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Mary L. Duske Laid To Rest Charles Graham Laid To Rest Monday

Mary Lois Duske, 67, of Gorman, passed away Thursday, March 12, 1998 in a Dallas hospital.

Services were held Sunday, March 15, 1998 under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home with Rev. Craig Rhoton officiating.

Mrs. Duske was born in Comanche County and was a homemaker. She worked as a nurse's aide at the Gorman Nursing Home.

Survivors include: One son, Bennie Duske of Gorman; one daughter, Hanna Diamond of Midlothian; her mother, Estelle Morris of Comanche; one sister, Ollie Childers of Sidney; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

Charles Andrew Graham, 49, of Gorman, passed away Saturday, March 14, 1998 in the DeLeon Hospital.

Services were held Monday, March 16, 1998 at the Gorman Cemetery with Rev. Richard Watson officiating.

Mr. Graham was born in Pasadena and was the assistant manager of Gorman Milling for about 15 years. He also worked for Parnell's Peanuts for about two years.

Survivors include: His wife, Lola Graham of Gorman; one daughter, Joni Ettinger of Gorman; his father, Jack Perry of Stephenville; two sisters, Patty Paddock of Paradise and Mary Lee Gilliland of Stephenville; one grandson.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Mary Lois Duske would like to thank all the friends and relatives who helped us make it through the loss of our precious mother.

Hanna Duske Diamond & family Bennie Duske & family

CARD OF THANKS To Eastland County Voters

I would like to express a special thanks to the people who supported and believed in my candidacy for County Judge. I do not consider the election a loss because of the experiences and new friends that I acquired throughout the campaign.

Wesley Neil Warren

Gene Kea To Face Robert McCleskey In Runoff

Two Democratic candidates for Eastland County Judge will have to run against each other again before facing a Republican opponent next fall.

Robert McCleskey, who received 633 votes Tuesday, March 10, and Gene Kea, with 914, will face each other in a runoff April 14th. Wesley Warren received 520 votes.

Democratic Ballot Totals

Table with columns for candidates and precincts, showing vote counts for Democratic candidates in the runoff.

Republican Ballot Totals

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CARD OF THANKS



ROBERT A. McCLESKEY CANDIDATE IN THE APRIL 14 DEMOCRATIC PARTY RUNOFF ELECTION FOR EASTLAND COUNTY JUDGE

L. THANK YOU to all the people who helped with my primary election campaign, both those who responded to my request for help, and those who helped without being asked.

THANK YOU to Wesley Neil Warren. Mr. Warren showed himself to be honest and fair and a true gentleman.

Judy Morris Candidate for Place 4 Jack Simpson-Mayor

Judy Morris, owner and administrator of CMS Heath Agency of Gorman and Comanche has filed for Place 4 on the City Commission.

Judy is a director on the Chamber of Commerce, member of the Gorman Civic Club and First Responder of the Gorman Volunteer Fire Department.

She is very interested in making Gorman a better place to live and said she "wants to help achieve this by helping in any way she can."

The term of Johnny Smith, Place 4 expires in May. He is undecided about seeking another term on the commission.

Jack Simpson has filed for re-election as mayor. He has served three terms as mayor.

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people that supported me in the democratic primary on March 10. Now lets finish what we started!!!

On April 14th there will be a runoff election to determine the Democratic Nominee for the General Election in November. If the candidate of your choice in the primary is not in the runoff, I would like to encourage you to vote and I would appreciate your consideration.

Gene Kea

Candidate for Eastland County Judge

PLEASE VOTE APRIL 14, 1998 in the Democratic party runoff election, and ELECT Robert A. McCleskey--the only candidate competent to perform ALL the duties of county judge. I need your help and support.

VOTE FOR ROBERT A. McCLESKEY, EASTLAND COUNTY JUDGE

Pd. pol. adv. by Robert A. McCleskey, box 43 Ranger, Tx 76470, phone 629-2520

Friends and relatives of Lorene Foster are invited to a 90th birthday celebration on Sunday, March 22nd, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall.

Minutes Of the Gorman City Commissioners

The City of Gorman City Commission met in regular session on March 5, 1998 with the meeting being called to order at 5:03 p.m. Those present were Mayor Jack Simpson, Commissioners, Kenneth Good, John Rice and Johnny Smith.

John made a motion to approve the minutes as read with a second from Johnny. The motion carried 3-0. Kenneth made a motion to approve the bills for payment with a second from Johnny.

Larry Bryant and Kay Manigold were present on behalf of Friendship Cable Co. to discuss the approval if the ordinance for TCI to transfer to BTI, Friendship Cable Co. The Commission agreed upon a 2% franchise fee and a \$40.00 per month lease on the tower.

At this time the Commission had the second reading of the Ordinance #339, that a 1/2 percent sales tax increase be placed on the May 2, 1998 ballot. (Ordinance #339) Johnny made a motion to pass said ordinance with a second from Kenneth.

No action was taken on personnel. There being no further business, Kenneth made a motion to adjourn with a second from Johnny. Motion carried 3-0.

FEBRUARY POLICE REPORT-submitted by Chief of Police, Ken Wheeler. There were 6 arrests made this month for the following: 3 warrants, 1 juvenile, 1 traffic violation, 1 DWI.

There were 12 warning citations given and 19 citations written this month for the following violations: 1 Improper left turn, 2 minor in possession, 1 no drivers license, 7 speeding, 2 no seat belt, 1 no insurance, 3 failed to stop at sign, 1 illegal passing/right, 1 Failing to yield right of way at intersection.

There were 9 investigatable offenses reported. There were 66 other contacts made with the public where investigations, information or assistance was required. They are as follows: 5 animal calls, 1 unattended death, 1 medical emergency, 4 welfare checks, 2 background checks, 4 accidents, 4 suspicious vehicle/person, 3 fire assist, 6 funeral escorts, 1 prowler, 2 locked vehicle, 1 juvenile, 3 officer assist, 3 thefts, 1 fight, 2 trespass, 2 shots, 1 open door, 1 aggr. sexual assault (county) 4-close patrols, 5 civil problems, 2 threats, 3-harrasment.

CARD OF THANKS

I want to sincerely express my gratitude to all of the people who supported me in the democratic primary on March 10, 1998, THANK YOU. Your con-

tinued support in the November election would also be appreciated.

Susie Quinn Democratic Candidate for Eastland County Treasurer

Rabies Vaccination Clinic

There will be a rabies vaccination clinic offered by the Gorman Animal Control Officer, Verl Ervin, and Veterinarian, M.D. Burk, D.V.M., Saturday, March 21, 1998

at the Gorman Fire Station from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Costs are as follows: \$7-rabies only, \$8-parvo only, \$16-other shots.

Citizens who live within the city limits and need assistance getting animals to the clinic, the Animal Control Officer will be available to help. Anyone who has questions or requests for help need to call 734-2317. There will also be several puppies (approx. 7 weeks old) to be given away. Verl Ervin, A.C.O.

Leigh Ann Miers Receives Congress-Bundstag Scholarship



Leigh Ann Miers, daughter of John and Carrie Miers of Bowie, Texas, was notified this week that she has received the prestigious Congress-Bundstag Scholarship. This means that she will be going to Germany for the coming school year to study there.

This scholarship program is sponsored by the State Department of the United States and the Bundstag parliament of the German government. There were only four exchange student programs asked to participate along with foreign language departments of high schools.

Leigh Ann will probably go for a month language camp before going to host parents and the school where she will attend regular German high school. Proud grandparents are James and Eula Miers of Gorman and Connie Hall of Willis, Texas, and great-grandmother, Bertha Gregory of Gorman.

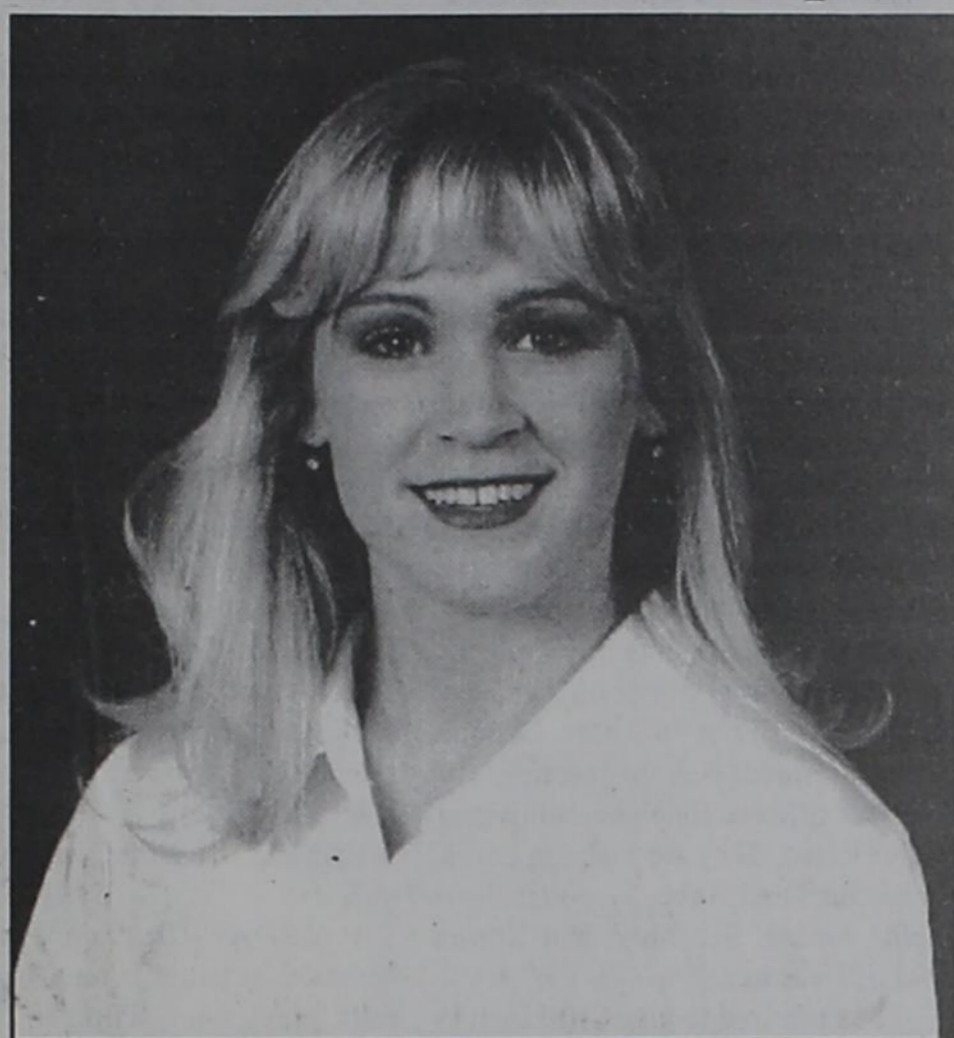
Vernal Equinox - (Friday Is The First Day of Spring)



The annual **Easter Egg Hunt** will be April 11th. Time and place to be announced. In order to make the hunt as successful as last year, we need donations. Donations can be left at Smith's Chevron & City Grocery.

Thanks, Ina Scitern

Tarleton Student Completes Human Sciences Internship



STEPHENVILLE, TX.—Casey Cook, a Tarleton State University senior from Big Spring, is currently completing her Human Sciences internship at Gorman High School.

Cook is seeking Secondary Teacher Certification in Human Sciences at the University and she will be a candidate for graduation this summer. Casey is serving as a student teacher in the Gorman ISD teaching high school home economics under the guidance of Karen Robinson.

Students seeking certification to teach on the secondary level are required to complete a semester of internship under the supervision of a Tarleton professor and a mentor currently working in the teaching profession as partial requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree.

Casey is completing her internship under the supervision of Dr. Mary Ann Block, a Professor in the Department of Human Sciences at Tarleton.

Tarleton Students "Switch" places with Administrators

Some students sit in class all day and dream of the days when they will be in charge. On the other hand, there are times when administrators reminisce about those "good old days" back in the classroom.

The Alumni Ambassadors at Tarleton State University gave a handful of administrators and students a chance to live out those fantasies this spring when they hosted the "Big Switch". Three lucky students had the chance to trade places for a few hours with Tarleton President Dr. Dennis P. McCabe, Dean of Students Rusty Jergins and Assistant Director for the Student Development Center Russell Fairchild.

Patti Ramos, a junior Pre-Nursing major from Fort Worth, was selected to serve as University President during the day; Tiffanie Bowen, a freshman Criminal Justice major from Bedford, got the opportunity to oversee the student body as dean of students; and Daniel Reeves, a junior finance major from Gorman, too a turn at supervising the operation of the \$15.7 million, 90,000 square foot Student Development Center.

The good natured administrators who gave up the roles of authority to return to the classroom enjoyed the experience. They said it helped remind them that life as a student can be filled with frustrations and anxiety. Assuming Ms. Ramos' schedule, Dr. McCabe's was assigned a World History test and Fairchild had to deal with a finance exam meant for Reeves. A switch back right after lunch saved Dean Jergins from an appearance at workouts for Bowen who plays on the TexaAnns basketball team.

The "Big Switch" is one of the fund-raising projects held each spring by the Tarleton Alumni Association. Students purchase tickets for the chance to become an administrator and the winners are determined by a drawing.

DESDEMONA NEWS

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona started a week long revival last Sunday with over 10 attending Sunday School for "High Attendance Day." Bro. Jim Haggard of Strawn (now serving as interim pastor) is doing the preaching. Special music for the morning service was presented by Bill and Garie Campbell of May, Texas with Karen Eaves at the piano. There were too many visitors to name each one for this service. Revival will continue each night this week starting at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to attend.

Visitors over the weekend with Albert and Pat Holdman were their son, Davis Holdman and son, Daniel of Sundown; their daughter, Don and Ann Vardeman and sons, Rob, Billy and Timothy of Allen; their granddaughter, Kam Vardeman of Hardin Simmons University in Abilene; their friends, Bill and Garie Campbell of May.

John and Kathy Buckley and daughters, Farris and Kristin of Wimberly visited the weekend with his parents, Jerry and Pat Buckley.

Bill and Tami Sanders, Robyn Griffith of Chicota spent a few days on "Spring Break" with her parents, Bernard and Ann Keith.

Alpha Thiebaud is at home recovering from surgery. She was able to attend church on Sunday. Glynn is a good nurse and will take good care of Alpha.

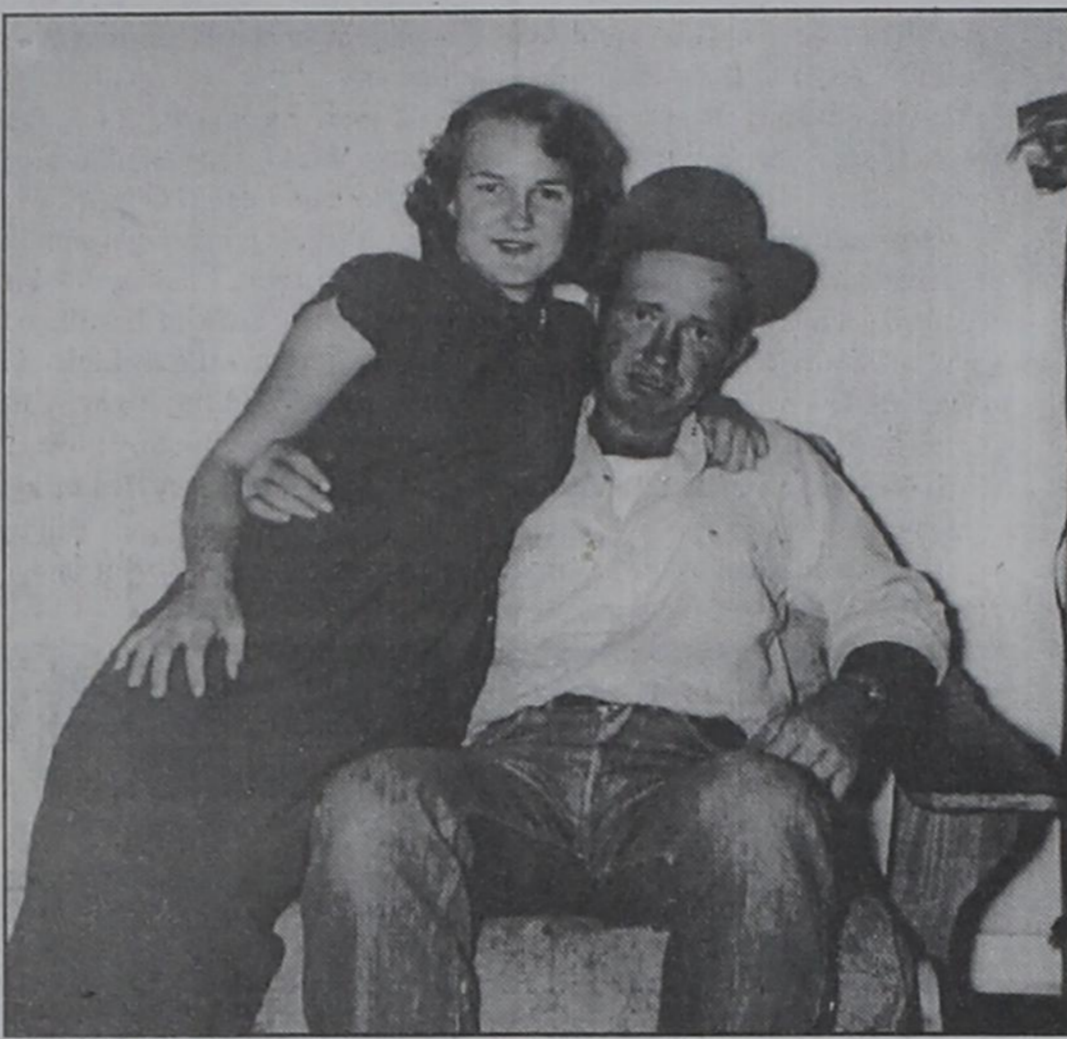
Bob and Merlene Wisdom spent several days in Lovington, New Mexico with their daughter, Marsha Johnson and sons, Billy and Chris.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of J.D. Buckley, 79, of Crane who was buried on Thursday, March 12, in the Crane County Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Edith Buckley of Eden; two daughters, Lenora Pritschow of Plano; Ramona Powell of Blue Eye, Missouri; five sisters, Hazel Buckley Wisdom, Virgie Buckley Dennis, Irene

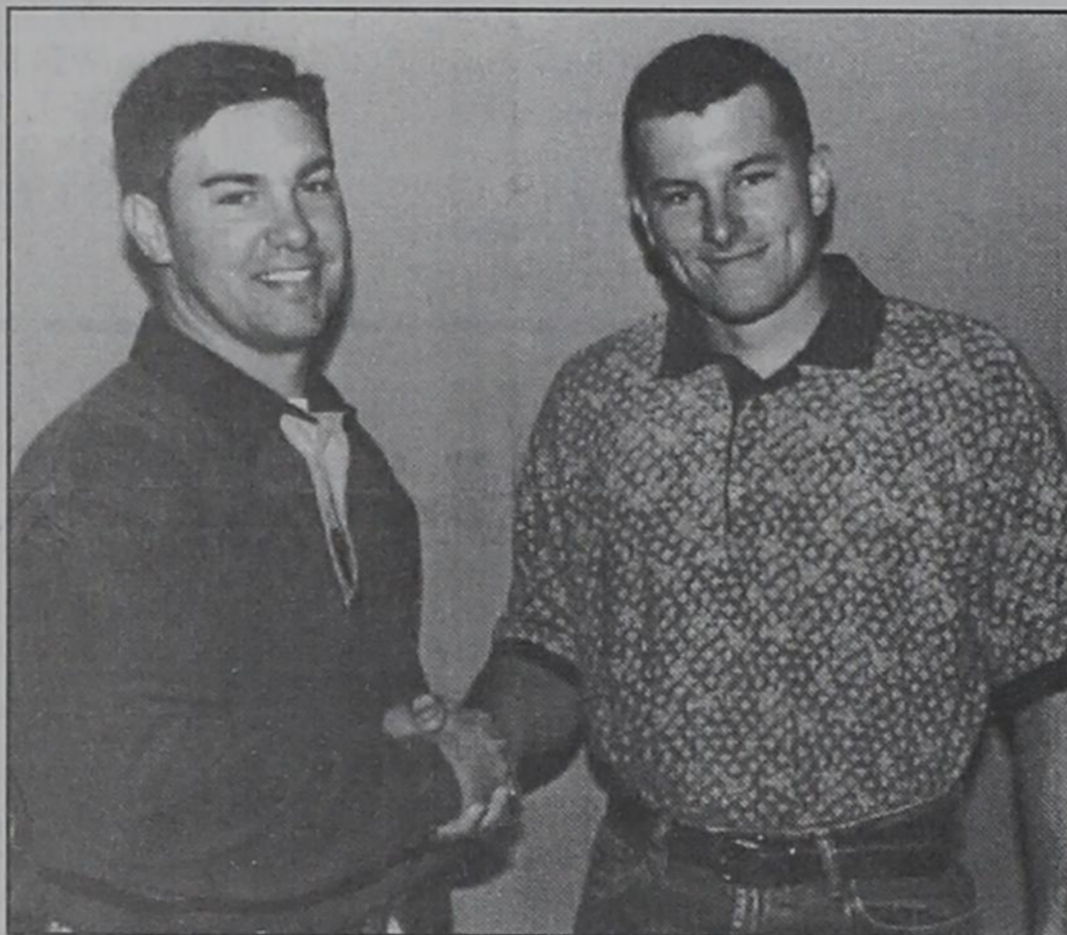
Buckley Harrison all of Gorman; Corinne Buckley Waldon of Clyde; and Nelda Buckley Towery of Princeton, Kentucky. Preceded in death by his first wife, Wanona Perrin Buckley, one daughter, his parents, six brothers, Rufus, Harvey, Eugene, Bernell, "Runt" and Floyd, one sister, Freda Buckley. J.D. was a former resident of Desdemona where he attended school with the class of 1937.

Corinne Buckley Waldon of Clyde, Irene Buckley of Gorman, Jerry and Pat Buckley of Desdemona was in Crane last Thursday to attend the funeral of J.D. Buckley. (Their brother and uncle.)

Micoa Riggs of Corpus Christi is spending "Spring Break" with her parents, Mike and Mary Riggs and daughter, Jordan and her grandparents, James and Freda Riggs. "Have a nice day."



Mack and Nelda Keith observed their 45th Wedding Anniversary on March 14th. Happy Anniversary from Pug and Vonnie Guthery and Bernard and Ann Keith.



BIG SWITCH — Russell Fairchild (l), Assistant Director of the Student Development Center at Tarleton State University, turns over his duties to Tarleton student Daniel Reeves, a junior finance major from Gorman. The trade out was part of the annual "Big Switch" held on campus.

USDA taking Grant Applications

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman recently announced that the Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Loan and Grant program is open for applications from schools, health care providers, and other rural nonprofit organizations. The application period will close Jun 1, 1998. The telemedicine program allows rural health care providers to electronically link with major medical centers and specialist. Many rural areas are served by one or two doctors. With telemedicine, a medical specialist located hundreds of miles away can use video and other monitoring devices to examine a patient living in a remote place. Similarly, with distance learning, students in small rural schools can use interactive video equipment to participate in advance classes not available in local schools.

When Vice-President Gore announced the 1997 DLT awards, he stated "This country cannot afford a digital divide between those who have access to the benefits of the Information Superhighway, and those who do not." The use of loans, grants, and combinations of the two makes this program more viable for any community that has a vision of what this technology can do to help it succeed in the 21st Century."

"Our goal is to improve the nation's educational and health care services," stated Under Secretary for Rural Development, Jill Long Thompson. Since 1993, the DLT program has funded 192 projects in 41 states and one US territory totaling \$52 million. These projects serve 850 schools and learning centers and 600 hospitals and rural health clinics. The DLT program works as seed money and leverages almost four times its investment from other private and public resources.

"In October 1997 USDA Rural Development in Texas awarded a total of \$1,645,988 in loans and grants to six DLT recipients located in Uvalde, Carthage, Benaires, Austwell, Ft. Hancock, and Lubbock, Texas to help develop telemedicine and distance learning technology," stated Steven A. Carriker, State Director for USDA Rural Development in Texas. "Many rural areas of our state have a critical need for this type of service, but the neediest communities often lack the financial resources to acquire them on their own. This type of financial assistance from USDA will help create a major advancement in the quality of rural life in our state."

Additional information and application requirements on the DLT program can be found on the RUS Web site: www.usda.gov/rus or by writing RUS/USDA Rural Development, 101 South Main, Suite 102, Temple, Texas 76501.

Rural Development, as an equal opportunity lender, makes loans or grants to individuals or groups and guarantees to approved lenders without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, and handicap. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to: Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC -- Every 3rd Wednesday at Gorman Community Center from 10:30 to 11:30. Sponsored by CMS Health Care.

The Charlie Garrett Memorial Library is open five days a week from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., with the exception of Tuesday, when we are open until 5:30 p.m. All overdue books are five cents per day.

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