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## Family ready to move into new home

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Denise Galvan and family will soon come home to their newly built Habitat for Humanity house.

Denise is this year's Habitat home recipient. The home is complete, with construction starting April 6 and the dedication ceremony June 30. The closing was last week, but Denise and her children are waiting for the move-in so they can do it together.

"My two little girls have visitation with their dad through court," she said. "I promised them I won't move in until we could all stay the first night together."

Denise has three school-aged children — Anjelica, 17, Teresa, 11, and Beatriz, 7. Her oldest daughter, Katie, is 24 and living with Denise while finishing up the nursing program at NCTC.

For Denise, receiving the home was a weight lifted off her shoulders. The last few years, she and her kids have lived in a rundown house in Graham that was purchased before she divorced.

"We bought it to tear it down, and me and girls ended up moving in," she said. "We had several issues, like walls that caught on fire, cracks in the floor, holes in the floor. There was no carpet; it was all concrete or plywood. And critters could crawl through." She said she had been sleeping



Denise Galvan (center) stands with her daughters (clockwise from right) Katie, Teresa, Beatriz and Angelica in front of the tree she received as a gift from her coworkers to commemorate the beginning of the family's new life. Denise is this year's Habitat for Humanity home recipient and will be moving into her completed home soon. (Photo by Cherry Rushin)

on the sofa for about three years. The girls had beds, but in the winter, the house was so drafty that Denise would blanket off the doorways and everyone would

sleep in the living room. But that's in the past now. "I'm excited not to worry," De-

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## Bullock presents proposed budget

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County Judge John Bullock presented his proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year to the Young County Commissioners Court Monday.

Notable changes from the previous budget include a complete zeroing out of the indigent health care budget. With the creation of the Graham Hospital District and the existence of the Olney Hospital District, Young County is effectively relieved of the responsibility, according to Bullock.

Last year, \$160,380 was budgeted for indigent health care, and of that amount, \$44,146 has been spent to date.

Bullock also noted an estimated 5 percent increase in anticipated insurance fixed costs and an increase in the medical portion of the premium.

His budget also calls for the re-establishment of the county elections administrator and states that

"there will be no effect on the county clerk's budget or the tax assessor/collector's budget because they are budgeted separate and apart from the respective offices they are assigned to."

Bullock's budget raises more total property tax than last year's budget by \$137,028 or 2.4 percent of the \$11.9 million budget.

But with \$20 million in added property value within the county, the proposed tax rate is lowered from the current year's 65.5 cents per \$100 of valuation to 59.2 cents.

Bullock's budget reflects annual salary increases of \$1,970 for the two constables, and a \$2,517 increase for the county attorney who also will receive a raise from the state supplement in the amount of \$3,750 to \$5,000 this year.

After the judge presented his budget, Dayne Miller, county attorney, was the first to speak, requesting that his salary be commensurate with that of the assistant district

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## Request to repair, use old jail generates discussion

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A item in the county judge's proposed budget garnered a great deal of discussion among the Young County Commissioner's Court Monday.

Judge John Bullock has proposed \$177,000 toward repair and use of the old jail building at 502 Second St.

"I want to repurpose the law enforcement center," Bullock said. "I think, with minimum modifications, we could alleviate storage problems. The cells would work well for an archive-type facility."

He added that with the district and county courts operating at a good pace, the adult probation case load is growing and the department has outgrown its available office space.

"Something needs to be done, and it is a substantial structure," Bullock said. "I have two professionals

that gave the opinion it's not wise to destroy the structure. It's being used for randomly storing records now. The cost of what repairs need to be made would be minimal and very efficient. This is the third time I've suggested it."

Of the proposed \$177,000 budgeted, \$160,000 would be used for repairs with the bulk of that going to repair the roof.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Jimmy Wiley said two architects told him it would cost a minimum of \$500,000 to get the building in shape.

"I have a problem in that this court said it wasn't deemed sufficient so the new facility was built," Wiley said.

"It was deemed unfit as a jail. It was problematic in the area of confinement," Bullock said. "But as a dry storage, I think it should be managed, instead of just watched

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## Second fundraiser to benefit Humane Society

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The Humane Society of Young County will get an extra boost Saturday.

In addition to the HSYC's fundraiser, the local Holiday Inn Express will also hold a bake sale fundraiser from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 20, in the parking lot at Walmart.

"We're all animal lovers here," said Deniece Gomez, guest services manager at Holiday Inn Express. "We were talking about it this morning and decided to go ahead and do a bake sale to help the Humane Society. We asked them about it, and they said they would appreciate it."

Employees will also accept cash donations and dog/cat items to be

given to the HSYC.

At about the same time, the Humane Society will have a Fill-the-Truck fundraiser from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday on the Graham Downtown Square. HSYC will accept items, including cat litter, kitten chow, bleach, dog treats/chews, toys, Walmart or Tractor Supply gift cards, cash and any pet-related product and cleaning supplies. There will be a \$10 dog wash and flea/tick dip, and a bake sale.

"This Saturday in Graham will be like a Humane Society Saturday," Gomez said.

To adopt an animal or make a donation at another time, visit the Humane Society at 120 Craig St. or call (940) 549-1692.



Two fundraisers Saturday morning will benefit this dog and the other animals at the Humane Society of Young County. (Photo by Cherry Rushin)

## Young County Arena events bring visitors to Graham

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With more events to come, the Young County Arena has had a busy year so far.

"We've really been busy since the spring with the rodeos and the cowboy mounted shootings," said Tony Fellows, general manager of the Young County Arena. "I had a new show this year, a new running horse show guy and a new working cow horse show. Both of those were extremely big."

Fellows said that the past events brought many people to Graham.

"We had World Series Team Roping, and we had over 3,200 ropers for three days," he said. "Then right after that, we had a huge calf roping, which we had a total of 500 calf

ropers—that's a four-day show. We had approximately 2,500 runs in it. It's hard to put an exact number of people that have been through here so far this year, but it's way better than it has been—about several thousand people."

Past events at the Young County Arena include the TOBRA Barrel Race, Ultimate Calf Roping, Texas State Championship Cowboy mounted shoot, SRCHA Working Cow Horse Show, Reining Horse Show, World Series Team Roping, Texas Smokin' Guns, Cattleman's Derby and Classic, Young County Junior Livestock Show, 11th annual Knights of Columbus Rodeo, the Young County Fair, Monster Truck Show and the B&B Gun Show. Repeating events include the Red River Cutting Associa-

tion, the tie down roping event, Kid's Junior Rodeo Association (during the school year), Possum Kingdom Cutters and 4-H archery. The World Series Team Roping event is one of the larger events that is held at the arena.

"From the World Series, we've had people come from California, Florida, Tennessee, New Mexico and from almost all over the United States."

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The Six White Horses of Hardin Simmons University perform during the 11th annual Knights of Columbus Rodeo in April at the Young County Arena. The arena hosts a slew of events, most of which are free to the public to watch.

(Photo by Julianne Murrah)



### Local Forecast

Wed 7/17	Thu 7/18	Fri 7/19	Sat 7/20
85/70	88/70	92/70	94/70
Mostly clear with a few clouds.	Mostly clear with a few clouds.	Mostly clear with a few clouds.	Mostly clear with a few clouds.

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### Weather

	High	Low	Rain
Tuesday, 7/9	101	76	0
Wednesday, 7/10	105	80	0
Thursday, 7/11	102	79	0
Friday, 7/12	103	74	0
Saturday, 7/13	105	77	0
Sunday, 7/14	88	66	1.16
Monday, 7/15	72	65	.87

Rain: Month 2.05 • Year 17.62  
Lake Graham at capacity: 1,075,000  
Current level: 1,067.69  
Temperatures and rainfall provided by the National Weather Service.

### NEWS BRIEFS

**FSA reporting deadline extended to Aug. 2**  
Farmers and landowners have until Friday, Aug. 2, to submit their annual report of acreage to their local Farm Service Agency county office. The extension applies only to the FSA reporting deadline; the acreage reporting requirement for crop insurance was not changed from July 15. For more information about the deadline and reports, call the Young County FSA at (940) 549-6524.

**PK VFD to have moving sale July 20-21**  
The Possum Kingdom East Volunteer Fire Department and EMS Auxiliary will hold a two-day half-price fund-raising moving sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 20-21, at the fire station, 358 N. FM 2353.

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