

IN THE NEWS

Women vote and run in Kuwait poll for first time
Kuwait holds parliamentary elections on Thursday in which women can run for office and cast votes for the first time in a national poll in the oil-producing Gulf Arab country.

Israeli warplanes make "warning" flight over Syria
Israeli warplanes flew over one of President Bashar al-Assad's palaces on Wednesday to warn Syria against supporting Palestinian militants who abducted an Israeli soldier, the Israeli army said.

US urges Israel not to harm civilians in Gaza raid
The United States on Wednesday urged Israel not to harm innocent civilians as it prepared to widen an offensive in Gaza Strip.

Israel to widen Gaza offensive, militants await fight
Israel fired artillery shells into the northern Gaza Strip on Wednesday as troops and tanks prepared to widen an offensive aimed at forcing Palestinian militants to release an abducted soldier.

House votes to overturn mandatory gun locks
The U.S. House of Representatives voted on Wednesday to overturn a recently enacted law requiring safety trigger locks on all hand guns sold in the United States.

Some Democrats accused of surrender on Iraq
President George W. Bush accused some Democrats on Wednesday of wanting to "wave the white flag of surrender" on Iraq, and vowed that American forces would stay until the mission was complete.

Guilt helps Vietnam deal in Congress: senator
Guilty feelings about the U.S. war in Vietnam will help propel a trade pact with that country through Congress, but some obstacles remain, a top Republican senator said on Wednesday.

Too much of budget on autopilot: comptroller
The United States' fiscal problems require imposing meaningful spending controls and re-examining the largess of the three main federal health and welfare programs, the government's chief auditor warned on Wednesday.

Analyst sees iPod delay, Apple dips to 8-month low
Shares of Apple Computer Inc. on Wednesday fell to an eight-month low after a Wall Street analyst said updated versions of the popular iPod digital music player may be delayed.

How to squeeze more oil out of natural reserves
Creating artificial seismic waves, similar to those that occur during an earthquake, could help squeeze more oil from natural reservoirs, scientists said on Wednesday.

Finance: Knowing when to take a tax hit
Conventional wisdom holds that it's better to defer taxes as long as possible, but that's not always true. Sometimes you want to pay some taxes now, to avoid paying more later.

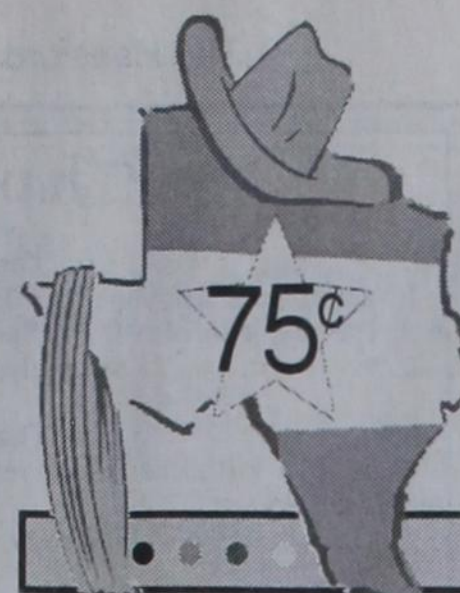
Supervalu outlines spending, store opening plans
Supervalu Inc. said on Wednesday it has earmarked \$1 billion of capital spending for its retail operations in fiscal 2007 as it integrates the stores it acquired from Albertsons Inc.

NASA taps British astronaut for key spacewalk
Perched on the end of a 100-foot (30-meter) pole, shrouded in darkness and floating in space, British astronaut Piers Sellers may be forgiven a moment of trepidation.

Secondhand smoke kills too: Surgeon-General
Secondhand smoke clearly kills people and the only way to control it is to ban all smoking in workplaces, U.S. Surgeon-General Dr. Richard Carmona said on Tuesday.

Experts call for computer imaging to halt outbreaks
Experts called on Tuesday for the use of computer imaging to track the spread of disease, such as bird flu, saying it can be used to identify areas of outbreaks so they can be ringfenced.

Red Sox spoil Martinez return to Fenway
Alex Gonzalez hit a two-run homer and Trot Nixon drove in a pair of runs as the Boston Red Sox spoiled Pedro Martinez's return to Fenway Park by hammering the New York Mets 10-2 in inter-league play on Wednesday.



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Three Gruver Greyhounds to continue athletic careers at collegiate level

Three 2006 Gruver High School Seniors, Laci Fitzgearld, Sheldon Atwood, and Reid Winger, will be continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level.

Laci Fitzgearld will be playing tennis for Howard Payne University in Brownwood. She was a 3 time District Champion and a 2 time Regional Champion while in high school. She advanced to the State Tennis Tournament her sophomore, junior and senior years. She brought home a bronze medal her sophomore year and won the 2006 Singles State Championship her senior year. She was also the Amarillo Globe News Female Tennis Player of the Year for the 2006 Season. Laci also represented the Lady Hounds in Cross Country, Basketball, and Track during her high school career. Laci is the daughter of Curt and Trisha Fitzgearld.

Sheldon Atwood will be playing football at Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell. Sheldon was a member of the 2005 District Champion Greyhound Football Team. During the 2005 season he led all Greyhounds in tackles with 118, had 2 sacks, 1 interception, recovered 2 fumbles, and on offense he averaged 7.3 yards per carry. He was also named 1st Team All-District Linebacker and 2nd Team All-District Fullback. Sheldon also represented the Greyhounds in Powerlifting, Track, and Golf during his high school career. Sheldon is the son of Frances Frost and Scott Atwood.

Reid Winger will be playing football at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Reid was also a member of the 2005 District Champion Greyhound Football Team. During the 2005 season led the defensive line in tackles with 84, had 3 sacks and recovered 3 fumbles. He was also named Unanimous 1st Team All-District Offensive Lineman and Unanimous 1st Team All-District Defensive Lineman. Reid also represented the Greyhounds in Basketball, Track, and Tennis during his high school career. Reid is the son of Davin and Teague Winger.

Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices.

Hutchison County was designated on May 15, 2006 as a primary disaster area due to damages and losses caused by fire and high winds on March 12, 2006.

Also eligible in Texas under the same weather condition because they are contiguous are an additional seven Texas counties. These counties are Carson, Hansford, Moore, Ochiltree, Potter, Roberts and Sherman.

Farmers may be eligible for loans up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least 30 percent loss of production due to the disaster to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those pro-

grams in determining their loss. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.

Applications for loans under these emergency designations will be accepted until January 16, 2007 but farmers should apply as soon as possible.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to be recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

For further information, you may contact James M. Heck at (806) 435-6597, ext 2 or contact your local FSA office and they will direct you to the Farm Loan Program office that handles your county.

7 on 7 Football Team Wins Tournament

by Brian Beck

On Saturday, June 17th, the Spearman 7 on 7 Football Ball Team played in a tournament in Amarillo.

The tournament started off with pool playing in the morning with the top two teams from each pool advancing to tournament play in the afternoon. The Spearman team placed 2nd in their pool behind Amarillo Palo Duro and advanced to the Small School Tournament bracket along with Friona, Idalou, and Bushland. In the tournament, the Lynx played Friona in the semifinals winning on the last play of the game (26-20). They then played Bushland in the championship game. Bushland jumped out to a (12-0) lead, but the Lynx responded by scoring 29 straight points to win the tournament by a score of (29-12).

Players that participated on the team were: Nic Avila, Chase Farrar, Aaron Maestas, Austin Benton, Collin Gillaspie, Zack Nollner, Roberto Flores, Fernando Flores, Lance Huddleston, and Rhett Renner. The team was coached by Kyle Nollner.

NOTICE!

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For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 659-3434, or e-mail to cathysmith@antden.com.

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South southwest wind around 15 mph.	South wind around 10 mph.
Friday: Partly cloudy and hot, with a high near 98. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.	Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.	Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 93.
Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 95. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.	Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 68. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.	Independence Day: Partly cloudy, with a high near 95.
Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 96.	Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 68.
	Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 94.

Hart To Meet With National Leaders in Washington D.C.



Trudy Hart

This summer, Trudy Hart, along with outstanding high school students from across the United States will take part in a unique leadership development conference in our nation's capital. During the 10-day program, the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC) will provide scholars with the opportunity to interact with a variety of personnel who operate within the three branches of government, the news media and the international community.

Also selected, but not attending are Ryan Ramon and Clayton

Smith.

"NYLC prepares students to serve our country well, whether that means as elected official in our nation's capital, as active members within communities around the world or as intelligent, creative and responsible members of the work force," said Mike Lasday, executive director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC), the organizations that sponsors the Conference. "Though a series of simulations, we place these young leaders in the proverbial driver's seat on a variety of issues facing our country today. Their determination, as shown within the Conference, is a good indicator of the types of leaders we will see in the future."

Past highlights of this program have included welcoming remarks by a current or former member of congress, made from the floor of the House of Representatives—a privilege that is seldom afforded to other groups. Students have also had opportunities to interact with prominent members of the Washington press corps at the National Press Club, in addition to meeting with senators and representatives or appointed staff members to discuss important issues facing the nation.

To compliment the schedule of special meetings and briefings, students will participate in a number

of leadership skill-building activities and simulations. In on role-play activity titled *If I Were President*, students act as the president and cabinet members responding to an international crisis. Students also participate in *Testing the constitution*, in which they examine actual Supreme Court cases. The Conference culminates with the *Model congress*, in which scholars assume the roles of U.S. Representatives and debate, amend and vote on proposed mock legislation.

CYLC is a non-profit, nonpartisan educational organization since 1985, the Council has inspired more than 200,000 young people to achieve their full leadership potential. 430 members of the U.S. Congress join our commitment by serving on the CYLC Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors. In addition, more than 50 embassies participate in the Council's Honorary Board of Embassies.

Trudy is a senior at Spearman High School. She is the daughter of Christy and Jerry Hart.

Ryan is also a senior at Spearman High School. He is the son of Kristi and Tindle Ramon.

Clayton is a 2006 graduate of the Top of Texas Accelerated Education Center in Perryton. He is the son of Gary and Cathy Smith of Spearman.

Africanized Bees appearance in Texas Panhandle calls for action

Bees confirmed as the Africanized strain have been found in the Panhandle, prompting a word of caution from a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

Dr. Carl Patrick, Extension entomologist in Amarillo, said this summer he has received two to three samples of bees a week to send for testing, compared to two to three a month in the past.

"We just need people to understand we have them (Africanized honey bees) in the area, and there will be bees throughout the Panhandle that act a little more aggressively than they have in the past," he said.

The first confirmed case was collected Jan. 30 in Armstrong County, Patrick said. Since then, bees from Amarillo in Randall County were collected and tested positive on April 19, May 16 and June 1.

"We knew they had moved as far north as Swisher County in the past years, but this is the first year they've been found this far north," he said. "We haven't received anything from the northern Panhandle, but we have to assume they run throughout the area now."

Distinguishing between native honey bees and the Africanized strain cannot be done visually, Patrick said. All bees must be sent to the Texas Honey Bee Identification Lab in College

Station to be confirmed through genetic tests or by measurements.

Africanized honey bees were brought to Brazil in 1956 to improve honey production of the European honey bee, he said. In 1957, containment measures failed and several swarms escaped into the countryside.

The Africanized bee passed on its aggressive traits through mating and began moving north at a rate of 200 to 300 miles per year, first entering Texas in 1990, Patrick said.

"These bees will not look different and the single bees out foraging among the flowers will not act any different than they always do," he said. "Usually, even the swarms you see in the open will not act any different."

The Africanized bees are more aggressive in protecting their brood, Patrick said. European honey bees may chase intruders up to 100 feet from the colony, but the Africanized bees will go as far as 400 feet.

The sting is the same whether the bee is European or Africanized, but many more bees will aggressively attack if it is the Africanized bee, he said.

"What we've learned over the years is certain things really irritate the Africanized bees," Patrick said. "They don't like small engines, such as lawnmowers, weed-eaters

and chainsaws."

Also, the European honey bees tend to nest aboveground in houses, trees or vacant structures, he said. In addition to those nesting sites, Africanized bees also nest in holes in the ground, irrigation pipes, control boxes and underneath houses.

Patrick offered some advice for individuals coming in contact with any bees:

- Stay away or get away as quickly and as far as possible.
- Get into a vehicle or house or if it is a brushy area, put as much brush between the source of the bees and yourself.

- Call 911 if you witness someone being stung, and be sure to tell emergency personnel exactly what the situation is so they can come prepared to deal with the bees when trying to administer aid.

- Scrape stingers from the body, don't try to pull them out. Each stinger has a venom sack and pulling only mashes more venom into the wound.

"People who know of an established colony should call someone in the pest control industry to take care of it," Patrick said. "It's not for the novice person to deal with. There are a few pest control folks who will do it. They charge, but to me, it would be worth it."

For more information on Africanized honey bees, go to: <http://honeybee.tamu.edu>

Texas cancer survivor featured in national network television program about American Cancer Society Relay For Life™

Bettina Wade, a cancer survivor from Quanah in west Texas, will be featured in the upcoming Discovery Health Channel program, "Relay For Life: Giant Steps" to air nationwide on the network on June 27 at 9 p.m. EDT/PDT and 8 p.m. CDT. Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's signature activity focused on celebrating cancer survivorship with more than 3 million participants in nearly five thousand communities nationwide.

"Relay For Life: Giant Steps" tells the compelling personal stories of five individual Relay cancer survivors and follows their journey through cancer diagnosis, treatment, and the search for information. One of those featured is local cancer survivor, Bettina Wade.

Bettina has had four bouts with cancer. Her first cancer treatment was surgery, leaving her with a permanent colostomy. Her second battle with cancer was of the adrenal gland, followed by a third diagnosis - thyroid cancer. Her fourth cancer diagnosis was gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST).

Bettina discovered the American Cancer Society Relay For Life signature event celebrating and honoring those touched by cancer. "I thought it fit me just perfect. I've always enjoyed outdoor activities, but most of all, the event is about a community that takes up the fight. I really thought that was what we needed to do. When someone in our community hears the words 'you have cancer,' I'd like for the image in their minds to be of a survivor celebrating at Relay going around a football field. Relay For Life is a healing time."

"I am excited to share my story through the Discovery Health Channel Relay For Life: Giant Steps program about the impact the American Cancer Society Relay For Life has had on my cancer journey," says Wade.

Bettina devotes herself to volunteer efforts, including her American Cancer Society work. As a result of her struggles with cancer, and despite the sudden death of her husband, she continues to work with and promote Relay For Life. She loves the American Cancer Society and Relay For Life and she is an inspiration to everyone who meets her.

Through this program, Discovery Health Channel and the American Cancer Society have collaborated to empower American television viewers to take action to ensure that they, and their loved ones, are aware of the risks, signs and treatment of cancer. American Cancer Society research indicates that Americans still view cancer as their number one personal health concern.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering, and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service. Founded in 1913 and with national headquarters in Atlanta, the Society has 13 regional Divisions and local offices in 3,400 communities, involving millions of volunteers across the United States. For more information anytime, call toll free 1.800.ACS.2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Live,
Laugh &
Love



by Catherine R. Smith
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My dear Aunt Dee sent me the following entitled "Sisters."

I would like to dedicate it to all my dear "sisters."

Sisters

A young wife sat on a sofa on a hot humid day, drinking iced tea and visiting with her Mother. As they talked about life, about marriage, about the responsibilities of life and the obligations of adulthood, the mother dinked the ice cubes in her glass thoughtfully and turned a clear, sober glance upon her daughter.

"Don't forget your Sisters," she advised, swirling the tea leaves to the bottom of her glass. "They'll be more important as you get older. No matter how much you love your husband, no matter how much you love the children you may have, you are still going to need Sisters. Remember to go places with them now and then; do things with them.

"Remember that 'Sisters' means ALL the women... your girlfriends, your daughters, and all your other women relatives too.

"You'll need other women. Women always do."

'What a funny piece of advice! the young woman thought. 'Haven't I just gotten married? Haven't I just joined the couple-world? I'm now a married woman, for goodness sake! A grownup! Surely my husband and the family we may start will be all I need to make my life worthwhile!

But she listened to her Mother. She kept contact with her Sisters and made more women friends each year. As the years tumbled by, one after another, she gradually came to understand that her Mom really knew what she was talking about. As time and nature work their changes and their mysteries upon a woman, Sisters are the mainstays of her life.

After more than 60 years of living in this world, here is what I've learned:

- Time passes.
- Life happens.
- Distance separates.
- Children grow up.
- Jobs come and go.
- Love waxes and wanes.
- Men don't always do what they're supposed to do.
- Hearts break.
- Parents die.
- Colleagues forget favors.
- Careers end.
- BUT.....

Sisters are there, no matter how much time and how many miles are between you.

A girl friend is never farther away than needing her can reach.

When you have to walk that lonesome valley and you have to walk it by yourself, the women in your life will be on the valley's rim, cheering you on, praying for you, pulling for you, intervening on your behalf, and waiting with open arms at the valley's end.

Sometimes, they will even break the rules and walk beside you.

Or come in and carry you out.

Girlfriends, daughters, granddaughters, daughters-in-law, sisters, sisters-in-law, Mothers, Grandmothers, aunts, nieces, cousins, and extended family, all bless our life!

The world wouldn't be the same without women, and neither would I.

When we began this adventure called womanhood, we had no idea of the incredible joys or sorrows that lay ahead.

Nor did we know how much we would need each other.

Every day, we need each other still.

Pass this on to all the women who help make your life meaningful

May God bless and keep you; May He make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Gruver Cemetery Seeking Donations for Improvements
In the near future, the Gruver Cemetery Association will be adding roads and driveways to allow access and expansion in the new section of the cemetery. We are asking area citizens and those with loved one interred in the Gruver Cemetery to make donations and memorials to help the committee complete the work that is needed and to maintain the cemetery in such a way that reflects the honor and respect our loved ones deserve. For more information, contact Rick Barkley, President of the Gruver Cemetery Association, at (806) 733-2500. Please make all donations and memorials payable to the Gruver Cemetery Association, and mail them to Margaret Ralston, Treasurer of the Gruver Cemetery Association, at P.O. Box 629, Gruver, Texas 79040. Your generosity and consideration will be greatly appreciated.

Pringle-Morse & Campbell's Team Up
Over the past 32 years, Campbell's Labels for Education program has delivered over \$105 million in free merchandise to schools nationwide. To kick-off this year's label collection drive, Pringle-Morse CISD School is asking parents, teachers and friends in the community to collect Campbell product labels that can be redeemed for free educational merchandise such as computers, audio/visual equipment, sports equipment, reference books, musical instruments and even a mini-van. Simply save labels or clip proofs of purchase from any of the following eligible Campbell products and send them to Pringle-Morse CISD School: Campbell's soups, Campbell's Supper Bakes meal kits, Campbell's or Franco-American Spaghetti-Os pasta, Campbell's beans, gravies, and canned pasta, Prego pasta sauces, Swanson broths and canned poultry, Pace salsa and picante sauces, V8 vegetable juices and V8 Splash juice drinks, Campbell's tomato juice, Pepperidge Farms breads, cookies, crackers, and frozen products, Pepperidge Farms Goldfish crackers, and Campbell's Foodservice products. For more information on how to be a part of Pringle-Morse CISD School's Labels for Education contact VeAnn Clark, at 806-733-2507 or mail labels to Pringle-Morse CISD, Box 109, Morse, Texas 79062. The program will 2006-2007 starts June 1, 2006. Pringle-Morse School appreciates your continued support.

Benefit Fund Established for Shelley Jean Pledger
An account has been set up at First State Bank in Spearman to help the family of Shelley Jean Smith Pledger. Donations may be made at First State Bank.

Medical Fund Established for William Bettis
A medical fund has been established at Gruver State Bank in Gruver for the William Bettis family. William was seriously injured in an automobile accident. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Panhandle Crisis Center offers new Online Hotline
The Panhandle Crisis Center is joining a new Online Hotline, where individuals seeking help due to sexual assault can chat live with trained volunteers giving secure crisis support to victims, their families and friends. The Panhandle Crisis Center is seeking volunteers for this Online Hotline. For more information, call Janice at 435-5008 or 1-800-753-5308.

Crisis Center Needs Volunteers
The Panhandle Crisis Center is in need of volunteers to work at its donation center one to three hours, one day a week, sorting clothing and other donated items. The crisis center gives the items donated to the center to its clients free of charge. To volunteer, contact Janice at the crisis center, 435-5008.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic
The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S Roland, in Spearman on July 24, 2006. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.



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Thank you

Thank You
I want to thank everyone for all you have done for me while I've been sick. The people in Gruver and Spearman are the best.
Sincerely, Lera Beasley

Thank You
Thank you for all of the prayers, cards, calls and visits during my recent surgery.
Sincerely, Ray J. Martin

Thank You
The family of Frances Cudd wished to thank all of our friends and relatives who came by to pay their condolences, brought food, and paper goods, sent flowers, sent cards or prayer grams, or said a prayer for us during our time of mourning. We also want to thank people for making donations or memorials in Frances' name.
We are especially gratefully to John and Pat Sutterfield, Tindle and Kristi Ramon, Richard and Wanda Wagner, Roxie Ralston and Debbie Clement for all your help and support. Also Noreen Sutton and Pat Cudd... you ladies are angels.
Frances was a wonderful Christian woman who was loved by many and will be missed by all. God bless you.
The family of Frances Cudd

Gladiola Flower Club

On June 1, Dorothy Buzzard hosted Gladiola Flower Club members at Judy's Place. The meeting was called to order by Muriel Boyd. The subject of roll call was a superstition. Minutes of the May 18th meeting were read and approved. Kathleen Sutton gave the treasurer's report. June Jackson had the program. She showed bracelets made from beads and charms and explained the materials used.
Those attending were: Muriel Boyd Verna Brown, Dorothy Buzzard, Margarette Evans, Ann Flowers, Estelle Jackson June Jackson, Norma Jean Mackie, Eloise Renner, Kathleen Sutton, Virginia Trindle and Judy Yarbrough. Hostess for the June 15 meeting be Virginia Trindle.

Texas crop and weather report

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Temperatures were above average early in the week and near normal by week's end. Some rain fell over the area with amounts ranging up to 2 inches. The southeastern area remained dry. High winds, hail and flooding rains damaged some crops in the northwest, while most other areas reported little soil moisture. Corn, cotton and peanut crops range from fair to good. Irrigation is heavy. Sorghum continues to be planted where moisture is adequate. Wheat harvest is almost over; yields have been poor. Fire danger remains high on rangeland. Horn flies are a problem in many cattle herds.

Fair Housing Public Service Announcement

**Public Service Announcement
Fair Housing, It's the Law**

To promote fair housing practices, the County of Hansford encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights under the National Fair Housing Law.

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market.

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Happy Birthday!

Editor's Note: This Happy Birthday list is run as a public service by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. We apologize if any names are misspelled. If you know of a name that needs to be changed, added or deleted, please call 659-3434.

Thank you, Catherine

June 29

Birthday - Ira Gross, Hazel Taylor, Scott Strawn, Gary Johnson, Sandra Gumfory, Monica Blackman, Rajan Traffen, June Tucker

Anniversary - M/M Charles Bell, M/M Amadeo Cazares

June 30

Birthday - Mike Minter, Ricky Thompson, Esmeralda Vela, John Snider, Margarette Evans, Kyle Brock, Jeff Hohertz, Keri Lou Schneider, Willie Vera, Paige Burgin, Daniel Crug, Ed Cook, Austin Benton, Katelyn Villarreal, Shari (Smith) Githens

Anniversary - Ishmael & Anna Vela, M/M Claude Sheets Jr., M/M D.A. Cator, M/M Walter Murrell, M/M Paul Stavlo, M/M S.J. Wells, M/M Carl Kunselman, Joe & Elvia Avila

July 1

Birthday - Ida Hendrick, Pauline Lopez, Pauline Jackson, Rosa Rojas, James Cunningham, Loydell Sparks, Dwayne Smith, Manlene Cook

Anniversary - M/M Dee Mayfield, M/M Jerry Hart, M/M Charles Brillhart, Kevin & Ronda Bynum, Clay & Pam Schnell

July 2

Birthday - Lou Chapman, Janet Irwin, Wayne Biggs, Luis Hermosillo, Joe Hermosillo, Keri George, Channing Burgess, Gary Ellsworth

Anniversary - M/M Jimmy Valandingham, Burt & Lynell Williams, Ron & Loretta Cook, John & Debbie DeLaRosa

July 3

Birthday - Julie Gumfory, Randy Lowe, Todd Williams, Charlie Lopez, Audene Beck, Lynn Sheets, Trudie Gordon, Meredith Benton, Ronda Gibson, Gene Reynolds, Trevor Shipley, Debra Gallimore, Verlin Behne, Bill Porter, Cheryl Salgado, Henniretta Andrews

Anniversary - Bill & Verna Strawn

July 4

Birthday - Barry Barkley, Donna Been, Gene Duncan, Mary Weldon, Farene Williams, Faye Cunningham, James Umphress, Ofelia Vela, June Patterson, Melvyn Bradley, Kim Swink

Anniversary - Mike & Kathy Peck, M/M Walter Postoak, M/M Jerald Ray Scribner

July 5

Birthday - Sydney Clawson, Kent Benton, Mrs. George Rook, Mack McLain, Linda Walker, Jamie Davis, Tom Dortch, Dawn Bridges, Connie Gibson, Dixon, Blayne Schrader, Alfonso Martinez,

Melanie Elliott

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July 6

Birthday - Alan Biggers, Scott Attwood, Monte Beck, Rickey Shields, Gene Dennis, June Day, Kimberly Ann Vasquez, Cody Benton, Lometa Sparks

July 7

Birthday - Pat O'Connell, Steve Benton, Brenda Sue Bowling, Greg Meisner, Steve Lesly, Virginia Reyes, Magda Rivera, Brian Sparks, Justin Bowman, Daniel Ward, Karen Pierce, Mattie Davis, B.J. Hughes, Reid Swan

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July 8

Birthday - Buddy Benton, Janna Nickles, Aaron Hart, Craig Morris, Gay Pipkin, Luis Martinez, Jody Fowler, Samantha Prouty, Loree Espinosa, Kathy Lindsey

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July 9

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July 10

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July 11

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July 12

Birthday - Carolyn Fletcher, Larry Hicks, Justin Horton, Jenie Kirkland, J.W. Jenkins, Cheryl Long, Glenda Guthrie, Olga Gafford, Lucas Biggs, Stan Josephson, Dustin Irlbeck, Charlie Spencer, Madison Schad, Colton Meek, Melinda Tidwell, Mandie Hunter

Anniversary - M/M Fred Davidson, Harold & Joyce Crooks

July 13

Birthday - Mary Schroeder, Terri Ann Porter, Ron Clark, Gary Burke, Rounder Jackson, Clay Schnell, Claude (Junior) Crossland

Anniversary - Allen & Margie Alfred

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FRANCES SHEETS CUDD

SPEARMAN - Frances Sheets Cudd, 82, died Thursday, June 15, 2006. Services were at 3 p.m. Sunday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Neely Landrum and the Rev. Lane Boyd officiating. Burial was in Ochiltree Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mrs. Cudd was born July 22, 1923, in Hansford County and lived in the area all her life. She graduated from Spearman High School.

She married Gene Cudd in 1942 in Berger, and they lived on a farm with their family outside Perryton. In 1970, she moved to Spearman, where she lived until her death.

Frances was very active in the First United Methodist Churches in Perryton and Spearman. She was dedicated to both her immediate and large extended families.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Claude and Nannie Sheets; a son, Donnie Cudd in 1958; three sisters, Alice Johnson, Grace Harmon and Zola Mitchell; and four brothers, Daniel "Pinky" Sheets, Martin Sheets, Leroy Sheets and Floyd Sheets.

Survivors include her husband, Gene Cudd of Spearman; a daughter, Genette Henderson and husband Bob of Winston-Salem, N.C.; a son, Mike Cudd and wife Pat of Spearman; five grandchildren, Ryan Henderson and wife Jenni of Durham, N.C., Diane Henderson of Washington, D.C., Eric Cudd and fiancée Tisha Ralston of Spearman, Evan Cudd of Dallas and Chris Cudd of Lubbock; four brothers, Branch Sheets of Vernon, Willis Sheets and wife Nelda of Round Rock, and S. B. Sheets and Claude Sheets Jr. and wife Jo Nell, all of Spearman; a sister-in-law, Laverne Sheets of Hollis, Okla.; two brothers-in-law, Rodney Harmon of Meridian and J.D. Mitchell of Waco; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family suggests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, 407 Haney, Spearman, TX 79081 or Hansford Manor, 707 Roland, Spearman, TX 79081.

JAMES ALBERT "AL" SMITH

LAFAYETTE, TN - James Albert "Al" Smith, 52, of Lafayette, TN died early Tuesday morning, June 20, 2006 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Allen County, Ky.

Memorial services were held on Friday, June 23, 2006 at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of the Alexander Funeral Home in Lafayette, TN. The Rev. Michael Welch officiated the services.

He was born on March 3, 1954 in Goldsboro, NC to Jerry and Lottie Smith. He married Charneal Dies on May 17, 2003.

Al was owner and CEO of USD-2, a printing and silk screen business located in Lafayette, TN. He attended Lafayette United Methodist Church and was an avid golfer.

Survivors include his wife, Char, of the Williams Community; two sons, Kirtrell and Cameron Smith, both of Lafayette; a daughter, Heather Smith of Cookeville; a stepson, Stetson Holder of Hartsville; a brother, Gary Smith and his wife, Catherine, of Spearman; his mother, Lottie Smith Houser and husband Don Houser of Lebanon, TN; and three grandsons, Logan Taylor Smith and James Gavin Smith, both of Lafayette and Jackson Tyler Earps of Lebanon; and two nieces, Jennifer McNulty and her husband, Dave, of Crofton, MD, Elizabeth Carter of Boston, MA; and a nephew, Clayton Smith of Spearman, TX.

Memorial donations may be made to a fund for Jeremy's children in c/o Alexander-Goad Funeral Home, 209 E. Locust St., Lafayette, TN 37083-0295, (615)666-2189.

RUTH WILBANKS BRYAN

Ruth Wilbanks Bryan, 89, passed away on Wednesday, June 28, 2006. Services will be held at the First Christian Church on Saturday, July 1, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. with the Rev. Gary Smith and Rev. Bob Elder officiating. Interment will be at Hansford Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Ruth was born on Marcy 24, 1917 in Hansford County, Texas. She married Joe Dan Bryan in Carlsbad, New Mexico. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Christian Church of Spearman. She enjoyed painting, teaching painting and being a Hospice volunteer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Dan, in 1985.

Survivors include two sons, Joe Mike and Dee Bryan of Austin and Hugh Mansel and Nora Bryan of Post; two sisters, Beth Phelps of Spearman and Julia Billingsley of Lubbock; four grandsons, Chris Bryan of Washington, DC, Tim Bryan of Tucson, AZ, Les Turner of Spring, TX and Michael Turner who is serving in Iraq; one granddaughter, Laura Turner of Spring, TX; a great-granddaughter, Hannah Bryan of Tucson, AZ; and a great-grandson, Austin Bryan of Tucson, AZ.

The family requests memorials be to the First Christian Church, PO Box 637, Spearman TX 79081; or Hansford Hospice, 707 S. Roland, Spearman TX 79081.

ALMA FERN CONWAY WEST

Alma Fern Conway West passed away May 27, 2006 at the age of 91 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Interment will be at Hansford Cemetery on Monday, July 3, 2006 at 11 a.m.

She was born November 22, 1914 in Kirby, Ark., the 2nd of nine children. She graduated from Southwest Oklahoma Teachers College and taught school in Tillman County, Oklahoma, Borger, Texas and Spearman, Texas.

She married Arlie West in 1942. They had two sons, Ronny who was killed in 1966, and Tom (Diana) who lives in Las Vegas, Nevada. Mrs West has two grandsons, Roger (Kris) West and Cody West, both of Las Vegas; two great-grandchildren, Chelsie West of Las Vegas and Scot Plunk of Amarillo. She is also survived by three brothers, Russell (Beth) Conway of Stillwater, OK, Lloyd (Alberta) Conway of Oklahoma City, OK, and Paul (Veronique) Conway of Tulsa, OK; and one sister, Robbie Boozer of Arlington, TX.

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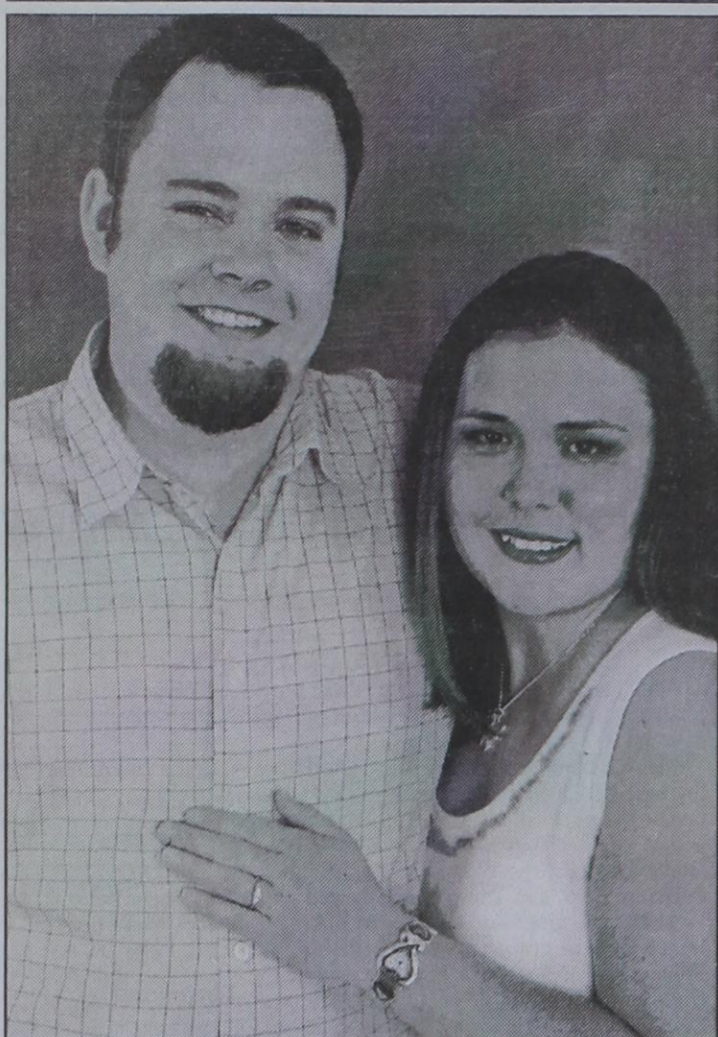
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Campbell, Parks Announce Engagement

Hugh Campbell of Pampa and Liz Reno of Fritch proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, LaDonna Eve Campbell of Fritch to Christopher Gerald Parks of Morse. Chris is the son of Wade and Rosemary Parks of Morse.

LaDonna is the granddaughter of Mary Campbell of Springfield, Missouri and the late Max Campbell and Don and Ruth Shorter of Erin, Tennessee.

LaDonna graduated from West Texas High School in 2001 and then earned her BS degree in Interdisciplinary studies from WTAMU in 2005. She is an elementary and special education teacher- previously in Fritch and for Canadian ISD in August.

Chris is the grandson of the Grace M. O'Brennon of Hansford Manor and the late Gerald S. O'Brennon of El Paso and the late H.B. and LaVerne Parks of Morse. Chris graduated from West Texas High School in Stinnett in 2000 and from WTAMU in 2004 with a BS in Applied Communications. He was previously in Fritch as the Secondary Speech, Theatre and Debate Coach. He is now the UIL Coordinator, Speech, Theatre and Debate Coach for Canadian ISD to begin in August.

The couple has set their nuptials for July 28, 2006 at St. John's Catholic Church, 201 St. John's Road, Borger, Texas. The reception will follow the wedding mass in the St. John's Fellowship Hall.



Nan McCloy celebrated her 80th birthday with her family. Pictured are: (Back, L-R) K D McCloy, Maddie McCloy, Josie Kiser, Nan McCloy, Scott McCloy, Dan McCloy, Marty McCloy, Michael McCloy; (Front, L-R) Sahala Gaillard, Sage Gaillard, Kelly West, Janna Beth Kiser, Holly McLain, Pratt McLain, Gus Gaillard, Jana McCloy, Kylee West.

Nan McCloy Celebrates 80th Birthday

The family of Nan Gillispie McCloy gathered together recently to celebrate her 80th birthday.

Nan was born in Goodwell, Oklahoma to Walter and Mary Gillespie. She came to Hansford County in 1928 with her parents where her father would teach school in Spearman and farm land that he had purchased in the county. After a few years in Spearman, the family moved to Morse where Mr. Gillispie taught school and farmed his land.

Nan graduated from Morse High School and then, attended P.A.M.C. in Goodwell, Oklahoma, W.T.S.U. in Canyon, Texas and P.S.U.

Nan met Wilson McCloy in Morse and they were married April 7, 1946 in the First Baptist Church of Morse. Wilson and Nan had five children, four sons and a daughter. That has turned into 12 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.



Foster, Wilson Engaged

Annette and Bobby Richards of Amarillo wish to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Kassandra (Kassi) Annette Wilson to Steven Mac Foster, also, of Amarillo. Kassi is also the daughter of the late Rick Wilson. Steven is the son of Kerry and Sandi Foster of Gruver.

Steven is the grandson of Joe and Helen Foster of Okmulgee, Oklahoma and the late Elmo and Mozelle McClellan.

Kassi graduated from Tascosa High School in 2001 and attended Amarillo College. She works for the Cracker Barrel, Inc. of Amarillo. She is freelance photographer.

Steven is a 1992 graduate of Gruver High School and attended Amarillo College. He is a corrections officer for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice at the Clemmons Unit in Amarillo. He is also a glass blower with Flame One Glass Blowing Studio.

The couple has planned their wedding for September 9, 2006 at the Central Church of Christ at 15th and Monroe in Amarillo.



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LaDonna Campbell & Chris Parks

Wedding Dates

Sarah Stanfield & Tanner Hand - July 1
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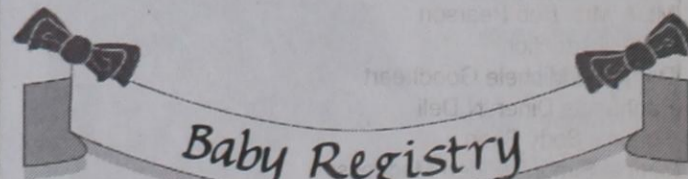
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Heather Hamilton - July 1



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OPUS Ag Department Awards Honors

Oklahoma Panhandle State University's Agricultural Department held its annual ceremony to honor outstanding Ag students and teachers on Friday, May 19, 2006. Top students in Agronomy, Animal Science, Ag Business, Ad Education, Equine Science and Pre-Veterinarian studies received plaques. Five outstanding Ad seniors were honored and Livestock Judging Team members received buckles.

In addition, Dr. Jay Lark presented awards on behalf of OPUS Collegiate FFA including four "Inspirational Teacher" awards. Mark Sneary, Tim Harland, Westin Born, and Scott Stedje were honored. Sneary is a 1987 OPUS graduate now teaching in Garber, Okla. Harland, a 1990 OPUS graduate, recently resigned a teaching position in Fort Supply, Okla to serve as the Harper county Extension Agent in Buffalo, Okla. Born graduated from OPUS in 2000 and serves Gruver Public Schools as the agricultural education teacher. Stedje, from Gruver, Texas, began his college career at OPUS, received his degree from Oklahoma State University and

now works in the Spearman School District as the agricultural education instructor.

Abilene Christian University

John Brock was named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Abilene Christian University for the Spring 2006 semester.

Located about 150 miles west of the Dallas area, ACU is a national leader in Christian higher education with an enrollment of approximately 4,700 students from 50 states.

John is majoring in business finance.

Southern Methodist University

Jeff Brock was named to the Southern Methodist University Honor Roll of High Distinction for the Spring Semester of 2006. To be listed on this honor roll, the student must be in the top 5 percent of their school record.

With an undergraduate enrollment of 6,137 students, SMU offers nationally competitive undergraduate and graduate programs.

Jeff is a business finance major.

Oklahoma Panhandle State University

Kerri Lane Jeffries Elder, Lisa Michelle Lillard and Brandea Dawn Hicks Allen were among the Spring 2006 graduates from Oklahoma Panhandle State University. The graduation was May 20, 2006.

Brandea Dawn Hicks Allen from Gruver graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Educations. She is married to Mark Allen. Her parents are Larry or Rhonda Hicks. Brandea will be teaching at Perryton.

Kerri Lane Jeffries Elder and Lisa Michelle Lillard graduated with a Bachelor of Science degrees in Psychology. They are both from Spearman.

Kerri is married to Rev. Bob Elder. Her parents are Tom Jeffries and Joyce Jeffries of Dyersburg, Tennessee. Lisa is the daughter of Lonnie Lillard of Lebanon, Missouri and Randy and Donna Hendrickson of Spearman.

Congratulations to these fine young people on their accomplishments.



General Manager Darren McLean, Assistant General Manager Chuck Verdolino and Intern Nicole Turner. Made the Trip to Spearman to read to the kiddos there for their summer camp as well as hosted a few short games of hockey showing the kids a few moves along the way.



The Spearman Orioles played in Perryton's Little League Tournament last Thursday (June 8) and Friday (June 9). The Orioles won Thursdays game 13-11, and Fridays game 16-15. Players shown are back row (L-R) Steven Johnson, Tanner Baird, Hector Juarez, Audy Reedy. Front row (L-R) Griffin George, J. D. Reed, Beau Brow, Trent White, Trace Patterson. Not pictured- Christian McLarty.

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Applications Due Sept 15 for Family Farm and Ranch Program

Agriculture commissioner Susan Combs reminded families who are applying for the Family Land Heritage Program that applications are due to the Texas Department of Agriculture by Friday, September 15, 2006. The Family Land Heritage Program recognizes farms and ranches that have been kept in continuous agricultural production by the same family for 100, 150, and 200 years or more. Since the program started in 1974, more than 4,120 farms and ranches in 229 counties have been honored.

"This unique program honors the agricultural contributions of countless generations of Texans," said Combs. "These men and women

have held onto their ancestors' land over the decades, enduring some challenging times." Applications are being accepted for farms and ranches established in 1906 and earlier that are still owned and operated by the decedents of the founder, either through blood, marriage or adoption. The land must also fit the old U.S. Census definition of a farm: 10 acres or more with agricultural sales of \$50 or more a year; or if less than 10 acres, sales of at least \$250 a year.

The owners must reside in Texas and be actively managing the everyday operation of the farm and ranch. If all the land has ever been

rented or leased to someone outside of the family, it will not qualify. If only a portion was leased, and as much as 10 acres were retained in the family for agricultural production with sales of at least \$50 annually, the property will qualify. There is no cost to apply for the recognition.

For more information or an application, contact Melissa Blair, (512) 463-2631, P. O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711, or the application is on TDA's Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us under the "Producer Information" section and they can be obtained from the county judges office.

TDA Secures Exemption to use Onager Miticide on corn to control mites

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced today that the Texas Department of Agriculture has been granted approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to issue a Section 18 specific exemption allowing the use of hexythiazox (Onager Miticide) on field corn in Texas to control the Banks grass mite (*Oligonychus pratensis*) and the two spotted spider mite (*Tetranychus urticae* Koch).

Onager Miticide, manufactured by the Gowan company, may be

applied following all directions, restrictions and precautions on the EPA registered product label, as well as restrictions within the exemption notice. The exemption be effective June 1, 2006, and will expire August 31, 2006.

Applications will be made only by certified applicators, by licensed applicators or by persons under the direct supervision of licensed applicators.

Onager Miticide may be applied on the following Texas counties: Bailey, Borden, Carson, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dallam, Dawson,

Deaf Smith, Floyd, Gaines, Gray, Hale, Hansford, Hartley, Hockley, Hemphill, Hutchison, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn, Mitchell, Moore, Oldham, Ochiltree, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Scurry, Sherman, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler and Yoakum.

For more information, contact your county Texas Cooperative Extension office or TDA at (512) 463-7544. A copy of the approval notice is located in the TDA web site at www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/exemptions/onagernotice.pdf.

Cattle, Hay Producers May See More Problems Due to Drought

by Paul Schattenberg
As if cattle and hay producers haven't had enough to worry about lately, the drought may spur additional problems, said a Texas Cooperative Extension soil and crop expert.

"Besides reduced production, lack of moisture can also potentially lead to toxic levels of nitrates in warm-season grasses, as well as the possibility of prussic acid poisoning," said Larry Redmon, Extension state forage specialist.

During dry weather, warm-season annual grasses? including forage sorghums, sorghum-sudan hybrids and various millets? can accumulate nitrates to a level toxic for cattle, he said. Forages belonging to the genus Sorghum also can produce prussic acid (hydrogen cyanide) in quantities toxic to cattle.

"Accumulation of nitrate usually occurs when there is excessive fertilization followed by a period of drought," Redmon said. "But toxic levels have been seen in warm-season annual grasses with as little as 50 pounds of nitrogen fertilizer usage per acre."

Nitrate uptake occurs even when above-ground plant growth has been reduced, he said, and the nitrate concentrates in the forage tissue.

"Ruminants are affected because the rumen microbes convert nitrate to nitrite, which goes into the bloodstream to convert hemoglobin, which carries oxygen, into methemoglobin, which does not carry oxygen," Redmon said. "The

result is asphyxiation." Non-ruminants, such as horses, may also be affected, he said.

Besides being raised as fresh forage material for grazing, many warm-season grasses are harvested for hay.

"Cattle may also succumb to prussic acid poisoning while grazing if the forage material has been subjected to drought stress," he said. "But millets, while capable of accumulating nitrates at a toxic level, do not produce prussic acid. We recommend that producers do not turn cattle onto pastures with drought-stressed sorghums or johnsongrasses."

Only a forage analysis for nitrate can determine whether fresh forage, hay and silage are safe to feed livestock, Redmon said. The Texas A&M University Soil Testing Laboratory can test for both nitrate levels and prussic acid.

"Nitrate levels greater than 5,000 parts per million may be dangerous, while levels of more than 15,000 parts per million are generally toxic to most classes of livestock," he said.

The official recommendation from experts at Texas A&M is not to feed forages containing more than 10,000 parts per million nitrate, he said. A more conservative maximum of 5,000 is preferable.

"Producers using warm-season annual forages or johnsongrass should have their hay crops tested prior to harvesting," he added. "We strongly recommend against harvesting the forage and then having

it tested. You need to have it tested first. If you don't, this could waste a lot of time, effort and expense toward a hay crop that might not be safe to feed."

Extension agents throughout the state have been receiving calls about nitrates and prussic acid.

"I've had a number of producers call me recently with concerns," said Jerry Warren, Extension agent for agriculture for Bexar County. "In most cases, they are telling me their warm-season grasses are not big or thick enough for hay, so they are trying to salvage it by using it for grazing material. But they're worried about whether it's safe, so I'm recommending they have it tested before they use it to graze."

"We know cattle producers have already been through a lot during this drought and would prefer not to bring them any additional bad news," Redmon said. "But the fact is that not paying adequate attention to weather conditions and forages can cause the death of animals through nitrate accumulation and prussic acid poisoning. It's something we feel we have an obligation to alert people to."

More information on the Texas A&M Soil Testing Laboratory and the cost of testing can be found at <http://soiltesting.tamu.edu/>.

For additional information on how nitrates and prussic acid affect forage and livestock in Bexar County, contact Jerry Warren at 210-467-6575. For other areas, contact the local Extension agent.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD FOR THE HANSFORD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT, TEXAS

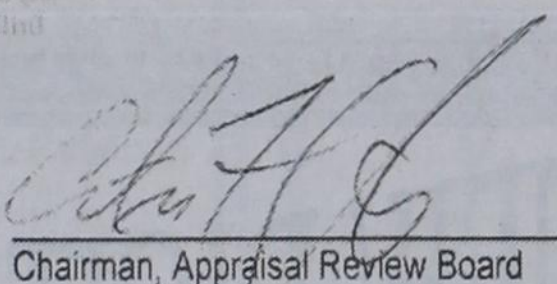
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Notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the Appraisal Review Board of the Hansford County Appraisal District will convene at 9:00 am on July 13 and 14, 2006, at the conference room in the appraisal district offices located at 709 West 7th Avenue, Spearman, Texas.

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Spearman Stingrays meet results



Clara Kern (not pictured) sang the national anthem at the Spearman Swim Meet on Saturday, June 24th, while (L-R) Dustyn Kelley, Reid Harrell, Reece Shields, Rynanne Howell, Carlee Johnson, Abby Howell served as flag bearers.

The Spearman Stingrays Swim Club attended a meet in Dodge City, Kansas on June 17. We swam against teams from Dodge City, Hays, Golden Belt, Colby, and Guymon. These are the results for the Spearman swimmers.

8 & Under Girls

25 Free - Taylor Varnon - 1st, Payton Harrell - 3rd, Lilly Patterson - 17th, Finley Garnett - 18th, Rynanne Howell - 23rd, Carlee Johnson - 25th; 25 Fly - Taylor Varnon - 1st, 25 Back - Taylor Varnon - 1st, Payton Harrell - 7th, Finley Garnett - 8th, Lilly Patterson - 18th, Carlee Johnson - 23rd, Abby Howell - 25th, Rynanne Howell - 26th; 25 Breast - Payton Harrell - 1st; 100 IM - Taylor Varnon - 1st, Payton Harrell - 2nd; 100 Free - Taylor Varnon - 2nd, Payton Harrell - 3rd; 100 Free Relay - Spearman - 2nd - Payton Harrell, Finley Garnett, Lilly Patterson, Taylor Varnon; 100 Medley Relay - Spearman - 1st - Finley Garnett, Payton Harrell, Taylor Varnon, Lilly Patterson

8 & Under Boys

25 Free - Reid Harrell - 17th; 25 Fly - Dylan Kemp - 2nd; 25 Back - Dylan Kemp - 1st, Reid Harrell - 13th; 25 Breast - Dylan Kemp - 1st; 100 IM - Dylan Kemp - 1st; 100 Free - Dylan Kemp - 2nd

9 & 10 Girls

50 Free - Jayme Pack - 3rd, Slade Garnett - 10th, Hannah Patterson -

12th, Kelsi Sumner - 15th, Vanessa Vela - 19th; 50 Fly - Slade Garnett - 3rd; 50 Back - Jayme Pack - 7th, Slade Garnett - 10th, Hannah Patterson - 13th, Kelsi Sumner - 16th, Vanessa Vela - 22nd; 50 Breast - Jayme Pack - 2nd, Slade Garnett - 9th, Vanessa Vela - 15th; 100 IM - Jayme Pack - 3rd, Hannah Patterson - 8th; 100 Free - Slade Garnett - 7th, Kelsi Sumner - 9th, Vanessa Vela - 10th; 200 Free Relay - Spearman - 2nd - Hannah Patterson, Slade Garnett, Vanessa Vela, Jayme Pack; 200 Medley Relay - 2nd - Kelsi Sumner, Hannah Patterson, Jayme Pack, Slade Garnett

9 & 10 Boys

50 Free - Zane Hughes - 5th; 50 Fly - Zane Hughes - 2nd; 50 Breast - Zane Hughes - 5th; 100 Free - Zane Hughes - 4th

11 & 12 Boys

50 Free - Blaine Pack - 3rd, Tyler Hamilton - 9th, Brent Hansen - 10th; 50 Fly - Blaine Pack - 2nd; 50 Back - Tyler Hamilton - 6th; 50 Breast - Brent Hansen - 7th; 200 IM - Blaine Pack - 2nd; 100 Free - Blaine Pack - 2nd, Brent Hansen - 7th, Tyler Hamilton - 11th; 200 Free - Blaine Pack - 1st, Brent Hansen - 3rd, Tyler Hamilton - 5th; 400 Free - Brent Hansen - 3rd

13 & 14 Girls

50 Free - Britney Poulin - 12th; 100 Back - Stevie Couch - 9th; 100 Breast - Stevie Couch - 9th; 100 Free - Stevie Couch - 9th, Britney

Poulin - 10th; 200 Free - Britney Poulin - 4th, Stevie Couch - 5th; 400 Free - Stevie Couch - 2nd

13 & 14 Boys

50 Free - Chance Pack - 1st, Preston Patterson - 11th; 100 Back - Chance Pack - 1st, Preston Patterson - 12th; 100 Breast - Preston Patterson - 7th; 200 IM - Chance Pack - 1st; 100 Free - Chance Pack - 1st, Preston Patterson - 12th; 200 Free - Chance Pack - 1st

15 & Over Girls

100 Fly - Kim Bergan - 5th; 100 Back - Kim Bergan - 7th; 200 IM - Kim Bergan - 5th; 200 Free - Kim Bergan - 4th; 400 Free - Kim Bergan - 6th

15 & Over Boys

50 Free - Colby Dennis - 5th; 100 Fly - Colby Dennis - 3rd; 100 Free - Colby Dennis - 3rd; 200 Free - Colby Dennis - 2nd

Thank you to all the businesses and individuals that helped make our Spearman Swim Meet such a huge success. We will have the results from the Spearman meet in next week's paper.

Our next meet will be in Garden City, Kansas on July 8. The Championship Meet will be in Hays, Kansas on July 15 & 16.

We have a lot of swimmers that have qualified for Championships. We are so proud of all our swimmers. They have worked hard this summer!

by Dorothy Hudson

Out At The Lake



Red Fox Pup - photo by Frank Edwards

others came from around the country. The first of the group arrived on Wednesday. One of young Climer men told Jim he was catching some bass with top-water lures.

Two white ducks remain at the Kid's Pond. One of them has had an injured foot, but Jim says the pet is improving. The ducks refuse to use the duck house that Jim built for them out in the Pond. Its ramp is now used by sunning turtles while the ducks sleep just at the edge of the pond.

The Gruver school bussed the summer school students over to the Lake last week for a fun time.

Red Fox Pup

Frank Edwards found the den of the pair of red foxes that now inhabit the Park. They had 5 pups when he made the picture. He has not seen them lately, so we can wonder how many have survived. I think the red fox is a new animal for the Park. They are not native to Texas but were introduced in 1895 for sport. They do not seem to be really common anywhere in the state. Although they are more active at night, they do move around in the daytime and can be observed. If you see one, tell Jim.

Lake Level--June 26, 2006--19.65 feet (-0.15)

The lake level still receded slightly, despite the two lovely rains of last week. Jim reported .90 inch one night and .75 inch for the other. The Park should at least be green for a time. There was just not enough rain on the watershed to make the Palo Duro Creek run.

The rough weather of Thursday night damaged the pop-up camper of a family from over by Lake Meredith. Although they had planned to stay longer, they went back home thinking they needed an RV instead of a pop-up. Remember that the office has a basement, and that Jim will open it to campers when a storm hits.

Buddy and Becky Dossett with their 2 daughters are back to camp for a week at the Park as they visit his mother, Sara Dossett.

Last week the Climer family had a reunion at the Park. Some of them were from Amarillo, while

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