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nise said. "I'm excited for the stability and security for my kids. They're everything to me, and they haven't had a very good living situation for the last few years. That's the most important thing to me."

Denise works as a translator and receptionist for Graham Regional Medical Center's Young County Family Clinic. Her coworkers have supported her throughout the Habitat process, including a most meaningful finishing touch.

"The two little girls decided that when we got approved we were going to start a new life," she said. "And they were going to plant a tree to start that new life with us. All of my coworkers donated to buy us a tree, and it's planted out front. We're starting over and starting new."

Denise was selected to receive this year's house after submitting her application last July. She was required to perform 300 hours of "sweat equity" toward the completion of her home. A third of the "sweat equity" must be performed before the slab for her house was poured.

She volunteered throughout town at various nonprofits, including for the Caleb Larson Memorial Cancer association and the friendship meals at the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches.

Working alongside her in completing her home were volunteers from day sponsor organizations which include churches, civic clubs, and business clubs.



Denise Galvan's daughters (from top) Anjelica, Teresa and Beatriz remove masking tape from the baseboards after painting Anjelica's room. The family has enjoyed making their new Habitat House a home. (Photo by Cherry Ruskin)

"None of this could happen without all the help," Denise said. "It's amazing that people can go out of their way to make a dream come true for a family they don't even know. It means so much to us."

The average Habitat home costs approximately \$56,500 to construct. Local donations from sponsors provide

100 percent of the total cost of construction. Home recipients assume a 20- to 30-year non-profit and no-interest mortgage.

All mortgage payments are deposited into the Habitat for Humanity of Graham revolving fund for Habitat's account which is used for expenses.

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If you are not ready for a hearing test, keeping a hearing journal is another great idea. A hearing journal is simply a record you keep of every time you experience difficulty understanding. You will most likely notice a pattern developing. Be sure to ask your family and friends to help you track the times you struggle or ask them to repeat. Above all, be honest with yourself.

Share the journal with one of our hearing specialist and they will be happy to discuss your troubles and options.

Here at Family Hearing Center we offer free demonstration trials of our recommended hearing devices. So each of our patients has the opportunity to try out what we recommend, no money involved, no strings attached. Our feeling is that our recommendations are nice, and hopefully helpful, but we are much more interested in how our suggestions work for you in your home, at church, with your family, in your car, at work, and anywhere else you are struggling. After about one week we will meet together and evaluate the experience, and decide together on the next step. In the end we are looking for the best, long-term solution, offering the most benefit for each patient.

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Arena

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States," Fellows said. "We had people here from Hawaii. The thing about that roping is that it's a huge payout. At the end of the year, the finals are in Las Vegas at the National Finals Rodeo. That's why you get so many people going to these. They are ropers that are trying to make finals. It's all money earned. We didn't hardly have any parking lot left. We had everything full. We leased out everything we could have."

With more shows to come, Fellows said that these events have helped Graham's economy.

"We just want the people to be aware of what's going on," he said. "The economic impact of all these people coming to a small community is a lot. It can't do anything but help the economy. That's new money coming in. They're spending money at our restaurants, hotels and just about every place in between. A lot of the ladies like to come in and shop while their husbands

rope. Most of our stuff here is equestrian. People come in for three to four days and stay. That's what you want people doing. When they come to your community to stay, they're spending money."

Fellows said that these visitors have had nothing but good things to say about Graham.

"They've said a lot of positive things about Graham," he said. "They do want to come back."

Future events at the arena include more calf roping, the Region III High School Rodeo, the Arena X Motor-sport event, horse shows, another gun show, Santa Shootout, prospect show, 4H truck drawing, Rotary Wild Game Dinner, Texas State Cattle Dog trials and even a Mexican bull fight complete with a concert.

"Ninety percent of this stuff doesn't cost anything to watch," Fellows said. "If anyone wants to come out and watch any of that stuff, it's all free to watch."

Fellows said that getting

some of these events to come to the arena can take a lot of time. It took three and a half years to get the World Series Team Roping event to Graham.

The Young County Arena is sought after for quality events — so much in fact, that other facilities want to know how the arena fares with business.

"Since we've built this one here, there's been a lot of facilities that come to me wanting to know how Graham does," he said. "They see what we're doing and try to copy us. There has been one like ours in another state. It's a pretty competitive market for these events. Everyone is trying to get the economic dollar. All of my competition is from out of town."

Fellows encourages all to check out the events at the arena. To view full slate of events, visit www.youngcountyarena.com/events. To reserve a portion of the arena for an event, call Fellows at (940) 521-0434 or 550-8790.

Budget

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attorney's, a difference of \$1,200. Healso wants his chief assistant's salary to match that of the district attorney's chief assistant.

Sheriff Bryan Walls expressed concern over the budget's elimination of two positions within in his department — assistant chief jailer and emergency management coordinator.

Bullock responded that he

took back the emergency management coordinator position as was his purview as judge. He said he removed the assistant chief jailer position because he believes Ken Cobb, who currently has the title of assistant chief jailer, is doing a fine job of running the jail and serving as chief jailer. Therefore, the county does not need both the chief jailer and the assistant chief jailer salaries.

"I believe that is used for salary manipulation," Bullock said.

Walls said he has requested that the chief jailer salary be renamed to more accurately reflect its recipient, Capt. Tim Bay, who is the chief investigative officer but receives the chief jailer's salary.

County budget business will be ongoing in the coming weeks with final adoption tentatively scheduled for Monday, Aug. 26.

Old jail

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deteriorate." Wiley said he'd like to see it levelled and the area made into a park.

"The shell, the outside hull is OK, but there are electrical, water and sewer problems since the time of inception," he said. "I don't believe in throwing good money after bad."

Bullock said that with a new

roof and plumbing modifications the facility could be repurposed.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Stacey Rogers said he doesn't think it should be levelled, but suggested something should be done to save it.

"I find value in the slab and the walls and the roof. I don't think it should be dozed down," he said. "We need to get a roof on it. We could do this in stages. I feel like it's

over there ruining." Bullock said the architect he spoke to, told him he could replace the roof for approximately \$80,000.

Before the meeting adjourned, commissioners toured the old jail to get an idea of issues with the building.

Beginning with the Sunday, July 21, edition, *The Graham Leader* will present a series on the jail issue.

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