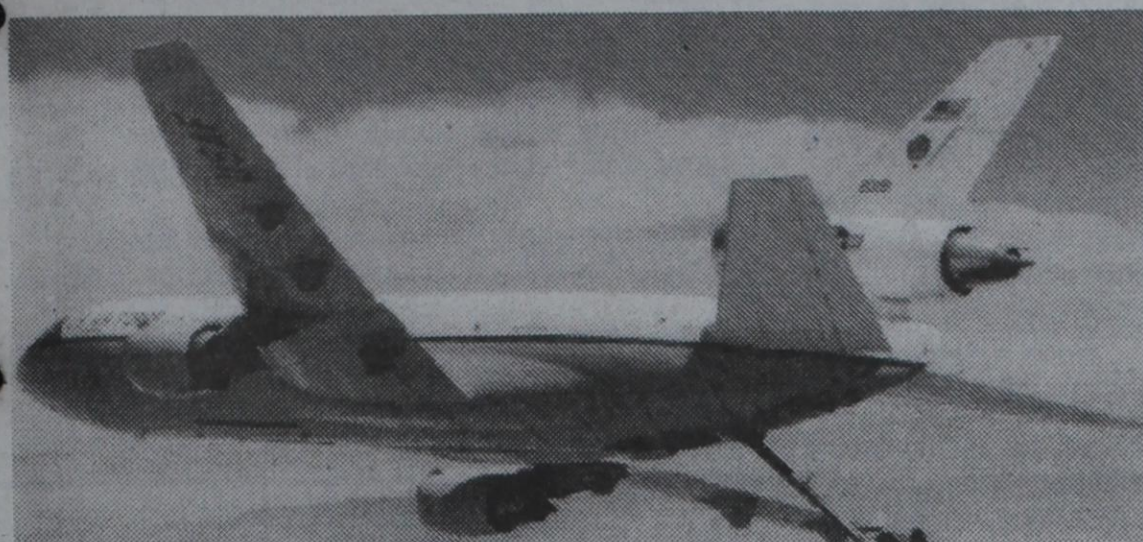


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Lt. Stephens will be training on this KC-10, an aerial tanker and cargo aircraft.

Lt. Chanse Stephens

He felt a calling for the wild, blue yonder

by Teresa Mesman

When Chanse Stephens graduated from Farwell High School in 1995, he took off to College Station to attend Texas A&M University.

He set his course of study in Agricultural Engineering and completed his degree program, graduating in December 1999.

But Chanse felt a calling to do something different with his life and his career plans. He decided to pair his passion in life with a career that would take him sky high.

2nd Lt. Chanse Stephens earned his wings as an Air Force pilot and will now be taking to the skies in one of the largest Air Force planes in the world.

During the summer of 1999, he took the Air Force officer and aptitude. This was the first step to becoming a military pilot. He went through an interview process, letters of recommendation and a thorough examination of his previous grades and activities. He was selected for officer training school in October '99 and was sent to Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama in January through April, 2000.

From there, he was sent to Vance Air Force Base in Enid, Oklahoma for Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training (JSUPT).

The 54-week training program consisted of officers representing the U.S. military Navy and Marine branches and various foreign military branches. There were 33 in his class and they learned everything about the science of flight.

"I mean everything," Chanse stated.

"It was a very academically based class where we intensively studied aerodynamics, navigation and much more," he said.

In addition to the classroom time, Chanse began training on the T-37. This is a plane that is nicknamed "The Tweet." In this, pilots are required to learn basic navigation, loops, rolls, spins, landings and formation flying.

Every aspect of his abilities in this plane were graded each and every time he took to the air. Chanse took to the air like a pro and was No. 1 in his class upon the completion of his training in April, 2001.

Because of his class status and his good grades, Chanse was given the privilege of selecting any aircraft he wanted to fly during a process called "Track Select."

Chanse evaluated his career goals and the needs of the Air Force and made the decision to fly the transport/tanker aircraft, the KC-10.

Because of his selection of the KC-10, Chanse was then put into training on the T-1 Jet.

This is a Beechcraft Business Jet series aircraft that extensively trains the pilots in crew management and navigation. Again, every aspect of his abilities and each flight he took in the aircraft was graded.

"These many months of training have really been a



The Stephens family got together for Chanse's military graduation. Pictured from the left are Kaci, Darrell, Eva Dean and Chanse.

great experience for me," Chanse said. "I've had my private pilots license since I was 16, but learning to fly for the military has been, and will continue to be, an entirely different experience. And it's one that I'm thoroughly enjoying."

Part of the training the pilots receive is in taking day trips and cross country trips in the aircraft. Two pilots are able to choose a location, plan and navigate the trip, and, after briefing their instructors as to their plans and coordinates, they take off.

"We were also graded for everything we did and presented," he said. "I was able to come see my sister, Kaci when she was home from Alaska for a few hours and I've gotten to go see some places I've never seen before."

Chanse had selected the KC-10 during the Track Select process in April of last year, but he didn't know until this past October if he had gotten his choice.

That question was answered during the Assignment night in early October. Chanse also remained top in his class through his graduation and the earning of his 2nd Lt. rank and wings on Oct. 26, 2001.

He was joined for his graduation by his family. Proud parents Darrell and Eva Dean Stephens of Farwell and his sister Kaci, who is teaching in the Yukon territory in Alaska were all present when he earned his wings and was given his station assignment.

Chanse has been stationed for training on the KC-10 at Travis Air Force Base in California.

The KC-10A Extender is an advanced aerial tanker and cargo aircraft designed to provide increased global mobility for the U.S. armed forces. The KC-10's primary mission is aerial refueling, but it can also combine the tasks of a tanker and transport aircraft by refueling fighters while simultaneously carrying the fighter support personnel and equipment on overseas deployments.

Incredibly, the KC-10 transfers fuel to the receiver aircraft at a maximum rate of 1,100 gallons per minute. Some of the KC-10 fleet have been modified to be able to refuel two aircraft at the same time through wing mounted pods. This hose and drogue WARP (Wing Air Refueling Pod) modification transfers fuel at a maximum rate of 470 gallons per minute. The KC-10 can also be refueled by a KC-135 or another KC-10 in increase its delivery range.

There are only two air bases that hold the KC-10 fleet - Travis AFB, California and McGuire AFB in New Jersey.

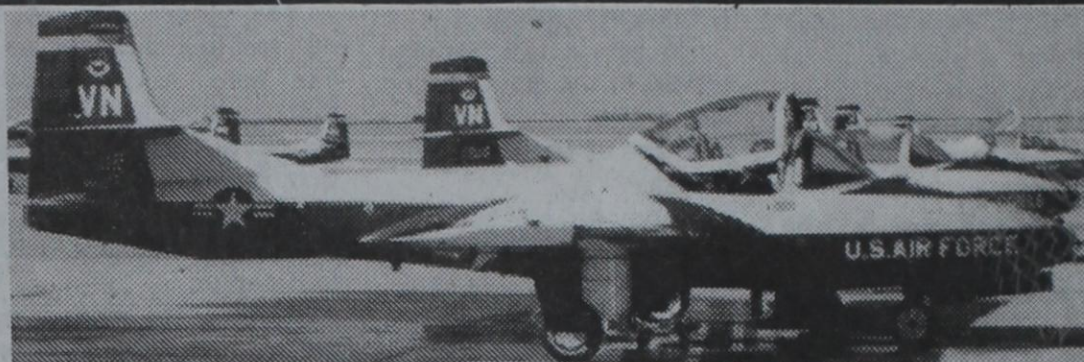
"One of the things that I have come to admire the most about the Air Force is the fact that the pilots truly love what they are doing and the particular airplane that they fly," Chanse commented. "I feel that I've made an excellent choice for myself. It's an aircraft that is challenging and much needed. I know that I'm going to enjoy every moment."

Chanse also commented on the comradery that exists in the Air Force. The commitment to service and to each other as a family and constant source of support are encouraging to all who are involved. He sees this as the icing to the cake of his career decision.

Chanse begins his training on the KC-10 on Feb. 20. He has gone out to Travis to find a place to live and get set up before it all begins. He'll be stationed at Travis AFB for about 3-5 years.

"Travis is a huge air base that is home to the big transports and tankers. It's also the home of the C5 Transport," Chanse explained.

Chanse is ready to take on this new challenge and is eager to get to work. He has proven his abilities so far and from this track record, he'll go far as a pilot in the KC-10.



The "Tweet" T-37B training plane



Chanse flew this T-1 jet to Lubbock to see his sister, Kaci for a few hours last fall. As part of his training, his crew could take day trips in the jet to various places. Kaci, who lives and works in Alaska, was home for few days and Chanse took the opportunity to come see her at the Lubbock Airport on Sept. 10.

Our war on terrorism branches out

As we all expected, the war on terrorism is branching out.

News reports say we have placed some military troops, for training practices, in the Philippines, and we are conducting military recon flights over Somalia.

That's a start.

But I sure hope that the U.S. doesn't lose its aggressiveness. In other words, don't let the State Department dictate foreign policy.

If we are going to defeat the terrorists, we must go on the attack. We cannot sit by and extend an olive branch to them.

Thus, we need more than just a few troops in the Philippines. We need to send in those big ol' bombs that kill within a 600-yard area.

Just pinpoint where

Border Banter

By Mike Pomper

those terrorists are, and drop a couple of the big bombs.

I'm sorry if there are hostages with the terrorists, but this is war. That's w-a-r. We cannot tread lightly, but must hit with a hammer. Hard. That's the only message terrorists understand.

Somalia will take more time. From what I read, the government there is a joke -- which has enabled terrorists to take a firm hold.

Somalia will be more like Afghanistan. We must equip a Somali army

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Dr. Franse to retire

The Farwell School Board on Jan. 17 received the resignation of high school teacher Dr. Lucille Franse.

Dr. Franse will retire in May after serving Farwell Schools for 33 years.

The board also accepted the resignation of junior high principal Jerry Dee Owen, which had been announced earlier.

The board approved Gary Cates as his replacement.

In other business, the

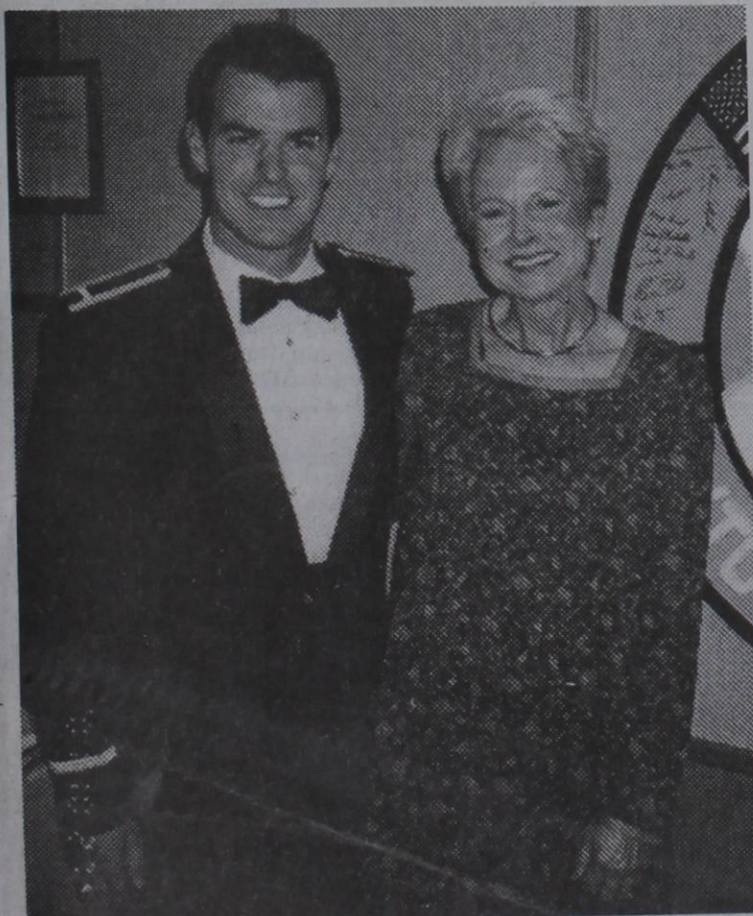
board:

-- Extended the contract of Supt. Larry Gregory through 2004.

-- Heard a report from high school counselor Weldon Killough on the Academic Excellence Indicator System -- the district's report card.

This report was given in the Tribune earlier this school year.

-- Designated capital outlay funds, as required by state statutes.



2nd Lieutenant Chanse Stephens and his mother, Eva Dean at the Dining Out Formal Banquet at Vance AFB. Chanse had just received his wings.

The Classifieds

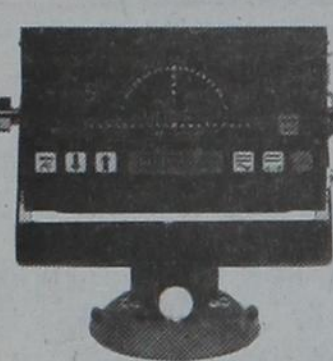
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AUCTION CALENDAR

Auction
Saturday, Jan. 26
10:00 a.m.
Located from Spade, (Intersection of Hwy. 168 & Hwy. 54) 1/2 mile west on Hwy. 54 or from Littlefield, 8 1/2 miles east on Hwy. 54.
Will sell, tractors, forklifts, cotton eqpt., pepper harvester, box-car, equipment, spray eqpt., trailers, tanks dry fertilizer spreader, conveyor, truck, pickups, Blazer (Salvage), irrigation, tractor toolbar makeups, shop eqpt.

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Auction
Thursday, Jan. 31
9:37 a.m.
Located: Brownfield, 4 1/2 miles northeast on US 385, then 1/2 mile west on CR 290 (Clements Road).
Tractors, harvest equipment, module builder, boll buggy, spray equipment, trailers, equipment, irrigation, tanks, pumps, pickup, golf cart, tractor and tool makeups, shop and non-classified.

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Auction
Tuesday, Jan. 29
10:00 a.m.
Real Estate
Farm Equipment
Spray Planes
Located from Plainview, 1 1/2 miles west on Hwy. 194, then 3/4 mile north on Co. Rd. T.
Will sell spray planes, tractors, antique tractors, cotton eqpt., pickup, equipment, spray eqpt., quonset barn, tanks, trailers, irrigation, tractor & toolbar makeup,
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NEW LISTING -- 9-plus acres south of Farwell, irrigated with 1995 Southern Energy mobile home, 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2-car carport, deck, central heat, refrigerated air, fireplace & storage building.

3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, stucco, single car garage, good neighborhood in Farwell. PRICED TO SELL!

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Bovina -- 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage, north of school.

PRICE REDUCED -- 640 acres, southeast of Bovina, 3 irrigation wells, 60 acres native pasture, 92 acres CRP. Good farm, owner says sell!!

JUST LISTED: 160 acres, irrigated, with circle sprinkler and one irrigation well. Southwest of Clay's Corner. Lays good.

160 acres irrigated, northwest of Clay's Corner. 2 irrigation wells, one circle sprinkler.

160 acres, irrigated, 3 wells, circle sprinkler, south of Lariat on highway.

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Bailey County -- 320 acres, nice brick home, large barn, 2 sprinklers.

Muleshoe area -- 1,600 acres with 100' x 7,500 feet of bunk space. 10 center pivot, 18 wells. Ideal wheat pasture & livestock place. **SOLD**

Parmer County -- 234 acres north of Progress. 2 wells, lateral move Zimmatic sprinkler. Good soil and water. Nice Farm. **SOLD**

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NEW LISTING -- Nice remodeled 3 bedroom, 3 bath, brick home, with den, living room, kitchen, built-ins, 2 car garage, fenced backyard -- all on corner lot in Farwell. It's a Must See! Call for details.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY -- Very nice 40'x70' insulated building on highway in Farwell. Restroom facilities, office, A/C & heating. 385' frontage. Building less than 2 years old. \$65,000.

Beautiful 4 bedroom, 3 bath home with 2 car garage, ref/air, central heat, large basement, fenced back yard, sprinkler system. Located on corner lot. Owner/agent. Call for details!

PRICE REDUCED -- Nice brick 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath home, central heat, ref. air, built-ins, 2-car garage, fenced backyard -- all in nice location in Farwell.

Nice 2 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath home, central heat, ref. air, built-ins, single car garage, fenced backyard. All in good location. Call for more details.

Nice 4 bedroom, 2 3/4 bath, brick home with central heat/refrigerated air, built-ins, fireplace, sprinkler system, built-in patio. All in great location. Call for more details.

Nice 4 bedroom, 1 bath, brick home, with central heat, single car unattached garage, nice location. All on corner lot. Priced to Sell!

Large 2 bedroom (could be 3), brick home with central heat & refrig. air, 1 3/4 bath, 2 living areas, office, 2-car garage, single car carport, fenced back yard, close to school.

Castro County -- 1350 acres, 10 circles, excellent water. Call for all details. **SOLD**

Castro County -- 495 acres, 3 8" wells, 3 circular sprinklers, some CRP, grass corners, 10 years left, excellent water. **IN CONTRACT**

JUST LISTED -- 320 acres, CRP grass, lays well, north of Bovina. Some depreciable assets -- 7 years left at \$39 per acre.

JUST LISTED -- North of Texico, 100 acres of native grass.

NEW LISTING -- South of Lubbock, 188 acres. 1 - 8" well, good water area. Lays well. \$800 per acre. **IN CONTRACT**

NEW LISTING -- Bailey County, 400 acres CRP, highway frontage, 6 years remaining. Priced at \$300 per acre. **SOLD**

NEW LISTING -- 640 acres NE of Farwell, 5 wells, 4 electric Valley sprinklers (2-owned by tenant) lays excellent. Call for details. **SOLD**

320 acres, Oklahoma Lane area, 2 sprinklers, 4 wells, lays well. Priced for immediate sale.

469 acres, West Camp area, 6 irrigation wells, 85 acres CRP - 8 years left, highway frontage, lays well! Set up for 2 sprinkler systems. Call for details.

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