even more so! To effect the budget cuts of 7.62% in my department, I will have to cut my own salary and previously sold the County Judge's vehicle.

Our senior citizen's homestead exemption will continue in place and the farming community will still benefit from Agriculture Valuation.

Even at 60.375-cents tax rate, our rate is significantly below those of our neighbors in Shackelford and Stephens County who will experience similar increases this year.

I ask you once again, respectfully, please consider this topic, pray about it and if you have questions, please call my office. The door is always open and our records are always available.

In the year to come, with your help, I look forward to improving and streamlining your County Government, becoming involved with economic development and beginning a journey ahead to prosperity.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Do I feel the need to help children who are victims of situations they did not create and who are hurting? Of course I do, but as a Mother and grandmother, I choose to look to my family's needs first.

Most of us know that St. Jude's Children Ranch, Gorman Residential Treatment Center, is soon to apply for a state license to operate in our community. Two open Town Hall meetings have been held to inform our citizens. At the first meeting St. Jude's representative presented their projected 5 year plan, mostly in the form of questions and answers. A second meeting was held 2 weeks later. By this time, much time and effort had been spent gaining facts and information presented seemed to all be negative, but no one came forward with positive facts. I would very much like to hear them.

As we look 5 plus years in the future, do the facts show a residential treatment center will have a positive influence on our children, or our community? I, for one think not!

A state law was implemented in 1997 giving us, as a county of less than 300,000, the freedom and right to reject any facility that we do not feel is beneficial to our school and community. To do this we must take a stand, write letters, and be heard.

Each of us live here for a reason - Most because somewhere there is a family tie, a love that goes deep in our hearts. We who have chosen to stay and raise families here always welcome those who come back home to retire, or just choose the Gorman area as a secure, safe and ideal place to live. It is my hope that we can keep what we have.

I ask everyone to consider the positive or negative impact of a residential treatment center and emergency shel-

Miss Gorman and Little Miss Gorman Contestants

Miss Gorman and Little Miss Gorman contests are coming to an end. The contests will end Saturday, June 26th at 12 noon. All winners will be announced at the pageant on Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

We urge everyone to come out and see who will represent Gorman for 1999.

Our reigning Miss Gorman, Breanne Rhoton, and our Little Miss Gorman, Mackenzie Keller, will crown the new Miss and Little Miss. These girls represented Gorman very well in many parades, in Austin, and many other special events. We appreciate them very much.

Fund-raising projects are still underway for our Miss Gorman candidates. Give them your support.

Miss Gorman Contestants:

Mandy Warren - Chamber of Commerce
Manuelita Madera - Fire Department
Jana Miers - Lion's Club

Little Miss Gorman Contestants:

Ally Little - G&H Feed
Katey Thackerson - Chamber of Commerce
Ashley Landa - Lion's Club
Corrie Johnson - Gorman Pharmacy
Courtney Shirley - Fire Department

The proceeds will go to community projects. We appreciate everyone's support to these projects and our town.

Join Us With An Expedition To Mt. Extreme

First Baptist Church of Desdemona invites all children ages 4 years through grade 6 to join us on for a once-in-a-lifetime expedition to Mt. Extreme: "The Ultimate Good News Challenge. Climb to New Heights with Jesus! Kids will traverse through adventure filled Bible stories, create a mountain of crafts, explore unique missions sites, experience extraordinary Mt. Extreme music!

We'll embark on our mountain adventure on **June 27 - 4:30 p.m.** with a parade and Hot Dogs. **June 28 thru July 2.** We'll begin each day at 5:30 p.m. till 8:30 p.m.

Mt. Extreme: The Ultimate Good News Challenge will be held at the First Baptist Church in Desdemona. For more information, please call **Annette - 758-2244** or **Melinda - 758-2589**. We're looking forward to your kids' joining us on this exciting expedition.

Desdemona Musicals Continue Big Success

The Monthly Musicals at Desdemona are held on the fourth Saturday of each month (except December) at the Desdemona Community Center (former School building). Big crowds and lots of good musicians are attending.

Thanks to all the musicians who come to play and all the people that come to listen. Also thanks to all the ladies of the community who donate home-made pies, sandwiches and drinks. All proceeds goes to help keep our Community Center open.

Please, do come to the next Town Hall meeting.

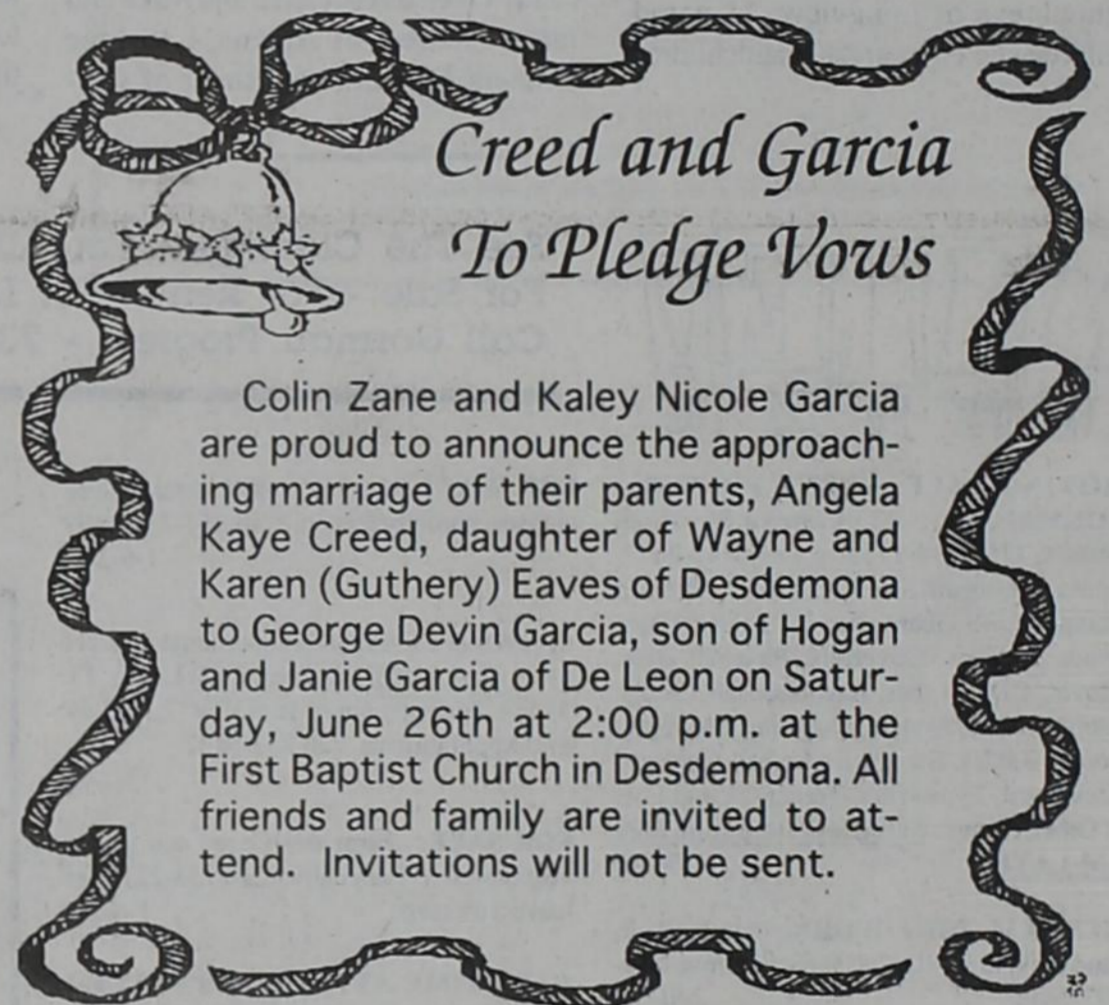
Another Concerned Citizen,
Aletha Burgess(s)

Summer Reading and Research At Ranger College

For many, school is out and the need for research has just about sreeched to a halt. For some however, reading is a hobby and research is just a part of everyday life. The Goleman Library at Ranger College is open to the community for both recreational reading and research.

The Goleman Library has a collection of over 22,000 books - - the bulk of this collection is non-fiction, 100 subscriptions to periodicals, a subject indexed vertical file, and a substantial Reference collection. With the purchase of ten new computers, the library has 14 computers with internet access available to the community.

The Goleman Library is currently open Monday thru Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., closing for lunch, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Colin Zane and Kaley Nicole Garcia are proud to announce the approaching marriage of their parents, Angela Kaye Creed, daughter of Wayne and Karen (Guthery) Eaves of Desdemona to George Devin Garcia, son of Hogan and Janie Garcia of De Leon on Saturday, June 26th at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Desdemona. All friends and family are invited to attend. Invitations will not be sent.

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TIME AND ENERGY

Time: When something happens (a period of seconds, minutes, hours, etc.)
Energy: The Force to do something.



GORMAN ANGELS PLACE SECOND — The Gorman Angels a member of the De Leon Fast Pitch, 12 and under League took second place. Members of the team are (bottom row l to r) - Coach John Perez, Coach Sally Saldana, Cecilia Raygosa, Tiffany Perez, Coach Brenda Boyd, Coach Sherri Hair; (top row l to r) - Amanda Hair, Casandra Grumbles, Amaris Curb, Amber Ervin, Amanda Davis, Kendra Saldana, Sharla Perez.



GORMAN LITTLE LEAGUE RANGERS — The Little League Rangers Team took First Place in the Gorman Little League. They were awarded a First Place Trophy for their efforts. Members of the team are (bottom row l to r) - Michael Marin, Craig Snider, Carlos Gutierrez, Brandon Greer and Pete Ramirez; (top row l to r) - Brian Greer, Johnny O'Connor, Clint Jones, Stephen Leal, Kent Long and David Ibarra. Standing behind the boys is their coach, Mike Jones.

The Royals won second place with the A's in third. Congratulations to all these boys for their hard work. A special thanks to all the coaches, umpires and others who volunteered their time.

The boys are now busy preparing for the All-Star's tournaments. We wish them the best of luck.

Obituaries

Olon F. Brownlee

Olon F. Brownlee, 85, passed away Saturday, June 19 in the DeLeon Hospital. He was a resident of DeLeon.

Services were held Monday, June 21 at 2:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church. Burial was in the DeLeon Cemetery.

Mr. Brownlee was born on November 16, 1913 in DeLeon. He married Edith Robinett on September 6, 1934 in DeLeon.

Mr. Brownlee was employed with Higginbotham's Lumber Yard for many years. He had lived in DeLeon all of his life and was a member of the DeLeon First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Edith Brownlee of DeLeon; three sons, Samuel Lester Brownlee of Menard, William Chester Brownlee of Victoria and Joe Edward Brownlee of DeLeon; on daughter, Dolores Jeanne Cooper of Boyd; one sister, Stella Smith of Gorman; 16 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel Felbert and Mamie Brownlee and one sister, Ella Brownlee.

Memorial may be made to DeLeon First United Methodist Church.

Lea Wright

Lea Wright, 72, died Sunday, June 20, at her home after a lengthy illness.

Services were at 2 pm Tuesday, June 22, at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Marc Rogers officiating. Burial was in the Eastland City Cemetery.

Mrs. Wright was born in Tipton, Oklahoma, and was a member of First Baptist Christian Church. She married James Wright in 1943.

Survivors include her husband of Eastland; one daughter, Jeannie Walker of Eastland; one son, Jim Wright of Eastland; one brother, Clint Humphreys of Longview; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

J.M. 'Joe' Barnett

J.M. "Joe" Barnett, 97 died Monday, June 14, in a local hospital. Services were held at 2:30 pm Wednesday, June 16 in the Bakker Funeral Home Chapel in Eastland. Burial was in the Murray Cemetery in Carbon.

Eddie Overstreet Laid to Rest

Services for Rev. Eddie D. Overstreet, 72, were at 3 pm Tuesday in the Jackson Funeral Home Chapel in Frederick, Ok. Rev. Pete Wylie and Rev. Charles Wyatt officiated.

Graveside services were in Frederick Memorial Cemetery and was officiated by Rev. Les Banks.

Rev. Overstreet was born April 3, 1927, in Comanche County, Texas, to the late Dee and Mary Wells Overstreet. He attended school in Duster, Texas, until he entered the Army Air Corps where he finished his education. He served during World War II. He married Vesta Lee Bohannon on Sept. 3, 1948, in Gorman, Texas. He entered the ministry in 1956, and in a 40-year career served as pastor of several Baptist Churches, including Bear Creek, Calvary Baptist, Grapevine, Texas; First Baptist Church, Hess; First Baptist Church, Hollister; First Baptist Church, Reydon; Fairview Baptist Church, Elk City; Ranch Drive Baptist Church, Ponca City; First Baptist Church, Freedom; and First Baptist Church, Manitou. He had also been associate pastor at Grace Baptist Temple, Grand Prairie, Texas. He retired in May, 1996. He was a member of Tesca Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Vesta Lee Overstreet of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Sylvia and Dennis Wilson of Minden, La.; three sons and daughters-in-law, Stephen and Bobbie Overstreet of Frederick, Randy and Cindy Overstreet of Ada, and Mike and Jan Overstreet of Athens, La; three brothers, Wilburn Overstreet of Gorman, Billie Overstreet of Grand Prairie, and Robbie Overstreet of Fort Worth; two sisters, Annis Laster of DeLeon and May Lee Langford of Eastland; 10 grandchildren, two great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Zelma Williams

Zelma Williams, 82, of Odessa died Saturday, June 19. Services were at 2 pm Monday, June 21, in Carbon Christ Center. Rev. Jimmy Maples officiated. Burial was in Murray Cemetery near Carbon.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Sherman, Delbert and Virgil Overstreet.

Lookout For Kleingrass Problems

Recent rains across much of Texas have been welcomed by farmers and ranchers. However, those rains can also trigger problems for sheep and goats grazing kleingrass pastures. Range expert Darrell Ueckert warns producers that now is a critical time to be looking for problems in animals grazing on grass. He says kleingrass can be very toxic to sheep and goats, especially after spring rains stimulate a flush of new growth. The toxic substance in kleingrass reduces the animal's ability to eliminate a compound of chlorophyll from the blood. He says this compound accumulates in the skin, making it very sensitive to sunlight. The animals essentially get severe sunburn and are marked by swelling of the ears and head. Animals suffering from these conditions usually die. Affected animals should be moved to deep shade or a dark barn for about a week and given feeds with little or no chlorophyll. Ueckert says the safest management practice is never to graze animals on a kleingrass pasture. Kleingrass is also toxic to horses.

Crawley Reunion UTA Announces Held June 5

The Crawley Family reunion was held at the First Methodist Church in Ranger, Texas on Saturday June 5, 1999. We had 67 people present who are descendants of Sterling Price Crawley. Sterling Price came to Texas from Mississippi with three of his sisters when he was six years of age. They settled in Comanche County, possibly near the community of Rucker between DeLeon and Gorman. He married Sallie Loretta Kirk and some time later they moved to Eastland County settling in the Kokomo Community where they lived and raised their family. Lots of visiting was enjoyed followed by a covered dish lunch and then more visiting.

Those attending were Modell Crawley, Gorman; Bobby and Berlie Pharris, Haskell; Billy Joe Craddock, Kay and E.B. McDaniel, Sundown; Crista Jeffrey, Brady; Larry and Betty Strube, Gorman; Patricia Hatinger, Richardson; Vergel and Sandra Perry, Lake Jackson; Gladys Crawley, Ranger; Neal Overstreet, Houston; Sharon and Lynn Garner, Houston; Jean and Charles Milliken, Weatherford; Chuck and Dana, Chris, Garrett, Grant Milliken, Fort Worth; Patti and Kevin Faulkner, Melanie Faulkner, Fort Worth; Kimberly Crawley and Shawn McDonald and Kendall, Weatherford; C.W. Jr. and Nancy Crawley and Joshua, Hurst; Monica and Jason Cogburn and Jordann, Stephenville; Paulette Dodgen, Arlington; Covis and Pauline Crawley, Arlington; Harlen and Rhea Crawley, Arlington; Patrick and Cindy Crawley, Fort Worth; Kenneth and Cindy Crawley, Kemp; Kelly and Cathy Crawley, Jacob and Sterling, Ennis; Richard and Sandi Murray, Katlin and Kolton, Lubbock; Alice Powell, Andrews; Sissy Crawley, Ranger; Carole Sattler, Texas City; Carolyn Harding, Lubbock; Tammy and Daniel Fernandez, Charis and Courtney, Burleson; Imogene Byrd, Granbury; Sammye and Royce Ogden, Burleson; Lori Ogden, Kristen and Cole, Burleson; Fae and Mike Smith, Midland.

Our next reunion will be the first Saturday in June in Ranger, Texas.

UTA Announces Honor Roll

Melissa Jobe of Arlington was named to the Honor Roll for the Spring Semester at UTA. Melissa is a Senior Nursing Major at the University of Texas at Arlington. She is a 1995 graduate of Gorman High School.



Look Who's New!

New Son for Jamie & Stephanie Snider

Jamie & Stephanie Snider are proud to announce the birth of their new son, Andrew Joel, on May 30, 1999 in an Abilene Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs. 7 ozs.

Andrew Joel was welcomed home by his brothers, Kael, Craig and Matthew and sister, Anna.

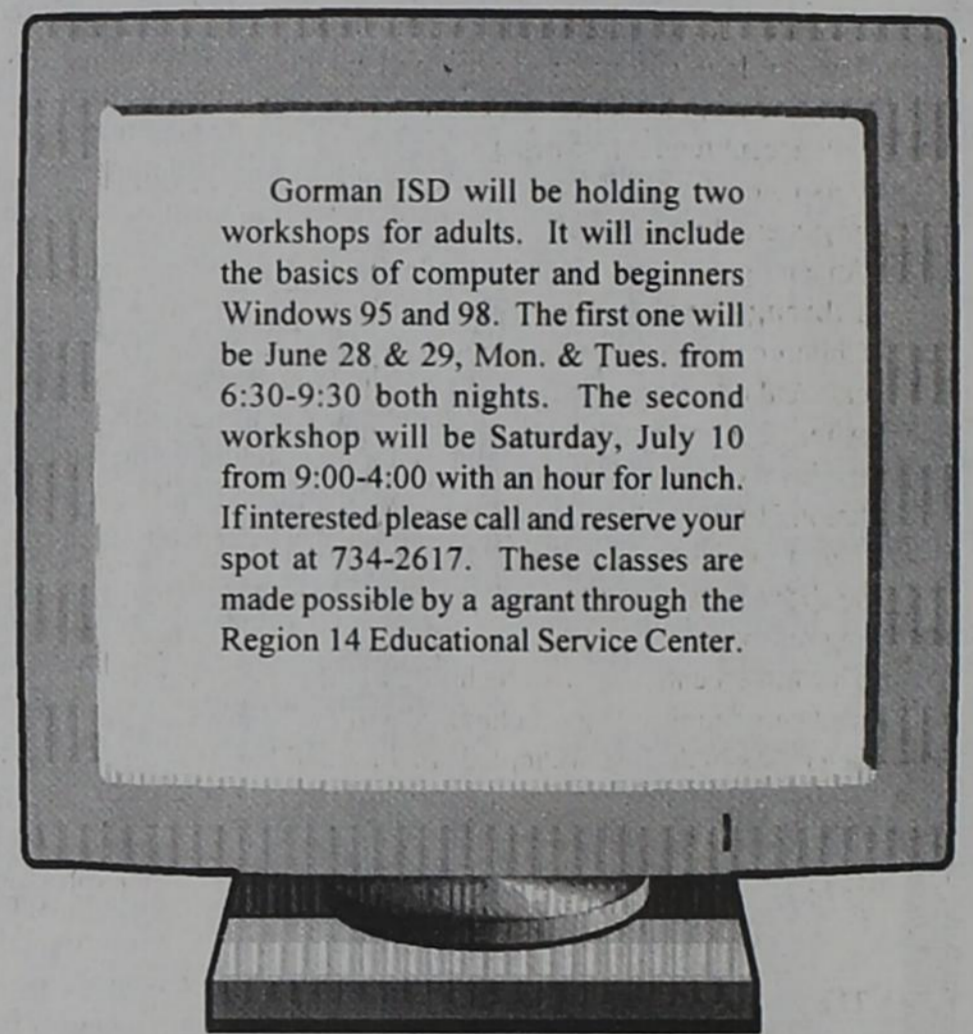
Ted & Charlotte Snider are the paternal grandparents. Hazel Snider of Kokomo and Iletta Cavitt of DeLeon are the great-grandmothers.

Robert & Jan Slampa of Gorman are the maternal grandparents and Lois Fleeman of Cedar Hill is the great-grandmother.

First Fruits to Host Conference

First Fruits will host a one day missions conference entitled, "BEYOND Y2K: Focusing the Local Church on the World Harvest"

The conference will be on Saturday, June 26, 1999. Morning session begins at 9:00 am. Public is welcome. There will be international speakers and a free lunch will be provided. For details, call 734-3203 or 734-3587.



Gorman ISD will be holding two workshops for adults. It will include the basics of computer and beginners Windows 95 and 98. The first one will be June 28 & 29, Mon. & Tues. from 6:30-9:30 both nights. The second workshop will be Saturday, July 10 from 9:00-4:00 with an hour for lunch. If interested please call and reserve your spot at 734-2617. These classes are made possible by a grant through the Region 14 Educational Service Center.



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Friday, June 25th at 7:30 p.m. — Gorman Community Center

Guest Speakers: Lometa Community Members; — Sam Horan, Chief of Police, Benbrook, Tx
James Rucker, former employee of New Horizons
Betty Heathington, Dr. — Ken Heathington, Dr.

Many of you have learned that a facility for the housing of adolescents with behavioral problems called St. Jude's Ranch for Children is proposed to be established in the Gorman area. There are certain aspects of this type facility which we feel have not been divulged to the residents of this area, and perhaps the proposed operations are not fully understood. Let us first state a few facts that we feel need to be brought to your attention for clarification. Please understand that much time, effort, and research by caring, concerned citizens have gone into locating and compiling this information, and these statements are not opinions or speculations, but facts given us by qualified sources.

- FACTS:**
- St. Jude's Ranch for Children has no affiliation with St. Jude Children's Hospital.
 - St. Jude's Ranch for Children in Gorman will be a residential treatment center, NOT an orphan's home. It will be a 12-month treatment program for children classified by Child Protective Services as **levels 4 and 5**. PLEASE refer to the definitions of these levels located elsewhere in this ad for more information.
 - The proposed St. Jude facility has been compared to the Ben Richey Boys Ranch in Abilene, Texas. Ben Richey's is a level 1 and 2 facility, and on rare occasion and in special circumstances takes a level 3.
 - St. Jude's Ranch for Children in Boulder City, Nevada, which is the national headquarters for the organization, is for **level 1 and 2 children only**, restricted by a city ordinance enacted to protect the citizens of that community.
 - St. Jude's Ranch for Children in Bulverde, Texas, is for levels 1 through 3.
 - The children in Gorman facility will at some point go into our public schools with your children.
 - The Gorman residential treatment center will at first house 11 or 12 boys, ages 8-12, then up to 36 boys in two years and as many as 60 in five years, and will accept them up to **age 17**.
 - Personnel from St. Jude's have stated that in 12 to 16 months they hope to open an emergency shelter. This could be in our residential area of town or anywhere they choose.
 - An emergency shelter is where youths of all levels are held while being classified by Child Protective Services. The youths in this shelter could be **level 1 through level 6**. Again, please refer to the definitions of these levels.
 - Children in these type facilities do try to run away, and they are capable of doing harm to themselves or others. They are known to destroy property, take cars and other possessions, and you the victims will not receive restitution for theft or damages.
 - After 12 months, the boys from St. Jude may be placed in foster care, quite likely within our community or county. In foster care, they will not receive the level of supervision they received in the residential treatment center. Because of two treatment centers and foster care, Lometa, Texas, with a population of 646, now has 150-200 of these youths.
 - The stress level is so intense for employees of these facilities that most employees last only a short time in their employment.

With the above statements in mind, the citizens and individuals listed below oppose the St. Jude's Ranch for Children being proposed for the Gorman area for the following reasons:

- The adolescents who will be housed in this facility have severe behavioral problems. Their problems are so severe they must be placed in a specialized care facility. Their behaviors will range from occasional misbehavior to persistent or unpredictable aggression, and to more serious or dangerous behaviors including attempted suicides and harmful acts to others.
- Research has shown a direct correlation between child abuse, including physical, emotional, sexual and neglect of children, with behavioral problems that sometimes lead the victims into criminal activity. Research studies also report that repeated offenders are often those who have been physically or sexually abused. Many horrible stories that have been expressed by people living in communities where these facilities have been established. These people have testified to atrocities have been committed by the residents of these type of facilities, even though the youths committing the acts were under the supervision of a state licensed treatment center.
- The proposal is to have 11 to 12 of these children in the first year, growing to approximately 60 in a few years. We feel these youth are not the type we as citizens understand, nor do we have the background or education with which to deal with their severe problems. Their problems require much more than simple love, going to Sunday School, or involvement in community activities. In fact, because most of these youth come from much larger areas, they understand little, if anything, about life and activities in a rural, small town. Most of us in the Gorman area simply do not have the knowledge to deal with the population to be housed in the St. Jude facility.
- Gorman is not equipped with sufficient law enforcement to control the behaviors associated with levels 4 and 5 youth. We also do not have the adequate medical facilities or experts needed to deal with this type of troubled adolescents. To provide the people and facilities to address the problems of these youths will require large additional funding from the tax base in Gorman and Eastland County.
- Two such facilities were established in Lometa, Texas, a town similar to Gorman. The Sheriff of Lampasas County, where Lometa is located, provides some insights into the problems of the Lometa community:
 - 90% of the complaint calls from Lometa to the Sheriff's Dept. are from youth facilities in Lometa.
 - The calls range from runaways (which are frequent) to assaults on staff members and sexual assaults on other residents.
 - Two reported riots have occurred where the juveniles have physically taken control of the facility.
 - Other criminal offenses have been committed outside the facility by the juveniles.

The sheriff of Lampasas County also reported that many of the youth in the facilities in Lometa are from Dallas, Fort Worth, or Houston, and were members of gangs there. Please read his entire letter in the June 17 issue of the Gorman Progress.

Gorman Schools will be required to educate these individuals. What will be the influence on the children in Gorman from these individuals who are from a totally different culture than our children are accustomed to? We are concerned that these individuals will influence our youth much more than our youth will influence them. With the possibility of 60 students in our elementary and high school in the future, this will comprise a sizable portion of our total student enrollment.

Many knowledgeable people outside of our community have expressed concerns about a level 4 and 5 treatment center operating in a town the size of Gorman. Some of these people include the Sheriff mentioned above, management personnel of Ben Richey Boys Ranch in Abilene and High Sky in Midland, and the mayor of Boulder City, Nevada, where St. Jude's has a facility operating. We need to LISTEN to these people and others who have worked in similar programs with youth of this type.

Many other points could be discussed, but space is limited. We as a group care enough to purchase this ad in our local paper and do so for the benefit of the citizens of our community. We care enough to provide you with letters and other information about programs in other locations and their resulting problems. We will continue to have organized meetings for the purpose of sharing updated information about this pressing situation and we welcome and encourage any interested and concerned persons to join us. We believe the residents of Gorman must carefully consider whether they want this type facility to occur in our community and the surrounding area. All of Eastland County will be affected by the runaways and their criminal offenses outside the treatment center. It will not make our community a safe one where people will continue to want to retire, rear their children, or engage in recreational activities, nor will industry wish to locate in an area where crime can be a major factor.

We are proud of the fact that Gorman has a reputation as a town whose people care for each other and who try to raise their children to be outstanding contributors to society. Those who have lived here for many years have witnessed the outpourings of concern, love, and money when families have had misfortunes in life such as fires, severe health problems, and other tragedies of various types, and many of us have been the recipients of such graciousness and generosity. It is the first instinct of our people to want to help others in need, especially children. However, folks, this endeavor is simply one that we are not capable of handling in a successful way. Larger areas with more medical facilities, law enforcement, and understanding of troubled adolescents are much more qualified to house such facilities. We have many problems in our own community that we need to address and turn our attention upon in order to keep Gorman a safe and prosperous community.

Please feel free to contact any of the individuals listed below to get their ideas about this proposal for our community. We feel it is of such importance that we cannot fail to make our voice heard. If you would like your name added to the list below, please contact any individual on the list. You must remember that this facility will become operational unless the community takes a stand. We can prevent this from taking place in our community, and we are given a choice to do so by Section 42 of the Texas Human Resources Code. However, we cannot sit back and wait for someone else to solve the problem. Everyone must help to keep our community safe and secure for the future of our own children.

CITIZENS FOR A SAFE AND PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY

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DEFINITIONS

These definitions are abbreviated from more detailed definitions adopted by the Texas Health & Human Services Coordinating Council on June 13, 1989. The complete definitions may also be used.

- LEVEL I:** Adequate functioning in all developmental and/or environmental area. There may be transient difficulties, "everyday" worries and occasional misbehavior, but would be regarded as a "normal" child: responds to "normal" discipline. The caregiver provides routine home environment with guidance supervision to meet the needs of the child.
- LEVEL II:** No more than occasional problems in functioning in any area, some acting-out behavior in response to life stresses, but these are brief and transient; minimally disturbing to others, and not considered deviant by those who know them. The caregiver provides routine home environment with supplemental guidance and discipline to meet the needs of the child.
- LEVEL III:** Frequent or repetitive minor problems in one or more areas; may engage in nonviolent antisocial acts, but is capable of meaningful interpersonal relationships. Requires supervision in structured supportive setting with counseling available from professional or paraprofessional staff.
- LEVEL IV:** Substantial problems; have physical, mental, or social needs and behaviors that may present a moderate risk of causing harm to themselves or others, poor or inappropriate social skills, with some preservation of meaningful social relationships. Requires treatment program in a structured supportive setting with therapeutic counseling available by professional staff.
- LEVEL V:** Severe problems, unable to function in multiple areas. Sometimes willing to cooperate when prompted or instructed, but may lack motivation or ability to participate in personal care or social communications. May exhibit persistent or unpredictable aggression, be markedly withdrawn and isolated due to either mood or thought disturbance, or make suicidal attempts. Presents a moderate to severe risk of causing harm to self or others. Requires 24-hour supervision by multiple staff in limited access setting.
- LEVEL VI:** Very severe impairment(s), disability(ies), or need(s), consistently unable or unwilling to cooperate in own care. May be severely aggressive or exhibit self-destructive behavior or may be grossly impaired in reality testing, communication, cognition, affect, or personal hygiene. May present severe to critical risk of causing serious harm to self or others. Needs constant supervision (24-hour care) with maximum staffing in a highly structured setting.

CARBON NEWS

By MICHELLE THACKERSON

We've had some cooler days and more rain this past weekend. Looks like more of the same through the week.

Please keep Clyde and Francis Hamilton, Chad and Sylvia Gosnell and their families in your prayers.

Carbon Community Baptist Church

would like to thank the community for allowing your children to participate in our Vacation Bible School. We all had a wonderful time.

Never underestimate the power of a kind word.

Have a wonderful week and God Bless You.

DESDEMONA NEWS

By Vonnie Guthery

Vacation Bible School at the Desdemona First Baptist Church will begin June 27 through July 2 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Parade will begin at 4:30 pm ending at church followed by registration of the children and a hot dog supper. Friday night, July 2 will be parent's night, followed by refreshments. You are invited to attend.

Lloyd & Aletha Lee of Dallas were visitors last Sunday at the Desdemona Church of Christ. Lloyd, a former pastor was the guest speaker in absence of their pastor, Bro. Ray Wright who is on vacation. Other visitors were Mr. & Mrs. Elbert Lindley of Stephenville.

Desdemona First Baptist Church observed Father's Day last Sunday with a special service. Melody Johnson & Annette Cummings rendered the special music. Visitors for the morning service were Homer Joe & Johnnie Ruth Sparkman of Stephenville, Aaron Henslee and daughter, Sandra Loving of Lingleville, Gerald Ragland of Plainview, Chris Bates of Houston, Jeff & Jerilee Lindley and sons, Jeremy, Justin and Josh of Desdemona.

Davis Holdman, Lori Garth & children, Shelbi & Troy of Sundown visited the past weekend with Albert & Pat Holdman.

Bernard and Ann Keith, Pug & Vonnie Guthery and Dorothy Roberts were in Cisco on Wednesday, June 17 to attend the funeral of Carson Holdridge. Burial was in the Oakwood Cemetery north of Cisco.

Marshall "Digger" Proctor of School Hill passed away on Wednesday eve. Burial was on Saturday, June 19 in the Lingleville East End Cemetery. Our sincere sympathy goes out to these families.

Desdemona monthly musical will be on Saturday, June 26 at the Community Center (former school building). All area musicians and visitors are invited to attend. Come early to enjoy sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks at the concession stand.

Jody Walston spent several days in Utah sight-seeing and attending a dog show.

Amy Koonce of Desdemona and Addie Ratliff, a Spanish teacher in DeLeon High School, went with a tour group to Europe visiting in England, Italy, France, Switzerland, Austria and Germany. Amy graduated from DeLeon High School in May. She is the daughter of Scotty & Pat Koonce. Reported a wonderful trip but proud to be back home safe and sound.

"Congratulations" to the new Great Grandparents, Bernard & Ann Keith. Christopher Ethan arrived on June 17, 1999, Thursday at the Stephenville Hospital, weighing 7 lbs. 1 oz. Proud parents are Billy & Nikki Febinger of Stephenville, grandparents are DE & Vicki Robinett of DeLeon.

James Lemaster of Fort Worth passed away last Tuesday. A former resident of Desdemona where he graduated with the class of 1940. Survivors include one brother, Roy Lemaster, two sisters, Pauline Lee of Eastland & Grace Cummings of Waco. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family.

Bobby & Joan Baker spent last week in Kingman, Arizona visiting relatives and sight-seeing.

Jonna Herrera and daughter, Mia of Roscoe, and LaTonne Rodgers of Carbon visited Father's Day with Clydell & Vada Lewis and Grant Lewis.

Paul & Ethel Green and son, Brice of Sundown, visited on Saturday with her brothers Albert & Pat Holdman and

KOKOMO NEWS

ZELDA JORDAN - PHONE 254-639-2289

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Father's Day, honoring your Fathers with personal visits, gifts, telephone calls or with your precious memories of those who have passed away.

The fathers were recognized at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church. Visitors were Gary, Donna, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin of Mineral Wells, Gary and Rebecca Browning of Graham, Harvey and Zack Bryan of Gorman and Odie, Melissa and Alexis Merrifield of Flatwood. We appreciate all our visitors and welcome you to come at any time to worship with us. The special music was rendered by Helen & Woodrow Browning and Ruby Lee Kinsler and Daryl Hirst with Ruby Lee at the piano.

Gary and Donna Gatlin, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett of Mineral Wells and Gary and Rebecca Browning of Graham visited on Father's Day with their parents, Woodrow and Helen Browning.

Bryan Bond of Coppell visited on Father's Day with his parents, Joe & Glynda Bond.

Amber Craddock and her daughter, Jane Brush of Comanche visited with Hope Joiner on Wednesday.

La Von Snider of Brownwood spent the weekend with her mother, Hazel Snider. Dianne Snider and Sandra of Gorman visited with them on Saturday afternoon.

Dwayne and Connie Snider of Stephenville visited with Hazel Snider, and the Jamie Snider's on Monday evening. Dwayne and Connie spent Father's Day in Arlington with their daughters, Lisa who is employed with the Baptist General Convention of Texas in the Division of Student Ministry at Arlington, and Sheri Snider of Lubbock who met him there. They attended church services with Lisa at the Grace Mission Church in Arlington.

Hazel Snider visited with Stephanie Snider and children on Monday morning.

Hope Joiner and Ruth Bryant visited with Nancy Hendricks.

Stacy Webb of Comanche visited with Oren & Norma Webb on Thursday and honored Oren with a birthday supper.

Clifford Nelson spent Father's Day in Fort Worth with Jimmy and Maggie Nelson and attended church services with them. Others visiting with them were Travis, Gladys, Alexis and Tiff.

USDA Announces Federal Assistance

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman today announced that approximately 266,000 American farmers hit by natural disasters will begin receiving nearly \$2 billion in federal assistance on June 1st, to help cover the cost of their lost crops. The aid is being released about two weeks ahead of USDA's earlier scheduled time.

"Despite a red hot national economy, these are difficult times for America's farmers and ranchers," said Glickman. "This assistance should provide additional, needed relief to farmers still reeling from recent costly natural disasters." Two-thirds of the funds are earmarked for 1998 losses; the rest will help cover multi-year losses.

USDA's Farm Service Agency and Risk Management Agency made signing up for this assistance as easy as possible for farmers. USDA employees did much of the background work, assessing each farmer's crop loss history. In many cases, farmers came to a local office to find a completed application ready for their verification and signature.

Farmers will be paid 84.9 percent of qualifying single-year losses or multi-year losses. Farmers can receive payments under either single year or multi-year provisions, but not both. USDA will make payment to each eligible applicant at the higher of the two levels.

In response to the nation's farm crisis, USDA has already made \$13.4 billion in direct payments and provided over \$2.6 billion in credit to America's family farmers since July 1998. Since passage of last year's supplemental appropriations bill, USDA has

paid 1.4 million farmers more than \$2.8 billion in supplemental Production Flexibility Contract payments. Provided \$400 million to lower 1999 crop insurance premiums.

Helped about 168,000 livestock producers with \$198 million in payments from the newly created and over-subscribed Livestock Assistance Program.

Made \$49 million in payments to small hog operations suffering from low prices.

fany Nelson, Teresa Quinton and Samantha Findley and Caleb, Haley and Jordan Danley of Boise, Id.

David & Cassie Brasher were in Baytown during the weekend for a family reunion.

Dianne and Sandra Snider and Audra Segura of Gorman visited with Hazel Snider on Wednesday night. Susan Wheat, McKinsey, Caitlin and Kyann of Ranger visited with Hazel on Wednesday.

Justin Snider, a student at McMurray University at Abilene is on a trip to the Holy Land with a group from McMurray. Justin will receive credit toward his degree for making the trip. They will return on July 5.

Delmon & Joyce Eaves, Norma Webb and Shirley Eaves were in White Settlement on Saturday for the wedding of Delmon's niece, Tiffany Smith and Kenneth Childers in the Normandale Baptist Church. Both the bride and groom are deaf so sign language was used at the wedding. Calvin & Ann Smith of White Settlement are the bride's parents, and Virda Mae Norris is the grandmother.

Joyce & Delmon, Norma & Shirley catered the wedding reception held in the fellowship hall of the Methodist Church.

Following the reception, Delmon & Joyce visited in the home of his sister, Virda Mae Norris with Virda, Louise Brown and Verna Laminack of Lake Jackson and other relatives. Delmon & Joyce spent Saturday night and Father's Day in Ennis with Deliah, Randy, Chris and Jon Lewis.

Zelda Jordan met a friend, Frankie Eakin in Eastland for lunch on Friday. Glenda Ripley visited with Zelda on Saturday.

Nelda Fails of Arlington, Ray Neal, Melissa, and Emily Little of Eastland and James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little had a Father's Day supper with their parents, Jimmy & Verna Little Saturday night.

Groups Invited to Give Testimony in Austin

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs today announced that producers, commodity groups and other agricultural organizations have the opportunity to testify on international trade issues during a listening session July 8 in Austin called by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

"Texas is one of the leading agricultural exporters in the nation and ranks among the top five states in overall value of agricultural exports," Combs said. "This is a chance for the Texas agriculture industry to relay priorities and concerns to federal trade and agricultural officials."

"The meeting is among 11 planned nationwide before the United States begins the next round of World Trade Organization negotiations on Nov. 30 in Seattle."

The Austin listening session will be held from 9 am to 4 pm, July 8 at the state Capitol in Room E1.010. Those wishing to testify must register and provide their written testimony to the Texas Department of Agriculture by June 14. All testimony must be limited to five minutes. For a registration package, contact Dawn DeBerry at the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711 or telephone (512)475-1615.

Testimony from the regional listen-

4-H Tri-County Camp Registration

Eastland, Erath and Comanche County will be hosting a Tri-County Camp on Friday, July 9 at the DeLeon City Park. All Eastland County 4-H Camp members are welcomed and encouraged to participate. This camp's theme is "4-H Showcase." The cost is free with lunch served at the park. Registration will begin at 9:00 am, and camp will conclude at 2:00 pm.

4-Hers will get lots of "hands-on" experience with nontraditional projects as well as recreational activities. Below is a list of the opportunities available that day for 4-Hers and their guests to participate in:

Golf
Sportsfishing
Scavenger Hunt
Photography
Shooting Sports
Recreational Team Building

Hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks will be served for lunch. If you are interested in attending this camp, please call the Eastland County Extension Office so we will know how much food to prepare. Remember the cost is free and transportation can be arranged by the club. If you would like to attend the camp, please call the office at 254/629-2222 or 629-1093.

HERITAGE MANOR NEWS

By Nancy Hendricks



ENTERTAINS FOR RESIDENTS — Grant Tidmore, 11 year old great-grandson of Jack and Mildred Bellows and grandson of Darrell and Pat Graham, entertained for Jack's Birthday Party.



BIRTHDAY BOY — Jack Bellows is shown enjoying his Birthday Party held June 11, 1999. He is 89 years old.



J.R. & Debbie Hunt smile for the camera after presenting Jesse White with a two year service plaque. Mr. White is the outgoing Chairman of the Board of Regents for Ranger College. Mr. Hunt will serve as Chairman for the next two years.

ing sessions will provide officials from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative with recommendations to help develop the United States' objectives for agricultural trade policy during the next round of World Trade Organization negotiations, Combs said.

Combs, who will host the Austin listening session, said her international trade priorities include a more rapid response system for resolving agricultural trade disputes, particularly when

perishable commodities are involved.

Combs' other trade priorities involve sanitary/phytosanitary restrictions, tariffs, subsidies and biotechnology.

"I encourage Texas farmers, ranchers and other agricultural groups to attend this meeting and provide our federal officials with first-hand accounts from the field of how international trade can be improved to help our state's agricultural industry," added Combs.

RAWLINS MONUMENTS

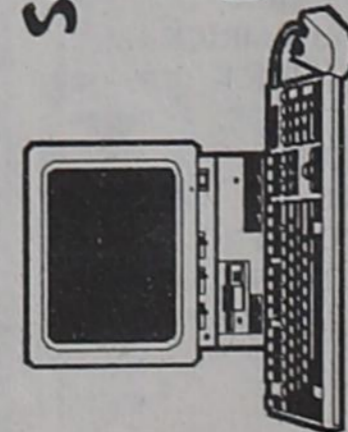
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Minutes Of City Council

The Gorman City Commission met in regular session with the following present: Mayor Jack Simpson, Commissioners, Judy Warren, Donnie Rodgers, Kenneth Good and Bill Vaughn. Others present were Glenn Scitern, Randy Johnston, Able Saldana, Frank Fenley, Leonard Silva, Bill Brewer and visitor, Jackie Gutierrez, Billy Joe Dennis, Estelle Craddock and Georgie Ervin.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

Kenneth made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Judy made a second and the motion carried 4-0.

Judy made a motion to approve the bills for payment with a second from Donnie. The motion carried 4-0.

On citizen's input Leonard Silva had questions involving the fire hydrants, the water grant application (he wanted copies) and also inquired about the Economic Development Corp. and the 1/2 cent sales tax. Judy answered his questions about the Economic Development Corp. Tacy is to make copies of the water grant that he requested.

No action on the ACO request for a telephone at the pens. The Commission felt there was not enough need to install one.

The Ken Wheeler request, Ken was not present. The Mayor stated though that the decision about Ken's termination was firm at the time of dismissal and so it remains.

Kenneth made a motion that the Police Dept. will be paid double time for working on a holiday, if that is a

regular working day for that officer. This will pertain to the regular working schedule. More detailed specs will be put in the next Commission Meeting minutes about this. Bill made a second and the motion carried 4-0.

Police pay raises were moved on to be considered with the Personnel item.

Ray Daniels was present to discuss the opening of the additional cemetery plots. Ray requested that the newest addition be made 12' X 5' plots. Also before anyone can place any type of monument or other item on the plot it is to be cleared with Ray prior to placement. A new price for each plot will be \$100.00. These plots will be sold as individual plots. There will be a Section, Row and Lot number. Only one section will be opened at a time. When the section is full then another one will be opened. Kenneth made a motion to approve this price and all of the stipulations with it and Bill made a second and the motion carried 4-0.

Wesley Warren had phone the City to ask if we could turn the water on at the watermelon stand for the weekend of the Melon Patch Tour. This location will be used for a rest stop and refreshment area for the bike riders. The City Commission felt that this will be fine and it will be in cooperation with other cities to promote more activities.

Kenneth made a motion to convene into Executive Session with a second from Judy. The motion carried 4-0. The time was 6:00 pm.

Kenneth made a motion to adjourn from Executive Session with a second from Bill. The motion carried 4-0. The time was 7:15 pm.

Donnie made a motion to resume regular session with a second from Judy. The motion carried 4-0. Time was 7:15 pm.

Bill made a motion to raise Doug's salary to \$10.00 per hour and raise Russell's to \$8.00 per hour and to raise Abel's to \$12.00 per hour. Kenneth made a second and the motion carried 4-0.

Judy made a motion to pay the hospital bill that Randy had had sent to the City and to place Randy on a 90 day probation period. If all is satisfactory at the end of the 90 days, Randy will be made full time. Donnie made a second and the motion carried 4-0.

There being no further business for discussion, Kenneth made a motion to adjourn and Judy made a second. The motion carried 4-0. The time was 7:25 pm.

Media Campaign Aimed at Youth

On Tuesday, June 15th the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (TDPRS) launched a statewide media campaign for the Texas Runaway Hotline aimed at runaways, troubled youth, and their families, according to Hotline Director, Jay Smith.

Smith said the campaign includes television, radio, and billboard ads directed toward individuals who may be in need of the Texas Runaway Hotline's free crisis intervention and telephone counseling services. A confidential message service is also available to promote communication between runaways and their parents.

"In Texas, more than 100,000 children ages 7 to 17 run away annually," Smith said. "Whether they are in large cities or small towns, runaway youths are vulnerable to a wide variety of crimes including assault and sexual exploitation. Many contact the Hotline to find food, shelter or simply to hear a caring voice."

The Hotline was established 25 years ago after police discovered the remains of 27 young men and boys who had been brutally tortured and killed. Since many of the victims were runaways, the governor of Texas initiated a service that allowed runaways to leave confidential messages for parents who feared their children were among the dead. To date, the Hotline has received more than 1 million calls.

"Texas Runaway Hotline staff and volunteers are continually working with other youth related services to keep as many teens as possible safe and off the streets," Smith said. He urges troubled youth and families to call the Hotline's toll-free number, 1-888-580-HELP (4357), or visit their web site at www.txrunaway.org.

"Runaway children are not running to something," Smith said. "More often than not, they are running away from difficult family situations."

House District 60'S 76th Legislative Session in Review

By State Representative Jim Keffer

Throughout the duration of the past legislative session, I not only focused on dispersing Texas' unexpected surplus back to the taxpayers, but I also wanted to be a voice for rural Texas, particularly House District 60. This session I filed twenty-three bills encompassing both local and statewide issues. Overall, I would say we were quite successful.

I was fortunate enough to have been able to assist Lt. Governor Perry with one of his major initiatives, the Master Reading Teacher Program which parallels with one of our original bills, HB 2307, to assist low-performing school district in improving test scores.

Recently developed three-dimensional (3-D) Seismic technology gives an oil operator a greater ability to drill a well at the optimum location to produce more oil from fewer wells. House Bill 3582 will allow a district court to appoint a receiver for a royalty owner who cannot be found, and thus, allow the drilling to proceed as planned.

My Career & Technology Initiative has also been quite successful. If signed by Governor Bush, House Concurrent Resolution 117 and HB 2401 should lay the foundation for successful student/business relationships. The resolution calls for the future development and expansion of career and technology academic programs throughout our Texas high schools.

According to House Bill 2401, a student may work with local employers as early as their junior year in high school. In return, participating businesses would help pay for students' college education. This voluntary program will give students the opportunity to receive hands-on experience in a workplace, learn marketable skills, and have the opportunity to test-drive a career or profession.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Recently, I decided to visit some of the veterans in several nursing homes throughout Texas. I was especially interested in doing this since my dad is a veteran of World War II and I am a reservist in the United States Air Force. I thought the visits would be nice, but I was not prepared for what occurred.

I guess I thought these veterans were regularly remembered, especially on Memorial Day, July 4th, Veteran's Day, etc., but unfortunately that is not the case. These men and women who brought peace to the world and then quietly came home and rebuilt the nation, have virtually been forgotten and unappreciated. What they did is the

Isbell Family Reunion Slated

The 18th Isbell Family Reunion will be held on the 2nd and 3rd of July at the Ramada Inn in Eastland, Texas. This reunion is in memory of the late William Henry Isbell and Nettie Bell (Miers) Isbell, and has been held during July or August for the last 18 years. Dearrel D. Isbell Rt. 4 Box 310 Carthage, Texas 75633-9424

Keeping Up With Friends

Patricia Hudson, of Dallas, spent the Father's Day weekend with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Hudson.

Brush Control Tips

Don't throw brush control dollars out the window by spraying too soon. Range experts say it is still too early to leaf spray mesquite and control prickly pear. Experiment Station researcher Darrell Ueckert says now is not the time to effectively spray either of these pests. Ueckert and Extension range specialist Allan McGinty developed Brush Busters techniques. Brush Busters uses individual plant control for the most effective, safest and most economical methods available. Ueckert says most ranchers forget about the important "window of opportunity" that can make or break any brush control project. He says for leaf-spraying mesquite, it is best to start when the leaves turn dark green and the soil temperature is seventy-five degrees. Ueckert says now is the worst time to control prickly pear with herbicides because the plant are moving carbohydrates upwards trying to produce new pads and flowers. He says the best time is to spray prickly pear in the late summer after the new pads are mature and the fruits are dark red. Herbicides applied too early will not be carried down to the crowns and roots, which is necessary for cactus control.

As a member of the House Committee on Economic Development, I learned during the interim the importance of keeping the welfare-to-work movement progressing forward including child care reform. We must continue to enhance the ability of faith-based and nonprofit organizations to participate in removing people from welfare roles.

HB 1689 allows loan assistance for a child care worker who meets specific criteria. This program will provide an incentive for these educated childcare workers to remain in their position, thereby decreasing turnover and improving the quality of care.

Currently, only nonprofit organizations that provide human services may acquire salvage and surplus property through direct transfer. HB 2840 redefines "assistance organizations" to include any other group, including a faith-based group, that currently contracts with health and human services agencies.

I am also proud to have been a Co-Author of HB 2, introduced by Rep. David Swinford (R-Dumas), The Agriculture and Rural Development Act of 1999. This act defines legislative research and policies that support and promote the purchase of Texas agricultural products.

Ultimately, the 76th legislative session was marked by victories for rural Texas to which I am proud to have contributed a small part.

The German prince, Albert, after his marriage to Queen Victoria, brought the custom of decorating a Christmas tree to England and German immigrants brought it to America.

platform upon which this nation so proudly stands, yet fewer and fewer of our population understand the sacrifices and commitment these people made.

I wore my uniform when I visited these veterans. I had no idea how much that symbol would mean to these noble warriors. I visited one man who hadn't spoken in four months. I was told he probably wouldn't acknowledge my visit. When I walked into the room, he saw my uniform and sat straight up in bed, eyes bright and attentive. I told him I wanted to express my appreciation for what he'd done. I told him who honored I was to be in the presence of someone who had done so much for the peace of this world and growth of this nation. I said I wanted to give him a miniature flag as an expression of my gratitude. He took the flag and held it to his lips and sobbed. He held my hand and said, "Thank you, thank you, thank you." These were the first words he had uttered in months. There was not a dry eye in the room.

In one nursing home, we had the Honor Guard from Dyess Air Force Base present the colors before the veterans. As the Guard entered the room, these wonderful men, with tears streaming down their cheeks, placed their hands over their hearts and pledged allegiance to the flag they loved.

In two other homes, we had been given a new flag from the US Senator. We brought the veterans outside to view the flying of the new colors. When I gave the command to "Present as they could and saluted. As the National Anthem was sung, tears flowed with grateful appreciation. I proudly cried with these soldiers of the past.

I was honored to talk with men who

landed at Normandy, fought in North Africa, Sicily, Guadalcanal and the Battle of the Bulge. I visited with men who survived the attack at Pearl Harbor and three years in a Japanese prisoner of war camp. These quiet heroes cried and shared their cherished memories with me. Over and over, they and their families told me how much my visit and my simple expression of respect had meant to these men of history. Never have I felt so humble and yet so proud and lifted up as I did in the presence of these veterans.

Today, the veterans of World War II are dying at a rate of 1000 a day. Soon, they'll be gone. For you active duty military and reservist, I implore you to put your uniform on and go visit any and all veterans you know. I encourage everyone to waste not another day but sit by the side of these honorable men and women. Hear their stories. Tell them you care. Learn from them. It will be more rewarding than anything you have imagined. Major James T. Patterson, USAFR

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Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

A Note From The Administrator

Rose and I attended Abilene Regional Medical Center's Resource Day on Monday. While there we talked with Physicians, Nurses, Therapists, Social Workers, Discharge Planners, Hospice Agencies, Home Health workers, and Medical Equipment Suppliers. It is so good to be able to tell everyone about the services we offer here at Heritage Manor of Gorman. I spend about twenty percent of my time marketing our facility here in Gorman. In marketing our facility, I also have the opportunity to talk about Gorman and all that we have to offer as a community. It is my privilege to be able to talk positively about our community and the opportunities available here. See you at the nursing home.

(s)Jeff

The next Birthday party will be Thursday, June 24th at 2:00 pm. Honorees are Jack Bellows and Edna Richardson. Guests and relatives are welcome. There will be entertainment and refreshments.

Jack Bellows Has Birthday Party

Pat Graham hosted a Birthday Party honoring her Dad on his 89th Birthday on Friday, June 11 at 2:00 pm. His great-grandson, Grant Tidmore, entertained with piano selections and led the "Happy Birthday" song for "Daddy Jack."

Ina Smith had bingo for entertainment. Jack and all the residents love bingo.

Birthday cookies and punch were served using "Happy Birthday" napkins, plates and glasses.

Those enjoying the happy occasion with Jack were his wife, Mildred Bellows, great-grandson, Grant Tidmore 11 years old and daughter, Pat Graham. Guests were Ina Smith, Muriel Gomez and Nancy Hendricks. Residents were Iola Johnson, Venita Hammon, Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, Ollie Halcomb, A.V. Seay, Patti Whitehorn, S.D. Gilmore and Frankie Jarrett. Dena, Brett, Chase and Grant Tidmore of Midlothian had visited with Jack & Mildred.

Visiting Doris Fowler were T.P. Grant of Lubbock, Mrs. Bill St. John of Dallas and Clarence & Leona Wilson of Stephenville.

Estelle Morris New Resident

Heritage Manor welcomes a new resident Mrs. Estelle Morris, widow of Franklin Morris. She is a former resident of Duster and Comanche. She is a retired house wife and a member of the Church of Christ.

She has one daughter, Oleta Childress of Comanche and grandchildren Benny & Marjorie Duskie of Gorman. Velma Bennett states she is happy to have Mrs. Morris as her new roommate.

Visiting Cynthia Earles were Vardie Huff, Mayvis Lasater, Howard & Pat Hagood, Ethel Weaver, Ernestine Campbell, Samantha Krause, Ruth Campbell, Marjorie Treadway, Jessie Woosley and Fay Huff.

Ruby Jones Passes Away

On Friday, June 11, 1999, Ruby Jones passed away. Funeral was held at 2:00 pm on Sunday, June 13th in the Parker Funeral Chapel in Baird with Rev. Ross Ellis officiating. Burial was in Ross Cemetery.

She was the widow of Garvin Jones, whom she married in 1936. He preceded her in death in 1976. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and a 50 year member of the Eastern Star. She lived in Baird before moving to Heritage Manor.

Survivors are one daughter, Jerry and husband, Corkey Brown; two granddaughters, Vicky & Johnny Johnson, Julie & Darren Clark; five grandsons, Josh Johnson, Seth Johnson, Tyler Johnson, Corey Clark and Cameron Clark, all of Gorman.

She is survived by three sisters-in-law. Pallbearers were Johnny Johnson, Darren Clark, Josh Johnson, Robert Park, Roger Com and Jack Com.

Visiting Ava Rodgers were Grant Tidmore of Midlothian, Jimmy & Verna Lee Little, Hope Joiner, Rev. Clarence & Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Ima Brown, Ruth Bryant, Nancy Hendricks, Fay Tucker and Mayvis Lasater.

Ora Lee Lawrence of First Baptist Church taught the Sunday school lesson Sunday for Frankie Jarrett, Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, A.V. Seay, Ora Mae Atchison, S.D. Gilmore, Patti Whitehorn and Velma Bennett.

Visiting Irene Heathington were Rev. & Mrs. Clarence Wilson of Stephenville, Ken & Betty Sue Heathington and Dave & Lanita Freeman.

Some of Myrtle Hale's and A.V. Seay's guests were Thurman Cox of Midland, Leona Kelly of N.M., Rev. Clarence & Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Hope Joiner, Argie & Margie Hale, Ennis & Nina Joiner, Grant Tidmore of Midlothian, Audrey Pond

and Vicki Seay.

On Sunday, those coming from the Kokomo Baptist Church were Rev. Clarence & Leona Wilson, Daryl Hirst, Woodrow & Helen Browning, Jimmy & Verna Lee Little, Hope Joiner, Johnnie B. Griffith, Zella Jordan and Nancy Hendricks and guests, Pat Graham and Grant Tidmore. Residents were Jack & Mildred Bellows, Inez Rogers, Frankie Jarrett, Patti Whitehorn, Veno Hale, Dorothy Beaty, Ollie Halcomb, Ava Rodgers, Velma Bennett, Estelle Morris, Ollie Halcomb, Ora Mae Atchison and Myrtle Hale. Specials by Grant Tidmore, Daryl Hirst and Woodrow & Helen Browning.

Visiting Ora Mae Atchison and Inez Rogers were Oneida Joyce Gartman of Camay, Tiffany Gartman, Clarence & Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Barbara Adams of Washington State, Luida Watson of Granbury, Modell Watson, Barbara Jean Adams of Arlington, Grant Tidmore of Midlothian, Chesley Atchison, Hope Joiner, Edie Nichols, Fred Rogers, Buddy Rogers of Ranger, Dixie Ryon and Violet Watson of Desdemona.

Residents appreciated the pretty gladiolas Mrs. Hope Joiner sent.

Some of Estelle Morris' and Velma Bennett's guests were Leon & Ollie Childress of Sidney, Donny Brown of Sidney, Marjorie Duskie, Bryan and William Duskie, Glenna Turner, Gloria Murphy, Icy Munn, Leona & Clarence Wilson, Grant Tidmore and Nancy Hendricks.

On Monday, Ina Smith and Pat Graham had bingo for Inez Rogers, Ollie Halcomb, Jack & Mildred Bellows, Modess Self, Patti Whitehorn, Velma Bennett, A.V. Seay, B.T. Hanna and Frankie Jarrett.

Visiting Modess Self and Ola Walker were Christine Self, Dave & Lanita Freeman, Ken & Betty Sue Heathington, Bro. Clarence & Leona Wilson.

Some of Venita Hammon's guests were Chris Shupp, Jo Bailey, Sam Torrez, Johnny Torrez, Grant Tidmore of Midlothian, Rev. Clarence & Leona Wilson.

Visiting Mary Williams were Hope Joiner, Juanita Files, Maxine Frasier, Durwood Webb, Ina Reynolds of Carbon, Gereldene Wright, Anna Rush and Ima Brown.

On Monday afternoon those coming for the singing were Ernestine Campbell, Ethel Weaver, Marjorie Treadway, Nina Joiner, Daisy Slaton, Alpha Mae Andry, Ruth Bryant and Nancy Hendricks. Residents were Ollie Halcomb, Iola Johnson, Estelle Morris, Jack & Mildred Bellows, Velma Bennett, Myrtle Hale, A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers and Veno Hale.

Some of Veno Hale's and Iola Johnson's visitors were Rev. Clarence & Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Jimmy & Verna Lee Little, Hope Joiner, Ina Reynolds and Mary Estes from Carbon, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant and Hope Joiner.

Residents appreciated the nice magazines Icy Munn donated.

Visiting Vadis Phelps were Fay Tucker of Carbon, Birdie Hogan of Fort Worth, Elnora Lindley of Desdemona, Rev. & Mrs. Clarence Wilson of Stephenville, Mitzi McGaha and Kelly Carruth.

Visiting S.D. Gilmore were Clarence & Leona Wilson, Alpha Mae Andry and Dixie Ryon of Desdemona.

On Tuesday morning, Betty Duke of Desdemona came and played the electric keyboard and led singing for Veno Hale, Inez Rogers, Velma Bennett, Estelle Morris, A.V. Seay, Frankie Jarrett, Ora Mae Atchison, Ollie Halcomb, Modess Self, S.D. Gilmore, Stella Files, Irene Heathington and Jack & Mildred Bellows.

Visiting Bea O'Neal were Vera West of DeLeon, Richard & Connie Watson, Grace & Jordan Watson, Rachel Watson, Bro. Clarence & Leona Wilson of Stephenville.

On Tuesday afternoon, Ina Smith had "The Alphabet Game" for Ollie Halcomb, Inez Rogers, Myrtle Hale, Jack & Mildred Bellows, A.V. Seay, Velma Bennett and Frankie Jarrett.

Guests of Patti Whitehorn and Frankie Jarrett were Rev. T.D. Whitehorn, Mary Estes, Sylvia Estes, Ina Reynolds and Marie Cook of Carbon, Rev. & Mrs. Clarence Wilson of Stephenville, Mark Watson, Clifton Jarrett, Kay Watson, Hope Joiner, and Audrey Pond.

On Wednesday morning, Bro. Durwood Webb of the Church of Christ had chapel for Dorothy Beaty, Inez Rogers, Irene Heathington, Ora Mae Atchison, Iola Johnson, Veno Hale, Velma Bennett, Patti Whitehorn, A.V. Seay, Jack & Mildred Bellows, Ollie Halcomb, S.D. Gilmore, Frankie Jarrett and Estelle Morris.

Some of Muriel Prewitt's guests

were Ron Prewitt of Edman, Okla., John and Pattie Waters of Amarillo, Durwood Webb, Joan Fraley, Grace Townley, Clarence & Leona Wilson of Stephenville and Nancy Hendricks.

Visiting Edna Richardson and Agnes Ackard were Jo Etheredge, Bill & Cliffa Vaughn, Dianne Snider, Molly, Ty, and Nicole Vaughn, Vickie Doyle of Ranger and Clarence & Leona Wilson of Stephenville.

On Wednesday afternoon, Ina Smith, Darrell and Pat Graham had "Crazy Bingo" for Dorothy Beaty, Inez Rogers, Irene Heathington, Ora Mae Atchison, Veno Hale, Frankie Jarrett, Patti Whitehorn, Jack & Mildred Bellows, S.D. Gilmore, Myrtle Hale, A.V. Seay and Velma Bennett.

Visiting Stella Files and Hazel Wis-

dom were Wiley & Marjorie McCollum of El Paso, Bob & Merlene Wisdom, Ken & Pat Kincannon of Hico, Eloise Williams and Clarence & Leona Wilson of Stephenville.

Some of Buddy Winn's guests were R.J. and Gladine Cates of Big Spring, Harvey Winn of Cisco and Clarence & Leona Wilson of Stephenville.

On Thursday morning, Ina Smith had "Whatever" for Myrtle Hale, Velma Bennett, Veno Hale, Inez Rogers, Mildred Bellows, A.V. Seay, Ollie Halcomb, Frankie Jarrett, Patti Whitehorn and Iola Johnson.

Some of Jack & Mildred Bellows' guests were Dena, Brett & Grant Tidmore of Midlothian, Pat & Darrell Graham and Rev. Clarence & Leona Wilson of Stephenville.

On Thursday "Treasure Hunt" was

real exciting as residents "dug in" to find their hidden treasures. They were Modess Self, S.D. Gilmore, Estelle Morris, B.T. Hanna, Ollie Halcomb, Dorothy Beaty, Velma Bennett, Jack & Mildred Bellows, Iola Johnson, A.V. Seay, Ava Rodgers, Veno Hale, Patti Whitehorn and Inez Rogers.

Visiting B.T. Hanna and Ed Johnson were Johnathan Van Dusen, Mayvis Lasater, Dale Johnson and Faye Johnson.

Some of Dorothy Beaty and Ollie Halcomb's guests were Clarence & Leona Wilson of Stephenville and David & Denna Halcomb.

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