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Chamber Banquet Thursday Night At 7:00

PROGRAM

- Master of Ceremonies Gene Foster
- Invocation L. C. Landers
Family Bible Church
- Dinner FFA Booster Club
- Entertainment The Messengers
- Welcome and Recognitions Gene Foster
(Head Table and Out of Town Guests)
- Introduction of Speaker Gene Foster
- Speaker Senator David Sibley
- Presentation Gene Foster
Chamber of Commerce Academic Awards
Community Service Award
Agricultural Award
- Closing Remarks

The time for the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet has arrived in Gorman. Plans are made. The banquet is slated for Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gorman School Gymnasium. Tickets are \$7.50 each and will be available at the door. The FFA and 4-H Boosters Club will be catering the meal again this year.

Senator David Sibley will be the speaker for the banquet. Entertainment for the banquet will be provided by The Messengers. The Community Service Award and Agricultural Award will be presented. Also the Academic Awards will be presented to the Outstanding Students in Grades 9 thru 12 of Gorman High School. The Chamber urges everyone to make plans to attend this annual event, which is the highlight of the year. We guarantee that you will enjoy yourself?

Tommy Scott Curb and Dia Rae Whittenburg To Pledge Vows



Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Whittenburg of Hurst, Texas would like to announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Dia Rae to Tommy Scott Curb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Curb of Gorman, Texas.

The couple will exchange vows Saturday, May 27th in Fort Worth at Thistle Hill.

Citizens State Bank Merges With Security State Bank, Abilene

Kenneth L. Burgess, Chairman of Security State Bank, announced the merger of Citizens State Bank, Gorman, with and into the Security State Bank, Abilene, as of March 31, 1995.

The Security State Bank, Gorman branch will continue as a full service bank branch, staffed by its former employees.

Chairman Burgess noted "This merger will not disrupt any of the banking services which its customers have enjoyed, and we hope to offer even greater banking services and convenience for our new and old customers." Chairman Burgess further added that "The acquisition of locally based, independent Citizens State Bank is consistent with our goal of expanding into additional markets in Central Texas."

Expanded services to be offered include Security State's Lone Star VISA card, various interest-bearing checking accounts, small business loans, consumer loans, mortgage loans, as well as agricultural loans, and cattle loans.

This further expansion by Security State Bank has increased its Texas banking network to seven full service banking offices, with its headquarters located at 402 Cypress Street, in Abilene. Additionally there are Abilene branches at 3402 North First Street, 815 North Judge Ely, and 2001 Antilley Road. Full service branches afield include Farmers and Merchants Branch in Merkel and Security State Bank Branch, Comanche.

After the Merger, the Security State Bank had \$167,027,025 in total assets, \$96,724,312 in net loans, \$153,960,601 in total deposits and \$11,329,950 stockholders equity.

Kokomo Baptist Church To Hold Revival Apr. 9-12

The Kokomo Baptist Church will be in Revival April 9 thru 12 with services at 7:00 p.m. each evening.

The speaker will be Rev. Jack Clack, Director of Missions of the Cisco Baptist Association. Music will be under the direction of Woodrow Browning of Kokomo.

The Pastor, Clarence Wilson and congregation of Kokomo Baptist Church invites everyone to attend.

"Crimes of The Heart"

By Kim Campbell

On Tuesday, March 28, the OAP cast and crew participated in District Competition in Clifton. While the play did not advance, some of the students were awarded special recognition.

All Star Cast

Sabrina Glasson

Honorable Mention

Kim Campbell and Melissa Clark

Cheerleading Tryouts Held Thursday

By Keri Wright

As you know, this years cheerleading tryouts were done a little bit differently. Instead of just trying out in front of the judges, the candidates also received votes from the student body, and the teachers.

The student's votes counted 20%, the teacher's votes counted 30%, and the judge's votes made up the remaining 50%. Everyone did very well during the tryouts.

Results --

1995-96 Junior High Cheerleaders

Kandace Johnson -- Glacia Bear
Alma Sanchez -- Kendra Roberts
Emerald Guthery -- Kristin Gibbs

1995-96 High School Cheerleaders

Lacy Pack -- Mary Campbell
Keri Scitern -- Marla Smith
Kaycee Gilmore -- Sarah Reeves
Belinda Snider -- Ruth Reeves
Keri Wright - Mascot

Easter Treasure Hunt

The Annual Easter Treasure Hunt will be held Saturday, April 15th at 1:30 p.m. at the City Park in Gorman. After the hunt everyone is invited over to Heritage Manor for refreshments.

See You There!

The Easter Bunny

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Texas Department of Health will be holding an Immunization Clinic in Gorman, Thursday, April 20th at 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. This clinic is for both adults and children. Adults should have a Tetanus booster every ten years. Parents must be present, bring the social security number of the person being immunized, and bring the Medicaid card if on Medicaid. Cost is based on a sliding scale. For more information call 817-629-1788. Everyone Welcome!!!!

PORTER-BROWN-GIBBS REUNION

The Decendants of Benjamin Thomas Porter and Mattie (Porter) Brown will be hold a Reunion on the 8th of April at Frank A. Gray Memorial Park (Bass Lake), Gorman, Texas.

Family members and friends are invited. Bring a covered dish for Saturday Lunch. Follow the sign to Frank A. Gray Memorial Park.

The Reunion will be hosted by J. E. and Euna Porter - Gorman, Texas and Loretta Hardin of Temple, Oklahoma.

Open House For Library Enjoyed

Open house was held at the Charlie Garrett Memorial Library on March 30, 1995. Hostesses were Louise Baxter-Librarian, Dawn Payne - Assistant Librarian, and the Board of Directors -

Tommye Haile, Nell Ragland, Linda Simmons, and Dee Smithy. More than thirty guests enjoyed refreshments and browsing through the newly remodeled library.



GRAND OPENING AT LIBRARY - From left to right - Dee Smithy, Nell Ragland, Linda Simmons, Tommye Haile, Dawn Payne and Louise Baxter.

Late Signup For All Summer League Baseball teams - See Coach Curlee at the High School or Mrs. Curlee in the Grade School.

FFA BOOSTERS TO HOLD DRAWING

The Gorman FFA Boosters will hold a Drawing on a 1/2 Beef donated by the Eddie Fox Family. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing for the winning ticket will be held at the Buyer Appreciation Dinner on April 27th. Boosters are also selling 2 pound packages of sausage for \$2.50 each. The sausage was donated by Jack Simpson and Johnny and Phil Osborne. Contact any FFA Booster or the Ag Barn at 734-2505

Gorman Teams Place Second In Local Relays

The Lady Panthers came in second place at the Panther Relays last Saturday. They came in behind Eula. The girls scored a total of 144 points and won all 3 of their relays.

Sarah Reeves placed 2nd in the 3200M run and 3rd in the 1600 meter run.

The 4x100m relay won first place with a time of 55.06 The 4x100m relay consists of Mindy Laminack, Keri Scitern, Lacy Pack and Mary Campbell.

Marla Smith won the 100 meterf hurdles with a time of 17.90 seconds.

In the 800 meter run Jennifer Eaves came in second while Loni Bessor came in fifth. Jennifer ran her 800 in the time of 2.57 while Loni ran at 3.08.

There were 3 girls who made it to the finals in the 200 meter dash. They were Keri Scitern, Kaycee Gilmore, and Mindy Laminack. Keri came in second with a time of 14.12, while Kaycee got 4th with a time of 14.56. Mindy ran in fifth place. Her time was 14.81 seconds.

Marlena Guthery and Heather Sandlin both qualified in the 400 meter dash Saturday. When the finals came around that afternoon Marlena ran to a 3rd place finish while Heather finished sixth. Marlena's best 400 meter time was 67.59 while Heather ran at a 70.46

The 800 meter relay won first place after they beat Eula. Their time was 4:33.21 minutes. The 800 meter relay consists of Marla Smith, Keri Scitern, Lacy Pack and Mary Campbell.

After the 800 relay Kaycee Gilmore, Heather Sandlin, and Loni Bessor ran the 200 meter dash. Kaycee came in second with a time of 31.09 while Heather came in fifth, running a time of 32.94. The final running event was the 1600 meter relay. They Lady Panthers made this their 3rd relay to win Saturday. They ran the 1600 meter relay in the time of 4:33.21. The 1600 meter relay is made up of Jennifer Eaves, Marlena Guthery, Lacy Pack and Marla Smith.

Before the running events started the Lady Panthers competed in field events. In the discus throw Mary Campbell placed second with a toss of 77 feet and 8 inches. Marlena Guthery came in just behind Mary with a throw of 77 feet and 5 inches. Marlena's throw got her third place.

Fourth place in the triple jump went to Kaycee Gilmore with a leap of 30 feet. Also doing some jumping was Mindy Laminack. She jumped to a sixth place spot in the long jump.

The Panthers scored 139 points, placing second behind a strong Rising Star team that scored 198 points.

BOYS

Team standings -- 1. Rising Star 198; 2. Gorman 139; 3. Eula 109; 4. Chilton 47; 5. Santa Anna 36; 6. Gorman 'B' 10

Triple jump -- 1. Bilbrey, Rising Star, 42-7; 2. Warren, Gorman, 38-4 1/2; 3. Lewis, Santa Anna, 37-11 1/4

Pole vault -- 1. Salazar, Rising Star, 10-0; 2. Harris, Rising Star; 3. Allen, Santa Anna
Discus -- 1. Carlton, Gorman, 118-2 1/2; 2. Morris, Rising Star, 111-4 1/2; 3. D. Mauney, Gorman, 106-7 1/2

High jump -- 1. Smith, Eula; 2. Morris, Rising Star; 3. Cranfill, Eula

Shot put -- 1. S. Mauney, Gorman, 42-4 1/2; 2. D. Mauney, Gorman, 41-6 1/2; 3. Krause, Gorman, 39-8 1/2

Long jump -- 1. Elliott, Rising Star, 19-0 1/2; 2. Bilbrey, Rising Star, 19-8; 3. Russell, Eula, 19-3 1/2

3,200 -- 1. Roberts, Eula, 11:57.78; 2. Rodriguez, Rising Star, 12:18.25; 3. Stewart, Rising Star, 12:47.18

400 relay -- 1. Gorman, 45.88; 2. Rising Star, 46.10; 3. Chilton, 47.53

800 -- 1. Cook, Rising Star, 2:17.16; 2. Roberts, Eula, 2:19.16; 3. Rodriguez, Rising Star, 2:19.69

110 hurdles -- 1. Elliott, Rising Star, 15.40; 2. Guthery, Gorman, 17.44; 3. Allen, Santa Anna, 20.44

100 -- 1. Mauney, Gorman, 11.93; 2. Singleton, Gorman, 12.40; 3. Rutledge, Rising Star, 12.41

400 -- 1. Perales, Rising Star, 52.50; 2. Calhoun, Rising Star, 55.68; 3. Sanders, Eula, 56.62

300 hurdles -- 1. Morris, Rising Star, 45.29; 2. Warren, Gorman, 47.16; 3. Cantill, Eula, 47.50

200 -- 1. Singleton, Gorman, 24.25; 2. Lampkin, Chilton, 27.16; 3. Majors, Gorman, 24.87

1,600 -- 1. Crabtree, Chilton, 5:36.94; 2. Stewart, Rising Star, 5:46.97; 3. Venzor, Rising Star, 5:59.72

1,600 relay -- 1. Rising Star, 3:40.09; 2. Gorman, 3:43.93; 3. Eula, 3:52.03

Peanut Queen and Little Miss Gorman Enjoys Trip



Peanut Queen, Mindy Laminack and Little Miss Gorman, Kaci Seaton were invited by Representative John Cook on March 21st to be his guest at the State Capitol in Austin. Mindy and Kaci were Honorary Pages for the day and worked on the House Floor with a Sergeant. Rep. John Cook escorted them around the Capitol.

The Texas Peanut Producers Board and the Chamber of Commerce furnished Mindy and Kaci with peanuts, pins, and brochures to hand out.

Also joining Mindy and Kaci were Revise, Becky and Ashley Laminack, Jeff, Veronica and Kimmy Seaton and Liz Brinegar of Goldthwaite.

Floyd Alton McLearn

DE LEON — Floyd Alton McLearn, 62, died Monday at his home. Services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Northside Baptist Church with Richard Zimmer officiating. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery, directed by Nowlin Funeral Home.

Mr. McLearn was born in Dublin and had lived in De Leon since 1957. He was a retired bus driver for De Leon Independent School District and a Baptist. He married Ruby Owen McLearn in 1955 in Carlsbad, N.M.

Survivors include his wife, of De Leon; three sons, Kerry Alton McLearn and Gary Alan McLearn, both of Stephenville, and Randall Travis McLearn of De Leon; three brothers, Ray McLearn of Desdemona, Donald McLearn of Texas City and L.V. McLearn of Comanche; two sisters, Christine Henson of De Leon and Montezzo Rasco of Lubbock; seven grandchildren and three stepgrandchildren.

CJC to Offer Refrigerant Containment Class

Cisco Junior College will offer a Stationary Refrigerant Containment class on Saturday, April 22, 1995 at the Cisco Junior College Abilene Center. The class satisfies EPA section 608 of the clean Air Act to permit certification of technicians as required by the

Act. This course is EPA approved and includes all materials and instructions to complete a technician certificate. Cost for the class is \$50. For more information or to register, contact Clay Spain at 915/698-2219.

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Jim Burselson of Birdsong Peanuts is shown presenting Gene Foster a donation check for the Gorman Volunteer Fire Department recently.



Larry Majors is shown presenting Becky Smith with a donation to the Gorman P. T. O.



Jack Simpson is shown presenting a check to Coach Curlee and Sue Ann Tarver of the Panther Booster Club.

Gorman Jr. High Band Competes In Cisco



On Friday March, 31, 1995 the Gorman Junior High Band competed in Band Contest at Cisco Junior College. The band received a Division II rating in Concert and a Division II in Sightreading.

The band is made up of 6th and 7th graders. This year the band has played at the home Junior High Football games, gone to Concert and Sightreading Contest and several students played a Solo at contest.

I am very proud of the hard work, dedication, and excitement that each of these students brings to class. It has been a pleasure working with them this year.

Lisa Laminack - Band Director

Glover, Curb, Janacek, McCauley Receive Division I Ratings



Mark Glover, William Curb, Amanda Janacek, and Shawn McCauley received a Division I rating and a medal on their solo at Cisco Jr. College on Friday, March 31.

Gloria Turner, Krissy Roberts, and Heather McGlothen also participated in this contest and received a Division II rating.

Congratulations to all seven students.

Letter to Editor

Dear Joe
I want to express my appreciation for the cooperation that local fire dept. members (Jack Harrison, Lupe Torres, Ray Daniels) gave FHA in planning and presenting a program on fire survival to our local kindergarten students.

We were as fascinated and inter-

ested as the children. Some of the FHA members remarked that they had certainly learned things - it just wasn't the kindergarten students!

It really made me appreciate the time, energy, and risks these men take and give as members of our volunteer department.

Thank you, fire dept. members from an FHA sponsor and a community member who really appreciates your efforts.

Ellen Gresett

CJC to Offer Keyboarding Course in April

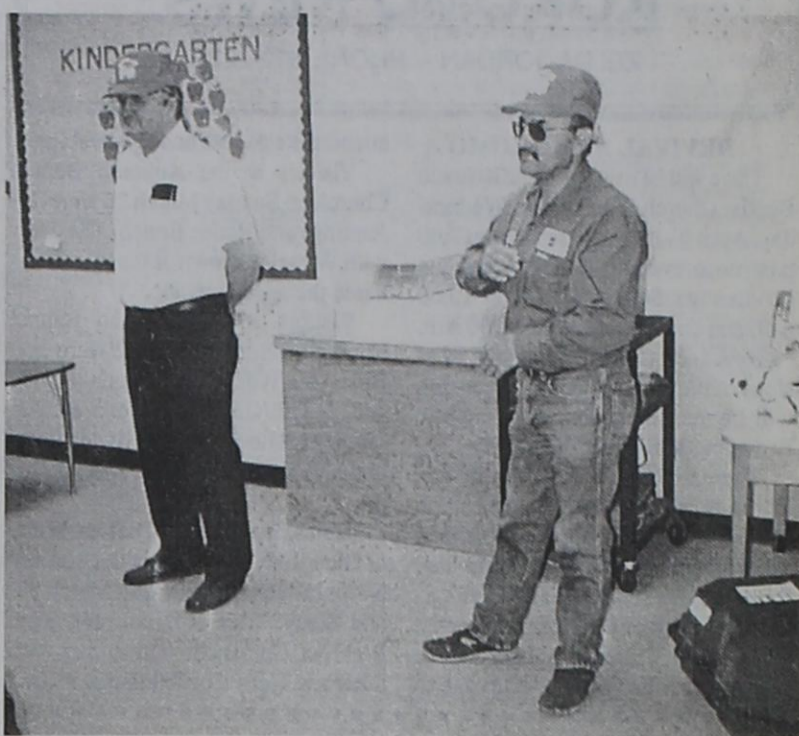
Cisco Junior College will offer a Continuing Education Course in "KEYBOARDING" on April 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, and 27, 1995 at the Cisco campus. The class will meet from 6-9 p.m. in Room 31 of the Vocational-Technical I Building. Instructor for the course will be Tianay Rabb.

KEYBOARDING will be taught using WordPerfect. Emphasis will be on learning correct techniques of typing and building accuracy and speed. First time users of computers will benefit because the basics of WordPerfect will be covered, and they will have the opportunity to become familiar with the keyboard before taking other computer courses. CEU's (Continuing Education Units) will be awarded upon completion.

Cost for the 18-hour course is \$43 and is limited to 15 students: Registration deadline is April 10.

For more information or to register, contact Charlotte Nix Speegle or Anita Wheat at Cisco Junior College - Cisco campus, 817/442-2567.

Gorman Fire Dept. and FHA Present Fire Survival Program



Kindergarten students received information and a demonstration on how to survive a home fire from 2 local firemen (Lupe Torres and Ray Daniels) and members of the Comprehensive Home Economics class.



Lupe suited out in this fireman uniform to show the children how firemen look when they rescue people from fires. He explained how some children are afraid and hide. He emphasized that they should never do that. Ray gave pointers on what fire is like, how to avoid fire hazards, and how to survive a home fire.

FHA members prepared a parent sheet on the importance of practicing home fire drills to give to the children to take home. Information and suggestions were included for how to conduct a drill.

All parents are urged to practice home fire survival with their children. Fire is the leading cause of death at home for children under age 5. If you would like more information about home fire drills, please contact the home economics department at 734-2946.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Kokomo Home Demonstration Club (FCE) has invited All 4-H CLUB MEMBERS to their April 10th meeting (immediately after school) to tell about their projects and to show their awards.

EASTLAND COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS AND ASSOCIATES will meet April 10 at 11 a.m. at Jordans Steak House. Hazel Taylor will do a Book Review.

Jacque Fick - Publicity Chairman

MEETING - Gorman 4-H Club will meet Monday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

CARBON COMMUNITY CENTER - The Monthly Business Meeting of the Carbon Community Center will be on Monday, April 10, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. at the Center. Everyone is urged to attend this meeting and participated in the discussion to be made.

BENEFIT FISH FRY - By May Community Fund benefiting May Youth on April 15th - 5 to 9 p.m. at Cook's Fish Barn - \$6.50 Adults and \$4.50 - 7 and under. Call 817-259-3515 For More Information.

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CMS, Inc. Health Services - Will hold a Free Blood Pressure Clinic on the Third Wednesday of Each Month at the Senior Citizens Center.

Gorman Primitive Baptist Church has Services Every Sundays. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. Elder Don Washek, Pastor - 1st and 3rd Sundays; Elder Dale Majors - 2nd Sunday - Everyone Welcome To Attend.

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. - Sandra Osborne, Worthy Matron - 734-2807 and Phillip Osborne, Worthy Patron 734-2807.

NANCY TROUT WILL BE IN GORMAN THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT WILL BE APRIL 19TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.



Eastland County 4-Hers participated in the Annual 4-H Fashion Show on March 27 at the Carbon Community Center. The theme was "The Stars Are Out". Gorman 4-H hosted the evening. 4-Hers participating were (left to right): First Row - Ashley Tucker, Candi Ross. Second Row - Jessica Harris, Amy Agnew, Jessica Norris, Hannah Nicks, and Crystal Brown. Third Row - LeAnne Gibson, Miriam Nicks, Jayce Blair, Steffanie Hernandez, Racheal Bush, and Lacy Knight. Back Row: Kirby Bush and Blair Bailey. Congratulations to all these 4-Hers!

KOKOMO NEWS

ZELDA JORDAN -- PHONE 639-2289

REVIVAL AT KOKOMO

There will be a revival at the Kokomo Baptist Church Sunday thru Wednesday, April 9-12th with services at 7:00 p.m. each evening. Sunday morning services are Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. and church service at 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Jack Clack, Director of Missions of the Cisco Baptist Association will be the evangelist and Woodrow Browning will direct the music.

There will be a covered dish lunch in the fellowship hall of the church following the Sunday Services and refreshments in the fellowship hall following the services each evening.

The Pastor of the Kokomo Baptist Church Rev. Clarence Wilson and the members cordially invite everyone to

attend the services and fellowships.

Visitors at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday March 26 were Art Jennings and Rane Boneo. The choir with Wynelle Brown at the piano rendered the special music.

Visitors at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday April 2 were Ima Boles of Clyde, Gary, Donna, Lesley and Melanie Gatlin of Nocona, and Art Jennings. The choir with Glynda Bond at the piano rendered the special music.

James, Teresa and Chelsea Webb of Glen Rose had lunch with Oren and Norma Webb on Thursday March 30, and Stacy, Brenda, Jacob and Kaci Webb of Comanche had supper with Oren and Norma on Thursday night.

Joe and Barbara Fields, Michael, Lisa and Falyn Fields of Carbon and Richard and Teresa Nachtigall, Taylor and Trevis of Morgan Mill visited during the weekend of March 25 with Vernon and Deon Fields and Lindell. June and Gladene Cates of Big Spring spent this past weekend with the Vernon Fields.

Visitors with Nancy Hendricks were Sylvia Buchanan of Stephenville, Kelly Budhanan of Giddings, Doris Bradshaw of Gorman, Ruth Bryant, Hope Joiner and Zelda Jordan.

Bill and Wynelle McFall of Houston visited from Thursday until Sunday with Larry and Betty Strube.

Glenda and Greg Kitten of Wilson were recent visitors with Dean and Lois Collins. Judy and Jim West of McGreagor visited with the Collinses on Sunday.

Cindy, Kyle and Kayla Jordan of Portales visited with Zelda Jordan while

Kyle was on Spring break from School. Nancy Hendricks and Clifford and

CARBON NEWS

BILLIE STACY*
Correspondant

Marvin and Gladys Hale were in Brownwood Sunday to meet their daughter Patsy and Charles Bryant of Panther Creek at Underwoods for lunch. It was Marvin and Gladys 56th Wedding Anniversary. They were very surprised to see their grandchildren and their friends there for the happy get-together. They were Kevin Bryant and Sandy Humming of Meridan, Karen Barr and Reagan of Spur, Kelly Bryant and Mitch Ables of Abilene. Kristian Bryant of Panther Creek and Clayton Haines of Coleman. We wish them many more happy Anniversaries.

Bubba and Tena Knowles honored their daughter Amy with a Hamburger Supper (her favorite) Sunday evening. She was eleven years old, others attending were her great grandmother

Lurline Nelson also visited with the Jordans. Zelda went home with Cindy, Kyle and Kayla for a visit. They visited in Abilene with Bill and Glenda Priest and Wade and Sheri Daniell. Cindy was honored with a belated Birthday party in the Priest home on Saturday night, March 25. Birthday cake and ice cream was served following the evening meal. Robert, Diane, B.J. and Meagan Miles, and Sheri and Wade Daniell also attended the birthday party.

Cindy, Kyle, and Kayla Jordan and Zelda visited with Carl and Wanda Thompson in Littlefield, Jess and Laverne Winn in Muleshoe, Arvel and Etta Lewallen in Lubbock. The Lewallens and Zelda visited with Wanda and James Russell in St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock where James Russell was a patient. Bill and Glenda Priest came to Lubbock on Sunday for Zelda.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED

Naoma Morrow spent several days in Plains with Larry and Paula Morrow and in Levelland with Gladys Morrow, Lynn and Mildred Campbell and Alma Lee Creager. She also visited with Gladys Morrow's next door neighbor, Berniece Webb. Mrs. Webb is an aunt of Zelda Jordan.

Gladys Morrow, Mildred Campbell, Alma Lee Creager, Naoma Morrow, Bob Campbell and Cody Campbell who have birthdays in March were honored with a birthday party in the Gladys Morrow home on Friday night, March 17.

W.C. Morrow of Dallas, brought his aunt, Naoma Morrow home enroute to his home.

Gladys Morrow of Levelland and Erlene Blakney of Lubbock visited from Tuesday until Friday this past week with Naoma Morrow. They all visited with Derrelle and Royce Sims and their daughter, Debbie, of Stephenville, Myrtle and Charles Elston of Huckaby, and Ruby Short of Stephenville and had lunch at the Golden Corral.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ellison of Mississippi visited on Tuesday with Naoma Morrow. Layne Morrow of Lubbock was a weekend visitor with his grandparents, Naoma Morrow and Paul and Imogene Norris.

noon.

Gary and Dee Dee Bledsoe of Carbon are happy to announce the birth of their little daughter Abbygail Rene born March 30th at Hendricks hospital in Abilene. She weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. and 20 1/2 inches long. She has a brother Richard and a sister Jamie. Grandparents are Leonard and Mitie Bledsoe of Carbon and Jim Winfrey and the late Angie Winfrey of Mineral Wells. Great grandmother is Donnie Rone of Carbon. We send our Congratulations to the family.

Mrs. Ira (Zula) Ford of Arlington passed away Saturday and graveside services were held Monday in Murray Cemetery in Carbon. Mrs. Ford was pianist for the First Baptist Church of Carbon for many years. Our sympathy goes out to the family.

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Exemption And Special Valuation Applications

Eastland County property owners wishing to sign up for 1995 property tax exemptions and/or special use valuations may obtain the necessary applications at the office of the Eastland County Appraisal District. The office is located on the second floor of the Eastland County Courthouse, Eastland, Texas. The necessary applications may be requested by telephone. The number to call is 629-8597.

The completed application must be filed with the Eastland County Appraisal District by May 1, 1995 tax year.

There are numerous property tax exemptions and/or special valuations available through the Texas Property Tax Code. A partial list of those available is given at the end of this article. If a property owner has a question as to

his or her eligibility; they should contact the Eastland County Appraisal District for assistance.

Homeowners can take advantage of the partial homestead exemptions available. The exemption application must be filed by May 1, 1995. It does not have to be re-applied for each year. If the residential homestead owner resides in the same house for 1995 that he or she lived in for 1994; and they received a homestead exemption for 1994; they do not need to re-apply for 1995. An exception to this would be a person who received the exemption last year (1994); but has turned sixty-five (65) years of age during the 1994 year. This person would need to re-apply as he or she would now be eligible for an additional or increased exemption in an amount available to those over sixty-five (65) years of age.

If you have a question as to whether you are receiving a homestead exemption or as to your eligibility for one of the available exemptions or special valuations; please contact the Eastland

Agricultural Valuation Available

The following information is provided to property owners within Eastland county in compliance with publication requirements of the Texas Property Tax Code.

If you are the owner of land that is being currently used for some type of agricultural use or activity; you may qualify your land for a special use valuation for ad valorem tax purposes.

County Appraisal District for information and assistance.

Among the partial exemptions and/or special valuations available are: Residential Homestead Exemption, Over-65 Residential Homestead Exemption, Residential Disability Homestead Exemption, Disabled Veterans Exemption and Special Valuation of Land (Ag Use).

Landowners must file for special use valuation with the appraisal district by May 1, 1995. The Texas Constitution provides for two (2) types of agricultural productivity appraisal. Article 8, Sec. 1-d-1 allows what is known as Open Space Land appraisal while Article 8, Sec. 1-d allows Agricultural Use appraisal. The requirements for applying and qualifying both the land and the owner are different for each of the two types.

Most property owners apply for 1-d-1 or Open Space appraisal. This special appraisal requires that the land's use in a qualifying agricultural purpose meets the degree of intensity generally accepted in the area. The owner must show that the land's use is devoted principally to agricultural use for at least five (5) of the preceding seven (7) years.

Land owners should be aware that

the law does require a rollback to be incurred when the qualified land is taken out of agricultural use. The rollback tax includes the difference between the taxes paid under agricultural appraisal and the taxes that would have been paid if the land had been on the tax roll at market value. The law also requires that the rollback tax include interest charges.

The application must be submitted on a form prescribed by the Property Tax Division of the State Comptroller's office. The application must contain the information necessary to determine the validity of the application.

To apply for the "Open Space Land" valuation for which you may be eligible; please contact the Eastland County Appraisal District.

The filing deadline for this and other available special valuations is May 1, 1995. For additional information or to

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Health education finished fourth behind reading, mathematics and language arts and ahead of science, social studies, physical education, the arts and foreign language in subjects parents felt were important for their children to learn.

The survey is part of a federally funded grant to implement a comprehensive school health program in elementary schools in the eight school districts.

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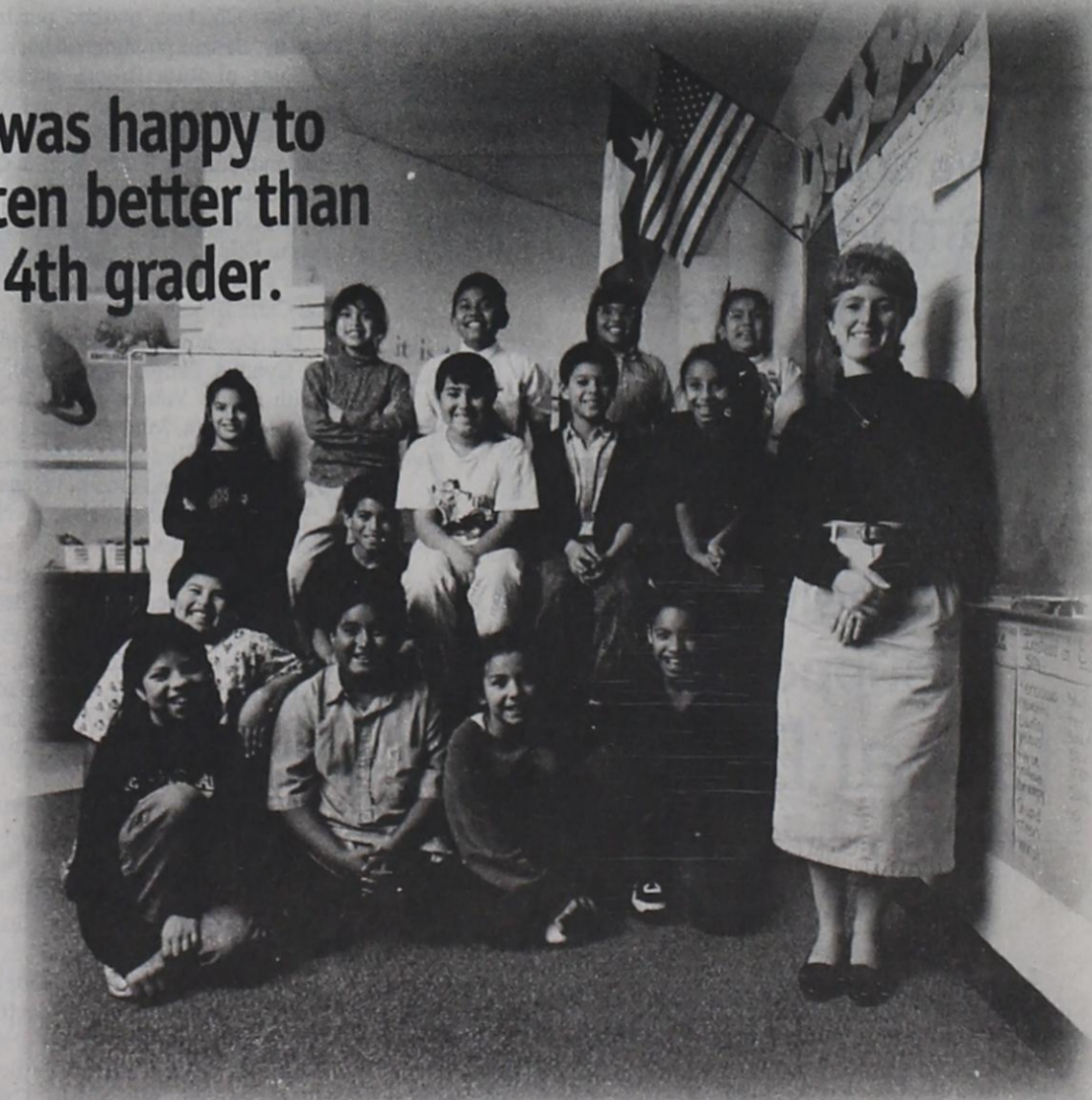
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HERITAGE MANOR NEWS

NANCY HENDRICKS - REPORTING

On Thursday March 30 at 2:00 p.m. Mary Williams and Frank Skiles were honorees at the March birthday party.

Ronnie Standridge played the guitar and sang.

Honorees received gifts from First Baptist Church, Methodist Church and Church of Christ, and Heritage Manor.

Bertha Gregory, Thelma Hampton, Anna Rush and Iris Preston made birth-

day cakes served with diet cokes, Irene Hallmark and Nancy Hendricks served all residents, guests and employers.

Residents present were Frank Skiles, Mary Williams, Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Jess Hallmark, Orlena Perdue, Iola Johnson, Iris Smith, Inez Rogers, Travis Smith, Varona Taylor, Ora Mae Atchison, Ruby Vandergriff, Sylvia

Hodges, and Mary Nowlin. Guests were Ronnie Standridge, Irene Hallmark, Maxine Trasier, Ron and Nina Skiles, M.L. Skiles, Mrs. Willie Fuller, Juanita Spence, Also present were Steve Vogel, Angelia Moore, R.N., Joan Fraley, Vicky Standridge, Jackie Whitlock and Ina Scitem. Lenis Rice of Carbon visited her sister Iola Johnson.

Hodges, and Mary Nowlin.

Those present for Residents Rights bingo were S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Clayton Cook, Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Ola Walker, Ethel Leeper, Iris Smith and Inez Rogers. Visiting Varona Taylor were Pauline Allen, Bonnie Cox, Billy, Janda, Steve Taylor. Mrs. Marvin Jones of Dublin visited Eulon Perry.

Fay and Denzel ables, visited Juanita Barham, Mary Choat, Ozella Pulley, Lavenia Blair, Lorene Jay, Bill Simmons, Jess Hallmark, Frank Skiles, Travis Smith, Cleo Clement, Ola Walker, Dorothy Beaty, and Ruby Vandergriff.

On Wednesday Ina Scitem had baseball for S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Jess and Irene Hallmark, Varona Taylor, Ora Mae Atchison and Orlena Perdue.

FRANK SKILES HAS 83RD BIRTHDAY

On Friday March 24 marked the 83rd birthday for Frank Skiles. He enjoyed having his family visit him. They were his wife, M.L. Skiles son Ron and Nina Skiles. Also were Virginia and Andrea Files.

Some of Mary Williams guests were Stella Scott and Johnny Johnson of Eastland Maxine Frasier fo De Leon Virginia Turner, Fay and Denzel Ables.

On Friday morning Ina Scitem had bingo for Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Ora Mae Atchison Leotis Meadows, Orlena Perdue, Iris Smith, Veno Hale, Varona Taylor and Dorothy Beaty.

Mrs. Marvin Jones of Dublin visited her brother Eulon Perry.

On Friday afternoon Mrs. Mary Ficklen of Desdemona with readings "Hey Listen Up!" by Larry King. Enjoying refreshments of homemade chocolate chip cookies after the interesting readings were Orlena Perdue, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hallmark, Mr. and Mrs. Skinny Lewis, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Ora Mae Atchison, Ruby Vandergriff and Varona Taylor.

Visiting Mary Nowlin and Leotis Meadows were Chris Funderburk of De Leon, Sherrell O'Mara of Ranger, Dauna Martin of Dallas, Lloyd and Lawrence Nowlin of Arlington, and Evette Meadows.

SKINNIE LEWIS ENJOYS OUTING

On March 25th Philip Lewis took his Dad Skinnie Lewis to see the cows and new calves, the bulldozing, gate making, ground breaking and clearing of new ground that Philip had done on the farm. This was big time enjoyment for a retired farmer. Some of Skinnies guests have been Eloise Lewis, Philip, Donna, Sarah and Robert Lewis, Jim and Karen Bulerson, Ima Lee Bulerson, Eva Sparkman of Desdemona, Loraine Koonce of De Leon, S.D. Gilmore, Zane and Vicki Harris of Abilene.

Some of Inez Rogers guests were Joan Kencannon of Ft. Worth, Hazel West, Mrs. Marvin Jones of Dublin, Buddy Rogers, Joy and Fred Rogers, Nancy Hendricks, Fay and Denzel Ables.

On Monday residents met and planned the ideal meal which consists of Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes, hominy, Banana pudding and hot rolls.

Some of Ruth Broom and Rosa Bennetts guests were Hazel and W.R. Collins, Frankie Eakin, Ray Broom of Eastland, Juanita Fuller, Bertha Gregory, Cecil and Christine Self, Mayvis Lasater, Nan Hendricks, Ruth Bryant, Velma Grady, Iris Preston, Sue Seaton, Fay and Denzel Ables, Kyle, Jeff and Carla Broom, Don Ogle.

On Monday Ina Scitem had bingo for Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Iris Smith, Ruby Vandergriff, Ora Mae Atchison, Iola Johnson, Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Jess Hallmark, Varona Taylor and Orlena Perdue.

David Price and Donna Parrigon visited Marie Welch.

On Tuesday morning Betty Duke came and entertained Effie Mae Brown, Cleo Clement, S.D. Gilmore, Annie Hale, Veno Hale, Iola Johnson, Varona Taylor, Iris Smith, Ozella Pulley, Marie Welch, Bill Simmons, Orlena Perdue, Leotis Meadows, Theresa Parker.

Juanita Spence of Little Elm visited her sister Dorothy Beaty.

On Tuesday those coming for the Sing-O-Long were Irene Hallmark, Mary Lou Landers, Denzel Ables, Fay Ables, Nancy Hendricks, W.R. and Hazel Collins, R. Lee McDaniels, Billie Stacy, Ruth Knowles and Ava Rodgers, Residents were Orlena Perdue, Nancy Holloway, Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Jess Hallmark, Ruby Vandergriff, Iris Smith, Ora Mae Atchison, Varona Taylor and Inez Rogers.

Some of Olga Kinsers guests were James and Ruby Lee Kinser, Denzel and Fay Ables, Nancy Hendricks, Mayvis Lasater, Dee Smith, Zina Simpson, Wilbourn Overstreet and Richard Kinser.

Some of Clayton Cooks recent guests were Mrs. Charlene King of Houston, Fay Huff, Arlene Mayfield, of Ranger, Vera West of De Leon, Jim and Anna Jean Files of Ft. Worth.

On Sunday morning Rev. Ron Carroll of First Baptist church taught the Sunday School lesson for Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Levenia Blair, Marie Welch, Cleo Clements, Jess Roberts and Varona Taylor.

Some of Cynthia Earles and Ina Mae Tarrance guests were Fay Huff, Eunice Love, Nancy Hendricks, Mrs. Marvin Jones of Dublin and Vera West.

At 2:30 on Sunday those coming from the Carbon First Baptist Church were Dr. and Mrs. Jim Poe, R. Lee McDaniels, Elizabeth Sandlin, C.O. Sandlin and Hazel Campbell, Willo Rice came and played the Piano; Residents were Ora Mae Atchison, Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Jess Hallmark (Irene Hallmark guests) Ruby Vandergriff, Varona Taylor, Orlena Perdue (Neva Robertson guest) Iris Smith and Nancy Holloway.

Visiting Inez Rogers were Hazel Campbell, Joann Kencannon of Ft. Worth, Hazel West, Buddy Rogers of Ranger, Mrs. Marvin Jones of Dublin, Fred and Joy Rogers, Lugene Morris of De Leon.

At 4:00 p.m. those coming from the church of Christ were Floydene Gilbert, Durwood Webb, Cecil and Christine Self, Bud nad Dee Smithy, Eunice Love, and Fred Rogters, Residents were Inez Rogers, Inez Smith, Ruby Vandergriff, Jess Hallmark, (Irene Hallmark guest) Cynthia Earles, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Orlena Perdue, Leotis Meadows, Ora Mae

Atchison and Varona Taylor. Some of Ora Mae Atchison's guests were Doyle and Micheal Watson of Cloud Croff, N.M. Chesley Atchison of Ft. Worth, Dr. Chesley Royce Atchison (Home from Germany) Ima Lee Bulerson and Georgie Iley of Desdemona.

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Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., on May 6, 1995, for voting in a trustee election, to elect three school trustees. (Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abiran desde las 7:00 de la mañana hasta las 7:00 de la tarde, el 6 mayo de 1995 para votar en la Eleccion para el numero (3) regentes:)

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114 W Lexington Street between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. beginning on April 17, 1995 and ending May 2, 1995, at 3:30 P.M. (entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 3:30 de la tarde empezando el 17 de abril, 1995 y terminando el 2 de mayo, 1995.)

Applications for Ballot by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaren en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:)

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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 28, 1995. (Las solicitudes para boletas que se botaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para en fin de las horas de negocio el 28 de abril, 1995)

Issued this the 5th day of April, 1995 (Emitada este dia 5th de abril, 1995)

Winifred Treachery
Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

Sharp Announces Taxpayer Seminar For Abilene Area

"At the Comptroller's Office, we understand that state tax issues can sometimes become very complex and confusing. Since taxpayers can't just pick up and come to Ausing whenever they need assistance we'll hold a free taxpayer seminar in the Abilene area on Thursday, April 13, 1995, "State Comptroller John Sharp announces today.

The seminar will be held at 1290 S Willis, Suite 202 from 3:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. Mary Sue Riskus and Mary Domanski from the Comptroller's Abilene field office will be available to meet and discuss any questions pertaining to state taxes.

It's important that taxpayers have a full understanding of state taxes. This seminar has been designed just for that," Sharp said.

Mary Sue Riskus and Mary Domanski, two of our many agency experts, will be available to deliver quick accurate information to all tax questions and assist taxpayers in any way we can.

Those taxpayers who cannot attend the free seminar can call the Comptroller's toll-free hotline at 1-800-252-5555

Free Colorado Blue Spruces

Ten free Colorado blue spruce trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during April 1995.

The Free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundations's trees for America campaign.

Colorado blue spruces have silver blue-green color and compact conical shape. They can be used as individual ornamentals, an energy-saving wind-break, a privacy screen, or as living Christmas trees.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting in April or May with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to 10 FREE BLUE SPRUCES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by April 30, 1995.

for additional assistance.

For more information about the Abilene seminar, call the Abilene field office at (915) 695-4323.

Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by tornadoes, excessive rain, and hail, which occurred on May 29, 1994 are being accepted at the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) office located in Comanche, Texas, FmHA County Supervisor, Cynthia P. Kruger said today.

Callahan and Eastland Counties are two of eight in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the tornadoes, excessive rain, and hail, on May 29, 1994.

Cynthia P. Kruger, County Supervisor, said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business or \$500,000, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 4.5 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FmHA emergency loan," Kruger said. Farmers participating in the PIK or Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until September 11, 1995 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Kruger said.

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Cisco Junior College will offer a Continuing Education Course in "LOTUS 1-2-3 FOR WINDOWS" on May 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 and 18, from 6-9 p.m. Instructor for the course will be Tianay Rabb. The course will meet in Room 31 of the Vocational-Technical I Building at the Cisco campus. Cost for the 18-hour course will be \$43 and is limited to 15 students. Deadline for registration is May 1.

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Louise Brown Hosts Edna Smith Class March 21st

On March 21st the Edna Smith class met with Louise Brown for the monthly meeting.

As it was so near St. Patrick's day she decorated her lovely home in green sham rocks. She served a delicious supper of various salads, dips, chips and cheese balls, along with punch to drink. Martha Rainey ask the blessing on the meal.

After eating Louise called the business meeting to order with Tammi Sanders leading in prayer.

Minutes were read. Secretary treasurer and class mission gave the reports.

Martha made report on the articles we are to bring for Noah's project.

As there was no other business Anna rush brought an excellent devotional

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reading from John 6-3-15, reading a piece from Home Life magazine "A Time Out" and another story titled "Wilma". A poem "Granny" another called Prayer Life.

The meeting was dismissed. It was Frankie Jo's birthday. She was presented many beautiful gifts.

Before we said good night Louise served Angel food cake with fruit topping with coffee or punch.

Members attending were Martha, Anna, Ruth, Louise, Geraldene and Gladys. We were very happy for three visitors Connie Carroll, Tammi Sanders and Frankie Jo Shipman.



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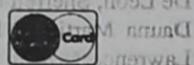
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NOTICE OF HEARING

Eastland County Appraisal District

The Eastland County Appraisal District will hold a Public Hearing on a proposed budget for 1996.

The public hearing will be held on April 26, 1995 at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Eastland County Courthouse, Eastland, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$354,840.

The total amount of increase over the current (1995) budget is \$9,760.

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be eight.

The number of employees under the current budget is eight.

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district Board of Directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of these governing bodies. A copy is also available for inspection at the appraisal district office.

The Eastland County Appraisal District is located on the second floor of the Eastland County Courthouse, Eastland, Texas. The telephone number is 817-629-8597 in Eastland, Texas.

**POSITIVE ACTION BY
YOUTH LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE**

A Youth leadership Conference for 7th and 8th grade students from Gorman, Ranger, Eastland and Cisco will be held on this coming Thursday, April 7th on the campus of Cisco Junior College.

The conference theme is "Positive Action By Youth". Outstanding speakers have been secured for the conference. The conference has been planned by the Eastland County Parenting Education Coalition states Janet Thomas, Eastland County Extension Agent. This Coalition was organized four years ago to address the critical issue "strengthening families and positive development of youth" which were identified in the Long-Range Extension Program for Eastland County.

The April 7th Conference will cost over \$2,250.00 in speaker fees. We really appreciate the organizations, businesses, schools, for assisting and meeting this financial goal.

The following are supporting the youth conference: Eastland Parenting Education Coalition (PAY); Eastland County Agricultural Extension Service; Region 14 Education Service Center-Drug Free Schools and Communities; Ranger, Eastland, Gorman and Cisco ISD; Cisco Junior College (facilities); Eastland Kiwanis Club; Eastland Lion's Club; PADD (Parents Against Drunk Drivers); Sonic Drive-In, Eastland; Eastland McDonald's; Lawrence Brothers, Ranger; Thrift Mart, Eastland; Thrift Mart, Cisco; Wal-Mart, Eastland; Eastland County Sheriff's Department

PARENTING HINTS

Here are some essential choking prevention tips. When children are eating they should be sitting upright, not lying down or running around. Always supervise at snack and meal times, because a child who is choking cannot make noise to attract your attention. Coughing, on the other hand, is a sign that the child is removing the obstacle naturally.

Foods that are hard or tough to chew, small and round or sticky are most often choked on. The most common food that children between the ages of 1 and 5 years old choke on is frankfurters! Other foods include: candy, nuts grapes, popcorn, raisins, raw apples, corn, peas, chunks of meat, peanut butter served in chunks (unspread).

When serving children frankfurters, simply cut the wiener into fourths

lengthwise and then into pieces, cook and mash carrots, corn and peas; cut grapes into fourths; and serve peanut butter with jelly, not by the spoonful.

**PARENTING CLASS DOOR
PRIZE WINNER ANNOUNCED**

Parenting Classes have been meeting the past three weeks in Rising Star. Our last meeting was this week, and the door prize was won by Kathy Bush. I wish to express my appreciation to Frank Agnew, Rising Star Farm Bureau, for donating a infant/toddler carseat for the door prize.

EXTENSION PUBLICATION

The Eastland County Extension Office has received copies of a new publication entitled "Water Gardening in Texas". This publication discusses the construction of water gardens for your yard. Also plants to use in water ponds include everything from tropical day bloomers, night bloomers, hardy lillies, and much more.

If you want to put gold fish in a pond, this is discussed and recommendations made.

If you would like a free copy, come by the Extension Service Office which is located on the first floor of the Eastland County Courthouse..

**PERSONAL FINANCIAL
MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP
ANNOUNCED**

The public is invited to attend a Personal Financial Management Workshop. The course will include three (3) consecutive sessions which will be conducted on Tuesday evenings, April 4th, April 11th and April 18th. The class will be from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the Eastland County Courthouse Conference Room, located on the first floor of the Courthouse.

The workshop sessions are being sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the course is FREE states Mrs. Janet Thomas,

County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Sciences. Mrs. Thomas will be the instructor and each class session will have helpful handouts on budgets and financial planning for individuals and families.

The first session on April 4th will cover "Using Financial Services - - Checking Accounts" You will learn: how to establish and manage a checking account; making deposits; correct way to write checks; correct way to endorse checks; how to reconcile a bank statement.

The second session on April 11th will cover "Managing Your Money". This session will include: assessing needs and wants; budget and cash flow planning.

The last session on April 18th will certainly generate lotsof interest

states Mrs. Thomas. The final session will be "Reducing Expenses". This lesson will include: tips on how to make best buys; how to lower credit purchases; how to return faulty goods; money saving ideas; cost and consequences of writing a hot check.

Mrs. Thomas states that the course will be very basic and useful financial management for everyone whether you are a teenager or adult. Everyone that attends will receive a Financial Planning Notebook and budget worksheets for their personal use.

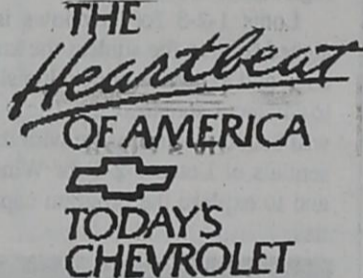
Extension Service programs serve people of all ages regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or nation origin. Mrs. Thomas states that persons wishing additional information about the classes are invited to contact her at (817) 629-2222.

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1229A	1992	GMC Safari Conversion Van	\$11,950
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Rites For Zula Ford Held At Carbon

Zula Jolene (Jo) Ford 92, a homemaker died March 31, at an Arlington hospital.

Funeral services were at 9:30 a.m. April 3, 1995 in Moore Funeral Home. Burial was at 1:00 p.m. Monday, in Murry Cemetery in Carbon.

She was born in Paducah, Texas and had lived in Arlington since 1977.

She was a member of Lake Arlington Baptist Church.

Zula was reared in Gorman and lived many years in Carbon.

Her husband Ira Ford, died in 1980.

Survivors are one son, Glen Ford of Arlington, one sister, Lyndel Stephens of Odessa. Five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was the aunt of Tommy Clark of Gorman and Doyle Lynn of Comfort.

County 4-H Members Present Program

The Eastland County 4-H Club members will have a "Show and Tell" program at the Kokomo Community Club Center at 4:00 p.m. on Monday April 10th.

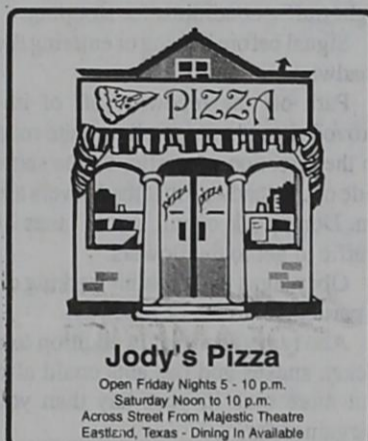
The Kokomo Family Community Education Club will be sponsoring and serving refreshments.

Earlier at 3:00 p.m. the Kokomo T.C.E. Club will have the regular monthly meeting at the Center.

Program Chairman, Anna Laura Clearman will give the program "True-Colors-Personality Tapes and How They Relate Colors."

Hostess are Nancy Hendricks and Naoma Morrow.

Reporter: Nancy Hendricks
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Floy Morrison Celebrates 95th Birthday



Floy F. Morrison, 65 year resident of this area until she relocated to Lake Fork two years ago, celebrates her 95th birthday March 30th.

Her family and friends from several different areas will honor her Saturday, April 1, 2-4 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Crenshaw, Lake Fork - Alba. Friends who would like to help her celebrate this landmark birthday may send cards or notes to Rt. 2, Box 293x, Alba, Texas 75401.

Floy's grand parents, Harry C. and Cynthia Ann Hamlin, settled in the Duster area in the 1870's, having come from Missouri. Her father, Pickney Francis Ford from Mississippi and Beatta Laura Hamlin had six children before Ford, licensed to treat patients and in medical training in Dallas, died having contacted typhoid fever from a patient. Floy, fourth of the six children was born in Anson in 1900 where Ford had a pharmacy.

At the age of 18, Floy married Felix Leslie Crenshaw, moved to East Texas, and had a daughter and two sons before Crenshaw died of the fever. Floy, at the age of 28, returned to this area with her children, ages eight, five and three. Leaving her children until her mother and stepfather, James Walker (Jim/Woody) she returned to East Texas to bring in the cotton crop before returning to Gorman to begin the process of raising her children.

She began work at Blackwell Hospital and five years later married Horace Morrison, who brought to the marriage a daughter. The marriage produced one child, a daughter who was eleven months old when Morrison was killed in a truck accident while transporting cattle to Ft. Worth.

Floy nursed in this area 47 years before retiring in 1975. Since that time she has continued her love of travel, but her real love is fishing. Many local residents will remember Floy and various fishing partners bringing in impressive fish for weighing.

While she still travels and fishes, she spends time fretting because, "They don't let me do anything." This spoken recently in reference to building fence and in spite of living alone, keeping her own house, tending her yard and flowers, crocheting, and quilting. She has completed three handmade quilts in the last year, quilting one out recently in two weeks. This past weekend she and three other generations of family visited the Dallas Arboretum. According to her daughter, "She walked all 66 acres and wore us out!"

Tennyson said it best in reference to this strong, gentle, caring woman: "Happy be with such a mother."

A long time member of the Gorman Church of Christ, she is presently a member of the Salem Church of Christ. She lives near her youngest son, Gene Crenshaw, enjoying the lake and country living.

Her children include Norma Clute, stepdaughter, Richardson; Patricia

F.C.E. Club Helps With 4-H Style Show

On Monday March 27th the Eastland County 4-H member competed in the County 4-H Style Show at the Carbon Community Center.

Gorman 4-H Club was the host.

The judging was at 5:00 p.m.

Refreshments were served and then the Style Show started at 7:00 p.m.

Winner will advance to the District 4-H Fashion Show which will be April 22 at Baylor University Campus.

Kokomo Family Community Education Club furnished some of the refreshments.

Kokomo F.C.E. Club ladies attending were Wynelle Brown and Mary Frances Bishop.

Reporter: Nancy Hendricks
President: Zelda Jordan

Nobody can be so amusingly arrogant as a young man who has just discovered an old idea and thinks it is his own.

—Sidney Harris

The fundamental secret of science is that seeking truth is more important than truth itself.

—Friedrich Nietzsche

Harrington, Tyler; Jo Underwood, deceased; Herbert L. Crenshaw, Lake Whitney; and James E. Crenshaw, Alba.

There are seven grandchildren, two deceased; ten great grandchildren; and eight great-great grandchildren.

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Property taxes on the residence homestead property of those persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older may be deferred or abated if they satisfy the requirements of the Texas Property Tax Code.

The property owner must (in most cases) occupy the residence homestead on which the tax is being levied or on which a suit has been filed for collection of delinquent taxes.

To obtain a deferral, the individual must file with the Chief Appraiser for the Appraisal District in which the property is located; an affidavit stating that he or she is sixty-five (65) years of age or older and that he or she does own and reside in the residence that the tax is being levied on.

If a suit has already been filed by a tax unit, the individual must file with the court in which the suit was filed the same type of affidavit.

By filing the affidavit with the proper authority, the payment of taxes or forced collections through suit is postponed until the person filing the affidavit no longer owns and occupies the property as a residence homestead.

It is emphasized that the tax is only deferred; it is not cancelled. A tax lien remains on the property and interest in the amount of eight (8) percent per year will continue to accrue during the period that the collection of taxes is deferred.

For information concerning the tax deferral or abatement, contact the Eastland County Appraisal District. The office is located on the second floor of the Eastland County Courthouse in Eastland, Texas. The telephone number is 629-8597.

Six Flags Presents 18th Annual Christian Weekend

Fun and fellowship will abound on Easter weekend as Six Flags Over Texas presents four of the top talents in contemporary Christian music at the 1-800-COLLECT Music Mill Amphitheater.

Carman, the master of musical story telling, will be the featured artist on Friday April 14, with performances at 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. On Saturday, April 15, Newsboys, Audio Adrenaline and PFR will round out the weekend with shows at 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. Concert tickets are \$4 plus park admission, and can be purchased at any TicketMaster outlet or at the Six Flags concert ticket booth during park operating hours.

The Arlington theme park's Christian Family Weekend, now in its 18th year, provides a wholesome setting for families to celebrate the Easter holiday while enjoying the best in Christian entertainment.

Carman has been a dominating talent in Christian music since the late 1980's and has now entered the literary arena as well with his book, **Raising The Standard**, published in 1994. He has sold over six million albums worldwide, released five bestselling videos, and twice has been named Contemporary Christian Artist of the Year by **Billboard** magazine.

The second night of Christine talent features a youthful trio of groups in the Newsboys, Audio Adrenaline, and PFR.

A five-man Australian band which relocated to America in 1989, the Newsboys are one of contemporary Christian music's hottest acts. Among their accolades is a 1993 Grammy nomination in the category of Gospel/Contemporary Rock Album of the Year for their album **Not Ashamed**. Their latest release, **Going Public**, was in the Top 20 of **Billboard's** Contemporary Christian Album chart for more than 70 weeks, topping out at the number 2 spot.

Although the band loves to have fun with their music, it doesn't keep them from dealing with serious issues.



Their ultimate goal is to gain a platform that allows Christians to speak out about the issues that are critical to their lives.

A group of formerly unknown youth-leaders - tuned singers, today PFR is

igniting a diverse array of audiences with their fresh approach to pop/rock music. From college students to the thirty-something crowd, PFR's refreshing musical approach is winning fans of every nature.

DISTRICT 8 4-H FASHION SHOW

The District 8 4-H Fashion Show will be on Saturday, April 22nd on Baylor University campus, Waco, Texas. Eastland County will be well represented. Participating will be: Kirby Bush - Rising Star 4-H Sr. Buying (Casual); Hannah Nicks - Nimrod 4-H - Sr. Construction (Casual); Racheal Bush - Rising Star 4-H - Sr. Construction (Specialty); Lacy Knight - Rising Star 4-H - Intermediate Buying (Specialty); Blair Bailey - Rising Star 4-H - Intermediate Buying (Specialty); Jayce Blair - Olden -

Intermediate Buying (Formal); Miriam Nicks - Nimrod 4-H - Intermediate Construction (Casual); Candi Ross - Eastland 4-H - Junior Construction (Casual); LeAnne Gibson - Rising Star - 4-H - Construction (Dressy)

Mrs. Janet Thomas, County Extension Agent, will be attending as a judge.

We wish these 4-Hers Good Luck!

DISTRICT 4-H LEADERSHIP LAB

The annual District 8 4-H Leadership Lab will be held at the Texas 4-H Center on May 31 - June 2. Registration will be at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 31st. A noon meal will be served to the participants on Wednesday. Lab will adjourn at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 2.

A County quota is 10 delegates. Preferences should be given to District 8 Council Delegates and to County Council members especially officers. However, participation is not limited to Council members. In order to participate a 4-Her should be 14 years of age.

The cost is \$62.00. The Eastland County 4-H Parent/Leader Association will pay one-half of your expenses...you will only pay \$31.00.

Pre-Registration is due on or before Tuesday, April 25. To pre-register please call the Extension Service Office, 629-1093 or 629-2222.

We want to have Eastland County represented!! We are counting on you.

RESULTS OF EASTLAND COUNTY FASHION SHOW

Eastland County Fashion Show was held on March 27th at the Carbon Community Center. Gorman 4-H Club was the host club and Kokomo FCE members helped with refreshments.

Fifteen 4-Hers participated in the show. Results are as follows:

Seniors
Buying - Casual - Kirby Bush - Rising Star 4-H Club - 1st Place; Construction - Casual - Hannah Nicks - Nimrod 4-H Club - 1st Place

Intermediate
Buying - Casual - Lacy Knight - Rising Star 4-H Club - 1st Place; Amy Agnew - Rising Star 4-H Club - 2nd Place; Buying - Specialty - Blair Bailey - Rising Star 4-H Club - 1st Place; Stefanie Hernandez - Nimrod 4-H Club - 2nd Place; Buying - Formal - Jayce Blair - Olden 4-H Club - 1st Place;

Construction - Casual - Miriam Nicks - Nimrod 4-H Club - 1st Place; Jessica Norris - Carbon 4-H Club - 2nd Place

Juniors
Construction - Casual - Candi Ross - Eastland - 4-H Club - 1st Place; Kristal Brown - Carbon 4-H Club - 2nd Place; Ashley Tucker - Carbon 4-H Club; Jessica M. Harris - Rising Star 4-H Club; Construction - Dressy - LeAnne Gibson - Rising Star 4-H Club - 1st Place



Janet Thomas
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Leadership Conference Set

An Eastland County Youth Leadership Conference is scheduled for April 6th on the campus of Cisco Junior College. The Conference theme "POSITIVE ACTION BY YOUTH" will address key issues that affect today's teenagers. The Conference will be attended by over 500 seventh and eighth grade students from Cisco, Gorman, Eastland and Ranger school districts.

Keynote address will be nationally known speaker, Pat Socia, who conveys a very important and effective message on the reality of teen sexual-

ity. In a time when our young people are facing unprecedented pressures to be sexually active, Pat Socia, lecture includes an important message of how to resist sexual pressures. Pat Socia is nationally-known author and former middle and high school teacher. She has been a public speaker for the past 15 years and shares her important message across the United States to over 250,000 teens each year.

The teenagers will also be involved in a workshop conducted by Ken Serrano and Steve Medel, of Prevention Education Associates from Austin. Serrano and Medel are effective instructors providing teens with the "tools" and knowledge to resist negative peer pressure as it relates to teen drug and alcohol use, violence, teen pregnancy, etc. Teenagers participating in the workshop learn appropriate communication skills, self-esteem, and being responsible for their own behavior.

Appearing for the first time in Eastland County will be a college drama group from West Texas A & M University at Canyon, Texas. This group is called "Chillin' Time". Their presentations are outstanding and address the issues that teenagers are facing today and how to turn negative pressure into positive behavior.

The Conference is planned by the Eastland County Parenting Education Coalition (whose motto is Positive Action For Youth) states Mrs. Janet

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There are laws against damaging or destroying rights-of-way and government property -- so pick a few flowers, but don't dig up clumps of them and don't drive your vehicle into the midst of them. Remember, Mother Nature and in many cases, your fellow Texans, scattered wildflower seeds along medians and roadways so that everyone could enjoy spring flowers.

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There are laws against impeding traffic -- so be careful about slowing down to enjoy the view. Pick areas with light traffic conditions for stopping.

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Obeys signs that prohibit parking on a particular stretch of roadway.

And remember that in addition to a ticket, snakes and fire ants could also put more blue in your day than you bargained for.

Rendition Deadline Near April 14th

The deadline for business personal property renditions to be filed is April 14, 1995. The Texas Property Tax code requires that all Texas business owners render their business personal property by that date.

Renditions were mailed out to local business owners in January of 1995 by the Eastland County Appraisal District. If you did not receive one or need assistance in completing the form, please contact the Eastland County Appraisal District at 629-8597 in Eastland, Texas. The office is located on the second floor of the Eastland County Courthouse.

Thomas, Eastland County Extension Agent. Also serving as advisor and assisting with this coalition is the Region 14 Education service Center Drug-Free School and Communities program coordinator Lucy Smith from Abilene. The coalition members include school counselors, school principals, parents, and church/community leaders.

Pat Socia is no stranger to Eastland County parents and youth. She was in Eastland County two years ago and was a speaker for the Positive Action For Youth Conference which was attended by over 180 adults. Following the Conference, she made a presentation to high school youth in each of the county's five school districts.

Parents who would like to attend the Conference on April 6 are welcomed. Pat Socia's presentation will be at 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the main auditorium in the Harrell Fine Arts Building on the campus of Cisco Junior College.

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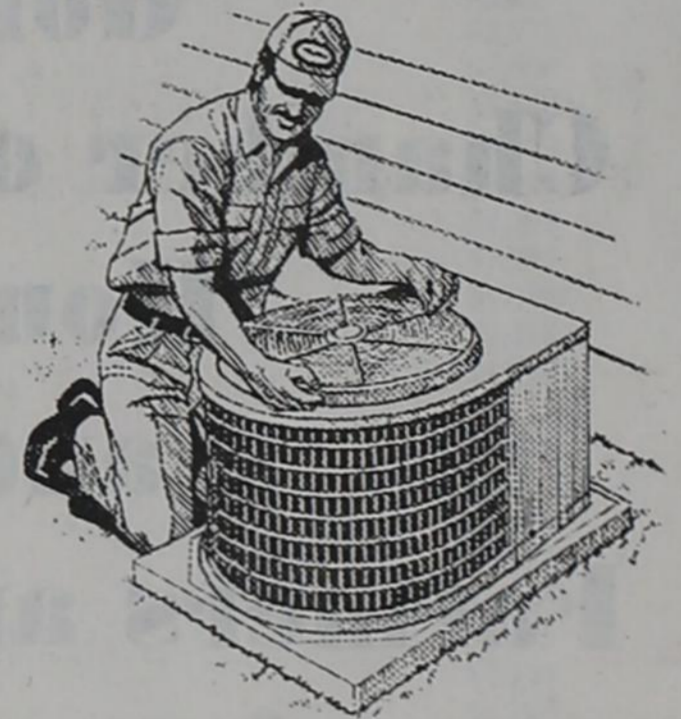
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OSHA is in Need of an Overhaul

Cynics say "No good deed goes unpunished." Although I am anything but a cynic, I know of no better illustration of that attitude than the way the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has interpreted congressional good intentions regarding worker safety.

In 1994, Competition Roofing Inc., Houston, was cited by OSHA 23 times for a grand total of \$13,000 in fines for: a cut in the insulation of an extension cord that was no longer in use (three violations), a bent rung on the bottom of a ladder (four violations) and a splintered handle on a broken shovel discarded in the back of a truck (\$400 fine).

OSHA is a prime example of the need for fundamental reform of our federal regulatory system. As much as any government agency, OSHA has come to symbolize what is wrong with the process.

OSHA's mission of reducing occupational hazards which result in injury and illness is a worthy one. But in practice, as one of the government's most aggressive, not to say confrontational, regulators, OSHA's enforcement methods have become increasingly arbitrary.

So on March 22 I introduced a bill to reform the 1970 Occupational Safety and Health Act. The purpose of my bill is clear cut: Through the application of common-sense tests for federal involvement, and by encouraging cooperation rather than confrontation, I believe we can make worksites both safer and more productive.

The act was never intended to give government permission to play "gotcha" with employers. But unfortunately, the way it is being enforced provides an example of regulatory excess that puts Americans out of work, lowers productivity and hampers the economic competitiveness of our country.

My bill would re-establish the original intent of Congress by removing some of the U.S. Department of Labor's discretionary rule-making power. It would clarify court rulings on workplace safety and instill a common-sense approach to achieving safety standards.

Among other provisions, the measure would reverse OSHA's current practice of establishing de facto quotas for bringing complaints against employers.

In Texas, an OSHA compliance officer from the Corpus Christi Area Office has stated under oath that OSHA area directors are under enormous pressure to produce high numbers of citations and penalties — regardless of actual workplace conditions. He made it clear that OSHA employees' job performance evaluations apparently depend on meeting certain internal quotas. This same compliance officer also testified that his supervisor had directed him to cite companies even when both the supervisor and inspector knew full well the firms had not violated any regulation and did not warrant a citation.

These are the kinds of practices that arbitrarily jeopardize businesses and the livelihoods of all who depend on them. This isn't supposed to happen in America — and it is the job of Congress to make sure it doesn't.

DESEMOMONA NEWS

VONNIE GUTHERY - PHONE 758-2665

Desdemona Annual Cemetery Working will be Saturday, April 15. Business meeting at 11:00 a.m. followed by a covered dish luncheon at the First Baptist Church Annex. Make plans to attend.

First Baptist Church Acteen's, His Kids and other helpers was busy on Saturday, April 1st picking up trash along both sides of the highway 16. This group has chosen a two mile area as their project and they do a fine job. We appreciate these helpers and their leaders to help keep our community clean. They all enjoyed a picnic lunch later at the Church fellowship hall.

"Happy Birthday" to our niece, Tami (Keith) Sanders on Saturday, April 8th from Uncle Pug and Aunt Koone Guthery of Hogtown U.S.A.

Sylvia (Lewis) Hodges is now a patient in the Gorman Rest Home. Her brother, Rudolph "Skinnie" Lewis has been a patient there for several months. Remember these and other "shut-ins" with your cards and visits.

"Open House" was Sunday, April 2, 1995 in the beautiful new home of James and Freda (Lewis) Riggs in downtown Desdemona. Many relatives and friends attended. James graduated with the Class of '52 and Freda was in the Class of '57 from D.H.S. Their children are Mike Riggs of Desdemona, Sherry (Riggs) Bibby and Steve Riggs both of De Leon.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Neta (Morrow) Gee, 93, of Ranger who was buried Tuesday, April 4, 1995 in the Howard Cemetery north of Desdemona. Survivors include two daughters, Frances (Gee) Friday of Fort Worth; Shirley (Gee) Prater of


Bowie; a sister, Bobbie (Morrow) Adams of Fort Worth. Preceded in death by her husband, Frank Gee and daughter, Betty Fay (Gee) Higgins. These families are former residents of

Desdemona. Desdemona Volunteer Fire Department sponsored a "Fish Fry" on Saturday April 1st, 1995 at the Community Center. A very large crowd attended - served approximately 450 plates. Good

food was enjoyed by all. All proceeds goes to buy new equipment. Our community is very proud of these volunteer firemen. They have worked very hard and now have two trucks ready to go when needed. Your donations and support is appreciated.

Winnie (Carter) Rainey and Roger Lynn Rainey of Stephenville; Charles and Wanda (Fox) Tilford of Graham ate lunch at Desdemona "Shorty's Place" Cafe on Monday Winnie graduated with the class of '38 and Wanda graduated with the class of '57.

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Alert To Women: Watch Your Social Security

Women need to be especially alert to their Social Security rights and responsibilities to get the most out of their Social Security protection. Although Social Security is the same for men and women, difference in lifestyles and work patterns that characterize the genders can mean different

patterns of Social Security benefits and coverage.

For example, women are more likely to qualify for benefits on the basis of their husband's earnings than men are to qualify for benefits on their wife's earnings. Women may qualify for spouse's benefits, mother's benefits, widow's benefits or a divorces spouse benefit. This means that women need to be aware of how Social Security treats them as workers, wives, widows, divorced wives and mothers.

If you chose to be a homemaker, you are covered under Social Security through your husband's work. When the family income is reduced because of his retirement, death or disability, you may qualify for Social Security benefits at age 62, at any age if you have minor children in your care receiving benefits, or as early as age 60 as a widow, or from age 50-59 as a disabled widow. However, if you divorce after less than ten years of marriage, you may have to earn your own

Social Security protection.

If you chose a career outside the home -- about 60 percent of all women do -- you earn Social Security protection of your own for yourself and your family. If you die or become disabled, your children get benefits until they're 18, or 19 if still in school. Your husband could also qualify for benefits on your earnings.

If you alternate between a career and homemaking, you need to be aware that you can maintain your full Social Security protection with a little attention. Any Social Security credits you

earn remain on your record, and after ten years of work in which you have earned the maximum of four credits each year, you are fully insured for retirement, disability, and survivors benefits. But for disability benefits, you also need to have recent work. For example, if you're over 30, you need the maximum amount of credits for five out of the last ten years (20 credits). Younger workers need less, as little as six credits for a year and a half of work under age 24.

If you qualify for benefits both as a spouse and as a worker, you get the higher of the two. That is, you get your own benefit plus the difference between the two. Whether to take a benefit on your own earnings or a spouse's benefit may be more complicated than that, however. For example, if you take a widow's benefit at the earliest possible age, age 60, it is reduced to 71.5 percent of the worker's benefit. But if you take it at age 65, you get 100 percent of the deceased worker's benefit.

The important thing is that you recognize the need to stay on top of your Social Security protection. One way to begin is to call Social Security and ask for the booklet, Social

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