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OBITUARIES

Billy Ray Ward

Funeral services for Billy Ray Ward, age 64, of Sayre, Oklahoma, will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 31, 1998, in Robertson Chapel of Memories in Clarendon with Rev. Don McFarland, Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Childress, officiating. Interment will be in Citizens Cemetery with arrangements under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc.

Mr. Ward died at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 27, 1998, at his residence in Sayre, Oklahoma. He was born May 11, 1933, in Memphis, Hall County, Texas, and was a Dallas resident before moving to Sayre five years ago. He married Alma Joyce Wells on February 3, 1969, at Dallas. He had been a mechanic most of his life. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Eva Lee Weatherly and Velma Golden; and by two brothers, Albert Ward and Alton Ward.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce of Sayre; four daughters, Lisa, Sharon, Sheila, and Laquita, all of Sayre; one son, Jackie of Sayre; five sisters, Elsie Reed of Amarillo, Alma Starkey of Macomba, Arizona, Alta Hall on Lindale, Thelma Nolen of Dallas, and Dorothy Weddell of Childress; three brothers, Jeff Ward of Dallas, E.J. Ward of Palestine, and Gene Ward of Kemp.

Casket bearers were Ronnie Ward, Randy Ward, Albert Ward, Timothy Ward, Paul Brisaley, and Don Hale.

James Jackson "Jack" Davidson

Funeral services for James Jackson "Jack" Davidson, age 82, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 31, 1998, in Robertson Chapel of Memories in Clarendon with Rev. Bryan Knowles, Pastor of the Martin Baptist Church, officiating. Interment was in Citizens Cemetery with arrangements under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc.

Mr. Davidson died at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28, 1998, in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He was born December 12, 1915 in Charleston, Illinois. He spent his early life in Texas and moved to California in 1936. He returned to Clarendon in 1983. He married Edna Rose Powell

on June 4, 1947, in California. She preceded his in death on October 27, 1977. He married Ilene Mae Schiltz on November 11, 1978, at Las Vegas, Nevada. He had worked in construction and was a carpenter for 35 years before retiring in 1971. He was a US Army Veteran of World War II and a member of the Clarendon VFW Post #7782. He was active in the Donley County Senior Citizens Association and Dance Club and was a guitar player in a band.

Survivors include his wife, Ilene Davidson of Clarendon; two daughters, Louella Raymond of Little Sioux, Iowa, Carla Cunningham of Wasilla, Alaska; one brother, Russell Davidson of San Pablo, California; 9 grandchildren; 41 great grandchildren; 17 great great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Casket bearers were Ike O'Neal, Chris O'Neal, Mitchell Martin, Scott Martin, Al Musgrove, and Woody Argo. Honorary bearers were members of Clarendon VFW Post #7782.

The family requests that memorials be to Clarendon VFW Post #7782.

George Turner

Funeral services for George Turner, age 76, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 1998, in the True Church in God in Christ with Rev. Roy S. Williams, Pastor, and Elder Harry Williams, officiating. Interment was in Citizens Cemetery with arrangements under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc.

Mr. Turner died at 2:05 a.m. on Friday, January 30, 1998, in BSA Hospice in Amarillo following a lengthy illness. He was born December 27, 1921 in Cameron, Texas, and attended Cameron schools. He had been a resident of Clarendon most of his adult life. He served in the U.S. Army for seven years and was the groundskeeper for many years at the Clarendon Country Club before retiring in 1993. He married Jimmie Ruth Irving who preceded him in death. He then married Doris Smith Gardner on August 25, 1986, at Littlefield. He was a member of the True Church of God in Christ in Clarendon.

He was preceded in death by a son, George Turner, Jr., a daughter, Mary Ruth Turner, and two sisters,

Gladys Parker and Hazel Harris.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Turner of Clarendon; two step daughters, Angelia Miller of Plainview, Jacquelin Jackson of Lubbock; two step sons, Billy Gardner of Brownwood, Stanley Gardner of Lubbock; two brothers, Will Turner Jr. of Cameron, James Turner of Pontiac, Michigan; four sisters, Emma Ockleberry of Temple, Pearl Forch of Cleveland, Ohio, Mae Esther Turner of Cleveland, Ohio, Charlotte Brownlee of Bronx, New York; and a grandson, Allen Turner of Clarendon.

Casket bearers were Alton Gains, Orsbin Perkins, Roland Hill, Willie Weatherton, Allen Turner, and Don Alexander. Honorary bearers were Raymond Sanchez, Billy Gardner, Stanley Gardner, Chris Brown, Bobby Smith, and Howard Weatherton.

Cleo Gladys Gray Farr

Cleo Gladys Gray Farr, age 89, passed away at home January 31, 1998, with her family at her side. A graveside service was held at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon on Tuesday, February 3, 1998, at 10:30 a.m. with Dr. James Bell, Pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon, officiating. She was buried next to her mother, Mary Eva Lee "Lela" and father, Wilson Hancock Gray.

Ms. Farr was born May 1, 1908, in McAlister, New Mexico. Her parents ultimately relocated to a farm in Clarendon where Cleo was raised.

Following the death of her mother, Cleo attended Clarendon College. In 1932, Cleo married Raymond Farr and with him had five children. Cleo divorced Raymond and as a single mom moved her daughters to Amarillo. The early years following her divorce were difficult ones but Cleo's strength of spirit and love of family helped pull everyone through. Cleo remained in Amarillo until a recent move to Georgetown.

She is also survived by ten grandchildren, Wesley Ray Farr, Christy Woods, Misty Taylor, all of Amarillo,

Mike Reed of Keller, Shawn Hermesmyer of Borger, Cindy Hermesmyer of Clarendon, Heather Goodman of Georgetown, Todd Hanley of Sterlin Heights, MI, April Lynch of Dallas, and Alan Hanley of Norman, OK. She was also blessed with seven great grandchildren.

Ms. Farr was preceded in death by her mother and father.

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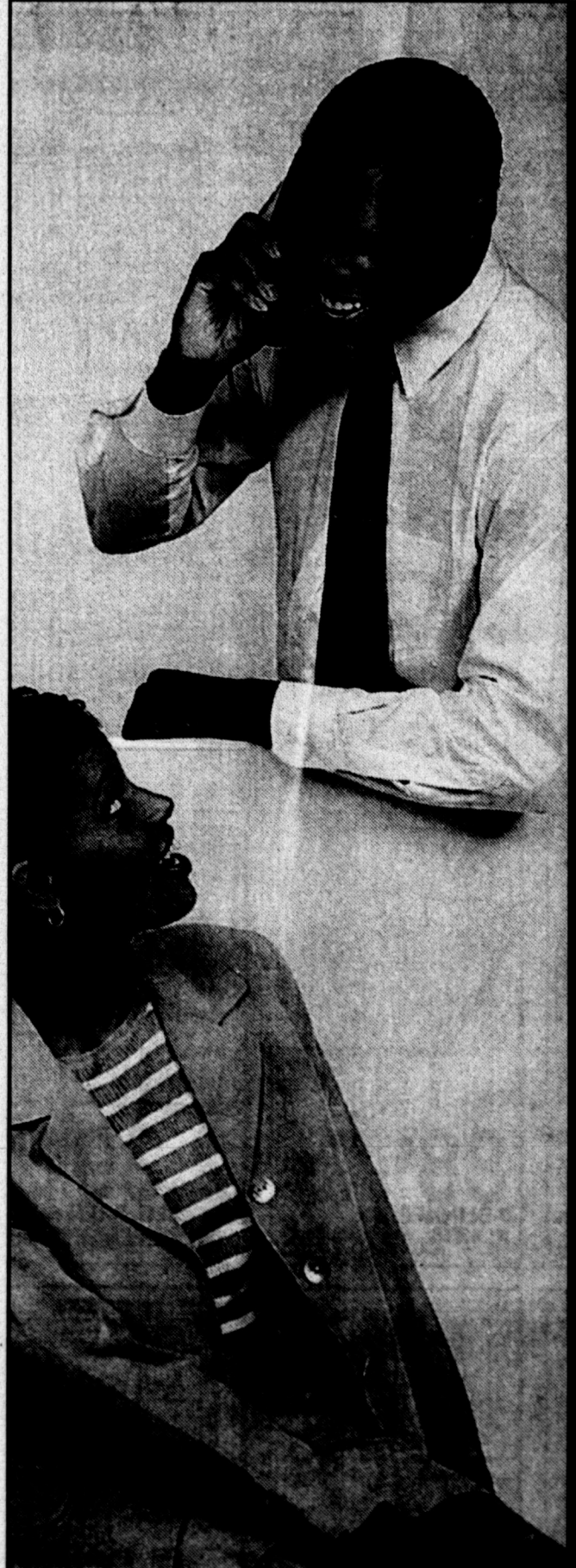


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Those attending from the Clarendon FFA are Dale Askew,

Travis Davis, D.J. Edwards, Ronna Edwards, Calvin Edwards, Mark Howard, Parker Kerlee, Walker McAnear, Elwyn McCleskey, Wes Ritchie, Bobby Tolbert, Lowell Ellerbrook, Aaron Harper, Cathleen Hommel, Kayleen Hommel, and Jeremy Tunnell. Those attending from Hedley FFA are Emily

Edmonson, Travis Hrbacek, Paul Monroe, Devonia Monroe, James Lee Potts, Larae Shaw, Layne Sheets, Joshua David Talley, and Holli Jo White. Those attending from the Donley County 4-H are Dale Askew, Pat Church, Trisha Church, Mark Howard, Ryan Petty, Ashley Petty, and Josh Talley

These FFA and 4-H exhibitors showcase their animal projects during the second week of the livestock competition — the junior show. The first week of competition, the open show, features professional ranchers and breeders from throughout the country exhibiting their breeding stock.

The Clarendon Enterprise Deadlines

Articles: Monday, 12:00 noon
Display and Classified Ads: Monday, 5:00 p.m.
Pictures: Monday, 12:00 noon

Herring offers 'rock-bottom' home loan rates

The Herring National Bank has announced its new "Rock-Bottom-Rates" home loan program.

"Herring's home loan rates are currently at 6.75% for qualifying 15 year mortgages, and 7.125 for qualifying 30 year mortgages," said Trishia Schwertner of Herring National Bank. "We believe this is too good to pass up in Clarendon. There are lots of people in Clarendon who would enjoy lower mortgage payments," said Schwertner.

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With Herring's new home loan program, you will now be able to obtain a mortgage loan with long term, fixed interest rates. Additionally Herring

helps customers qualify for Federal Housing Administration (FHA), Veterans Administration (VA), and First Time Home buyer programs. These programs offer affordable, competitive, current market, fixed rate mortgage loans.

"Herring National Bank is committed to making large investments in Clarendon. One very good way to do this is to help people purchase their home. Customers can still get the more flexible loan with slightly higher rates, but I know that many others will want to take advantage of these new programs with lower rates," said Schwertner.

New state legislation gets tough on graffiti artists

AUSTIN — You've seen their work — on stop signs, on billboards, under bridges, on building walls. To graffiti artists any surface is a canvas. Despite the fact that graffiti is seen practically everywhere, it is against the law, unsightly, and unsafe. Legislators have gotten tougher on people who practice the craft, and according to the Texas Department of Transportation, those signs are often graffiti targets, it couldn't come at a better time.

A new law, passed this last legislative session, increases criminal penalties for graffiti offenders. Under the law, offenses range from a Class B misdemeanor to a first degree felony, depending on the cost to repair the property that is vandalized. For example, vandalizing property that costs from \$1,500 to \$20,000 to repair and remove graffiti is a state jail felony

carrying sentence of up to two years in jail. In addition to imprisonment, state jail felons can also be fined up to \$10,000.

"If you vandalized most any type of TxDOT property, you run the risk of committing a state felony because for most of our property it costs at least \$1,500 to fix the damage from the graffiti," said Richard Kirby, construction and maintenance engineer for TxDOT's Construction and Maintenance Division. And while most TxDOT street signs cost in the hundreds, graffiti offenders still won't be able to skirt the heavier penalties.

"If you vandalized several signs, the law allows us to combine the costs of all vandalized signs, meaning you could still face a stiffer penalty," Kirby said.

Kirby added that the penalties under the new law don't just stop at fines or in-

carceration. Persons convicted under the law also face driver's license suspension.

According to TxDOT, over the past three years, the department has spent an average of over \$500,000 a year to remove graffiti. Although the street sign is often a favorite mark of graffiti writers, it isn't uncommon to find graffiti messages on retaining walls, concrete traffic barriers, bridge components, culverts, and concrete-lined channels.

According to Roy Wright, TxDOT's Wellington Area Engineer, "The \$500,000 that is spent annually to remove graffiti could be spent building a new two 2½ mile

Farm-to-Market road that would enhance the transportation superstructure of a community. Graffiti cleanup is costly and requires our employees to work extra hours that they could be using to maintain the roads. It's not just a matter of painting over the graffiti," Wright said.

Department crews and contractors often must use high pressure water hoses and sometimes sandblast to remove graffiti.

"Graffiti may seem innocent enough, but it's not. It puts people's lives at risk and that's not innocent. That's dangerous."

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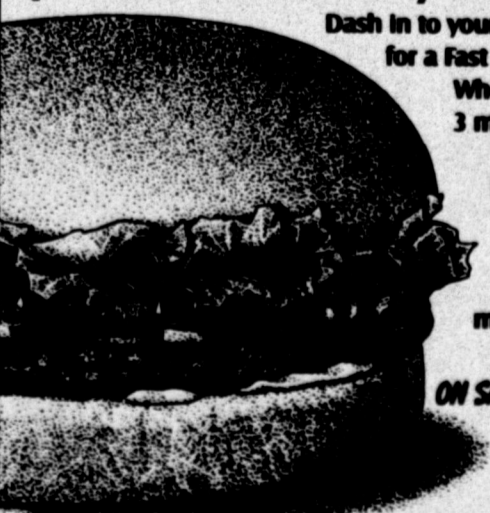
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Joe Lovell to serve as Advisory Director at Community Bank

Community Bank is pleased to announce that Joe T. Lovell will serve as an Advisory Director at their new location at 123 E. Third, Clarendon.



Mr. Lovell is a 1946 graduate of Clarendon High School and a 1948 graduate of Clarendon College. He received a BBA degree from Southern Methodist University with a major in banking and finance. He volunteered and served four and a half years in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and was discharged from active duty in December of 1954 with the rank of Lieutenant.

In January, 1955, Mr. Lovell joined Farmers State Bank in Clarendon as a teller. He was employed by the Swift family for forty years during which time the bank had two name changes and three family members served as president. He continued with the bank for another three years under new ownership and management after the bank was sold. He was Senior Vice President and Trust Officer at the time of his retirement on December 31, 1997.

"Banking has been the dominant

factor in my life for the past forty-three years; however, on my retirement in December, I planned to have no further active participation in the industry," Lovell stated. "Since being asked to work with Community Bank in some capacity, I have become convinced that it is the purpose of ownership and management to operate the bank as a 'country bank' with emphasis on people. With this philosophy, the numbers will follow."

"I am pleased to have been elected to serve as an Advisory Director and feel that I can contribute in that capacity."

Mr. Lovell has also opened an office in Kade Matthews' building. From that office, Joe will conduct his real estate brokerage and estate administration business and will continue to be engaged in farming and ranching.

LOOKING BACK

15 Years Ago

The Clarendon Press, February 3, 1983

• Pat McCombs was honored with the 1983 Donley County Woman of the Year Award from the Extension Homemakers Club.

25 Years Ago

The Donley County Leader, February 1, 1973

• Donley County 4-H club members placed up in the top end of their classes with their steers at the Fort Worth Livestock Show according to County Agent Ronald Gooch. Those placing were Dean Hawkins, Starla Mann, Lisa McAnear, Jamie McAnear, Scott Martin, Paul Hermesmeyer, David Leathers, Jeff Helms, and Richard Leathers. Also exhibiting were Mary Jo Hermesmeyer and Mark Mann.

50 Years Ago

The Donley County Leader, February 5, 1948

• Mr. Carl B. Morris of Clarendon announced Saturday, January 31, his candidacy for State Representative of the 122nd Legislative District.

• Clyde Wilson, who has been operating the Sinclair station across from City Hall, has purchased the interest of F.J. Hommel in the Texaco Station one block east of the Donley County State Bank and took over operation of the business.

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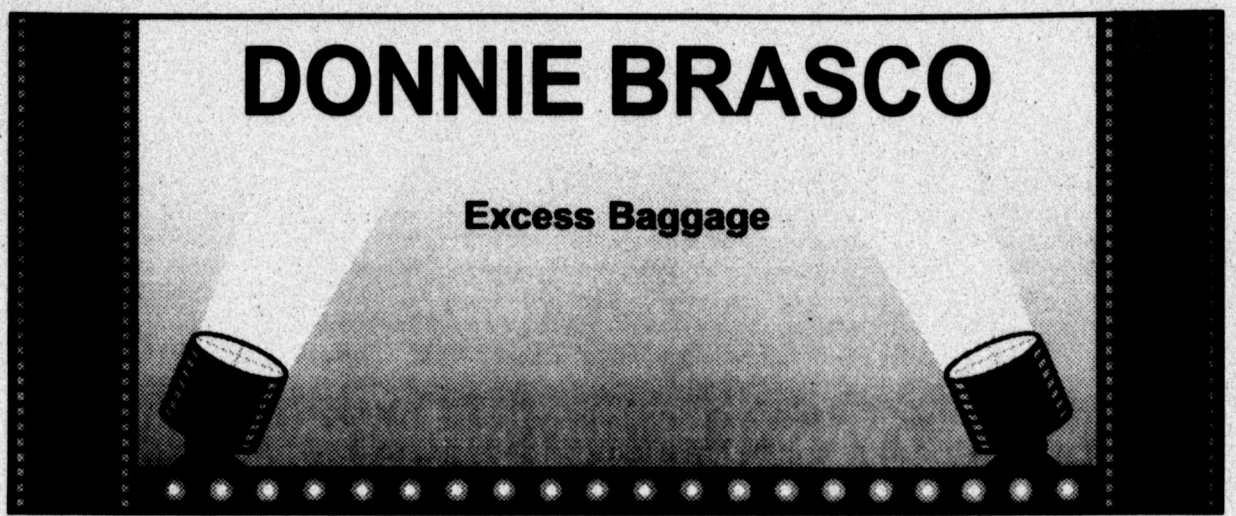
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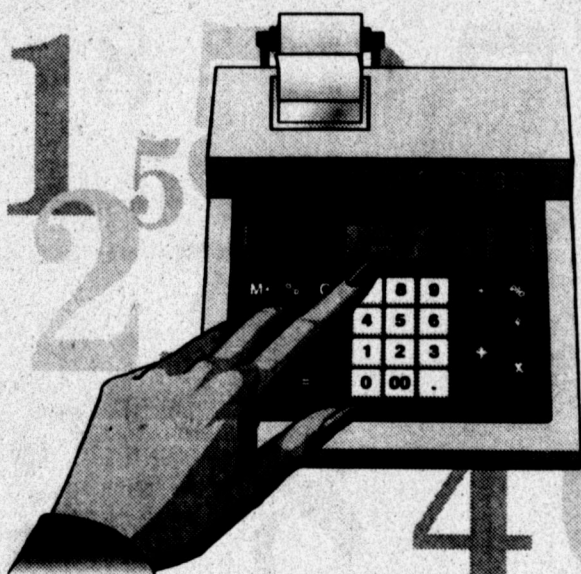
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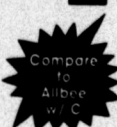
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- Have "a-peel."

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grandma should write, in 100 words or less, why the nominee should be considered and enclose a non-returnable photo. Nominations should be sent to Granny Smith, P.O. Box 18, Wenatchee, WA 98807, and received no later than April 3, 1998.

"We've extended the deadline this year so more grannies can participate," said Thomas. "Nominees don't need to have the last name 'Smith,' and the photos sent to us, like our Granny Smith apples, should be in good taste."

Last year's winner was 66-year-old Suzanne Lafond of Nashville, Tenn., a small business owner, community volunteer and avid exerciser. Lafond was selected out of thousands of entries from all 50 states to be the official "spokes-granny" for Washington's apple growers.

She's been busy.

"It's been a great year," Lafond said. "I've traveled quite a bit making TV appearances and talking to senior groups. Getting to meet so many

people and seeing so much of the country has been a tremendous experience."

Twenty grandmothers, and the person who nominated each of them, will be chosen to participate in the "Granny Finale," held in May at the Washington State Apple Blossom Festival in Wenatchee, Wash.

The winner will be featured on grocery store posters and make promotional appearances in the upcoming year.

"We have another bumper crop of high quality Granny Smiths this year, so we need an even bigger crop of granny nominees," Thomas said. "The search has really turned into something special. We give people a chance to tell us why grandmothers are a special part of their lives."

"From the nominations we've received, it seems many grannies have traded in their rocking chairs for tennis shoes."

TRAMM workshop set for Feb. 10

by Leon J. Church, County Agent

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is sponsoring a Texas Risk Assessed Management/Marketing (TRAMM) Workshop on Tuesday February 10. The workshop will begin at 9:00 am and run until 2:30 p.m. in the Ranch and Feedlot Operations classroom. Cost of the workshop is \$25, which includes workbook and lunch. There is limited space so make your reservations early; this is being offered on a regional wide basis and will fill up rapidly.

Workshop objectives are: 1) Familiarize you with Risk Management/Marketing Tools, (Budgets and BudPro, Crop Insurance Alternatives, Marketing Alternatives, Marketing Plans, 2) Apply Tools to Game Situa-

tion, (game winners will be rewarded), 3) Discuss outcomes of simulated farming game and possible strategies, and 4) Discuss strategic planning potential.

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YOU WILL BE RECEIVING THE FOLLOWING OPINION CHOICES ON A POSTCARD:

- 1) I THINK THE DONLEY COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD SHOULD SELL MEDICAL CENTER NURSING HOME.
- 2) I THINK THE DONLEY COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD SHOULD NOT SELL MEDICAL CENTER NURSING HOME, AND I WOULD SUPPORT AN INCREASE IN TAXES TO MAKE RENOVATIONS, REPLACE EQUIPMENT, AND ADD BEDS.

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(The results of this opinion poll are non-binding on the Donley County Hospital District Board of Directors.)

THE DONLEY COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS OPERATES UNDER THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS THAT CREATED THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT.

By law, the Board may levy taxes to:

- 1) Pay off bond and bond interest
- 2) Pay for other obligations assumed by the hospital district...medical care for needy (indigent) residents in Donley County as per Article 9, Section 9, of the Texas Constitution creating the hospital district.
- 3) Provide for the operation and maintenance of the hospital district and hospital system, to include contractual obligation to the ambulance service, (...any other facilities deemed necessary for hospital care by the directors.)
- 4) Make further improvements and additions to the hospital system.

By law, the Board shall have the power and authority to issue and sell bonds for purchase, construction, acquisition, repair or renovation of buildings, and improvements and equipping same. No bonds shall be issued until authorized at an election called for that purpose.

By law, the district shall be empowered to sell or otherwise dispose of any property, real or personal, or equipment of any nature upon terms and conditions found by the board to be in the best interest of its (the district's) inhabitants.

WHY SELL MEDICAL CENTER NURSING HOME?

Advantages:

- 1) Currently, MCNH does not have the resources from patient revenue and taxpayer collections to add beds and replace air conditioning and heating units, as well as updating the facility in general. (More beds would increase patient revenue.)
- 2) The hospital district would no longer be responsible for facility, resident, and staff liabilities.
- 3) The MCNH facility and associated property would become a taxpaying entity.
- 4) Selling MCNH would be the first step in the process of dissolving the hospital district. (The last bond payment will be February 1, 1999.) Hospital district officers have been informally reviewing bids to determine which group would best serve MCNH residents and Donley County.

Disadvantages:

- 1) Donley County Hospital District Board would no longer oversee MCNH operations.

WHY DISSOLVE THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT?

To eliminate Donley County Hospital District taxes from your tax bill.

By law, your 1997 hospital district taxes (\$223,837) went to:

- 1) Pay bond with interest. (\$48,775) Last payment due 2/1/99.
- 2) Pay for medical care for needy in Donley County. (\$12,525)
- 3) Pay for Partial support of ambulance service. (\$15,600 annually...this amount also paid by city and county by contractual agreement)
- 4) Pay for Appraisal District fees to service the taxes. (\$14,397)
- 5) Operation of Medical Center Nursing Home. (Remaining 1997 tax dollars of \$132,540 supplied 11% of the total nursing home revenue.)

WHAT WOULD BE THE IMPACT OF NO HOSPITAL DISTRICT ON INDIGENT CARE AND THE AMBULANCE SERVICE?

- 1) Medical care responsibility for needy (indigent) would be shifted to the county at lesser taxpayer liability. (See What you Need to Know About Indigent Care.)
- 2) Partial ambulance support responsibility to be redefined by city and county.

WHAT GROUPS HAVE PRESENTED BIDS TO PURCHASE MCNH?

Three bid proposals have been presented to the hospital district Board. Those proposals are from 1) Mrs. Sharon Wetzel, Palo Duro Nursing Home in Claude, TX; 2) Mr. James Moore, Centex Corp., with nursing homes in Amarillo, McLean, Memphis, Wellington, and Slaton; and 3) Mr. Alan Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Kielinski (Mr. Graham's parents) to affiliate with MSC in Lubbock which operates homes in Anson, Alpine, Perryton, Tahoka, and Winsborough, TX.

WHAT CRITERIA ARE BOARD MEMBERS USING TO STUDY THESE BIDS?

The Donley County Hospital Board is examining these facilities by:

- 1) Reviewing all deficiencies, incidents, and complaints for the last 5 years
- 2) Touring the individual facilities in both announced and unannounced visits (Donley County citizens have been invited on these tours.)
- 3) Interviewing staff, residents and resident families at each facility
- 4) Reviewing Medicaid Compliance Reports for each facility
- 5) Reviewing Cost Reports for each facility
- 6) Reviewing both personal and corporate financials for each bidder
- 7) Calling businesses in each town to see if that nursing home pays its bills

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT INDIGENT CARE

WHAT IS THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT'S RESPONSIBILITY WITH REGARD TO INDIGENT CARE?

Donley County Hospital District (by law) must pay for medical care costs for anyone who lives in the Donley County Hospital District and meets specific criteria. The hospital district uses the County Indigent Health Care Program Guidelines to determine eligibility after county residency is established. For 1997, that includes anyone:

- 1) Who generally has an annual income not to exceed approximately \$3,000 (based on family size)
 - 2) Who has countable resources (car and liquid assets) not to exceed \$1,000
- AND
- 3) Who applies for indigent care assistance.

WHAT DONLEY COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT CITIZENS HAVE QUALIFIED FOR INDIGENT CARE ASSISTANCE IN 1997

- 1) County jail inmates
- 2) Students at Clarendon College
- 3) Individuals who are not old enough to qualify for Medicare
- 4) Any other persons who meet the eligibility requirements as listed above

THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT IS THE PAYOR OF LAST RESORT.

Individuals who are NOT eligible for indigent care are those receiving Medicaid and/or SSI, and those who have other sources of health care assistance.

THERE ARE NO LIMITS ON THE COSTS FOR MEDICAL CARE THAT THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT MUST PROVIDE TO AN ELIGIBLE COUNTY RESIDENT.

WHO WOULD TAKE CARE OF DONLEY COUNTY INDIGENTS IF THERE WERE NO HOSPITAL DISTRICT?

Donley County.

The county would be required to set aside 10% of its budget (General Revenue Tax Levy) for this purpose. (136 counties in Texas already do this. Of those 136 counties, 14 went above their 10% allocation in 1996.)

The state assistance fund reimburses 80% of costs above a county's 10% budget. For example, using this year's Donley County budget, 10% of the GRTL would be around \$43,000. If indigent care costs ran above the \$43,000, the state would pay 80% of those costs. Under the county program, individual medical costs are capped at \$30,000 per eligible county resident.

WHAT DIFFERENCE WOULD NO HOSPITAL DISTRICT MAKE TO YOU AS A TAXPAYER?

You would no longer pay hospital district taxes. You would no longer have the responsibility or the liability for unlimited medical costs for indigent care.

Texas Tomorrow Fund April deadline is fast approaching

AUSTIN — State Comptroller John Sharp has reminded parents and grandparents in the Lone Star state that the Texas Tomorrow Fund's April 1 enrollment deadline is fast approaching.

"April 1, like the warm spring weather, may seem like it's a long ways off. But Texas wildflowers will be blooming in a matter of weeks, and the Texas Tomorrow Fund's enrollment deadline will be here before you know it," Sharp said.

The Texas Tomorrow Fund, proposed by Sharp and approved by state lawmakers during the 1995 legislative session, allows families to lock in the costs of their children's future college tuition and required fees for about what they would pay today.

Just a few weeks before the third enrollment period opened on October 14, the Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board, which Sharp chairs, determined that a prepaid tuition contract paid in a lump sum during the current enrollment period for a Class of 2020 graduate will cost \$10,904. The current rate, which is about 12 percent higher than that of the second enrollment period, reflects the rising costs of tuition and required fees at the state's public four-year universities. The Texas Tomorrow Fund covers up to 128 academic hours of tuition.

"The Texas Tomorrow Fund is the best school bargain this year. For as little as \$92 a month, until that child graduates from high school, the parents of a newborn Texan can sign their baby up for four years of tuition and required fees at a public university," Sharp said.

During the program's first two enrollment periods, more than 65,000 families took advantage of the pay-now, learn-later program. The seven-member board that oversees the Texas Tomorrow Fund also approved an expanded marketing program with the Texas Association of Life Underwriters. For the first time, life insurance agents will be able to sell prepaid tuition contracts during this enrollment period.

The board also includes John C. Anderson, president of Hale County State Bank in Plainview; Michael D. Gollob, head of the Gollob, Morgan, Peddy and Co. accounting firm in Tyler; Dr. Roy McClung, former president of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, now retired and living in Lubbock; Charles Miller, chairman of Meridian Advisors, Ltd., an investment firm in Houston; Jere Pedersen, executive vice president of the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston; and Beth Weakley, senior vice president of Frost National Bank in San Antonio.

Dr. McClung encourages Texas parents and grandparents to take advantage of the opportunity to invest in their children's and grandchildren's future.

"The Texas Tomorrow Fund program is practical—it makes sense especially for families with pre-school aged children," McClung said.

Member John C. Anderson

credits the prepaid tuition program with providing parents the option of systematically saving for their children's college years at current costs.

"The program allows parents to make long-term plans for their children's higher education costs that still fit into today's household budgets," Anderson said.

Member Beth Weakley said the extended enrollment period will give more parents and grandparents time to research the program.

"By extending the enrollment period to six months, families will have more time to find a payment option plan that best suits them," Weakley said.

Member Michael Gollob said the program is such a good deal he bought a four-year public university tuition contract for his grandson during the program's debut two years ago.

"My grandson is a senior in high school this year, and the Texas

Tomorrow Fund contract is an incentive for him to go to college. Now if he could only decide which one," Gollob said. This semester some 500 college freshman and sophomores are using their Texas Tomorrow Fund contract at Texas universities and community colleges. Their top three public university choices are the University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M University's main campus in College Station, and Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Sharp said nearly 83 percent of the prepaid contracts purchased during the two earlier enrollment periods were for the senior college plan, which covers tuition and required fees for up to 128 credit hours at any public senior college or university in Texas. Another 10 percent were for the junior-senior college plan, covering two years at a public junior or technical college, plus two years at a public senior college or university.

The Comptroller added that 5

percent of the contracts purchased were for the junior college plan, which pays for up to 64 credit hours of tuition and required fees at a public junior or technical college, and 2 percent were for the private college plan, covering up to four years at any of the state's private colleges and universities.

Families interested in learning more about the Texas Tomorrow Fund can request information by calling toll-free 1-800-445-GRAD (4723).

Texans can find out more about the Texas Tomorrow Fund by accessing the Comptroller's Window on State Government on the World Wide Web at:

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BID NOTICE
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CELERY, CHICKEN, MUSHROOM 10.7 OZ CANS

ARMOURS BLUE LABEL
VIENNA SAUSAGE **2 / \$1.00**
..... 5 OZ CANS

SHURFINE REAL
CHOCOLATE CHIPS **99¢**
..... 12 OZ PKG

SHURFINE SLOPPY JOES, CHILI,
SPAGHETTI SAUCE, TACOS, FAJITAS
SEASONING
MIXES **3 / \$1.00**
..... PKG

Household Goods

KLEENEX **99¢**
FACIAL TISSUES 175 SHEET PKG

SHURFINE
BATH TISSUE **89¢**
..... 4 ROLL PKG

SHURFINE
PAPER TOWELS **\$1.79**
..... 3 ROLL PKG

HUGGIES **\$6.49**
DIAPERS & PULL UPS PKG

LEVER 2000 **\$1.79**
BATH SOAP 2 BAR PKG

SUNLIGHT LIQUID **99¢**
DISH DETERGENT 22 OZ BOTTLE

SURF **\$4.99**
LAUNDRY DETERGENT 83-87 OZ BOX

Fresh Produce

WASHINGTON RED DELICIOUS
APPLES **49¢**
EXTRA FANCY LB

US#1 WHITE RUSSETT
POTATOES **99¢**
..... 10 LB BAG

CALIFORNIA SNOWWHITE
CAULIFLOWER **99¢**
..... HEAD

CALIFORNIA
CARROTS **2 / 49¢**
..... PKGS

CALIFORNIA SUNKIST
NAVEL ORANGES **33¢**
..... LB

CALIFORNIA VINE RIPE
TOMATOES **69¢**
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CREAM CHEESE **\$1.19**
..... 8 OZ BOX

PLAINS
COTTAGE CHEESE **\$1.89**
..... 24 OZ TUB

PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS BEEF

CHUCK ROAST **\$1.19**
..... LB

ARM ROAST **\$1.49**
..... LB

CUBED BEEF
STEW MEAT **\$1.99**
..... LB

TOP SIRLOIN **\$2.59**
STEAK LB

GROUND CHUCK **\$1.49**
..... LB

GROUND ROUND **\$1.69**
..... LB

WRIGHTS SLICED
SLAB BACON **\$1.49**
..... LB

CORN KING
BONELESS HAMS **\$6.99**
..... 5 LB PKG

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