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Several Lady Panthers Make All-District Selections



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All-Awards Ceremony

Robert Abbott Receives Eagle Scout Badge

The Gorman Schools All-Awards Ceremony will be held at Auditorium on Monday, May 21st . Junior High will begin at 8:30 and High School to begin at 11:15.

Gorman High School Graduation

The Gorman High School Graduation Ceremonies will be held at Brogdon Field on Friday, May 25th at 7:30 p.m. at

Gorman Jr. High

Graduation



A special court of honor was held on April 28 at 4:00 to award Robert Joe Abbott his Eagle Scout Badge from the Boy Scouts of America. Very few Boy Scouts ever achieve this high rank. Robert is the first scout from Gorman to receive this badge since 1965. Twenty-one scout badges must be earned before a boy is eligible for the

LADY PANTHERS AND COACHES — (1 to r) - Jamie Maupin, Assistant Coach Williamson, Mandy Warren, Lydia Royster, Emma Marin, Eva Rodriquez, Ashley Maupin, Rachel Rainey, Christina Mauney, Emerald Guthery, Melinda Leal and Coach Brock.

The Lady Panthers lost their Bi-District game to Tolar 9 to 2. The Lady Panthers finished the year with a season record of 7 and 5 and 6 and 0 in District. School Graduation Ceremo-

All District selections for 7A Softball were made and the Lady Panthers were recognized as the cream of the crop. All starting players received an honor.

Coach of the Year: Jerry Brock

Most Valuable Player of the Year:

Emerald Guthery, Senior

1st Team Catcher: Melinda Leal, Freshman

1st Team Infielder: Eva Rodriguez, Senior and Jamie Maupin, Junior

2nd Team Infielder: Lydia Royster, Freshman

Ist Team Outfielder: Mandy Warren, Junior; Rachel Rainey, Senior

2nd Team Outfielder: Christina Mauney, Senior.

Honorable Mention: Emma Marin, Sophomore

Solo and Ensemble Contest

Lacy Howard, Sarah Lewis, and Lana Howard competed at Solo and Ensemble Contest in February at Brownwood High School. The ratings were as follows: Lacy--Division II, Sarah--Division I, and Lana--Division I. Sarah and Lana will represent Gorman High School at the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest in San Marcos on May 26.

Congratulations to all three girls and BEST OF LUCK AT STATE!

Baccalaureate Set For Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

The Gorman Jr. High School Graduation Ceremonies will be held at Auditorium on Thursday, May 24th at 7:30 p.m.

Brown - Seay To Pledge Vows June 16th



Sandi and Garry Brown of Eastland and Vicki and Thomas Seay of Gorman, wish to announce the engagement of upcoming marriage of their children Summer Rai Brown of Eastland and Tommy Lyn Seay of Gorman.

Summer is a 1999 graduate of Eastland High School and has just completed 2 years at Ranger College and will be attending Sul Ross State University in Alpine and majoring in Elementary Education.

Tommy is also a 1999 graduate of Eastland High School and has completed 2 years in Ranger College and will be attending Sul Ross in the Fall majoring in Ranch Management.

Summer is the granddaughter of Maxine and Bud Adcock of Strawn and Gilda and Howard Brown of Fredricksburg.

Tommy is the grandson of Maybelle and the late Olen Trout of Eastland and of A.V. and the late Hillary Seay of Gorman.

The wedding will be June 16 at the Weiser Ranch in Nimrod outside of Cisco at 7 p.m.

All friends are invited to join in the fun!

Eagle Scout Project

Eagle Scout. Robert has spent several summers at Boy Scout camp at Lake Tonkawa, south of Abilene, working on some of these badges. Also, a community service project must be carried out. Robert's project was a blood drive where 21 units of blood were donated by local citizens.

Cub Scouts Aaron Keith, Trey Underwood and Carlos Gutierrez of Pack #38 began the court of honor by presenting the flags and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The Eagle escorts Thomas Hurd and Andy Abbe of Boy Scout Troop #38 ushered Robert in. Then Robin Abbott of Abilene, Robert's brother, called the proceeding to order. Lori Dodd was the guest speaker and she gave a very good insight into what it takes to become an Eagle Scout. Then it was time to present the award. Jackie Gutierrez, Robert's mother, had the honor of pinning the Eagle medal on Robert. Rodney Abbott, Robert's father, presented Robert with his certificate from the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America. Kathy Abbott, Robert's step-mother, presented Robert with the Eagle neckerchief. Robert then presented his mother with an Eagle mother's pin. Rodney was presented with an Eagle tie-tac. Kathy received an Eagle pin. Thomas Hurd read a poem entitled, "The Legend of The Rose," while Robert presented Jackie with 7 red roses to signify the 7 ranks achieved on the path to becoming an Eagle. Robert also received a scrapbook containing several letters of commendation from Vice-President Cheney, former President Gerald Ford, Rev. Billy Graham and many others. Also a Texas state flag which had been flown at the state capital was sent from state representative Jim Keffer. After the court of honor, a reception was hosted by Rodney and Kathy Abbott and Jackie Gutierrez at the home of Billy Joe and Betty Sue Dennis. Hamburgers and cake were served to all who attended.

Robert attends school at Gorman High School where he is a Junior. Robert is the grandson of Billy Joe and Betty Sue Dennis and the late Joyce Dennis, and Bill Abbott of Abilene and the late Wanda Abbott.

Thank You

We would like to thank the people of Gorman who came to help with the City Pool Work Day. We would also like to thank Tommy Clark and J.S. Ripley for helping us gather materials and for Brenda Hammontree for the discount on the pizzas.

Again, thanks to those who helped make it happen, helping make Gorman GROW!

Sincerely,

Gorman G.R.O.W. Board of Directors

FBC Mission Dinner Set

The Gorman First Baptist Church Missions Dinner, Sunday after the morning service, barbeque dinner by donation. Proceeds go to Indiana Mission Trip for June 23 to July 1.

Wheels For Life Bike-A-Thon

The Gorman Bike-A-thon, to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (Danny Thomas, Founder), will be held Saturday, May 19, 2001 at 9:00-11-00 a.m., starting

Sunday, May 20, 2001

7:30 p.m.

Processional Senior Class Invocation Bill Campbell - Minister, First Baptist Church Song Sarah Lewis - Lacy Howard - Lana Howard Baccalaureate Sermon John Howard - Minister, Abundant Life Church Benediction Dane Gressett - Minister, First Fruits Ministeries Recessional Senior Class

You are cordially invited to a Retirement Reception honoring Mr. Milton Jensen Saturday, May 19, 2001 from three o'clock until four o'clock in the afternoon at the Rotan Learning Resource Center I would like to remind everyone about the upcoming Eagle Scout Project that I'm doing. It is an organ donor drive at the Health Fair on May 22, 2001 at Heritage Manor.

My goal is to sign up 10 donors and to let the people know the importance of donating their organs. Also, it is very important to let their families know what they want to do.

Thanks, Christopher Torres

at the American State Bank parking lot.

Cancer kills more American children than any other disease and is second only to accidents as the cause of death of the young. Please help us help St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to treat these children and to find a cure.

If you would like to participate by getting donations for riding your bike, roller blading or walking, please contact Beth Underwood at 734-2222 or 734-3237.

Prizes for participation and top fund raisers will be awarded. Refreshments will be provided.



HEALTH FAIR - There will be a Health Fair at Heritage Manor of Gorman on Tuesday, May 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please contact Janet for more information at 254-734-2202.

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 Peyton Vaughn, Veronica Seaton or Lori Dodd.

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

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.

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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 OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT WILL BE MAY 16TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

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Services Held for Ora Mae Atchison

Ora Mae Atchison, 97, of Gorman, passed away on Sunday, May 13, 2001 at the DeLeon Hospital. Services were Wednesday, May 16, 2001 at the Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel in DeLeon with Richard Watson officiating. Burial was in the Oliver Springs Cemetery.

Mrs. Atchison was born on February 5, 1904 in Comanche County to the late James Newton Watson and Ora Georgiane Seale. She married William Jessie Atchison on October 27, 1924 in DeLeon. She was a homemaker, member of the Gorman Church of Christ, and resident of Gorman area all of her life.

She is survived by one son, Robert Chessley Atchison of Gorman; one brother, Elmer C. Watson of Fort Worth; four grandchildren, Don Elwyn Atchison of Marlin, Yvone Dell Atchison of Ft. Worth, Ouida Joyce Gartman of Kamay, and Chessley Royce Atchison of Aberdeen, MD; four great-grandchildren, Tiffany Rene Nowlin of Stephenville, Casey Linnette Gartman of Kamay, Robert Jessie Atchison of Aberdeen, MD, and William Chessley Atchison of Aberdeen, MD; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded by her husband William Jessie Atchison; one son, Jessie Elwyn Atchison; 2 brothers, Honnell Watson and Arlen Watson; and 2 sisters Ima Lee Burlison and Willa Dell Levins.



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The Gorman Pony League players, parents and coaches would like to say "thanks" to Rountree H&R Block for sponsoring the 2001 Gorman Athletics Pony League Team.

Thanks, s/Brad Lewis

Thank You

I would like to thank Dr. Long, Dr. Kim, nurses and staff of DeLcon Hospital. Thank you also for the prayers, cards, letters and gifts. s/Diana Snider

Social Security

Social Security Administration representative will be in Eastland on May 22, at the Eastland County Courthouse, Commissioners Courtroom, Second Floor at 9:30 a.m.

You can call Social Security tollfree any weekday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 1-800-772-1213.

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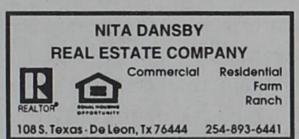
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Gorman Panther Basketball Camp

Girls and boys entering the third through the sixth grade are eligible.

Please check one:

The boys camp will be on May 29, 30, 31, and June 1.

The girls camp will be on June 5, 6, 7, and 8.

Name:

Camp will start at 8:00 and continue to 11:30 with breaks.

The camp fee will be \$30 and make checks payable to Ricky Taylor. Please call or come by if you have more than one child to enroll.

Grade:

Contests with prizes will be performed on the last day and parents are encouraged to attend if possible.

The campers will receive a camp t-shirt and an outdoor basketball.

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In order to have enough t-shirts and balls, please have this slip and fee in by Thursday, May 24 (last day of school).

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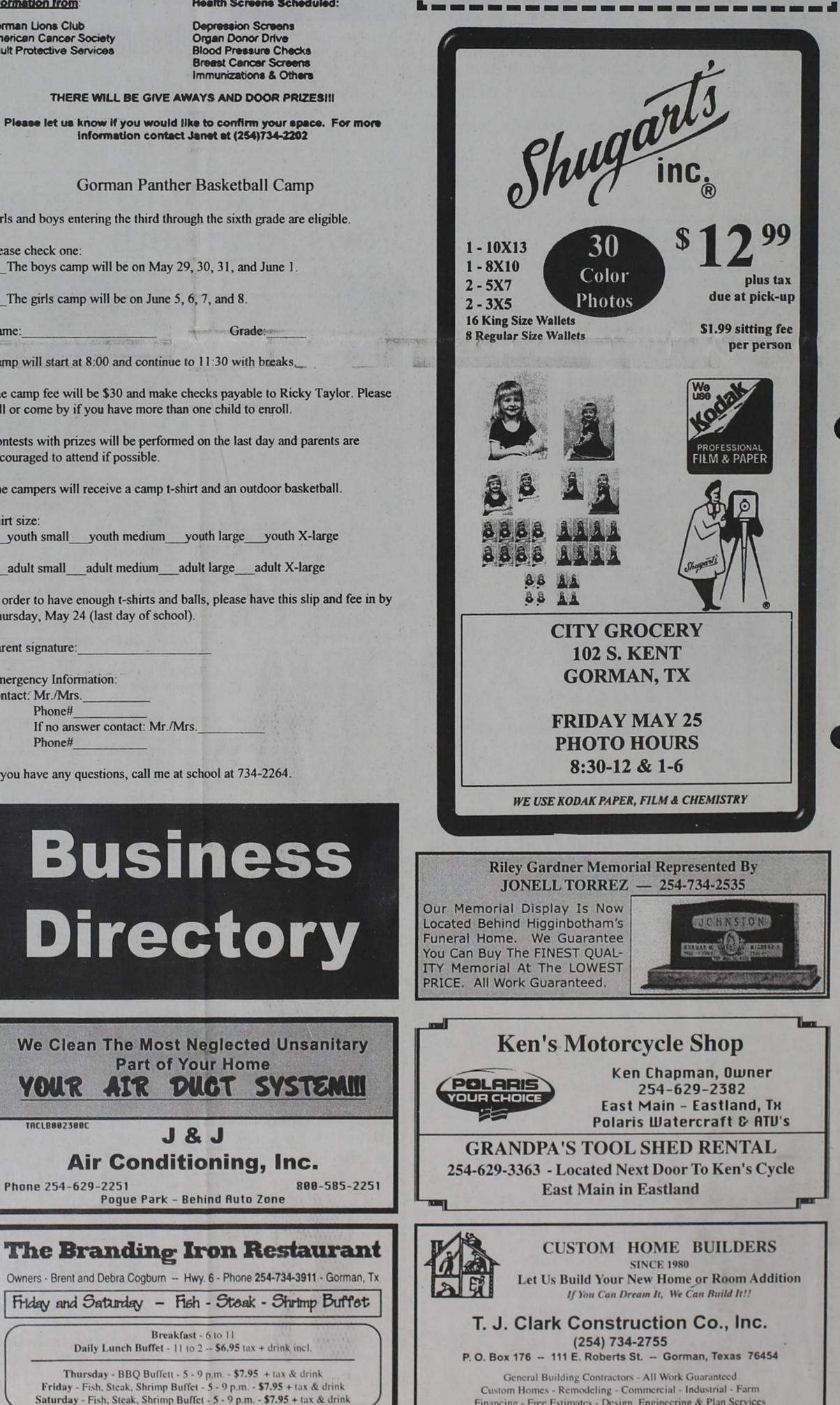
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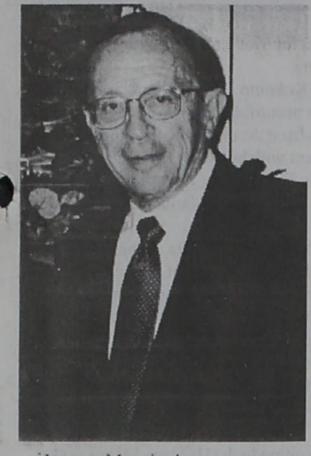


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Morris Concludes 19-Year Winning Tenure at SPC in June



James Morris has seen many changes take place in junior college track and cross country. It is a testament to his coaching ability and endearing personality that his teams are always perennial challengers for the national championship.

And after 19 years of molding the South Plains College track and cross country program into one of the nation's elite, Morris has announced his retirement effective June 30. His last meet will be June 1 when the Texans and Lady Texans host the NJCAA

Levelland.

"Ecclesiastes says there is a time and place for all thing," said Morris who has spent 42 years in the coaching profession. "I think this is the time appointed for me to do this. It was certainly a difficult decision for me. But after talking to my family, I know it is the right one.

"I want to spend more time with my wife, Beverly, two children and five grandchildren. I want to devote more of my time to church and go fishing and do a lot of traveling and some volunteer coaching."

The Brownfield native began his coaching career in his hometown in 1959. He coached junior high football and track for eight years, before moving to Brownfield High School in 1967. In 13 years at Brownfield, his teams won five regional cross country championships, and he guided two individual state champions. Morris left Brownfield to enter private business in 1980, then served as an assistant track coach at Texas Tech University for the 1981-82 school year before taking the reins at SPC in 1982.

"When I came here I never though I would be here for this long," Morris said. "In 1963 I came here to watch a college track meet and thought I would

Marathon Championships in like to be the track coach here at SPC some day. When I was selected for this position, I thought I had died and gone to heaven. I still think it is the best junior college position in the United States."

> The numbers speak for themselves. A total of 191 Texans and Lady Texans have turned in 389 All-American performances in 18 years. Among those performances are 53 individual national champions and 12 national relay team championships. He also has coached 13 Olympians.

> Deflecting any desire to congratulate himself. Morris credits the athletes who have performed on the track.

> world class performers on this campus," Morris said. "You wouldn't believe the talent that has competed at SPC.'

He was named National Outdoor Track Coach of the Year in 1983, and in 1986, he guided the Texans to the NJCAA Indoor Track and Field Championship, the school's first-ever national championship team.

Morris also was selected as the NJCAA National Indoor Track Coach of the Year in 1991 and shared NJCAA Outdoor coach of the Year honors in 1991. He was elected as the "Coach of the Meet" at the 1993 NJCAA Mara-

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thon Championship, after guiding the Texans to the national championship in their first-ever appearance at the event. He repeated that feat in 1995, when he was named "Coach of the Meet" after the Texans won their second NJCAA Marathon Championship. Morris also was named NJCAA National Indoor coach of the Year in 1995. The Lady Texans also took home a national championship in the marathon in 1997.

He was named the NJCAA Region ⁵ Cross Country Coach of the Year in 1984, 1986, 1989 and 1990. He was named the NJCAA National Cross Country Coach of the Year of the first time in 1991, after guiding the Texans to their first-ever cross country team championship. He received that honor again in 1994, 1996 and 1997.

His proven ability to hone skills and "We have had so many national and recruit talented athletes has served well for Morris, who was named the National Coach of the Year and the Coach of the Meet at the 1996 and 1997 NJCAA Cross Country Championships after guiding the Texans to back-toback cross country championships.

"We have had tremendous support from the administration and faculty. The credit for this goes to SPC athletic director Joe Tubb. Joe has provided untiring effort in promoting the track team and giving me encouragement and support through the years."

His career was highlighted when he was inducted into the NJCAA Cross Country/Track Hall of Fame in November.

Bennetts Schedule Memorial Day Reunion

MAY 17, 2001

In 1890, Eli Harlan Bennett moved to Eastland County from Franklin County, Tennessee. He moved on to Oklahoma and died there in 1905. Two of his sons, James Washington Bennett and Jefferson Davis Bennett stayed in the area and raised large families. James Washington died in 1930, Jefferson Davis in 1928. Both are buried in Gorman Cemetery.

For the past three years, the descendants of Lawson Asbury "Loss" and Sarah "Sally" Bennett, son of James Washington and Sara Ellen Earles Bennett, have held a reunion. This year, the group invites everyone descended from Eli Harlan Bennett to come meet

"I've seen so many outstanding students and athletes in my time here," he said. "I've seen SPC grow from 1,800 to more than 4,000 students here on the Levelland campus. It's just been amazing. You hope you made an impact on the students and athletes' lives. I hope I have done that. Very few coaches have the opportunity to experience something like this. It's been a great ride."

James is the son of the late Hupp Morris and Lottic Morris of Gorman.

their relatives.

Set for Memorial Day weekend, Saturday and Sunday, May 26-27, the reunion will be at the Carbon Community Center. On Saturday, the group will share a sandwich supper at 4 p.m. at the Community Center. They will meet for coffee and doughnuts at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 27, followed by a 1 p.m. dinner at the Catfish Corner Restaurant in Carbon.

For more information, contact Sue Grice Ross, of Ranger, 254/647-1832. Deadline for reservations for the dinner on Sunday is May 15.

The genealogy of the Bennetts has been extensively researched by the late Roy Bennett of Big Spring, Loss' son, Sharon Bennett Jones of Austin-granddaughter of Loss, and Fred L. Wilson of San Angelo. Wilson is married to Jimmie Joan Bennett, also Loss' granddaughter. Much of their findings will be available at the reunion, and Jones and Wilson are eager to add to the information they have gleaned so far.

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GHS BAND - JUNIOR HIGH BAND

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Gorman Panther Band Flags - Dana Longoria, Crystal Williams, Amanda Hair - Co-Captain, Christine Everton, Casondra Grumbles and Heather Keaton - Captain.



Gorman Panther Band Twirlers - Holly Abbe and Emily Thornton

Gorman Panther Jr. High Band Twirlers - Brittney Shirley, Stephanie Hughes and Kristy Carlton.



Gorman Panther MASCOT - Chris Cox

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School Menu Week of May 21

Breakfast

Monday--Cereal, Graham crackers, milk, juice

Tuesday -- Poptarts, milk, juice Wednesday -- Sausage pancake on a stick, milk, juice Thursday--Cereal, animal crackers, milk, juice

Lunch

Monday--Nachos meat & cheese sauce Tuesday--Chicken casserole, green beans, salad, hot rolls

Wednesday -- Burritos with chili cheese, refried beans, Spanish rice, chocolate chip bars Thursday--Sandwiches, pork-n-beans

15th Annual Kirk Reunion

The 15th Annual Kirk Reunion will be held on June 9, 2001 at the Senior Citizens Center on Main Street in Gorman.

Family and friends are invited. Bring your favorite dishes and desserts.

Please come early and visit.

For more information contact Linda Wooldridge at 254/629-1113, Homer Kirk at 254/629-2781, and Brenda Newton at 972/986-8431.

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DESDEMONA NEWS BY VONNIE GUTHERY

First Baptist Church of Desdemona ob served Mother's Day last Sunday during the morning service. Several visitors attended. Special music was presented by Wilma Iley, Helen Collum, Patty Brawner, and Wayne Eaves with Karen Eaves at the piano. Lane Shirley presented a special with a piano solo. A long stem carnation flower was presented to each mother present. Evening service was dismissed.

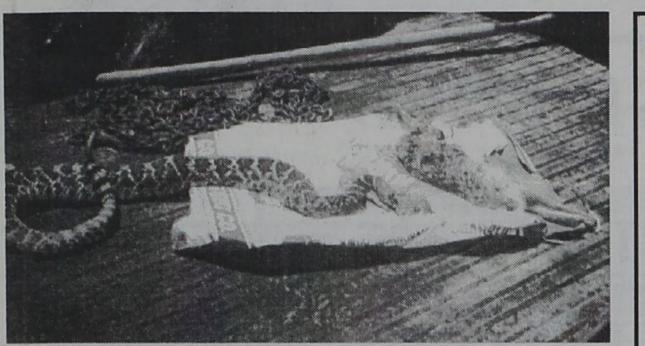
Helen (Abel) Brown of Stephenville and Dorothy Roberts were in Fort Worth for Mother's Day. Helen visited with her daughter, Sherry and family. Dorothy visited with her daughter, Kevin and Ulenda Weaver. Other visitors in the home were Shown and Heather Caddell and children, Kelsey and Cameron; Heath Weaver, Ashley Weaver and son, Tanner all of Fort worth; Shelly Horan and Jeff Roberts of Dallas, Mark and Emily Williams and daughter, Kena of Granbury. Lelan Pack of Lubbock and his mother, Dixie Ryon spent several days last week in Orlando, Florida on vacation. The reported a good trip.

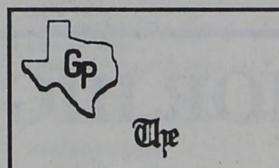
Elgenia (Jeanne Barker) Bochillion of DeLeon is slowly recovering from recent surgery to repair a broke hip. She is a former resident of Desdemona where she attended school. Get Well wishes goes out to Jeanne.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Dorothy (Wilhite) Tidwell, 85, of Desdemona. She was buried last Sunday, May 13 in the Howard Cemetery north of Desdemona. Survivors include a son, James Hardie Tidwell of Stephenville; a daughter, Nancy Tidwell Bond of Desdemona; a sister, Clyde Wilhite Paul of Topeka, Kansas; several grandchildren and great grandchildren. She lived all of her life in Desdemona where she attended school and graduated with the Class of 1932.

A new metal roof for the Desdemona Community Center will be completed during this week. Also much needed repairs on all the rain gutters. The building had many leaks.

Victor Cemetery Working will be on Saturday, May 26. There will be a business meeting followed by a covered dish luncheon. Makes plans to attend.





Workforce Development Board

MAY 17, 2001

To Our Eastland County Friends-Best wishes from the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board. I know you are extremely busy, and it is often difficult to arrange a face to face contact, but please know that we ne still here to serve you. If you have a need for workforce services, such as recruitment and training of employees, training for your current workforce, tax incentives, labor market information, etc., please let me know. We have a wealth of services and resources at our disposal, and we want to share them with you.

As always, we look forward to being your partner in insuring that you have a skilled workforce and a prosperous community.

Nancy Smith, Community Relations Coordinator West Central Texas Workforce Development Board 400 Oak Street Abilene, TX 79602 (915)795-4306

Federal Funds Available for Housing in Rural Areas Zero **Down Payment for Rural** Homeownership

Richard L. Perryman, Acting State Director, Texas USDA Rural Development announced today that federal funds are available for Guaranteed Rural Housing loans. Borrowers can often get these loans with no down payment.

To be eligible for financing, the home must be located in a rural community with less than 10,000 in population, on a farm or in open country no closely associated with an urban area. Under certain circumstances loans can be made in towns and cities between 10,00 and 25,000 in population. "Never assume an area is not eligible under the guaranteed loan program. We encourage anyone interested in owning their own home to call the Brownwood Local Office for details on eligible areas. Texas has over \$100 million still available for the Guaranteed Housing Program for Fiscal Year 2001," said Perryman. The guaranteed rural housing loan may be used to finance new or existing homes that are structurally sound and have adequate mechanical, electrical, plumbing and insulation systems. The loan may be made for up to 100 percent of the market value. There is no down payment required. The lender may loan some closing costs depending on the appraisal. Theoretically, someone could move into a home for zero out of pocket expenses. Typically, however, not all the costs associated with buying a home can be financed. All loans must be secured by a first lien on a residential property. Interested homebuyers, lenders, realtors, or builders should contact Harold Kennedy in Brownwood Local Office at 915/643-1585, extension 4 for more information on the USDA Rural Development Guaranteed Loan program as well as the availability of other agency programs. USDA Rural Development is an Equal Opportunity Lender, Provider, and Employer. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to: Office of Civil Rights, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410.

KOKOMO NEWS BY ZELDA JORDAN

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Mother's Day with their Mothers, grandmothers and other family members.

Mother's Day was a special time at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Daryl and Cecilia Hirst brought a beautiful bouquet of roses for all to enjoy. Nancy Hendricks presented corsages from the church to the oldest mother and the mother with the most children present with her, Mrs. Bill (Hope) Joiner, the next oldest mother, Mrs. Ottis (Johnnie B.) Griffith, the youngest mother, Karen Patterson of Eastland and the mother who came the fartherest, Janie Riley of Midland.

Daryl Hirst rendered the special music 'Suppertime". Mrs. Joiner's children present in the service with her were Billie Jeanne Grisham of De Leon, Lucille Joiner of Stephenville, Donald Lee Joiner of Canada, Ennis and Nina Joiner of Gorman, Howard, Barbara and Julie Joiner and Barbara's mother. Earline Mitchell of Arlington. Other visitors were Janie Riley and Lara Griffith of Midland and Hattie of Forsan, Karen Patterson of Eastland, Shannon and Stephanic Bond of Tyler, Brian Bond of Frisco, Sandy Yarborough, Aline Garrett and Jerald McClearan of Gorman. Jimmy Little directed the singing with Daryl Hirst at the piano and Glynda Bond at the organ.

Those from the Kokomo Baptist Church going to the Heritage Manor in Gorman for church services on Sunday afternoon were Bro. Clarence Wilson, Nancy Hendricks and Ruth Bryant.

Johnnie B. Griffith is home now following her visit with Ken and Janie Riley in Midland while she recuperated from her hip surgery. Ken and Janie and Lara Griffith brought her home and visited during the weekend. Hattie Griffith of Forsan also visited with them.

Shannon and Stephanie Bond of Tyler and Brian Bond of Frisco visited during the Mother's Day weekend with their parents, Joe and Glynda Bond.

Sylvia Buchanan had lunch on Mother's Day with her mother, Nancy Hendricks. Other visitors with Nancy during the week were Monie Fay Craddock of Stephenville, Jo Nell Torrez, Charley Torrez, Jr. Gloria Kay Murphy, Katrina Longoria, Jimmy Murphy, Ruth Bryant and Zelda Jordan.

Mother's Day visitors with Hazel Snider were Gene and Kay snider, Dan, Dianne and Sandra Snider, Belinda, Audri and Isaac Segura and La Von Snider. Ted Snider also visited during the week.

Zelda Jordan accompanied her daughter, Glenda Black, to Lubbock for a visit with Cindy. Kyle and Kayla Jordan from Wednesday until Sunday. Glenda flew from Lubbock to Sacremento, CA for a visit with her husband, Leon, who is currently employed in Fresno. She returned to Lubbock on Saturday night. Cindy honored her mother, Wanda Thompson of Littlefield and her Mother-in -law, Zelda Jordan with lunch in her home on Sunday. Others enjoying the celebration were Cindy's dad, Carl Thompson of Littlefield, and her sister and nieces, Bonnie, Shannon and Jamic of Lubbock, Glenda Black of Abilene, and Kyle and Kayla Jordan of the home. It was truly a wonderful time. Upon returning to Abilene on Sunday afternoon, Wade, Sheri, Ryan and Kody Daniell came to Glenda's home for a visit. While in Lubbock, Zelda's brother, Arvel Lewallen of Slaton, her sisters, Laverne Winn of Muleshoe, Barbara and Bo Bell of Denver city and sister-in-law, Wanda Russell of Floydada all came for a visit and they enjoyed lunch together and then went back to Cindy's for more visiting. Jimmy and Verna Little visited in Arlington on Wednesday and Thursday with Nelda, Cody and Jarad Fails. Jarad was presented the "President's Medal" at his school and Nelda, Cody, and Jarad and Jimmy and Verna attended the "All Star Awards" breakfast on Thursday morning. Jimmy and Verna Little, Ray Neal, Melissa and Emily Little of Eastland enjoyed a hamburger cook-out at the home of James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little at Lake Leon on Saturday night to celebrate Mother's Day

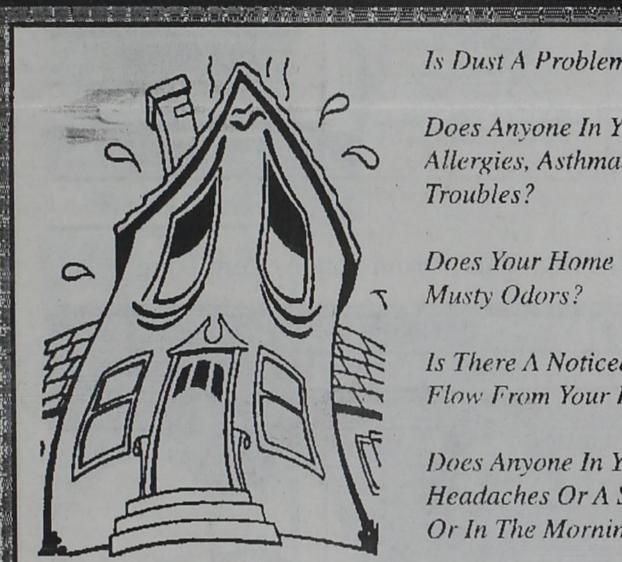
RATTLESNAKE - This snake was killed outside of Desdemona on Philip Lewis's place. The snake was trying to swallow the rabbit in the picture when Philip shot the snake several times with a 22. This was a large rattler.

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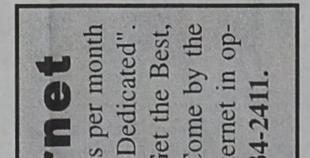
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Lavell Hallmark, Shane, Amy and Rylee Shott and Haegan Braddock all of San Angelo spent Sunday night last week with Commie Hallmark in Eastland. Jimmy and Verna Little joined them on Monday for a visit and lunch at McDonald's.

Laverne and Tommy Carr of Whitney and Mickey Carr of Dallas came for a Mother's Day visit with Troy and John Scitern, bringing a delicious meal complete with a beautiful decorated cake inscribed "Happy Mother's Day". Mickey brought his grandmother a bouquet of beautiful roses. Another grandson, Kris Wayne Scitern visited with them in the afternoon.



Transportation Liability Relief

Individuals making the transition from public assistance to the workforce often have difficulties finding transportation to and from work, training, and child care, especially in rural areas without public transportation. Many churches and charitable organizations are willing to provide these services, but are hesitant because of the liability that may be incurred.

In response, I have introduced House Bill 560 to amend the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code to provide that a religious charitable organization that owns or leases a motor vehicle is not liable for damages arising from negligence of the driver if the driver is engaging in providing specified services to a recipient of financial or nutritional assistance, and that recipient is participating in or applying to participate in a work or employment activity or the food stamp employment and training program. However, it provides that such limited organizational liability does not apply to any claim arising from injury, death, or property damage in which the operator of the vehicle was intoxicated.

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H.B. 560 has passed the House and will be considered by the Senate shortly. It is my goal to encourage these faith-based, charitable organizations to continue to provide services to Texans who are working to transition from welfare to selfsufficiency.

REPRESENTATIVE JIM KEFFER P.O. BOX 2910 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78768-2910 1-800-586-4515 e-mail: james.keffer@house.state.tx.us



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Pat and Howard Hagood, Glen Glasson, Bill and Tootic Campbell.

On Monday afternoon those coming for the "Sing-A-Long" were Rev. Bill and Tootie Campbell, Frances Babbit, Bruce and Lavoyce Hirst, Ruby Lee Kinser, Daisy Slaton, Zelda Jordan, Alpha Mac Andry, Ernestine Campbell, Ruth Bryant and Nancy Hendricks, Frankie Jarrett, Cynthia Earles, A.V. Seay, Veno Hale, Inez Rogers, Ava Rodgers, Bea O'Neal, S.D. Gilmore and Mildred Bellows.

Visiting Stella Files and Veno Hale were Ruth Bryant, Bill and Tootic Campbell, Eunice Love.

Guests, visiting Ora Mac Atchison and Inez Rogers were Barbara Tucker, Fred and Joy Rogers, Buddy Rogers of Ranger, Chessley Atchison, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, Bill and Tootie Campbell, Pat and Howard Hagood, Ernestine Campbell.

On Tuesday morning Betty Duke & Desdemona came played the electric organ and led singing for Veno Hale, A.V. Seay, S.D. Gilmore, Ora Mac Atchison, Ollie Halcomb, Incz Rogers, Modess Self, Ava Rogers, Cynthia Earles, Dorothy Beaty, Margaret Helms and Frankie Jarrett.

Visiting S.D. Gilmore were Wesley and Linda Warren, Harvey Winn, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, Howard and Pat Hagood, Richard Kinser, Tootie Campbell. Some of Emma Bethany guests were Odie Brightwell, Zena Simpson, Ken-

neth and Edna Powell, Nell Howell of Abilene and Eunice Love.

Visiting Aubrey and Louise Griffin were Daisy Slaton, Tootic Campbell, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Tuesday afternoon Ina Smith had "Baseball." The Reds were Clifton and Frankie Jarrett, Ollie Halcomb and Cynthia Earles. The Yellows were A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers, Muriel Prewitt and Mildred Bellows. The Reds won.

Some of Patti Whitehorn guests were Marie Good, Sylvia Estes, Mary Estes, Rev. T.D. Whitehorn and Donnie Mathison of Carbon, Tootie Campbell, Ruth Bryant, Pat and Howard Hagood.

On Wednesday morning, Rev. Bill Campbell of First Baptist Church brought chapel for Ola Walker, S.D. Gilmore, Ollie Halcomb, Inez Rogers, Dorothy Beaty, Veno Hale, Modess Self, A.V. Seay, Frankie Jarrett, Robin Taylor, Ava Rodgers, Margaret Helms, Ora Mae Atchison, and Ethel Phillips.

Some of Hallie Clark's guests were Jo Ann Fraley, Zena Simpson, Howard and Pat Hagood, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater.

Robin Taylor accompanied her father, Dalton Taylor to Big Spring where they visited relatives and friends from Friday through Monday.

On Wednesday afternoon those at the Art Class were A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers, Cynthia Earles, Ollie Halcomb, and Dorothy Beaty.

Some of Joan Butler's guests were Bro. Bill Campbell, Evelyn Hare, Blanch Sanders, Wilbur Overstreet, Lavelle Hallmark, Anna Lee Roberts, and Nancy Hendricks.

Visiting Mildred Bellows were Pat and Darrell Graham, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, Howard and Pat Hagood.

On Thursday morning, Ina Smith had 'Word Game' for Ava Rodgers, A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers, Mildred Bellows, Veno Hale and Frankie Jarrett.

Visiting Buddy Winn and Ed Johnson were Harvey Winn of Carbon, Fay Johnson, Dale Johnson, Richard Kinser and Wilbur Overstreet.

Eastland Co. 4-H Horse Judging Team Honored

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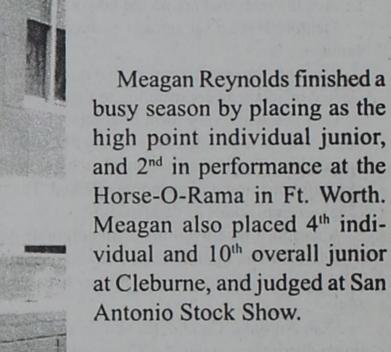
The Eastland County 4-H Horse Judging Team finished a busy season by attending four contests at Cleburne, San Antonio, Fort Worth, and Stephenville. The members also attended 18 instructional meetings and 2 clinics at Stephenville and A&M. The senior team included Eric Whitlock, Jacquelynn Schuman, Carrie Ships, and Collin Etheridge. Junior member Meagan Reynolds also judged.

Results:

<u>Cleburne</u> - seniors 7th place performance for senior team of Eric Whitlock, Jacquelynn Schuman, Carrie Ships, and Collin Etheridge. Meagan Reynolds - 4th place junior halter and 10th overall.

<u>Horse-O-Rama</u> - Meagan Reynolds, high point individual junior, high point halter, 2nd high point performance, and senior, Jacquelynn Schuman, 5th place halter.

<u>District</u> - 5th place - senior team of Eric Whitlock, Jacquelynn Schuman, Carrie Ships, and Collin Etheridge.



By Nancy Hendricks

Heritage Manor News

May 14, 2001

Hi Folks,

I wanted to remind everyone that last week, May 6 - May 12, was National Nurses Week. We have a great staff of nurses here at Heritage Manor and I am proud that they choose to work for us and I appreciate their efforts. This week, May 13 - May 19th, is National Nursing Home Week. Please come by this week I let our staff know how much you appreciate the hard work and dedication at they provide to our home. We are very fortunate to have our nursing home and staff members. Hope to see you soon at the nursing home.

Sincerely

s/Brent

S/Dient

The next Birthday Party will be Friday, May 18th at 2:00 p.m. Ruth Campbell will entertain. Honorees are A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers, Louise Griffin, Ed Johnson, and Dorothy Beaty. Friends and relatives are invited to come and enjoy the party.

Visiting A.V. Seay and Sara Rodgers were George Rodgers, Thomas, Vicki and Tommy Seay, Pug and Vonnie Guthery of Desdemona, Zena Simpson, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Edith Phillips New Resident

Heritage Manor is happy to announce a new resident, Mrs. Edith Phillips, widow of Walter Phillips. They lived in Houston. She is a retired housewife and homemaker and a member of the Baptist Church. Her children are son-in-law Jerry and daughter Sherry Parrish and grandson Mason Parrish, all of Gorman. Her daughter Sherry parrish is an LVN and is Heritage Manor's Assistant Director of Nursing. Her family is real happy to have Mrs. Phillips to make her home at Heritage.

Visiting Clifton and Frankic Jarrett were Glinda Poe of Boerne, Rita Hall of errville, Kay Watson, Howard and Pat Hagood, Donnie Mathison of Carbon, ayvis Lasater, Mark Watson, Linda and Wesley Warren.

On Sunday morning, Bobby Rich and Tootie Campbell of First Baptist Church came and taught the Sunday School lesson for Edith Phillips, S.D. Gilmore, Veno Hale, Ollie Halcomb, Dorothy Beaty, A.V. Seay, Irene Heathington, James Griffin, Ola Walker, Inez Rogers, Ora Mae Atchison and Frankie Jarrett. Guests were Bruce and Lavoyce Hirst.

Visiting Ava Rodgers were Glinda Poe of Boerne, Mary Evelyn Eison of Bridgeport, Jana Grice, Ima Brown, Ruth Bryant, Nancy Hendricks, Bill and Tootie Campbell, Mayvis Lasater, Vance Laminack of Fort Worth, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Sunday afternoon those from the First Baptist Church coming for church were Rev. Bill and Tootie Campbell, Betty Morrison, Brent Lasater, Mayvis Lasater, Nelda Mauney, and Louise Hall. Residents were Edity Phillips, A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers, Margaret Helms, Modess Self, Ollie Halcomb, Dorothy Beaty, Cynthia Earles, S.D. Gilmore, Ava Rodgers, Mildred Bellows. Guests were Pat Graham, Donnie Mathison, Jerry and Sherry Parrish, Mason Parrish, and Nancy Hendricks. Visiting Modess Self and Cynthia Earles were Donnie Mathison of Carbon, Bobby and Jean Burns of Fort Worth, Mayvis Lasater, Bro. Bill and Tootie Campbell, Fay Huff, David Lynn Earles, Howard and Pat Hagood, Ken and Betty Heathington, David and Lancta Freeman, Cecil Self. 2131

Happy to report Patti Whitehorn has returned from the DeLeon Hospital.

Visiting Dorothy Beaty and Ollie Halcomb were Nelda Mauney, Bill and Tootie Campbell, Mayvis Lasater, David and Denna Halcomb.

Some of Mary Williams guests were Maxine Frasier, Billy and Blanch Sanders, Inez Rogers, Zena Simpson, Odie Brightwell, Virginia Turner, Jerry Broom, Cecil Self, Irene West, Joy Rogers, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant, Richard Kinser.

Jerry, Sherry and Mason Parrish visited Edith Phillips.

Happy to report Joan Butler has returned after a few days in the Hendricks Hospital in Abilene.

Visiting Jolene Gilliland were Varlee Laminack of Fort Worth, Jo Carrole Looney of Arlington, Jack Eison of Bridgeport, Kay Henry, Melissa Osborn, McKenzie Osborn, Robbie, Lori, and Kaycie Dodd, Joy Rogers, Wynogene Smith, Zena Simpson, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, Cecil Self, Durwood Webb, Ima Brown, Nancy Hendricks.

On Monday morning, residents enjoyed a movie in the front lobby.

Some of Betty Frasier guests were John and Shonda Sanders and Paul Sandrs of Eastland, Donald and Vicki Sanders of Olden, Steve and Latrice Sanders of Albany, Ray and Janet Sanders, Norma Joe Tedford, Denver Rainey, Dean McNeill, Frances Babbit, Billy and Blanch Sanders, Virginia Turner, Nancy Hendricks.

Visiting Bea O'Neal were Richard, Connic, Rachel, Jordon and Grace Watson,

STENHOLM SUPPORTS ENERGY LEGISLATION

Washington, D.C. - Congressman Charles Stenholm this week was the lead cosponsor on the Electricity Supply Assurance Act of 2001, a bill introduced to promote nuclear energy as a significant part of the solution to national energy needs. The bill, H. R. 1679, was introduced with a bipartisan list of 11 original cosponsors and addresses both regulatory and financial issues critical to the success of the nuclear energy industry.

"As a Rural Electric Coop manager, I worked to promote alternative energy urces years before coming to Congress," Stenholm commented. "Even back in 1970, our membership saw it important to invest in alternative energy sources, such as nuclear, as a means to balance our energy budget. The time has never before been more ripe to expand nuclear energy use in the U.S. as a clean, safe, and efficient source of electricity."

Nuclear Energy generates more than 20 percent of U.S. electricity at the lowest production cost of any expandable large-scale energy source. It is also the largest emission-free source of electricity in the country.

Under current law, all zero emissions power generation receives a tax credit from the federal government. Nuclear energy, the only zero-pollution source of energy, however, is not eligible for the same benefits as other "clean" power generation. H.R. 1679 establishes the same tax status for nuclear energy. The new legislation also encourages utilities to complete unfinished reactors and to increase the performance of existing reactors.

On Thursday at 1:30 p.m., Kristin Gerhardt brought the Pre-K kids to enjoy Lisa Laminack's band students in the Annual Outdoor Band Concert: Sheldon Fenley, Rhys Vaughn, Emilee Turner, Zac Ryon, Bailey Cockburn, Kinsey Johnston, Rhett Taylor, Fabian Garcia, Flavio Herrera, Rasha Rainey, Rebecca Rainey, Elizabeth Marin, Connie Gonzalez, Cindy Gonzalez, Tony Ramirez, Haven Gibbs, Melissa Ramirez, Daniel Herrera, Alaina Swanner, Jessica Williams, Mykisha Hampton; Rafael Mata, Yarixa Montelongo, Zachary Carlton, Andrew Keith, Andy Madera, Tyler Patel, T.J. Trevino, Benden Thornhill were the Pre-K kids. Residents were A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers, Cynthia Earles, Margaret Helms, Irene Heathington, Dorothy Beaty, Veno Hale, Sara Rodgers, Bud Winn, Ava Rodgers, Mildred Bellows, Ola Walker, Stella Files, Joan Butler, Clifton Jarrett. Nancy Lewis, Vicki Rich, Darrell and Pat Graham were guests. All reported a great time.

Search begins for Dr Pepper's 2001 Pretty Peggy Pepper

Brittany Frost, reigning Pretty Peggy Pepper, will crown her successor during this year's Dr. Pepper Days celebration on June 9. The title-holder serves as ambassador of the Dublin Dr. Pepper Bottling Company at events throughout the state. The pageant, which attracts contestants from its 45-mile trade area, will highlight the plant's 110th birthday celebration.



Eric Whitlock is awarded an engraved clock and is finishing his third year in 4-H Horse Judging. Eric judged at Cleburne, San Antonio, Fort Worth, and Stephenville. He was on the Senior team which placed 5th at the District Contest.



Carrie Ships, from Gorman, displays the monogrammed jacket she was awarded as a first year member of the Eastland County 4-H Horse Judging Team. Carrie was on the Senior team which placed 5th at the District contest in Stephenville and also judged at Cleburne, San Antonio, and Fort Worth. Jacquelynn Schuman displays her engraved clock for being an active member in the 4-H Horse Judging for two years. Jacquelynn is also showing the plaque she won at the Horse-O-Rama for placing 5th high point individual in halter and was on the Senior team which placed 5th at the District contest.



"One of the most compelling reasons for the recent focus on energy security is that supply has not kept up with demand," Stenholm commented. "I hope we don't all need to follow the path of California to learn the same lessons of supply and demand."

The Electricity Supply Assurance Act of 2001 Summary of H.R. 1679 The Electricity Supply Assurance Act of 2001 includes provisions to get more energy out of the nation's 103 nuclear plants, while laying the groundwork and encouraging planning for the construction of new advanced-design nuclear plants.

?Extends the Price-Anderson no-fault insurance law, which incurs no cost to the federal government or consumers, for an additional 10 years until August 1, 2012.

? Authorizes an increase in funding for DOE's Nuclear Energy Research Initiative (NERI) to \$60 million in FY2002. NERI is a mid- to long-term R&D effort that addresses potential barriers to expanded use of nuclear energy.

? Authorizes an increase in funding for DOE's Nuclear Energy Plant Optimization (NEPO) program to \$15 million in FY2002. DOE and private industry share the cost of NEPO research, which focuses on boosting the reliability and productivity of nuclear plants and supporting efforts to achieve license renewal through management of the long-term effects of plant aging.

? Additional authorizations are including in the legislation for capital improvements, university research, and other cooperative R&D programs.

? Authorizes DOE to study the potential for completing unfinished nuclear plants by 2005 as well as establish an "early site permit" process. ? Establishes an Office of Spent Nuclear Fuel Research at DOE, further promoting research in the areas of reprocessing and waste disposal.

? Clarifies that the expanded use of emission-free power sources, such as nuclear plants, is eligible for economic incentives available under State Implementation Plans required by the Clean Air Act.

? Offers much needed regulatory reform to the NRC.

DUBLIN, TX — A young lady from the Dublin Dr Pepper franchise area will be chosen 2001 Pretty Peggy Pepper during this year's Dr Pepper birthday celebration in June.

Pretty Peggy Pepper, the ambassador of the Dublin Dr Pepper Bottling Company, is named for the national advertising icon who was created in the early 1940s.

This year's event marks the 110th birthday of the Dublin Dr Pepper plant, the oldest Dr Pepper plant in the world and the only one which still uses the original formula with Imperial Pure Cane Sugar.

Since 1999 Brittany Frost, the reigning Pretty Peggy Pepper, has represented Dublin Dr Pepper all over the state at parades, festivals and Dr Pepper events including the 10-2-4 Dr Pepper Collector's Club Convention.

This year's pageant is set for Saturday, June 9 on the main stage in front of the Dr Pepper Bottling Company. The winner will receive a \$500 scholarship as well as the right to represent Dublin Dr Pepper.

To be eligible, a young lady must be at least 16 years old by June 1, 2001 but no older than 23, live within a 45-mile radius of Dublin and never been married or have children.

Contestants will compete in pre-contest interviews, sportswear, evening wear (short formals) and on-stage interview.

Deadline for applications is 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 25 Each entry must be accompanied by a biographical form and four copies of a constant photograph.

Each contestant is required to sell a minimum of 110 rafticant at \$1 each. A special award will be given to the contestant who sells the most tickets.

Dr Pepper officials say the winner must wear the Pretty Peggy Pepper wardrobe "with a big smile, a great attitude and a thorough knowledge of Dublin Dr Pepper."

"We are looking for a young lady who has an outstanding personality, excellent people skills and enjoys being the center of attention with large crowds," said pageant organizer Liz Albrecht.

For more information, contact Norma Savage at (254) 965-2108 or 968-7459, or Deanna Turley (254) 445-3988.



Collin Etheridge is also shown with the monogrammed jacket he was awarded as a first year member of the 4-H Horse Judging Team. Collin judged at Cleburne, San Antonio, and Stephenville, placing 5th at the District contest.

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TEXANS SPEAK OUT ON POLITICAL CAMPAIGN LAWS, GUN CONTROL

My annual opinion surveys, which your newspaper published earlier th year, asked Texans their opinion on several issues currently pending before Co gress. This week's column reports your answers to the third segment of t questionnaire, which addressed campaign finance reform and 2nd Amendme rights.

The first question asked if readers would change the current federal car paign finance law that allows a candidate to loan himself or herself an unlimit amount of campaign funds, and then hold fund raisers to reimburse himself herself after the election. I wanted to know if you think there should be a limit such self-loans. Nearly three-fourths of those who replied, 73 percent, said th such self-loan arrangements should be limited.

When asked if you would support changing the current \$1,000-per ind vidual, per-candidate contribution limit to adjust for inflation, 49.13 percent you said yes, and 50.87 percent said no - almost a draw. Only 16 percent of ye replied that the current federal campaign finance laws yield a level playing fie for candidates who challenge incumbents, while 84 percent said they do not.

Here are some of your comments regarding campaign finance:

From Fair Oaks Ranch: Before we add any more campaign finance laws le enforce the ones that are on the books.

Denton: Have a set amount each candidate can spend so no one has the a vantage.

Leonard: We need to ensure that no other country gets a hold over any of o elected officials by contributing to their campaigns.

Georgetown: Every form of contribution, advertisement, flyer, circular, e ought to have to be attributed to specific, individual candidates. All the costs the production and distribution of such materials ought to be used in calculati a maximum amount of spending allowed. The penalties for abuse would be lo of tax-exempt status or deductibility.

Amarillo: I would eliminate all corporate contributions.

Tyler: Unions should not be allowed to contribute. I was a union member a I did not want them to use my money to campaign for someone I wouldn't ve for.



San Antonio: Candidates should only be able to accept money from th home districts, or states if it's a statewide race. No out-of-district contributio from anyone.

My view: Campaign finance reform can make the election process more sponsive to voters and more accessible to potential candidates. But workat reform has to acknowledge the central role played by legitimate, voluntary co tributions from individuals and organizations. Voters need good informatic and getting that to them costs money. Inherent in our democracy is the right a ability of candidates for public office to publicize their views before an electi so the electorate is able to make an informed choice.

When I asked you if gun owners should be registered and licensed, only percent answered in the affirmative; 81 percent answered with aresounding r Next, only 27 percent said it is reasonable for the government to require trigg locks be provided with the sale of every gun, while 73 percent voted no. Wh asked if the federal government should encourage state-sponsored voluntary p grams, such as the one in Texas, where trigger locks are distributed at no cost their use is not required by law, 61 percent of you said yes, while 39 replied the negative. Similarly, only 34 percent said they would support more string requirements on vendors at gun shows, with 66 percent saying no they wor not. And finally, 72 percent said imposing more stringent requirements on fi arms vendors has the potential to drive gun shows underground and might, the fore, result in fewer background checks on buyers, while 28 percent said wouldn't.

Here are some of your comments regarding firearms:

San Saba: Guns are not a problem, it's a lack of the enforcement of existi laws.

Texas City: Each gun should be sold with a trigger lock. If you have to pa for it, you'll be more likely to use it.

Lockhart: The 2nd Amendment addresses tyranny, not dove hunting.

Temple: God, guts and guns made America free. To disarm America wou only serve to enslave us.

Georgetown: As a taxpayer, I'm the one who is really paying for that " cost" trigger lock.

San Antonio: We need a mandatory background check and trigger locks of all hand guns from this date forward.

Ozono: Criminals have guns. Private citizens should not be punished cause of what criminals do. We need to be able to protect ourselves, since l enforcement can't.

Horseshoe Bay: Australia banned all firearms and crime has increased re Sale Price idly.

Dayton: People need to take gun safety classes and be responsible gun ov ers.

Amherst: The accidents and tragedies we see are the price we pay for fr dom. It's too bad, but that's the way it is.

My view: As a strong supporter of the 2nd Amendment to the U.S. Const tion, I believe we should crack down on those who use guns to commit crin rather than usurp the rights of law-abiding citizens. I will continue to supp legislation that both fights crime and upholds the Constitution.

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