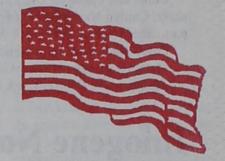
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Athletic Director Report Gorman ISD

By A.D. Coby Tyson

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Baseball season is officially underway as the Panthers took on Strawn Monday afternoon here in Gorman. The Panthers lost a close one, but got a look at some of their players and saw some live action that will definitely benefit them. The Lady Panthers softball team has scrimmaged Dublin and will play their first game Thursday against Hamilton at Hamilton. Both the baseball and softball teams will be hosting tournaments this weekend (Friday/Saturday) here . Kathy Marlow is still looking for help in running the concession stand and gate for those tournaments. If you would like to help please contact her or Coach Gerick.

Track has begun working out for the 2002 season that gets started next weekend. The JH will be hosting the Lions Club Relays on March 1st and the Varsity will be traveling to Roscoe on the 2nd of March. Anyone interested in working the JH relays here on March 1st may contact Coach Wilson.

Powerlifting has ended for most of the lifters, but Brian Hunt and Ashley Maupin are traveling to Bartlett to compete one more time before Regional. This meet will serve to better their totals and insure their standing in the Region. If they qualify for regionals, the girls will lift on March 1st in Plainview, and the guys will lift on March 9th in Floydada. All of our lifters competed well this year. Each one of them represented our school with class and pride. I am proud of their efforts and thank them for their contributions to our program.

Musical Group From TORREON, **COAHUILA, MEXICO to Tour Area**

In these days of insecurity, we need to unite with the One who offers security...Celebrating Christ...with the entire community. After touring Monterrey and Reynosa Mexico, the talented musical group "3:16" (from Coahuila, Mexico) is touring various cities in Texas. You are warmly invited to join us as we experience the presence of the Lord and enjoy wonderful Christian music through this group. All performances will be bilingual and free admission. The schedule for our area is as

Friday evening, Feb. 22, 6:30 PM: BROWNWOOD (Adams Street Community Center, 511 E. Adams)

Saturday evening, Feb. 23, 7:00 PM: CISCO (Conrad Hilton Community Center & Museum)

Sunday morning, Feb. 24, 10:30 AM: GORMAN (First Fruits Christian Fellowship, across from football field)

Sunday evening, Feb. 24, 5:30 PM: GORMAN (The OPERA

HOUSE, downtown Gorman)

James B. Hicks Announces Candidacy for **Criminal District Attorney**

I am pleased to announce that I am a candidate for Criminal District Attorney of Eastland County in the March 12, 2002 Democratic Primary Election. I am currently employed as Assistant District Attorney for Taylor County Criminal District Attorney James Eidson. I am primarily responsible for the prosecution of felony cases in the 42nd District Court. In the past two years, I have had the opportunity and good fortune to obtain numerous felony convictions for the state n cases ranging from capital murder, murder, aggravated robbery, to numerous felony convictions for drug related offenses.

My campaign will be based upon the promise that I will effectively prosecute criminal misconduct with a fair and unbiased outlook. If elected, I will bring 18 years of trial skill and experience in the area of criminal law to the office of District Attorney. I think that I will be able to establish a cooperative working relationship with all local law enforcement agencies. I will strive to open lines of communication with the public which is so essential for effective prosecution and the judicial process.

In speaking with the law enforcement community, I have had a very positive reaction to the course of prosecution that I wish to implement. I maintain the belief that if you question the way the judicial process is working, the best people to ask are the men and women who are on the front line in combating the war against crime.

Eastland County is like so may others that are currently under siege

from drug abuse and manufacturing of illegal drugs. This activity touches all of us in property crimes such as burglary and robbery where the perpetrator is stealing to buy drugs; crimes against persons as in assaults and family violence where often the assailants are high; to sale of this poison to our children. In the past years I have either prosecuted or defended cases such as possession of Methamphetamine. I have never found anything positive to come from this drug abuse. This problem must be stopped and the offender brought to justice. A vote for me will be a vote to stop this problem in its tracks.

My wife, Kathy, and I have lived in Cisco for two years, however, I feel that Eastland County is home. Our son, Garrett, recently graduated from Cisco High School, and our daughter, Autumn, is enrolled in Cisco Junior High School. I also have three children by previous marriage that enjoy spending time in Cisco as well.

Although I tend to vote for the person instead of the party, my Democratic roots stem primarily from my mother, June Tucker Hicks of Carbon. My father is J.B. Hicks, Jr. of Phoenix, Arizona. Both are graduates of Howard Payne University. My families are active members of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church of Carbon where my grandfather, Robert Tucker, was a deacon for in excess of 50 years. I owe a great deal of gratitude to my grandparents, Robert and Johnie Hardin

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DeLeon Art Show An Art Show will be held Fri-

day, February 22, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday, February 23, 2002 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the DeLeon City Hall.

Come out and see local artists displaying paintings, woodcarvings, sculpture and photography.

For more information call Gayle at 254-893-4367.

Desdemona Community Center Garage Sale

The Desdemona Community Center Garage Sale will be on Saturday, February 23 at the School Gym. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Concession stand will be open with coffee, tea and good food.

February Board Meeting

The Gorman Independent School District's board of trustees met in regular session Monday, February 12, 2002 in the Maxfield Elementary conference room. Before the meeting was called to order Bobby Rich offered an invocation. President of the Board Windell Treadway called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm with a quorum of six members present. Beth Underwood was not able to attend. The minutes for the January 14 meeting were read and approved. Freddie Gilmore made the motion to approve the disbursements and Bobby Rich moved to approve the payroll. Both motions were approved.

The board addressed several items in the new business portion of the meeting. The board approved Bob Powell's motion for Gorman ISD to continue its membership in the Region 9 & 14 Food Purchasing Cooperative. The Integrated Pest Management Policy Revision received approval with the motion being made by Bobby Rich. After some discussion about the State Comptroller's Annual State Appraisal, Glen Glasson moved that Gorman ISD contract with McCreary, Velselka, Bragg, and Allen to represent the district in the appeal process. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

The board passed the motion by Rich to call for an election for two seats on the Gorman ISD

The Story of Mr Mc's Peanuts

While being gone for years, Mr. Mc's Peanuts, are now being sold at City Grocery in downtown Gor-

More than 30 years ago the name Mr. Mc's Peanuts was created by Cliff McCormick and Willard Mann, owner of Mann's Convenience Store, now Taylor Convenience Store in Gorman, Texas.

Don McCormick, a police officer for the City of Celina and great nephew of Mr. Mc's founder, Cliff McCormick, was inspired to involve the McCormick family with Mr. Mc's Peanuts after the family stopped at a Dublin store where the peanuts were sold.

The family redesigned the label with the help of his grandmother and grandfather, Mr. & Mrs. W.C. Browning of Gorman--adding the history of the peanuts and picture of Mr. and Mrs. McCormick (who passed away over 30 years ago) on the peanut buckets.

The McCormick goal is to sell Mr. Mc's Peanuts all over the state

Taken from article submitted by Don McCormick.

Allen Scitern Benefit Huge Success The Meal and Auction took in Doug Caffey

\$11,000.00 for Allen and Dena. There is no way to name all the in- New Hope Baptist Church dividuals who helped make this Kokomo Baptist Church possible. Thanks to all of you.

The following donated everything for the meal. Thanks Again. American State Bank Taco Bell First Baptist Church

Board of Trustees for May 4, 2002 in the Gorman High School Library. Individuals desiring to run for a position on the GISD Board may complete applications beginning February 18 with the deadline for applications ending March 20. Application may be pick up at the GISD Business Office. The board also appointed Sandra Osborne to serve as the Election Judge and Barbara Fenely as the assistant were scheduled to take the Writing

judge. With the recommendation from Leslie Vann, the GISD board approved the employment of Betty Morris as the Elementary Principal and Ronny Wright as the Secondary Principal. In a separate motion by Powell, the board approved the employment of Coby Tyson as the Athletic Director for the 2002-2003 school year.

of the meeting, Mr. Vann reported that the GISD had received 86% of the taxes due. Mrs. Morris provided the board with an enrollment report and provided a list of activities for the Elementary school. She also reminded the board that students in the 4th grade

GHS Powerlifting Team Competes At **Powerlifting Meet**

Gormam Boy's Powerlifting team competed in the 1st annual Eastland powerlifting meet this past Saturday. The team tied for ninth place overall, with a total of 10 points. Ryan Wright took 2nd place in the 114lbs division with a total of 585lbs, and Brian Hunt took second place in the 275lbs division with a total of 1310lbs. Other members of the team who competed at the meet were: Shaylor Roberts in the 148lbs division total 840lbs, Gil Cochrane in the 165lbs division total 820lbs, Robert Abbott in the 198lbs division total 930lbs, and Chad Robertson in the 220lbs division total 950lbs. In the girl division, Ashley Maupin place 7th overall with a total of 465lbs. The team will travel to Bartlett this Saturday to compete in their powerlifting meet.

Coach Gerick

Church of Christ First Fruits Fellowship First United Methodist Church Family Bible Church Bride of Christ Church City Grocery Bob's Grocery Gorman Progress.

Without you this could not have taken place.

and Daryl Hirst for cooking all the meat, it was wonderful. The following people donated items for the auction. The meal took in about \$6,000 and the Auction about \$5,000. We could not have raised this much money without all the

portion of the TAAS test on February 19. Mr. Wright provided a report of activities for the month of November and also stated that Students in grades 8 & 10 would be taking the Writing portion of the TAAS on the 19th of February and the 10th graders would be taking the Math and Reading exams on the 20th and 21st of February. He ended his report with the intro-During the information portion duction of a new program entitled "Project Wisdom." Mr. Vann provided the board with information on the Property Value Appeal process and stressed the importance of this issue. He stated that the values assigned by the state were \$4.5 million higher that the values assigned by the appraisal district. If the appeal process does not reduce the state values, it could cost the Gorman ISD \$200,000 in state funding.

The meeting was adjourned at

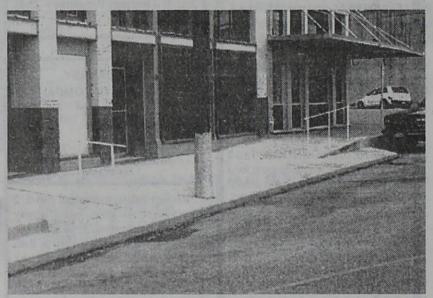
Auction items either. Thanks to all.

The following donated and bought items at the auction: Clark Construction Company West End Storage Johnny Smith Station **Birdsong Peanuts** Allan and Linda Gibbs G & H Feeds, Inc. Seaton Mills, Inc. Mike and Crystal Snider Don and Marceil Laminack Justin and Cindy Underwood Special thanks to Kathy Marlow Buckley Fertilizer, Desdemona Foster Floral

The following either donated or

bought items at the Auction: Thomas and Vicki Seay Two Franks Knives Gilmore Auto Clark Tractor, De Leon Eastland Farm & Ranch Connie's Jewelry, De.Leon Fullen Motor Company, Eastland Troyat and Fannie Underwood Mike and Mary McCormick Bob and Carolyn Wilkerson James and Ann Jay Leon Valley, Inc., Carbon Laveda Scitern Carbon Agri-Center, Carbon Wesley and Sue Spivey Gorman Milling Company Tommy and Betty Harrison Eastland Cleaners, Eastland New Hope Baptist Church Brawner Files Miguels, Comanche ZJ's Steakhouse Ken's Motorcycle Shop, Eastland Bryans Auto Supply, Eastland Hood King Motor, Co., Eastland Randolph Dodge, Eastland Bayer Motor Company, Comanche Gorman Milling Company Gene and Kay Snider Lawrence Perez Scott Scitern Continued on Page Two

Look **Downtown Sidewalks**



The City of Gorman has been hard at work in downtown Gorman. Handrails for assisted access are being installed.

This project will be of great benefit for citizens and visitors in accessing the downtown businesses and is greatly appreciated by the business owners

DESDEMONA MONTHLY MUSICAL — The Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday, February 23rd at the Desdemona Community Center.

LIBRARY — Charlie Garrett Memorial Library will be open Monday thru Friday from 3 to 5 p.m.

GORMAN GROW MEETING - The Gorman Grow will meet on the Third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Gorman Senior Citizen Building. Contact Payton Vaughn, Veronica Seaton or Lori Dodd.

Gorman Primitive Baptist Church has Services Every Sundays. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. Bro. Mark Waltenbarger - 1st Sunday; Elder Mike Webb, Pastor - All Other Sundays - Everyone Welcome To Attend.

FOOD PANTRY

Second Thursday of Each Month

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Larry Majors, Worshipful Master - Pat Moseley, Secretary.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO AREA FOLKS

4-H - Meets Second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS — Blood Pressure Checks by Heritage Manor of Gorman. Every week at Senior Citizens at 11:00 a.m. Other week at Gorman Hotel at 10:30 a.m.

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. -Nell Ragland, Worthy Matron and Elwood Ragland, Worthy Patron.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or In Honor of someone, please send to Rt. 3 Box 121A, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CITY OF-FICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - MARCH 20TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON

It's A Girl

Corey and Cameron Clark are proud to announce the arrival of their sister, Caitlyn Nicole. She arrived Saturday, February 2, 2002 at 6:48. p.m. She weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Proud parents are Darren and Julie Clark.

Maternal grandparents are Corkey and Jerry Brown. Paternal parents are Standley and Delores Clark of Carbon.

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Those present to celebrate with Imogene and enjoy the party and a hamburger cook-out were Paula and Larry Morrow of Plains, Lance Morrow of Abilene, Layne Morrow of Plains, Lenny, Rachelle and Landon Morrow of Ozona, Jeanna and Ronnie Pack of Carbon, Ronald and Lacy Majors of Gorman, Cory Pack and friend, Heather Hutto of PLano, James, Jo and Jason Norris of Kokomo, Donald, Jodi and Matthew Majors of Gorman, Alan, Jana and Cody Lynch of Denton, and Lisa and Randy Lewis and T. J. of Stephenville.

On Sunday afternoon Paula, Jeanna and Lisa picked up Imogene when she got off work and took her to Abilene for a birthday shopping trip and dinner at the Red Lobster. Lance Morrow of Abilene met them at the Red Lobster for the meal.



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Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Many of the Kokomo people joined the large crowd that attended the benefit for Allen and Dena Scitern at the Gorman School Gym on Saturday night to enjoy the delicious barbecue dinner, the musical entertainment and the auction. What a wonderful sight it was to see the town and surrounding communities come together to help this young couple during this trying time of Allen's illness. Just shows what a loving and caring people we have in our this family. area. Everyone had a part in helpfood, cooking the briskets, helping serve, auction items, and the money donated. I think everyone really enjoyed the entertainment and The Continental 2. Those who helped organize the event certainly deserve a pat on the back.

Church on Sunday morning were Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning of Graham and Ima Boles of Clyde. The special music was presented by the choir: Woodrow Oren Webb, Helen Browning, Kay Snider, Leona Wilson and Norma Webb with Daryl Hirst at the pi-

Larry and Betty Strube attended Huckabay on Sunday. the 50th wedding anniversary celebration for Edith and Kenneth Bibbs in Rising Star on February 9. They also visited with Violet Burcham while in Rising Star.

Helen Browning, Kay Snider nity. No age limit, no health questions. and Zelda Jordan visited with Hospital PPO, Doctors Office PPO, ER, Johnnie B. Griffith on Tuesday.

We extend sincere sympathy to Johnnie B. Griffith and family. Her sister, Cecil Smith of Katy died early last week. Those from Kokomo attending the graveside service for Mrs. Smith at the Victor Cemetery on Wednesday were Johnnie B. Griffith, Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Kay Snider, Verna Lee Little, Betty Little, Housing Authority or Call 254-734- Nancy Hendricks and Zelda Jor-

> Johnnie B. and another sister, Inez and husband, Elda Goodson of Freer spent Wednesday night in Dublin. Other members of the family also visited with them.

> Woodrow and Helen Browning went to Mineral Wells on Friday and got their grandson, Garrett Gatlin, and to Graham and got granddaughter, Emily Browning and brought them home to spend Friday night with them. They went to Perrin on Saturday to see granddaughters, Lesley and Melanie Gatlin play basketball and met Donna and Gary Gatlin there and Garrett went home with his par-

Gary and Rebecca Browning of Graham spent the weekend with Woodrow and Helen Browning and Emily returned home with her parents on Sunday evening.

Sylvia Buchanan spent several days visiting with Kelly Buchanan and Tina Billingsley in West Co-

Sylvia Buchanan and Doris

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Bradshaw of Gorman attended a . Kris Scitern banquet, sponsored by the Hocheim Insurance Company, in Stephenville on Saturday night.

Bobby and Mary Jane Little, Ima Boles of Clyde, Betty Little, Carolyn Little and Nelda Fails of Arlington attended the funeral of Zelda Mae (Mounce) Morrison in Duncanville on Saturday. Among Zelda's survivors are two sons, Johnny Little and Jimmy Little. We extend sincere sympathy to

Glenda Black of Abilene spent ing through their donation of the Friday night and Saturday with her mother, Zelda Jordan and attended the benefit for the Allen Sciterns on Saturday night.

Glenn, Donna, Reba and Seth by the Upper Room, Messengers Burgess of Jourdanton and Ben Burgess of Gorman visited during the weekend with his parents, Durwood and Aletha Burgess '. Visitors at the Kokomo Baptist Others visiting in the Burgess home were Aline Garrett, Dan and Charla Burgess, Jeff, Angela and Chelsea Buckley of Desdemona, Joyce Pence of Granbury and Don Johnston of Tin Top. They at-Browning, Joe Bond, Jimmy Little, tended the Scitern Benefit in Gorman on Saturday night.

Gene and Kay Snider and LaVon Snider visited with Dale, Kathy, Scott and Matt Collum in

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Thank you to the Messengers -Continental 2 - Upper Room for the great entertainment.

Hope we did not miss anyone. If so it was not on purpose, Thank You.

We now know why we love living in our small town - without close friends, things like this would never take place.

Thanks Again

AG TALK By Charlie Stenholm

House Agriculture Subcommittee Reviews Risk Protection Act

This week, the House Agriculture Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management met to review the progress of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act (ARPA) of 2000, legislation to reform the nation's crop insurance program.

There have been some successes resulting from ARPA: an increase in the amount of acreage that has been insured, and an increase in the amount of insurance that is in force. There is also evidence suggesting that producers are choosing higher coverage levels.

However, we continue to hear many of the same complaints that caused Congress to develop this law. There is still much fraud and abuse within the program, and policies insuring the cost of production are still not available for pilot testing.

USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) continues to be difficult to work with, and RMA and the Farm Service Agency (FSA) continue to have difficulty building the kind of cooperation needed to make improve-

ments to the programs that they administer. Not surprisingly, the RMA's acting administrator believes that considerable progress has been made in implementing this law.

However, the House Agriculture Committee will continue to monitor this law with an eye toward making it work as it was intended by Congress.

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On Sunday afternoon Paula, jors of Gorman, Cory Pack and Jeanna and Lisa picked up Imogene friend, Heather Hutto of PLano, when she got off work and took her James, Jo and Jason Norris of to Abilene for a birthday shopping Kokomo, Donald, Jodi and Mat- trip and dinner at the Red Lobster. Lance Morrow of Abilene met Jana and Cody Lynch of Denton, them at the Red Lobster for the

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be on Saturday, February 23 at the Community Center. Concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. with sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend.

Desdemona Community Center Garage Sale will be on Saturday, February 23 at the School Gym. Hours 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Concession stand will be open with coffee, donuts, etc. All proceeds will go to the Community center Fund.

Ladies monthly social met on Monday, February 11 at the Desdemona Community Center. Valentine decorations were enjoyed by those who attended. They are Agatha Nance and Mary Ficklen, both of Stephenville, Louise Maltby, Dorothy Greenhaw, Bethel Jones, Wanda Martin, Helen Depwe, Rena Maltby, Jo Holdman, Barbara Bush, Evelyn Yardley, Ruth Daffron, Patty Brawner and children Christina, Andrew and Abigail and the hostesses, Dorothy Roberts and Ima Brown all of Desdemona. Happy Birthday song went to Ruth Daffron.

Evah Sparkman spent several days this past week in the DeLeon Hospital. She is much improved and hopes to be home real soon.

Geneva (Lewis) Foreman of Stephenville remains a patient at the Baylor Hospital in Dallas. She has severe health problems. Remember her with your prayers.

Merlene Wisdom is having health problems at this time. Remember her with your prayers.

This reported received a call last Sunday evening from Evelyn Hammond in Brownwood. She is recovering from the flue. She would like to say "hello" to all of her friends in this area.

Bobby and Joan Baker were in Pampa recently to visit his father, E.W. Baker, who is a patient in the rest home.

Travis Hilliard of Gordon and a former resident of Desdemona is a patient in the resthome near Beaumont. He attended school in Desdemona and graduated with the Class of 1932. He later on taught school in Desdemona. His wife is the late Edra (Parks) who graduated from Desdemona with the Class of 1934.

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

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We would like to thank each of you for supporting us during the passing of Dewey Earles.

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Earles Family Trevino Family

School Menu -- Week of February 25

Breakfast

Monday--Cereal, Graham crackers, milk, juice Tuesday--Breakfast burritos, milk, juice Wednesday--Scrambled eggs, milk, juice Thursday--Cinnamon rolls, milk, juice Friday--Biscuits, sausage, milk, juice

Monday--Hotdog chili/cheese, pork-n-beans, chips Tuesday--Steakfingers, creamed potatoes, green beans Wednesday-Pizza, salad, com

Thursday--Nachos/meat sauce, cheese, salad Friday--Hamburgers, fries, fruit

Heritage Manor News By Nancy Hendricks

The next Birthday Party will be Friday, February 22nd at 2:00 p.m. Honorees are R.L. Sharp, Patti Whitehorn, and Ollie Halcomb. Ruth Campbell will come play the electric organ and lead singing. Guests and

relatives are welcome. Visiting Margaret and Olan Helms were Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Richard Kinser, Howard and Pat Hagood, James

Tootie Campbell of First Baptist Church taught the Sunday School lesson on Sunday. Also from the church were Barbra Tucker, Louise Brown, Howard and Pat Hagood. Residents were Dorothy Beaty, Roy Lee Whitlock, Buddy Winn, Inez Rogers, Ava Rodgers, Modess Self, Veno Hale, Ruth Bryant, Lavona Sharp, Ollie Halcomb, Edith Phillips, Ethel Weaver, Zadie Terry, T.D. and Patti Whitehorn, Hallie Clark, Georgie Fay Skaggs, A.V. Seay, Olan and Margaret Helms, Irene Heathington and

Visiting Kay Brown were Clarence and Leona Wilson, Nancy Hendricks and Mayvis Lasater.

James B. Hicks Announces Candidacy for **Criminal District Attorney**

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Tucker, who taught me during long District Attorney's office is good summer hours of chopping cotton, hoeing peanuts and just general honesty and integrity. Here, too, I developed my work ethics. I pledge both to the citizens of Eastland County.

County, I had a private law office refuse to obey the law. That is my in the Houston area. I was City Attorney for Hempstead and Waller for in excess of ten years. We closed nal District Attorney's office here. a very profitable law office with the belief that the Lord wanted us in Eastland County. It becomes clearer by the day that it was a wise decision based upon faith and prayer.

I realize through personal experience that the key to a successful

Church were Rev. Clarence and

Patti Whitehorn, Roy Lee Whitlock,

Mildred Bellows, Olan and Marga-

ret Helms, Edith Phillips, A.V. Seay,

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Chambless, R.L. and Lavona Sharp,

February Valentine Party

On Thursday, February 14th was

Howard and Pat Hagood.

the Happy Valentine Party.

entine Prince and Princess.

and slush punch were served.

Zadie Terry and Gladys Chambless.

Guests were Marjorie Treadway,

Ernestine Campbell, Kay Watson

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Wilson, Nancy Hendricks, Mayvis

Lasater, Tootie Campbell, Howard

and Pat Hagood, Richard Kinser,

made Valentine boxes hung by each

resident's door. Residents sure en-

joyed and appreciated all the Val-

Gena Jake, and Chad Earley of Ft.

Worth, Darrell and Pat Graham,

Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Howard and Pat Hagood, Tootie

Visiting Mildred Bellows were

Ina Smith and the Art Class

Cecil Freeman and Randy Estep.

Visiting Irene Heathington and

and Ina Smith.

administration skill and a tough no. nonsense attitude toward crime and working on the family farm near the criminal element. Criminal con-Carbon that a man is judged by his duct can be decreased and controlled only through a judicial system where the criminal suspect is made to respect others and understand that the judicial system while Prior to moving back to Eastland being fair is to punish those who philosophy in Abilene and I intend to bring it with me into the Crimi-If elected, I will devote all of my energy and experience to maintaining a District Attorney's office that all can approach and depend up on as the front line of defense in the war against crime.

On Sunday afternoon, those Campbell, Mayvis Lasater, Richard coming from Kokomo Baptist

Some of A.V. Seay guests were Leona Wilson, Joe and Glynda Bertha Seay and Carolyn Seay of Bond, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Denton, Gladys Seay of Ranger, Ruby Lee Kinser, Johnnie B. Grif-Frank and Ella Reeves of Arlington, fith, and Nancy Hendricks and Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of guests Pat Graham and Margie Stephenville, Johnnie B. Griffith, Treadway. Residents were T.D. and Nancy Hendricks, Vicki Seay.

Glenn Lasater said Ina Smith took him on Saturday to the Eastland County Stock Show where he got to see Audrey, Jamie and Kinsey Johnston show their rabbits. He Ethel Weaver, Hallie Clark, Inez said he sure enjoyed the outing.

Visiting Hallie Clark and Ethel Visiting Zadie Terry were Rev. Weaver were JoAnn Fraley, Ernes-Clarence and Leona Wilson of tine Campbell, Marjorie Treadway, Stephenville, Mayvis Lasater, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Continued On Page Four

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Stephenville, Ann Warren, Nancy Hendricks, Maxine Huddleston of Lake Leon, Eunice Love, Howard and Pat Hagood, Richard Kinser.

Some of Veno Hale and Stella Files guests were Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Nancy Hendricks, Johnnie B. Griffith, Alpha Mae Andry.

On Monday morning, Pat Graham and Ina Smith had bingo for Mildred Bellows, Inez Rogers, Patti Whitehorn, Veno Hale, Ava Rodgers, A.V. Seay, Sara Rodgers, George Lee Skaggs, Lavona Sharp, Clifton Jarrett and R.L. Sharp.

Visiting Dorothy Beaty and Ollie Halcomb were David and Denna Halcomb, Mayvis Lasater, Tootie Campbell, Howard and Pat Hagood, Mayvis Lasater, Fay and Denzel Ables, Clarence and Leona Wilson, Richard Kinser.

Some of T.D. and Patti Whitehorn guests were Marie Cook and Sylvia Estes of Carbon, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Nancy Hendricks, Howard and Pat Hagood, Mayvis Lasater, Eunice Love, Denzel and Fay Ables, Tootie Campbell, Richard Kinser.

On Monday, those coming for singing were Ruby Lee Kinser, Ann Warren, Johnnie B. Griffith, Nancy Hendricks, Alpha Mae Andry, Maxine Huddleston, and Marjorie Treadway. Residents were A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers, R.L. and Lavona Sharp, Hallie Clark, Roy Lee Whitlock, Olan and Margaret Helms, Ethel Weaver, Irene Heathington, Gladys Chambless, Veno Hale, Dorothy Beaty and Glenn Lasater.

Some of Edith Phillips and Ola Walker guests were jean Jackson of Eastland, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Tootie Campbell, Howard and Pat Hagood, Johnnie B. Griffith, Nancy Hendricks.

Visiting Gladys chambless were Louise Brown, Tootie Campbell, Howard and Pat Hagood, Mayvis Lasater, June Dossey, and Richard

On Tuesday morning, Betty Duke and Leo Williams of Desdemona came. Betty played the electric keyboard and Leo played the guitar and harp. Residents were Veno Hale, A.V. Seay, Roy Lee Whitlock, Modess Self, Margaret Helms, Clifton Jarrett, Ollie Halcomb, and Ava Rodgers.

Visiting Ed Johnson and Buddy Winn were Dale Johnson, Richard Kinser, Fay Johnson, Harvey Winn of Carbon, Howard and Pat Hagood. Visiting Roy Lee Whitlock were Jackie Lou Whitlock of DeLeon, Richard Kinser, Howard and Pat Hagood, Clarence and Leona Wilson.

On Tuesday afternoon, Ina Smith had "Penny Throw" for Hallie Clark, Mildred Bellows, Veno Hale, A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers, R.L. and Lavona

Guests visiting R.L. and Lavona Sharp were Dorenda and Jennifer Menden of Lampasses, Larry and Jerry Majors of Desdemona, Richard Kinser, Howard and Pat Hagood, Clarence and Leona Wilson.

Visiting Ava Rodgers were Ken and Betty Sue Heathington, Dave and Laneta Freeman, Ima Brown, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Johnnie B. Griffith, Nancy Hendricks, Jana Grice, Mayvis Lasater, Richard Kinser, Howard and Pat Hagood.

On Wednesday morning Rev. Bill Campbell of First Baptist brought chapel for Buddy Winn, Modess Self, Veno Hale, Ollie Halcomb, A.V. Seay, Ava Rodgers, Roy Lee Whitlock, Hallie Clark, Patti Whitehorn, Lavona Sharp, Edith Phillips and Dorothy Beaty.

Visiting Buster Brown were Louise Brown, Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Janice Grice, Tisha and Daniel Grice of Stephenville, Richard Kinser, Howard and Pat Hagood, Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville.

Guests visiting Sara Rodgers were Leona Wilson of Stephenville, George Rodgers, Howard and Pat Hagood.



Dave and Laneta Freeman, Cecil Freeman and Randy Estep came and gave a music concert for Lavona Sharp, Ava Rodgers, Mildred Bellows, Olan and Margaret Helms, Veno Hale, Roy Lee Whitlock, Inez Rogers, Ollie Halcomb, Buddy Winn, Buster Brown, Hallie Clark, Ethel Cynthia Earles, and Glen Lasater.

Visiting Clifton Jarrett were Mark Watson, Kay Watson, Bill Johnson, Richard Kinser, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Howard and Pat Hagood.

First and second grad boys and girls and sponsors came on Wednesday and gave everyone Valentines. Their admirers were A.V. Seay, Mildred Bellows, Margaret Helms, Veno Hale, Patti Whitehorn, Modess Hallie Clark, and Ruth Bryant.

Visiting Mary Williams were Richard Kinser, Maxine Frasier of DeLeon, Mayvis Lasater, Nancy Hendricks, Howard and Pat Hagood, Barbra Tucker, Jo Carey of Midlothian, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville.

Some of Glenn Lasater and Jewel Snider guests were Amber Presley, Ina Smith, Kevin Scitern, Audry, Jamie, and Kinsey Johnston, Richard Kinser, Dianna Snider, Clarence and Leona Wilson.

On Thursday morning Ina Smith had "Horse Racing" for Ava Rodgers, A.V. Seay, Lavona Sharp, Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, and Ethel Weaver. Some of Cynthia Earles guests were Josh and June Huff of San Saba, V.O. Huff, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, Sylvia Estes of Carbon, Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Nancy Hendricks.

On Friday morning Pat Graham and Ina Smith and Gene Earley had bingo for R.L. and Lavona Sharp, Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, A.V. Seay, Sara Rodgers, Patti Whitehorn, Ava Rodgers, Margaret helms, Dorothy Beaty and Mildred Bellows.

Some of Ruth Bryant guests were Joan Foster of DeLeon, Larry and Martha Bryant, Nancy Hendricks, Susie Hampton, Chance and Mykisha,

Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Mayvis Lasater.

On Friday afternoon, Ina Smith had "Alphabet Bingo" for Patti Whitehorn, Veno Hale, Lavona Sharp, Inez Rogers, and A.V. Seay.

Some of Vera Henderson and Inez Rogers guests were E.G. and Nancy Henderson of Lake Leon, Dixie Ryon of Desdemona, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Nancy Hendricks, Johnnie B. Griffith, Lugene Morris of DeLeon, Howard and Pat Hagood, Buddy Rogers of Ranger, Joy Rogers, Mayvis Lasater, June Dossey, Tootie Campbell, Barbra Tucker, Eunice Love, Fay and Denzel Ables, Lavona Sharp.

Some of Robin Taylor guests were Barbra Tucker, James, Ellen, and Rachel Tucker, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Nancy Hendricks, Dalton Taylor.

By Charlie Stenholm

The Senate Passes a Farm Bill

I'm pleased to say that the Senate finally completed action on a farm bill this week. By a vote of 58 to 40, the Senate passed the "Agriculture, Conservation, and Rural Enhancement Act."

The House version, known as the "Farm Security Act," was passed last October. The next step in the long process of completing action on this legislation will be a House and Senate conference, during which time House members and Senators will work out the differences between the two bills, along with input from the White House. I'm looking forward to serving as a conferee.

The House Agriculture Committee hopes to begin the conference as soon as possible in order to have a final bill for the 2002 crop year.

I am still hopeful to have a farm bill out of Congress and ready for a presidential signature by mid-March, but the Senate bill is considerably different from the House bill and it will probably take some time to work out the differences between the two bills.

Under a budget agreement last year, \$73.5 billion was set aside for agriculture Weaver, Irene Heathington, Muriel Prewitt, Modess Self, A.V. Seay, over the next ten years. However, the Senate bill renews farm programs only through 2006, authorizing \$45 billion in new spending over the next five years.

The Bush administration is particularly concerned that the Senate bill frontloads spending in the first five years, leaving farm programs shortchanged in the long-term. The House bill, on the other hand, spends the funding more evenly

One of the most significant differences between the two bills is the Senate inclusion of a provision to limit payments to producers.

Another significant difference is a Senate provision that bans packer owner-Self, Roy Lee Whitlock, Cynthia Earles, Dorothy Beaty, Ethel Weaver, ship of cattle, sheep or hogs. Specifically, the Senate bill would ban packers from owning, feeding or controlling livestock for more than 14 days prior to slaughter. The House bill does not include this provision that, by the way, was strongly

> opposed by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. Of this amount, \$1.9 billion would be designated for crop producers and \$500 million for livestock producers. The Senate voted to designate this \$2.4 billion as emergency spending, and this money would be in addition to the spending that

> has already been earmarked for direct payments to farmers for this fiscal year. This is one of those areas that will raise budget concerns for the White House and for a number of folks in Congress.

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