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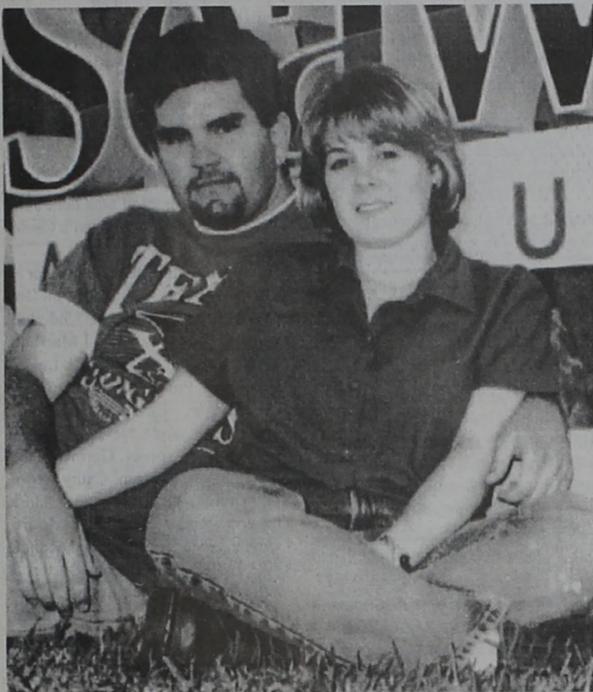
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Suzanne Marie and Jonray Childers to Wed



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We Ask You To Be Present
At the Ceremony Uniting
Suzanne Marie
to
Jonray Eric Childers
on Saturday, the Tenth of July
Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-nine
at Two O'Clock in the Afternoon
First Baptist Church in Gorman, Texas*

Melissa Welch and Jon Dostert To Pledge Vows



Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Welch of Lubbock are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Welch to Mr. Jon Dostert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Dostert of Granbury. Melissa is the granddaughter of Mrs. W. O. Parr of Gorman.

The bride-elect has completed an Associates Degree in English from Blinn College. The future bridegroom is a graduate of The University of North Texas with a B.B.A. in Finance. He will complete a Masters Degree in Construction Management from Texas A&M University in August.

The couple will marry September 25, 1999 at The First Christian Church of Fort Worth. They plan to reside in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Community Meeting

Regarding the St. Jude's Ranch for Children
Speaker will be Bill Brewer, Director of the Ranch
Friday, July 9 at 7:30 pm at the
Gorman Community Center
A brief time for questions will follow

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Kimberly Sharp Cockburn Receives Cardiovascular Diploma



Kimberly Cockburn graduated on June 25, 1999 from Ultrasound Diagnostic Schools of Las Colinas receiving a diploma in Cardiovascular Sonography.

Kimberly is the daughter of E. J. Sharp of Olden, and the late Tana Sharp, and the granddaughter of the late Chuck and Viola Eaker of Gorman.

Kimberly met the two year medical prerequisite for entry, along with the two year course of Cardiology. Kimberly is now trained in Echocardiograms, Carotid Dopscans, Lower Extremity Studies, Stress Testing, EKG's, and Patient Care.

Kimberly currently resides in Gorman with her husband Chris, and two boys, Colby and Bailey. She plans to work in the surrounding area.

Letter to The Editor

When a person turns 18, that individual is now to be considered an adult in the eyes of society. To become a leader for those who need someone to look up to. Well as an 18 year old in this community, I am disappointed at the way the citizens have been acting.

You have preached "Love Thy Neighbor," to us for years, and the first opportunity we get to show some compassion to those less fortunate you take it upon yourselves to speak for all of the citizens of Gorman when you express that you don't want these "abused children" here in our community. Well you will not speak for me, but your opinion is your opinion and as a citizen of the United States, you have that right to express it. But this place is going up regardless what you all have to say, and if you all are so worried about "these kids" coming to get you then you better let them get their license so that they will be regulated by the state. And when they get here, "these kids" will hear what you all are saying. So just remember, you're not getting any younger. In a few years the ones that needed this help and guidance will be in control and we will remember. We will remember the resentment, the hatred, and the angry words that were once so kind.

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you..."
(s) Amy Bond

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MEETING

The Peanut Festival Committee will hold a meeting on Wednesday, July 14th at 5:30 p.m. in Gorman Senior Center.

HUNTERS

EDUCATIONAL COURSE
There will be a Hunters Educational Course held at the Gorman Senior Citizens Center on July 31, 1999 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a Parks and Wildlife approved Educational Course. If interested call David Guthery at 734-2836.

Peanut "Turn Row" Tour

1999 is sure not a repeat of 1998 as cooler temperatures and recent rains have really helped the peanut crop. Growers throughout the Cross Timbers are hopeful that 1999 will be the year for peanut production but it's still a long ways to fall and growers do not need to slack up now. Weed and disease control will both be hot topics for peanut growers as they move in July and both will be covered in the first Peanut "Turn Row" Tour set for Tuesday, July 20, 1999. Registrations is set for 9:00 am at Farley Farm Supply in DeLeon with the tour leaving by 9:30 am. Two Continuing Education Credits will be offered to private, commercial and noncommercial applicators and the tour will end with a sponsored noon meal. To preregister please contact the Texas Agricultural Extension Service office in Comanche at 915/356-2539 or fax 915/356-3710.

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in this program are encouraged to contact the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Comanche County at 915/356-2539 to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.

Two or maybe three stops of area peanut fields will be made on the Turn Row Tour. Weed control is always difficult in either dry weather or wet weather and this years rains can create a situation of excessive weed growth. Dr. Eric Prostko, Extension Agronomist, will discuss herbicides that can be used to help clean up problems as well as discuss how well new products are working so far.

Dr. Robert Lemon, Extension Agronomist, Texas A&M University, will address irrigation needs and variety performance so far in 1999. Dr. Chip Lee, Extension Plant Pathologist, will also be on hand to discuss disease control recommendations. This may be a bad disease year owing to the extra moisture and producers will need to keep on top of leafspot, rhizoctonia and southern blight.

Sponsors for the Peanut "Turn Row" Tour include Farley Farm Supply, Comanche Electric Cooperative, Stephenville Production Credit Association and First National Bank.

Local and State Officials Tour St. Jude's Ranch For Children



DURING THE TOUR — Shown above is Bill Brewer (with cap on) addressing State, County and Local Officials during the tour of St. Jude's Ranch for Children recently. Among officials present were Jim Keffer, State Representative, County Judge Brad Stephenson, Richard Watson, Texas Board of Education, Jack Simpson, Mayor of Gorman and several other folks.

An Open Letter

Dear Jake,

How are you doing??

I understand there is a new children's home being built outside the city limits of Gorman. I also understand there is some controversy about this home. I know this controversy has upset a lot of the good and caring folks in and around Gorman (including Uncle J). You know, my Dad (L. A. Bennett), is probably turning over in his grave. It is very disturbing to me because I grew up around there and, of course you still live there. It is disturbing to know that the people I looked up to and think so much of, have become so self centered and down right hateful. The Gorman that I knew, would have been the ideal place to build a children's home. I my travels around the country and business dealings all over the world, I always knew and relied on the principles and family values I learned having grown up in the area. This is an opportunity that most communities do not get and most do not have the values to share. I have seen these children and have interacted with them. It is only very very special people that can give these children the love, guidance, and values they will need to succeed in becoming good citizens. Remember, what ever they learn from the people of Gorman and Eastland County, Texas, will determine the kind of people they become. There is an opportunity to help mold these children to come responsible citizens or not help and build prisons for later.

You and I can not imagine what these children have endured. I cannot begin to imagine what it is like to have no place to belong. No Dad, No Mom, and No Home. It is a scary thought for me at 47 years old. Just think what it is like being 7-12. You and I are old enough to be able to change our situations, the children are not. They are totally dependent on what we say they will do until they are old enough to do it themselves.

Whether this home or others like it succeed, will depend on the kind of people they interact with.

I sincerely hope the people I knew, do not let this opportunity slip away.

(s) Joe L. Bennett
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Girls 12 and Under Softball All-Stars: Back row: John Perez - Coach; Melinda Leal, Kendra Bailey, Sally Saldana - Coach; Samantha Regian, Kendra Swanner, Traci Keith - Coach; and Rachel Granado. Front row - Hollyann Wright, Krista Brown, Nikki Keith, Amanda Hair, and Tiffany Perez. Not shown: Amaris Curb and Casandra Grumbles.

The team would like to thank everyone who purchased something at their Bake Sale and Ice Cream Sale. And the girls would especially like to thank Norton's in Stephenville for helping sponsor them.

Winners of Fund Raising Drawings

The following were winners of drawings held as fund raisers for the Miss Gorman pageant. The gas was won by Brandy Streiff. Rodney Stephens won the beef and Glen Glasson won the groceries.

Top Eastland County Cowgirls Compete

Nine (9) Eastland County 4-Hers competed June 21st at the District 4-H Horse Show in Belton. Sunnie Baker shined with top honors in the Stakes Race. Traci Ingram placed 2nd in the tough Pole Bending Division. Ingram also placed 5th in the Barrels. Wilson placed 7th in the Barrel Race. Trista Ingram placed 10th in the Stake Race as did Meagan Reynolds in the Pole Bending. Reynolds also placed 3rd in the Grade Mares at Halter Class. Kayla Vestal placed 11th in the Pole Bending and Brandy Gann placed 15th in the Stake Race. Candi Ross participated in the timed events division. One-hundred thirty seven youth participated from the twenty-one county District 8 area.

Tarleton Releases Honor Roll for the Spring Semester

The A Honor Roll and Distinguished Student list for the Spring 1999 semester has been released at Tarleton State University. Dr. B. J. Alexander, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at the University, released the names of students honored during the Spring semester which ended in May. Students on the A Honor roll have a 4.0 grade point ratio on the 4.0 system and are taking a minimum of 12 hours. Distinguished Students include freshman and sophomore students who have a minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lower than C and juniors and seniors who have a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than C and are in good standing. Gorman students on the list are: Christian D. Clark, A,D; Ruth S. Sheppard, A,D; Jennifer Foreman, D;

The Social Security Administration will be in Eastland on Tuesday, July 27 at 9:30.

An Open Letter

To: The Citizens of Gorman A lot has been said concerning the proposed opening of the Children's Ranch. Most of what I have heard has come from the side which opposes the ranch. The picture that has been painted for us is a tribe of unholy hoodlums. Predators who will invade this town and terrorize it. Adolescent nightmares who will make us prisoners of our own homes and businesses. The truth is, that there are mostly kids who have had difficulty and/or trauma at one point in their lives. Many have never had the opportunity of being raised in a productive environment. The behaviors that they exhibit are a response to their previous environment. Gorman has a tremendous opportunity to do God's work. To share with these children the Christian lifestyle Gorman apparently has to offer. Sadly, though, I don't think that will be the case. I believe that enough people will give into fear (or already have) instead of relying on their faith in God. I believe enough judgment will be passed, enough dirty look will be given, and enough animosity will be present, that should those children arrive they will feel, at best, less than welcome. What a monumental opportunity to serve the Lord, gone. Sadly, also, since "Level 5 kids" aren't welcome in Gorman, then I don't feel welcome either. Not only do I treat these children as my own, but I am one of "those kids." Fifteen years ago, a young couple took on a house of eight unruly, aggressive, troubled boys and taught us not only how to socialize properly, but also taught us the way of the Lord. I, as some of you know, am a counselor now. Others of us have gone on to be framing contractors, welders, tug boat captains, and store managers. I can honestly say that I don't know of one of us that is in jail or in trouble with the law today. So you see, it really is probable for "us" to reform. But, like I stated, I don't feel welcome. Me or my "Mexican" family, if I can use a description of a man, I spoke with outside the meeting.

Norma Joe Dennis, D; Marlena Jayde Guthery, D; Traci D. Keith, D; Samantha Shae Stephens, D.

Letter to The Editor

Dear Editor: I am in the process of compiling Comanche County World War II veterans who did not return home to enjoy the fruits of victory. If an individual from Comanche County who paid the supreme price and is not listed in the 1946 Comanche County Veterans book, I would like some information on this individual.

If a serviceman from Comanche County, Texas is buried in Arlington National Cemetery or another US National Cemetery, this information is needed.

Also needed is the serial numbers of servicemen buried in the Comanche area cemeteries.

Can any reader help me with the following service personnel?

- Hilburn Belyeu USAAF nicknamed Speck. John B. Blackmon USA KIA 12/17/43. Homer C. Brown USA KIA 12/43. Cullen Campbell USAAF KIA 7/10/43. Garland Campbell USA KIA 4/8/45. Foster Cash USA KIA May 1944 (taught school in Newburg). Frank Cates USA KIA 8/26/44. D.W. Connor USA 10/43. Charles R. Dickie USAAF. Frank A. Gray USA 11/5/44. Lt. Lucille Hendrix-USN-place of burial. George Kreps USA. Earl S. Lee USA. E.D. Lee USA 12/44.

We are leaving Gorman to go back to a town where there is already a 80 bed facility in place. But where, oddly enough they experience very little crime, if any as a result of its presence. I would, however like to pray for the many people who have spoken with me and called me, saying that they wished other people thought different. You can't control what other people think. But you can choose to have faith in God, who loves all of us, despite the fact that we all have problems.

I would like to close by quoting Jesus "He who receives this child, receiveth me. But he who denies this child, denies me also." May God Bless you and have mercy on you all. Sincerely, (s) Leroy Theriot

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Card of Thanks

We want to say how much we appreciate the flowers, cards, kind words, prayers and contributions that were given on behalf of our mother and grandmother, Rubye L. Jones. We appreciate your kindness and sympathy which will always be remembered. May God bless you.

The Family of Rubye L. Jones Corkey & Jerry Brown Johnny & Vicki Johnson Josh, Seth and Tyler Johnson Darren & Julie Clark Corey and Cameron Clark

KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Bud & Sue Ferguson of Stonewall visited Thursday with her uncle. Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Hudson and Letty Craddock of Ranger and Estelle Craddock of Gorman all attended the three day Craddock Family Reunion in Sundown during the week of July 4th weekend. While in Sundown they were house guests of Billie Craddock. The Joe Craddock families hosted the reunion in the Community Center in Sundown.

Patricia Hudson of Dallas, Kay Ann Craddock of Plano and Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Smith of Gorman attended the Craddock family reunion during the 4th of July holidays. They were houseguests of "Bubba" and Kay Frances McDaniel in Sundown.

Robert Lynch USN 12/7/41. Flem Snider USA. Gerald W. Sturdivant USAAF. Thomas Williams

When this material is compiled, it will be sent to the World War II Memorial in Washington D.C. for Comanche County Veterans and made available to the area historical museums. Please forward any available information (no original discharge papers please) to Alfred W. Evans, 527 Cicero, San Antonio Tx 78218 or drop it off at the Comanche County Veterans Service Officer in Comanche Texas. Thank you in advance for reading this request. Alfred W. Evans

An Open Letter

Citizens of Gorman There has been a lot of discussion on the St. Jude's facility that is to open and I have heard arguments both for and against the idea of having it in our town. I had decided to stay out of the discussion until I heard of one argument against it.

Some in this town do not want the school because there is a possibility of blacks, Hispanic, Asian or Oriental kids in the population at the school. I had no idea that racism had anything to do with it. I don't understand why someone can say they don't like blacks or Mexicans and cheer for Emmitt Smith of the Cowboys, or Michael Jordan of the Bulls, or maybe Jose Canseco, Luis Gonzales, or any of the other Cuban or Mexican baseball players. Now I am a big hockey fan and it is true that there aren't any Mexicans playing hockey, but I would welcome them or any nationality that wanted to play and contribute.

And that is my point about St. Jude's. I am willing to give anyone, and you notice I said any one, not any white, a chance. Until they prove they cannot be trusted, I will allow them anything I would allow you all. I don't see how you can treat people any other way and be truthful to yourself.

I'm sorry I had to write this, but I felt compelled to share my view. I really don't have an opinion about whether the facility should open, but I am not prepared to say no just because the kids are not all white. It occurs to me that if we need anybody out of town, maybe it should be the bigots and the racists.

Thanks for allowing my ramblings as guaranteed by the United States Constitution. (s) Jerry Dennis

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If You Are In Favor of St. Jude's Ranch for Children Show Your Support by writing to: P.O. Box 149030 Austin, TX 78714-9030 Attn: Nanci Gibbons TDPRS-RCCL

DESDEMONA NEWS

By Vonnie Guthery

Mary (Alice) Brown Ficklen who suffered a stroke this past week is slowly improving. Visitors with Mary are her son, Robert Ficklen of Fort Worth--her daughter, Mollie Godwin and a friends, Bill of Kyle, Texas--Pam McCaslan of Benbrook. Hang in there Mary. You are on the road to recovery.

Lou (Echols) Boyd fell this past Monday at her job. She suffered a broken left arm and a broken left knee cap. She is doing much better following surgery to repair all the damage.

Evah (Abernathy) Sparkman spent a few days this past week in the DeLeon Hospital. Our get well wishes goes out to all of these and others in our area who are on the sick list.

Jody Walston is on the road again--this time to Maryland to attend a Dog Show and go sight-seeing.

Steven & Lori Campbell and daughter, Emily of Andrews visited the weekend with his grandparents, James & LaRue Campbell.

Jr. & Nell Moore of Benbrook visited the past weekend with her mother, Benton Echols and with Nell's sister,

Lou Boyd who is recovering from surgery to repair a broken arm and knee cap.

Tiffany Nance, age 17, daughter of Steve & Trina Nance of San Diego (former residents of Desdemona) was killed in a car wreck this past week. Survivors include her parents, one brother, Derek Nance, all of San Deigo, grandmother, Agatha Nance of Desdemona. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family.

Church of Christ visitors last Sunday were Jr. & Nell Moore of Benbrook, Mr. Renfro of Fort Worth, Hailey Family of Henderson.

"Congratulations" to Jerr McKillip and Quida Parker. They were married on Saturday, June 26. They will live in Gorman.

Have a nice day--Vonnice

The 13th Annual Kirk Reunion

The Kirk Reunion was held June 6, 1999 at the Senior Citizen's Center in Gorman, Texas.

The following attended: Homer H. & Rena Mae Kirk, Eastland; Tim Don & Kathy Kirk, Coppell; Jean Underhill, Eastland; Wayne & Cheryl Marshall, Eastland; Ward & Lavonda Lewis, Talpa; J.E. Porter, Gorman; Linda Wooldridge, Eastland; Brenda, Jonathan, Amanda Newton, Irving; Sue & Wesley Spivey, Gorman; Dorothy Johnson, Gorman; Cathy Howe, Stephenville; Mr. & Mrs. B.J. Hare, DeLeon; Ricky & Shirley Moore, Odessa; Jessie Duke, Odessa; Ronnie Duke II (RJ), Richardson; Burton & Nellie Phillips, Olden; Lorene White, Baird; Mr. & Mrs. Gary Cornwell, Gorman; Doyle & Voncael Baker, Abilene; Angela & Riley Applegate, Frisco; Christy Wooldridge, Martha Johnson, Naomi Cox (HSU), Abilene; Mae, Rickey, Lancy (Baly) Rackow, Eastland; Jimmy D. & Fariba, Matthew, Andrew Kirk, Grand Prairie; Tamra Moore, Odessa; and others attended.

We all enjoyed a lot of good food and fellowship and are looking forward to another reunion in the year 2000.

A.A. & N.A. Scheduled to Meet

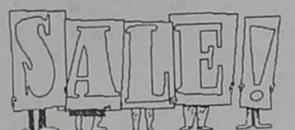
The new Alcoholics Anonymous Group meets at the Old Food Pantry location next to the Reunion Center in DeLeon, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more information call 254-893-5209.

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KOKOMO NEWS

ZELDA JORDAN — PHONE 254-639-2289

As we celebrated the Fourth of July with good times with families and friends, I hope we all took time to remember what July 4th -- Independence Day -- really means to us, and thank the good Lord for those who fought for our independence and the freedom we enjoy today.

Carole Adkins of Dallas rendered the special music at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Daryl Hirst directed the congregational singing, and Norma Webb was the pianist and Glynda Bond the organist. Visitors were Doug & Carole Adkins, David & Mindy Phiel, Michael Jaegan and Matthew and Greg, Shea and Marcos Adkins all of Dallas, Sylvia Buchanan and Kelly Buchanan of Brazoria, Glenda Priest and Sheri, Ryan and Kody Daniell all of Abilene and a lady from Rosewell, NM and another lady whose names I failed to get. I apologize to them.

Rev. W.J. and Mary Chance, formerly of Graham, have moved to our community to the house formerly occupied by the Brock Gould family. Rev. Chance is the pastor of the United Pentecostal Church in Eastland. They have three married children and seven grandchildren. We welcome them to our community.

Mary Chancé and Zelda Jordan visited with Juanita Graham on Monday evening.

Brock, Kristi, Tyler and Trey Gould have moved to Eastland. Brock is employed by the Eastland Police Department. We wish them the very best in their new home.

Lucille Joiner and Joyce Bramlett of Stephenville and Joyce's daughter, Sharla Bramlett of Wichita, KS visited with Mrs. Hope Joiner on Saturday.

Vernon & Deon Fields, Lindell Fields, Teresa Nachtigall of Morgan Mill, Harvey Winn and his son, Lance Winn of Irving attended the Fields' Family Reunion in Big Spring during the July 4th weekend.

Visitors with Nancy Hendricks were Sylvia Buchanan and Kelly Buchanan of Brazoria, Bessie Buchanan of Tuscola, Doris Bradshaw of Gorman, JoNell Torrez of Gorman, Henry L. Henley of Warner Robbins, Ga., Henry L. Henley Jr. of Tennille, Ga., Odis and Carol Skinner and Patsy Collins of Eastland, Hope Joiner and Ruth Bryant.

Nancy Hendricks, Sylvia and Kelly Buchanan, Bessie Buchanan, Doris Bradshaw and Alpha Mae Andry were supper guests of Jack & Freda Bradshaw Allen and Gordon at their Lake Leon home on July 4th and also enjoyed the Fireworks display at the lake.

Glenda Priest and Sheri Daniell, Ryan and Kody of Abilene spent the July 4th weekend with Zelda Jordan.

Recent visitors with John and Troy Scitem were his sister, Faye of Corpus Christi and her daughter, Margaret Wilson of Dallas. Others visiting with John & Troy were Nancy Hendricks, Deane McNeill of Gorman, Zelda Jordan and Glenda Priest of Abilene.

Those enjoying a barbecue dinner at the home of David & Cassie Brasher on Saturday were Pat & Pleas Reneau of Ranger, Mark & Terry Reneau of Deer Park, Darrell, Renee', Kelly, Josh & Phillip Reneau of Deer Park, Sarah & Shane Dumith, Tricia Rose and Zack of Wichita Falls, Travis & Gladys

Nelson, Alexis & Tiffany of Fort Worth and Clifford Nelson.

The Travis Nelson family spent Sunday night with his granddaddy, Clifford Nelson.

I send "Happy Birthday" wishes to my daughter, Glenda Joyce Priest and granddaughter, Sheri Lynn Daniell both of Abilene who will have birthdays on July 12, and to my granddaughter, Kayla Marie Jordan of Lubbock who will be nine years old on July 17.

Lara Jane Griffith and a friend, Jared Cooper of Midland were recent visitors with Lara's grandmother, Johnnie B. Griffith, Ken & Janie Riley, Chad & Lara Griffith, Lauren Hooker and Leslie Macferran all of Midland, and Chad's friends from Texas Tech spent the July 4th weekend with

CARBON NEWS

By MICHELLE THACKERSON

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable weekend. The weather was perfect for the holiday weekend.

Ike and Joy Whitson are very proud to announce the birth of their new granddaughter. Bailee Cheyenne Bradshaw, daughter of Shirlee Bradshaw. Bailee was born Sun., July 4th at 10:56 pm. She weight 5 lbs. 8 oz. Bailee was born in Stephenville then transported to Cook's Hospital so that the doctors there can make sure nothing goes wrong with her early delivery. Bailee is 5 1/2 weeks premature but doing well. Shirlee is also

A&M helps recover last Caddo village

COLLEGE STATION - A Texas A&M University archaeologist has been called upon to help the Texas Historical Commission recover one of the state's last Caddo villages from beneath an East Texas pine forest.

"This site is reputed to be the last Caddo Indian village in Texas," said Alston Thoms of the Center for Ecological Archaeology in Texas A&M College of Liberal Arts. "It's the place where the Caddo were living before they were forced out of Texas in the early 1800s."

After the Caddo left the area, Thoms said the land was used for agricultural crops and eventually a pine plantation.

"It's now a forest," he said. Thoms and a small group of graduate students visited the site near Jefferson to assist the Texas Historical Commission's effort to unearth artifacts that may provide insight into the Caddo way of life. Representatives of the Caddo Nation also are participating in the project.

"We were invited to participate because of the work we've already been doing over in Tyler at an old Civil-War prisoner of war camp, called Camp Ford," he said. "We've developed a lot of expertise in how sites are preserved in the sandy soils of East Texas and we'll be working with the historical commission to help them assess the preservation conditions for the remains."

Johnnie B. Griffith. Janie & Lara remained for a visit until Tuesday.

Griffith Family Reunion Held at Lake Leon

Hattie Griffith & Johnnie B. Griffith were hosts for the Griffith Family Reunion at their homes at Lake Leon during the fourth of July weekend.

Those attending and enjoying the activities were Richard & Margaret Griffith, Randy & Jeff of Boston, Mass., Evelyn Burleson of Benbrook, Rita & Gene Crenshaw of Alba, Tx., James Crenshaw, Frank & Darrell, Sheila & Bobby Franks, Laura & Jan Vard and Barbara Griffith, Nancy, Amy and Shane of Freeport, David Griffith of Forsan, Hattie Griffith of Forsan, Dale & Karen Griffith, Paul & Amber of Willow Park, Royce & Betty Griffith of Big Spring, Dee and Lil Anderson of Robert Lee, Johnnie B. Griffith of Lake Leon, Ken & Janie Riley, Chad & Lara Griffith, Lauren Hooker and Leslie Macferran all of Midland and Chad's friends of Texas Tech.

All had a wonderful time.

doing fine. Please keep both mother and daughter in your prayers.

We are also glad to have Ike & Joy back home from their vacation. They enjoyed their time in Branson seeing shows with Ike's mother and stepfather. From there they went to Nashville and visited with some more of Ike's family. Then they went to Eureka Springs in Arkansas and saw a show. They said it is such beautiful country. But they were all glad to be home.

I hope everyone has a good week. Stay cool I believe summer is here. God Bless you.

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Wright Reunion

A reunion of the children and grandchildren of Ed and Lillie Wright was held on June 26th at Legends Country Club in Stephenville.

Ed Wright came to the Gorman area between 1900 and 1905. Lillie Hall came to Gorman in the mid 1890's with her parents Jeffery Hall and Eliza Brown Hall. Ed and Lillie married on April 18, 1905 and they had nine children: Bernice, Iris "Pete", Leonard, Jettie Faye, Donnie, Nioma "Nike", LeRoy, Gabe and Burl Gene.

Ed and Lillie had sixteen grandchildren. All were present with the exception of Donald Ray Self who died prematurely in an automobile accident on November 10, 1960. All of their grandchildren were born in and around Gorman except Linda Reed Hughes and Rodney Wright.

Attending the reunion were Ed and Lillie's children, Gabe, Burl Gene and wife Virginia, and daughter-in-law Alpha Collins Wright Andry. Grandchildren in attendance were Runez Gregg Wrachford, Billy Edward Gregg, Billie Reed Stewart, Shirley Reed Warren and husband, B.L. "Scrub", Linda Reed Hughes and Rodney Wright.

Great grandchildren attending were Marilyn Stewart Warren, Alex Wright, Kevin Wright, Trenton Wright, Brian Massey and wife Heather, Kellye Stewart Johnson and husband, Steve and Jeff Maupin and wife, Leisa.

Great great grandchildren present were Stephanie Johnson, Cody Massey, Emily Massey and Ashley Maupin.

Special guests were Peggy Robinson, a second cousin and her daughter Tammie.

A book "The Wrights" was presented to all present which contains a biography of Ed and Lillie, their children and their grandchildren, along with ancestors of Ed and Lillie. The book also has old and new pictures. A copy will be presented to the Gorman Library.

It was a memorable occasion for all the grandchildren, as it had been fifty years since they had all been together at one time. The grandchild who came the longest distance to the reunion was Jeanetta Fay Fields Hill, daughter of Jettie Fay. She resides in North Carolina.

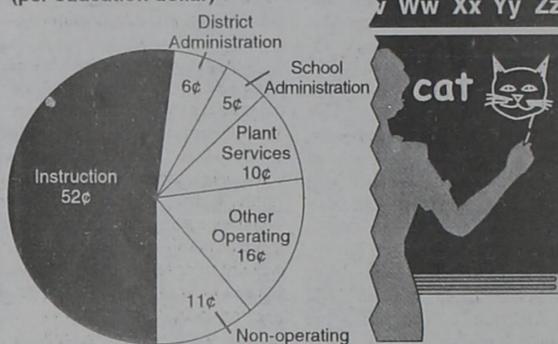
Children and Grandchildren of Ed & Lillie Wright
Left to Right: Seated: Virginia Wright, Gene Wright, Alpha Andry, Gabe Wright. Standing: Rodney Wright, Sherry Massey, Billy Edward Gregg, Shirley Warren, Runez Wrachford, Randy Wright, Billie Stewart, Bob Self, Linda Hughes, Jeanetta Hill, Barbara Williams, Jim Self, LaDoyt Maupin, Clarice Lloyd and Sarah Jo Wright

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Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

A Note From The Administrator

It sure has been hot! It is hard to believe we are in the middle of a drought, except for the heat the last few days. Ina has begun to send out a monthly newsletter once again. All the month's news from the Nursing Home will be there. Ina is still in need of some volunteers to help out with activities. The residents love to see new faces in the activity program. If you can help, I promise your life will be enriched. See you at the Nursing Home.

(s)Jeff

Did you ever see a July 4th Patriotic green tree? Go by and see the tree Ina and the residents have decorated! It is beautiful!

The next birthday party will be Thursday, July 29th at 2:00 pm. Honorees are Modess Self, Muriel Prewitt, Velma Bennett and Buddy Winn. Guests are always welcome.

Sorry to report Venita Hammon is in the Abilene Regional Hospital.

Some of Bea O'Neal's guests were Howard & Pat Hagood, Samantha Krause, Audrey Pond, Eunice Love and Lavoyce Hirst.

On Sunday morning, Ora Lee Lawrence of First Baptist Church taught the Sunday School class for Venno Hale, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Velma Bennett, S.D. Gilmore, Ollie Halcomb, Frankie Jarrett, Ora Mae Atchison and Patti Whitehorn.

Visiting Ed Johnson and B.T. Hanna were Sheila Gibbs, Dale Johnson, Fay Johnson, Pat & Howard Hagood and Johnathan VanDusen.

On Sunday afternoon those coming from Abundant Life Church were Rev. John & Charlotte Howard, Steve Haley, Sarah, Amanda and Reanna Rowell. Residents were Doris Fowler, Velma Bennett, S.D. Gilmore, A.V. Seay, Frankie Jarrett, Venno Hale, Ora Mae Atchison, Inez Rogers, Ollie Halcomb, Dorothy Beaty and Jack & Mildred Bellows. Guests were Pat Graham, Ruth Bryant and Nancy Hendricks.

Visiting Muriel Prewitt were Grace Townley, Howard & Pat Hagood, Eunice Love, Linda Groves and Libbey Hadmann.

Sorry to report Cynthia Earles is in the Eastland Memorial Hospital.

Visiting Modess Self were Dave & Lanita Rodgers, Ken & Betty Sue Heathington, Howard & Pat Hagood, Eunice Love, Bobby & Cecilia Self of Houston and Christine Self.

Ina Smith and Pat Graham had bingo on Monday for A.V. Seay, S.D.

Gilmore, Patti Whitehorn, Myrtle Hale, Jack & Mildred Bellows, Frankie Jarrett, Velma Bennett, Lola Johnson, Ora Mae Atchison, Ollie Halcomb and Inez Rogers.

Visiting A.V. Seay and Myrtle Hale were Dixie Ryon, Diana Gilder, Linda Glover, Howard & Pat Hagood, Ennis & Nina Joiner, Argie & Margie Hale, Eunice Love, Thurman hale, Becky, Susan and Kyle Gordon of Houston, Thomas & Vicki Seay and Tommy Lynn Seay.

On Friday Ina Smith had bingo for Inez Rogers, Venno Hale, Ollie Halcomb, Jack & Mildred Bellows, A.V. Seay, Patti Whitehorn, Velma Bennett, S.D. Gilmore and Lola Johnson.

Some of Inez Rogers and Ora Mae Atchison's guests were Dixie Ryon and Violet Watson of Desdemona, Buddy Rogers and Saloda Brown of Ranger, Randall Rogers, Fred Rogers, Rex & Anna Hendricks of Llano, Chesley Atchison and Eddie Nichols of Stephenville, Samantha Krause, Dixie Ryon and Violet Watson.

On Friday, Ina Smith had art and painting pictures to redecorate the green tree for July. Helping were A.V. Seay, Velma Bennett, Inez Rogers, Ollie Halcomb and Frankie Jarrett.

Guests visiting Dorothy Beaty and Ollie Halcomb were Wesley, Danny and Nicole Story, June Story, Juanita Spence of Little Elm, David & Denna Halcomb, Howard & Pat Hagood, Eunice Love and Samantha Krause.

Some of Jack & Mildred Bellow's guests were Lovelle Darrell, Pat & Howard Hagood, Samantha Krause and Eunice Love.

On Monday afternoon those coming for singing were Zeldia Jordan, Daisy Slaton, Ruth Bryant, Nancy Hendricks, Marjorie Treadway, Ethel Weaver, Ernestine Campbell, Pat Hagood, James & Joey Perez, Alpha Mae Andry and June Salik. Residents were Jack & Mildred Bellows, Doris Fowler, Frankie Jarrett, A.V. Seay, Myrtle Hale, Inez Rogers, Venno Hale, Modess Self, S.D. Gilmore, Estelle Morris and Velma Bennett.

Visiting Irene Heathington were Ken & Betty Sue Heathington, Dave & Lanita Freeman, Howard & Pat Hagood, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant and Eunice Love.

Some of Mary Williams' guests were Maxine Fraiser of DeLeon, Christi Evert and Avery Mary Estes, Ina Reynolds, Eunice Love, Durwood

Webb, Pat & Howard Hagood, Sam Krause, Dixie Ryon and Lavoyce Hirst.

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

Visiting Patti Whitehorn and Frankie Jarrett were Kay Watson and Don Johnson, Samantha Krause, Mark Watson, Clifton Jarrett, Mary Estes, Sylvia Estes, Marie Cook, Rev. T.D. Whitehorn, Howard & Pat Hagood and Eunice Love.

Visiting Velma Bennett and Estelle Morris were Margie & Paige Duske, Nelda Keith, Ruth Campbell, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant and Icy Munn.

Tuesday afternoon, Ina Smith and Sheila Gibbs made miniature "Uncle Sams" to decorate the green tree for July 4th and the month of July. Enjoying the crafts were A.V. Seay, Ollie Halcomb, Frankie Jarrett, Myrtle hale and Modess Self.

Some of Ava Rodgers' guests were Fay Tucker, Ima Brown, Jared Grice, Howard & Pat Hagood, Eunice Love, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant, Samantha Krause, Kay Womack of Dallas, S.D. Gilmore, Dianna Chupp of Houston, Leslie, Paul and Ava English of Seabrook.

On Wednesday, Bro. Durwood Webb of the Church of Christ had

chapel for Venno Hale, A.V. Seay, Lola Johnson, Ora Mae Atchison, Patti Whitehorn, Ollie Halcomb, Inez Rogers, S.D. Gilmore, Modess Self and Velma Bennett.

Visiting Vadis Phelps were Eunice Love, Howard & Pat Hagood, Fay Tucker, Elnora Lindley, Birdie Hogan, Mitzi McGaha and Kelye Carruth.

Wednesday afternoon, Ruth Campbell came and played the electric keyboard and led singing for Venno Hale, Modess Self, A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers, S.D. Gilmore, Ollie Halcomb, Jack & Mildred Bellows, Myrtle Hale and Dorothy Beaty.

Visiting Volita Richardson and Agnes Akard were Jo Etheridge, Bill & Cliffla Vaughn, Howard & Pat Hagood, Eunice Love and Samantha Krause.

Some of Venno Hale and Lola Johnson's guests were Ina Reynolds, Pat & Howard Hagood, Samantha Krause, Eunice Love, Alpha Mae Andry and Ethel Weaver.

On Thursday morning, Ina Smith had "Horse Races" for S.D. Gilmore, A.V. Seay, Velma Bennett, Modess Self, Inez Rogers, Frankie Jarrett and Ollie Halcomb.

Visiting Buddy Winn were Harvey Winn, Howard & Pat Hagood and Samantha Krause.

Karen Guthery gave Venno hale a new permanent.

Ina smith had Crazy Bingo for Modess Self, Velma Bennett, Inez Rogers, Patti Whitehorn, S.D. Gilmore, Venno Hale, Jack & Mildred Bellows, Lola Johnson, Myrtle Hale and Ora Mae Atchison.

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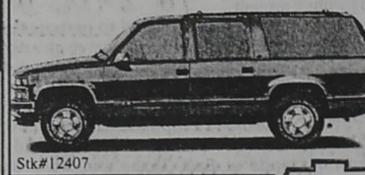
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