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Press Points

Joe Bennett, Publisher
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There seems to be a lot of questions being asked as to when the proposals for the prison unit projects are to be sent in and what the chances are for Eastland County to secure one or more of the units.

The final entries of the needed information and facts needed by the Texas Department of Corrections, and the binding of the proposals when they are finalized is now being done. So the proposals are expected to be ready for presentation right away.

The Eastland County Economic Development Council have worked long and hard to get these proposals together to try and secure one or more prison units for our county, and the majority of folks in the county are congratulating them on a job well done.

Most of the folks in Eastland County feel that our county will be very, very fortunate if we are to be selected as a site for this project, and realize what kind of an impact it could have on our economy. There is really no way to explain all the benefits that this project would bring to our hard-hit economy.

Of course there are always some opposition to anything that is proposed and these folks have their rights to speak their mind on the project.

There seems to be some folks expressing fear of escapes coming into their communities. If these folks could just see the Michael Unit that we had the privilege of touring a few months back, their minds would really be put at ease, because this new type unit is virtually impossible to escape from. I realize that the older prisons have had some problems back through the years with escapes, but this new unit is something to behold. It is so closely guarded and monitored and with the double fencing of the very high wire around the unit and the guard towers and electronic monitoring devices, one would have to be carried out feet first, or released in the usual manner to get out of this type unit.

The prison folks will be receiving probably more than 200 proposals between now and July 31st. And when the proposals have all been scrutinized, the number will be decreased down to 28, then 14, and then down to seven, from which two locations will be named.

It is hoped that the sites will be announced sometime in September. So most Eastland County folks will be waiting and listening to hear of the site selections for the new units. All we can do is hope and pray that we will be one of the locations picked.

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The weatherman has sure been "bad" to us the past several days with the extra high temperatures. One would think that it is summer time the way the weather is going. All one can do is look forward to the cooler weather in the fall and try to keep as "Cool" as possible till then.

By the way, we are putting in an order for some more rain. Sure hope it isn't back-ordered, cause we need it now.

The peanut are looking pretty good right now, with a portion already being irrigated. But with the continued hot, dry weather the peanuts will really be needing some moisture.

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Folks will soon be needing to start

Bill Clark Installed As Worshipful Master



William David "Bill" Clark was installed as Worshipful Master of Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716, July 8, 1989. Installing officer was L. C. "Jack" Locke of Ranger Masonic Lodge No. 738, Installing Marshall was Charles Morgan of Armstrong Lodge No. 445 (De Leon), and Installing Chaplain was James E. White, Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716.

Bill is a quadruplegic due to a spinal cord injury received in a football game in 1969 when he was 16. He petitioned Gorman Lodge No. 716 in the Spring of 1974, and was granted a special dispensation by then Grand Master Dan B. Jordan. Bill was raised a Master Mason December 14, 1974. He is a member of the Fort Worth Scottish Rite, and the Fort Worth Moslah Shrine Temple.

His father, Audie O. "Speedie" Clark, was a mason and a member of Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 for 37 years until his death in 1984. Bill's great-grandfather, William Neil Huddleston, was a mason in Coal Hill, Arkansas, and later became a member of Sipe Springs Masonic Lodge



MASONIC LODGE NEW OFFICERS — The following Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 Officers were installed on July 8th in an Open Installation in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church. Front row: Bill Clark - Worshipful Master, left to right Bill Chandler - Teller; Elwood Ragland - Junior Wardin; Ardith Pittman - Senior Steward; Bill Hagood - Senior Wardin; Howard Hagood - Secretary; Back row: left to right Cecil Robertson - Treasurer; Phillip Osborne - Senior Deacon; Roy Lipson - Junior Steward; Roy Parker - Junior Deacon; Jim White - Chaplin.

All elected officers were present for the installation and 42 guests attended the Ceremony.

planning for the Annual Peanut Festival, which is always held on the third Saturday in September. And folks, that's not too far away as fast as time flies these days. The

Marion Dennis Continues To Improve

The Rev. Marion Dennis of the Congregational Methodist Church of Gorman continues to improve following surgery in a Lubbock hospital.

The surgery was performed July 12th at which time a very large mass was removed from his stomach area. One kidney was affected and was also removed. The doctors are optimistic as to a complete recovery. Anyone wishing to send a card may address same to: M. F. Dehiis, South Park Medical Center, 6610 Quaker, Lubbock, Tx 79414.

APPRECIATION EXPRESSED
In behalf of our pastor and wife to the congregation of the Congregational Methodist Church: The church has continued to serve its members and visitors in a very noteworthy manner during the time we have had to be away. Thank you so much.

Thanks to everyone for their prayers and support during this time.

Marion and Annie Dennis
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Senior Car Wash Slated For Sat. July 22

The Seniors of 1990 are having a Car Wash on Saturday, July 22 at the Citizens State Bank parking lot.

They will clean the inside and outside of your car for \$7 and pick-up inside of your car for \$7 and pick-ups for \$10. If you would like them to pick up or deliver your vehicle please contact Becky Laminack at 734-3263, Carol Ervin at 758-2521, or a senior.

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KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS
Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Clymer, Adam and Seth of Conroe and Nancy Hendricks were weekend visitors with Pauline Dennis.

No. 537 after moving to Texas in 1907.

As far as anyone knows, this is the first time a worshipful master has been installed under these circumstances and exemplifies masonry's teaching that "it is the internal and not the external qualifications that recommend a man to be made a mason."

DUSTER EXES PLAN REUNION FOR AUGUST 12

Duster exes met in 1988 for their first school reunion. It was such a hit there will be a repeat performance every year, during the De Leon Peach and Melon Festival Week.

On Friday, August 12th all those with roots in the Duster community, are cordially invited to the second Annual Duster School Reunion. It will be held at the reunion center in De Leon. Anyone not familiar with the location, it is on Hwy. 6 East, just west of the Peach and Melon Festival grounds. The time is 6 p. m. until the lights are turned out.

Dean Pounds is president of the newly organized event and Bernice Farley is secretary-treasurer. We hope to see you there, and bring your old school pictures.

Rev. Leroy Baker To Preach At Bride of Christ

Rev. Leroy Baker of Mineral Wells will be preaching on Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. at The Bride of Christ Full Gospel Church of Gorman. The church is located on Ector Street, near the Oaklawn Cemetery.

The pastor, W. D. Bailey, and the congregation welcomes everyone to attend.

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NOTE OF APPRECIATION FROM THE SENIOR CLASS OF 1990

The Senior Class of 1990 would like to express their thanks and appreciation to everyone who donated their time and money by coaching teams, sponsoring teams, donating equipment, purchasing signs, advertisements, or any other act of support to the improvement and upkeep of the Baseball Park in Gorman.

The seniors wish to thank you all.
Senior Class of 1990



REWARDED FOR EMBLEM-Daniel E. Wooldridge, left, of Eastland is presented a \$100.00 U.S. Savings Bond by Richard Proctor of Citizens State Bank of Gorman as grand prize for having submitted the winning emblem for Eastland County Crime Stoppers. The bank donated the bond and the winning entry will be adopted with modifications as the official emblem of the new county-wide effort to cut down on crime. Also shown are Crime Stoppers Secretary Cathy Kanady, left, and President Rena May Kirk. There were a total of 11 entries in the contest from throughout the county, and interest and work in the Crime-Stoppers effort is gaining momentum. A special telephone number (629-TIPS) has been established to which citizens can call information and remain anonymous, and a reward program for tips is being established and will be announced soon. The county-wide organization is accepting contributions to help with its program and will be staging fund-raising events through the year to help in the over-all fight against illegal drugs and crime.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our friends and neighbors for their prayers, cards, flowers, love and concern shown to us during the illness and death of our mother and grandmother, Pearl Westerman.

Thank you Gene Foster for the beautiful arrangements. We are grateful to the Congregational Methodist Church for the family dinner and to the ladies who served. Thank you Ray Daniels and staff for all your help and caring. Thank you Brother Cecil Harper for the consoling prayers and message. Thank you Pat Cornwell, Lisa Cornwell and Juanita Fuller for the music and singing.

Words alone can never express the gratefulness we feel for all of you. May God bless each of you.

June and Roy Mayfield
Geraldine and Troy Barker
and grandchildren

Desdemona Reminder

Musical Saturday night at Desdemona Community Center at 7:00 p.m. July 22nd.

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IMPORTANT
Community Meeting at 7:30 in the Desdemona Community Center. Please Attend.

WITH FRIENDS

Visiting this week with Ray Blevins were Charlie and Sandra Durham Annette and Tammy of Yuma, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Scitern, Kevin and Tom Brynum, Mr. and Steve Tucker of Desdemona and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Auvenshine of Stephenville vacationed last week in San Antonio and New Braunfels.

1928 GORMAN PANTHERS



Shown above are the 1928 Gorman Panthers who were Bi-District Champions and were defeated by Anson by a score of 6-0 during the Regional Championship Game held December 14, 1928. Pictured are (top row left to right) Frank Leazer, Etheridge Gant, Coach Skaggs, Junious Leazer, Schaffner Rogers, Jimmie Morris; (middle row left to right) Doris Hutchins, Elmer Greagor, Elza Perry, Murl Pittman, Wayne Scott, Weyman Mason, Byrum Coker, Paul Jones, Morgan Bennett; (bottom row left to right) Robert Thompson, Harold Winters, Arlington (Hap) Ewing, Tillman Jamieson, Dixie Reynolds, Author Dale Eaker; not pictured are James Hudson and one other player name forgotten at present.

BUSINESS ALLIANCE MEETING

The Gorman Business Alliance has called a meeting for Monday Night, July 24th at 7:30 p. m. in the Senior Citizens Center to discuss plans and activities for the upcoming Peanut Festival on September 16th.

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And remember to smile -- because God Loves You!

FISHING TOURNAMENT

Fishing Tournament for Gorman Students. Entry Fee is \$3.00. There will be 1st - 2nd - and 3rd Place Prizes. The tournament will be at Helen Dicksons Lake on Saturday, August 12th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a concession stand. Bait will be available. Also Adult Supervision. Sponsored by the 4-H and FFA Booster Club. For more information and to enter call 734-2325 or 734-2983.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Grice
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Julie D'Ann

to
Mr. Robert Erin May
on Saturday, the twenty-second of July
nineteen hundred and eighty-nine
at eight o'clock in the evening
First Baptist Church
Gorman, Texas

Reception immediately following

CHARLIE GARRETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

A fund has been opened at Citizens State Bank for the Charlie Garrett Memorial Library. Anyone wishing to donate to this fund can do so at the bank or at the City Office, P. O. Box 236. A memorial plaque has been ordered and a Ceremony will be at a later date.

