

LOCAL

# HISTORY YOU DIDN'T LEARN IN SCHOOL

## "Bosque County Raids"

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"We found them, dead, scalped and raped," reports came from Bosque County in 1857. A Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Lemly were kidnapped from their homes along with the Lemly daughters but the two girls were released unharmed a couple of days later. The day after the girls' release, two Monroe boys died from an attack by the same natives. So naïve were the Indians, that they left a one hundred dollar bill of the boys behind, not understanding how much it would have bought them. That same night they murdered the young Knight boy and the next morning injured two Baptist preachers near the Bell County line. One of the two ministers was mortally wounded in the attack.

Locals followed as far as they could track and always noticed the trails headed toward the Indian reservation. Often, stolen horses were located there, also leading the whites to believe that what they called wild and tame natives worked together on their raids in Bosque County.

"You are greatly indebted to the reservation Indians," the interpreter informed the whites. "They risked their lives by taking your stock away from wild Indians so you can have your stock back. They have done you a favor so you owe them \$10 for every horse returned to you. "Good deal for somebody."

The whites suspicions were confirmed when Fred Gentry found his

"Fight it out where you are!", Corporal own horse on the reservation now owned by Comanche. Captain Preston and his neighbors killed four of the thieves they caught red-handed.

The Reservation War began when Captain Peter Garland mistook some reservation natives for unfriendly Caddo and attacked. Two of Garland's men died along with 10 Indians,

some women and children. Shortly, 700 settlers and 400 soldiers proceeded up the Clear Fork of the Brazos River. Soldiers killed some natives out-



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side the reservation, which caused reservation Indians to take part. After a fight of several hours, both sides had prisoners that they chose to execute rather than free or exchange. Soldiers recognized several dead beat whites who hung around the reservation fighting with the natives. Soldiers consolidated the natives of two reservations, for the Indians' protection, and

moved them from Texas to Fort Cobb in the Chick a saw nation.

During the Civil War, this regiment of soldiers was stationed from the Red River to the Rio Grande. Some soldiers felt this Indian hunting a waste of their time, so they resigned. On a wagon escort from Camp Cooper on the Brazos, to Gooch's ranch on the Red River, much native activity took place. Eight of Sergeant Erheuback's 10 men were seriously or mortally wounded. Eight of their 10 horses were also killed or wounded so the sergeant ordered "Retreat!". Miller shouted to his men. When the corporal called one man a coward, they tried to kill each other, but were prevented by their men. Miller's men fought four times their number, hand to hand, over/ five miles of open prairie.

Two days previous, twelve whites went out to locate runaway mules, only to encounter 100 warriors. Others heard the fight and raced to assist the twelve, just to witness the murder of three of them. Whites saw a chief whose headress consisted of feathers, stripped from the quills, tied to his hair. This ornamentation made his head, appear the size of a washtub, an easy target. Hair and feathers flew as the whites opened fire on the leader. Soon the native with the big hair was wounded and carried away by his men.

The next morning, the whites' horses were so stiff from so much fighting, they had to be helped to their feet, like old men. Before leaving the site of the battle, the whites buried their dead, using the only tools they had to dig with, butcher knives.

The last visits natives made to Bosque County, they stole many horses and raided several adjoining counties.

Source: Indian Depredations in Texas, J.W. Wilbarger, Eakin Press, 1888.

# Smith County, City of Tyler to sign interlocal ETJ agreement

This morning, officials from Smith County and City of Tyler were to have jointly signed an interlocal agreement for unified platting and subdivision approval for development that occurs within the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ). These amendments were unanimously approved by City of Tyler and the Smith County Commissioners Court earlier this month.

The agreement outlines guidelines for how the City and County will work together to maintain and monitor standards in construction of new subdivisions in the County, that may one day be annexed by the City. Also, the agreement promotes communication between County and City officials on infrastructure policy.

"The City and County have a long history of working cooperatively to simplify developing areas that lie within the County and City ETJ," said Tyler Mayor Barbara Bass. "This agreement formalizes processes that have long been in practice."

The Texas Local Government Code requires a municipality and county to enter into a written agreement that identifies the entity authorized to regulate subdivision plats and related permits for areas within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a city. The City of Tyler and Smith County have apportioned the ETJ, with the City regulating some areas and Smith County regulating others.

The original interlocal agreement was adopted in 2004.

"For the past two years,

we have worked closely with the City of Tyler and local developers in an attempt to revise this interlocal agreement related to development in the outlying parts of the County that fall within the City of Tyler's ETJ. This agreement is the culmination of that effort and really highlights how jurisdictions and organizations should work together on common interests. It will be beneficial for the citizens to know the roles of the entities in the development process, and it will assist developers in streamlining that process," County Judge Joel Baker said.

The resulting changes approved by the City Council and Smith County Commissioners Court are intended to streamline platting and permitting guidelines, clarify regulations, and continue cooperation between the governmental entities. Input was also obtained from the development community.

The new agreement will have an initial term of four years and will automatically renew for two additional four-year terms absent written notice from either party. The revised agreement provides that the City shall generally be responsible for regulating plats and subdivisions within the City limits, within ETJ Zone 2 (most areas outside of the City limits), and in ETJ Zone 4 (City land contiguous to Lake Tyler). Smith County shall generally be responsible for regulating in ETJ Zone 3 (areas within the Tyler ETJ created by the highway annexations of U.S. Highway 69 North and U.S. Highway 271 North).

# Bullard ISD Place 4 filed for, Diana Folmar ready

Diana Folmar, city court clerk, has filed to run for a Bullard Independent School District school board seat.

Folmar filed for the Place 4 spot held by Paul Stone.

"One of the reasons I want to get involved is

because I have kids in school system," she said. "I have a strong desire and commitment to see that Bullard continues to provide the highest quality public education. After all, it's the taxpayers who support the school system."

Folmar said she is not

looking to replace anyone currently on the school board and believes she can do as good of a job as anyone she would run against.

"As a board member, a person needs to be a team player but also maintain their individuality and have their own opinions about

things," she said.

Folmar said she would be the voice of concerned, making sure parents' concerns were brought up.

"I don't intend on coming in and making a whole lot of changes," Folmar said. "There aren't any particular gripes I have. The

school board has done a good job. If elected, I look forward to working on issues such as curriculum, budget and No Child Left Behind regulations."

In addition to her court clerk duties, Folmar is a member of the Texas Court Clerks Association and the

Texas Municipal Courts Association.

Before her position in Bullard, she worked for the Smith County District Attorney's Office.

"This is my first time running for office and I'm looking forward to it," Folmar said.

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