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Of the 3,101 registered voters in Hansford County, 1,235 cast ballots in the 2008 Republican Party Primary Election, 314 of which were early votes.

Of the 12,752,417 registered voters in Texas, 1,380,907 cast ballots in the 2008 Republican Party Primary Election, 559,809 of which were early votes. 2,857,301 cast ballots in the 2008 Democratic Party Primary Election, 1,282,993 of which were early votes.

Below are the results for each race on the Hansford County Ballot.

Hansford County Results

President: Hugh Cort - 1, Rudy Giuliani - 14, Mike Huckabee - 459, Duncan Hunter - 5, Alan Keyes - 2, John McCain - 654, Ron Paul - 22, Mitt Romney - 18, Fred Thompson - 11, Hoa Tran - 1, Uncommitted - 48

U. S. Senator: John Cornyn - Incumbent - 863, Larry Kilgore - 173

Railroad Commissioner: Michael L. Williams - Incumbent - 818

Chief Justice, Supreme Court: Wallace B. Jefferson - Incumbent - 774

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 7: Dale Wainwright - Incumbent - 762

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8 : Phil Johnson - Incumbent - 753

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 3: Tom Price - Incumbent - 758

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 4: Robert Francis - 338, Paul Womack - Incumbent - 411

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 9: Cathy Cochran - Incumbent - 736

Prop 1. Officials to enforce U.S. immigration laws. IN FAVOR - 1,086, AGAINST - 70

Prop 2. Require photo ID to cast ballot in elections. IN FAVOR - 1,047, AGAINST - 112

Prop 3. Need voter approval to exceed allowed annual growth. IN FAVOR - 838, AGAINST - 235

**State of Texas Results
Republican Primary**

President: Hugh Cort - 918, Rudy Giuliani - 6,169, Mike Huckabee - 521,950, Duncan Hunter - 8,254, Alan Keyes - 8,571, John McCain - 707,622, Ron Paul - 69,824, Mitt Romney - 27,579, Fred Thompson - 11,786, Hoa Tran - 623, Uncommitted - 17,611

U. S. Senator: John Cornyn - Incumbent - 991,474, Larry Kilgore - 225,258

Railroad Commissioner: Michael L. Williams - Incumbent - 984,630

Chief Justice, Supreme Court: Wallace B. Jefferson - Incumbent - 959,670

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 7: Dale Wainwright - Incumbent - 953,584

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8 : Phil Johnson - Incumbent - 948,739

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 3: Tom Price - Incumbent - 947,808

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 4: Robert Francis - 308,709, Paul Womack - Incumbent - 657,152

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 9: Cathy Cochran - Incumbent - 930,836

Prop 1. Officials to enforce U.S. immigration laws. IN FAVOR - 1,267,411, AGAINST - 48,113

Prop 2. Require photo ID to cast ballot in elections. IN FAVOR - 1,237,776, AGAINST - 80,314

Prop 3. Need voter approval to exceed allowed annual growth. IN FAVOR - 1,175,461, AGAINST - 100,128

Democratic Primary

President: Joe Biden - 5,297, Hillary Clinton - 1,453,139, Christopher J. Dodd - 3,718, John Edwards - 29,808, Barack Obama - 1,354,672, Bill Richardson - 10,667

U. S. Senator: Gene Kelly - 582,018, Ray McMurrey - 267,636, Richard J. (Rick) Noriega - 1,103,118, Rhett R. Smith - 211,079

Railroad Commissioner: Art Hall - 465,397, Dale Henry - 537,186, Mark Thompson - 936,667

Chief Justice, Supreme Court: Jim Jordan - 1,725,475

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 7: Baltasar D. Cruz - 886,637, Sam Houston - 1,123,899

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8: Susan Criss - 969,280, Linda Reyna Yanez - 1,027,276

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 3: Susan Strawn - 1,708,543

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 4: J.R. Molina - 1,735,980

Miller Named Chief Resident

Dr. Dillon Miller of Northport, Alabama was recently named Chief Resident at the University of Alabama School of Medicine - Family Medicine Program.

Dillon was a 1996 graduate of Spearman High School. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Texas Tech University in 2001 and received his medical Degree from the University of Texas Medical School in Houston in 2006. Dillon is married to Jocelyn (Edwards) and they have a two-year-old daughter, Zoe.

Dillon is the son of Marlene and Jim Miller of Pearland, Texas.

GHS One-Act Play

The Gruver High School One-Act Play will present "The Marvelous Playbill" at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 14th in the GISD Auditorium. The community is welcome to attend!!!

Thornberry Hosts Town Hall Meetings

Mac Thornberry will be in Texas for a series of "Conversations With Mac" Town Hall Meetings on March 17, 18 and 19.

These meetings are very open and informal and everyone is invited to attend the entire meeting or to just swing by to ask a few questions.

Events will be at the following locations:

March 17th

Moore County - 2-3 p.m., Dumas High School Cafeteria, 300 S. Klein, Dumas
Hutchinson County - 4-5 p.m., Dake's Restaurant, 718 N. Main, Borger

March 18th

Gray County - 8:30-9:30 a.m., Chamber of Commerce M.K. Brown Room, 200 North Ballard, Pampa
Ochiltree County - March 18th, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., Smokehouse Restaurant Banquet Room, 210 SE 24th, Perryton

Hemphill County - 1:30-2:30 p.m., Canadian Courts Motel Conference Center, 220 N. Hwy 83, Canadian
Roberts County - 3:30-4:30 p.m., KNT Restaurant, 123 Commercial, Miami

March 19th

Childress County - 8:30-9:30 a.m., The Main Event, 240 N. Main Street, Childress
Knox County - 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Knox City Chamber of Commerce, 123 Central Ave., Knox City
Haskell County - 1:30-2:30 p.m., Haskell City Hall, 301 S. 1st Street, Haskell
Baylor County - 3:30-4:30 p.m., Portwood Pavilion, 900 E. Morris, Seymour

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Southeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy, Breezy. Highs in the upper 40s. North winds 15 to 25 mph.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs around 60.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s.

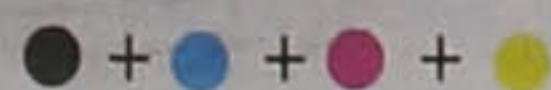
TUESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.

TUESDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

WEDNESDAY - Partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the mid 60s.

Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Soil moisture varied from adequate to very short, with most counties reporting short to very short. Condition of wheat crop varied from good to very poor. Irrigated wheat was in good condition, but dryland wheat continued to decline. Rangeland conditions varied from excellent to very poor, with most areas reporting poor. The wildfire danger remained high. Condition of cattle declined from lack of grazing. Lice were reported in many herds. Livestock producers continued to supply supplemental feed.



Bill and Lill Turner manned the voting booth for Precinct 1 in Hansford County during the Republican Primary. A total of 1,235 votes were cast in the primary for Hansford County.

Four GHS Students Receive Student Achievement Award

Four Gruver High School students received the "Texas Student Achievement Award" from the Texas ACT Council for their performance on the PLAN (Pre-ACT) Assessment. These students are on target to meet or exceed ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks by graduation. ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks are

empirically-based and identify the level of achievement necessary in English, mathematics, reading and science to have a successful college freshman experience.

The students receiving this recognition from the Texas ACT Council are: Lindsey Mireles, Andre Silva, Veronica Teal, and Angelica Vela.

The Texas ACT Council is made up of secondary and post secondary educators who advise ACT, Inc. on the utilization of ACT programs and services in Texas schools and colleges. ACT, Inc. is the not-for-profit organization that provides assessment, research, information and program management services in the broad areas of education and workforce development and the publisher of the ACT Assessment. The ACT Assessment is the college admissions test that is accepted by all colleges nationwide.

According to Karen Pennell, ACT Assistant Vice President and Southwest Regional Manager, "The Texas ACT Council recognizes those students who are making significant strides to prepare themselves for college by taking rigorous courses and meeting the PLAN (Pre-ACT) College Readiness Benchmarks. We also want to recognize that student PLAN (Pre-ACT) achievement is the result of a strong commitment by Gruver High School teachers, staff, administrators and parents to increase college readiness for all students."



Angelica Vela, Lindsey Mireles and Veronica Teal received the "Texas Student Achievement Award" from the Texas ACT Council for their performance on the PLAN. Not pictured is Andre Silva, a foreign exchange student from Brazil who attended Gruver High School last year, who also received the award.

Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall Makes Appearance in Perryton



Traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall

The City of Perryton is proud to sponsor the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington DC (replica scaled to 80%) American Veterans Traveling Tribute.

The City of Perryton and surrounding counties are pleased to announce a tribute and celebration of our Veterans from our Revolutionary War to the Soldiers of today.

Celebration events will be held Thursday, March 6th at 6 p.m. through Sunday, March 9th at the closing ceremony, which will begin at 4 p.m. (and will continue until the visitors decide to quit celebrating). This celebration will be held at Whigham Park on SE 9th Avenue and Main Street (Highway 83). The location in case of inclement weather will be in the Ochiltree County Expo Center, 402 Expo Drive.

The Wall and other Tributes will leave Perryton on Monday, March 10th.

LaDonna Gatlin, a famous personality of the Texas Panhandle and sister of the famous Gatlin Brothers Band will sing the

National Anthem on Friday at noon.

On Saturday at 1 p.m., there will be a Laying of POW and MIA and Gold Star Mothers' Wreaths. After the ceremony, a plaque will be presented to the parents of Seth Huston.

Lance Cpl. Seth Huston, 19, of Perryton died Aug. 21 in the Al Anbar province in Iraq. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, First Marine Division of the First Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Seth enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 2002, and after graduating from Perryton High School in 2003, officially joined the USMC. He was the son of Steve and Renee Huston, both of whom served in the United States Navy.

On Saturday, March 8th, at 6 p.m., a POW/MIA Table Ceremony and Tribute to those killed in action from our region. One hundred and twenty-three soldiers (the most current information we have on casualties) from our area who have been lost in war will be honored.

An open Church Service will be held on Sunday, March 9th at 10 a.m. The Riders of the 6th Annual Texas Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway Motorcycle Run will participate in "The Ride of Honor" and will head down Highway 83 to their destination of Brownwood. At 4 p.m., State Representative Warren Chisum will give a keynote address. This wonderful celebration will end with the Retrieval of Colors and a Rifle Salute.

The American Veterans Tribute committee and Volunteers would like to extend an invitation to everyone in the area to join in this celebration of freedom and tribute to those who have made this freedom possible.

For more information, contact the Perryton-Ochiltree Chamber of Commerce at 806-435-6575.

Lullabies, Legends & Lies

by Parson Smith, the Prime Minister of Laughter

I don't know who wrote the piece warning about the dangers of excessive thinking, but I thought that I would pass the warning on to you.

THINKER'S ANONYMOUS

It started out innocently enough. I began to think at parties now and then to loosen up. Inevitably, though, one thought led to another, and soon I was more than just a social thinker. I began to think alone - "to relax," I told myself - but I knew it wasn't true. Thinking became more and more important to me, and finally I was thinking all the time.

I began to think on the job. I knew that thinking and employment don't mix, but I couldn't stop myself. I began to avoid friends at lunchtime so I could read Thoreau, Kafka, Plato, Saint Augustine of Hippo, Jesus Christ, and Aristotle. I would return to the office dizzied and confused, asking, "What

is it exactly we are doing here?"

Things weren't going so great at home either. One evening I had turned off the TV and asked my wife about the meaning of life. She spent that night at her mother's.

I soon had a reputation as a heavy thinker. One day the boss called me in. He said, "Listen, I like you, and it hurts me to say this, but your thinking has become a real problem. If you don't stop thinking on the job, you'll have to find another job."

This gave me a lot to think about.

I came home early after my conversation with the boss. "Honey," I confessed, "I've been thinking..."

"I know you've been thinking," she said, "and I want a divorce!"

"But Honey, surely it's not that serious."

"It is serious," she said, lower lip aquiver. "You think as much as college profes-

sors, and college professors don't make any money, so if you keep on thinking, you won't have any money!"

"That's a faulty syllogism," I said impatiently. She exploded in tears of rage and frustration, but I was in no mood to deal with the emotional drama.

"I'm going to the library," I snarled as I stomped out the door. I headed for the library, in the mood for some Nietzsche. I roared into the parking lot with NPR on the radio and ran up to the big glass doors... They didn't open. The library was closed. To this day, I believe that a Higher Power was looking out for me that night.

As I sank to the ground, clawing at the unfeeling glass, whimpering for Zarathustra, a poster caught my eye. "Friend, is heavy thinking ruining your life?" it asked. You probably recognize that line. It comes from the standard Thinker's Anonymous poster. Which is why I am what I am today: a recovering thinker. I never miss a TA meeting.

At each meeting we watch a non-educational video; last week it was "Jerry Spinger" talking about the song "I'm bad" by Michael Jackson. Then we share experiences about how we avoided thinking since the last meeting. Life just seemed... easier, somehow, as soon as I stopped thinking. I think the road to recovery is nearly complete for me.

I still have my job, and things are a lot better at home. Now I stare for hours at the T.V. and receive my daily dose of brainwashing instead of contemplating the mysteries of life.

Until the next time,
May God Bless.

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS



by Ed Sterling

RECORD VOTER TURNOUT PREDICTED IN PRIMARY

AUSTIN - Turnout for the March 4 primary elections likely will reach a record number.

Texas Secretary of State Phil Wilson, the state's chief elections officer, on Feb. 27 projected an overall turnout of 26 percent of the registered voters in Texas. That is 3.3 million voters.

The previous record came 20 years ago in the 1988 presidential primaries, with 2.7 million Texas voters casting ballots.

To predict turnout, the secretary of state's office factors in early voting from Texas' 15 most populous counties: Harris, Dallas, Tarrant, Bexar, Travis, Collin, El Paso, Denton, Hidalgo, Fort Bend, Montgomery, Williamson, Nueces, Galveston and Cameron. About 60 percent of all voters in Texas are registered in those counties.

Candidates push hard for Texas

Texas continued to prove itself a battleground state for presidential candidates in the last few days leading up to the March 4 primaries.

Polls pointed toward a close finish in the race

between U.S. Sens. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama for the Democratic presidential nomination.

U.S. Sen. John McCain of Arizona and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, vying for the Republican presidential nomination, spent time and energy in delegate-rich Texas.

Candidates seesawed back and forth between Texas and Ohio, a state sharing the March 4 date for its primaries.

Senate panel hears 'Gaps' update

The Senate Education Committee met Feb. 27 to hear from state education officials about the implementation of reforms passed by the Legislature last session.

Texas Commissioner of Higher Education Raymund Paredes reported on the "Closing the Gaps" initiative, a program to increase college enrollment and graduation rates for all Texas high school students.

Paredes said the state is on track to meet its enrollment goals by 2015, adding 235,000 more college enrollees as of 2007. Also, he said, minority enrollment is up since 2000, with an increase of 49 percent for Hispanics and 38 percent for African-Americans.

College completion rates were also up, said Paredes, increasing by 152,000 degrees in the last seven years. Again, the largest percentages of growth were among minorities, with a 67 percent increase in college graduation for Hispanics, and 44 percent for African-Americans.

DPS gives details of cocaine bust

The Texas Department of Public Safety announced Feb. 27 it seized 360 pounds of cocaine after DPS Commercial Vehicle Enforcement troopers stopped a flatbed tractor trailer for a routine inspection.

The cocaine, with an estimated street value of \$3 million, was discovered in 142 individual packages in a

secret compartment in a flatbed trailer.

The stop and seizure occurred Feb. 24 on U.S. 90 about 18 miles west of Brackettville at the Kinney County and Val Verde County line, a DPS spokesperson said.

A Piedras Negras, Mexico, resident was arraigned Feb. 26 in Del Rio on federal drug charges in connection with the seizure.

DPS Narcotics investigators are continuing the investigation.

On the job injury report released

The Texas Department of Insurance on Feb. 26 released statistics for on-the-job injuries in 2006.

According to the report, the number of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work in private industry in Texas increased by nearly 5 percent compared to 2005.

Although 3,230 more of these types of injuries and illnesses were reported in 2006 compared to 2005, the 2006 total is less than the numbers reported in 2004 and 2003, the agency said.

Plenty of flu to go around

The Texas Department of State Health Services' latest flu report, for the week ending Feb. 23, classifies flu activity in Texas as "widespread."

The classification applies when there are increases in flu-like illnesses and recent lab-confirmed flu cases in at least half of the state's regions.

DSHS reported "widespread" flu activity for the same week last year.

Disaster proclamation renewed

Gov. Rick Perry on Feb. 29 renewed a disaster proclamation, originally issued Jan. 29, to address the threat of wildfires across the state. He identified 32 additional counties as threatened or impacted by wildfires, making a total of 216 counties at risk. To date, fires have destroyed homes and burned more than 500,000 acres.

TEXAS Health Matters

Child Care Licensing

A child-care program can have a tremendous influence on a child. A good program may improve language skills, social skills and self-esteem. While no child-care facility can replace a parent's love and attention, well-chosen care can complement parents' efforts and enhance a child's development.

There are many child-care choices available, and the quality can vary widely. A Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) website makes finding the right child-care provider much easier. Search Texas Child Care, available at www.txchildcaresearch.org, offers expanded information about care for infants, toddlers, preschool children, or older children in your area such as:

- Special-needs services.
- Child care that accepts subsidies offered by the Texas Workforce Commission.
- Types of care offered, such as after-school, half-day, etc.
- Geographic location.

This website offers parents a way to search for day care and residential operations available by the type of care and by the ZIP code. It also provides minimum standards for the regulation of these facilities. Choosing the proper daycare center for your child should be a care-

fully thought out and researched process. It is important to pick a center that helps your child grow and develop his skills while also having fun. To assist in finding the appropriate day care, there are tips to help guide you through finding a good facility.

You also can use the website to:

- Search online for daycare providers, 24-hour residential facilities, adoption agencies and foster care.
- Enter your requirements. The search will provide a list of providers that report services meeting your specifications, including the locations and phone numbers.
- Select specific providers you want to research. Evaluate each provider's licensing history and compliance with minimum health and safety standards.

DFPS also advises you to visit the day care center or residential facilities you are considering. Interview the caregivers and watch the interaction between the staff and the children. Come prepared with questions and key things to observe. Talk to parents whose children are in the facility. Make sure the provider's care meets your standards, stay involved and keep asking questions once your child is in care.

Call 866-TX-CHILD or visit www.txchildcaresearch.org to search available child care in your area.

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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

March 6
Birthday - Brenda Hart, Charlie Slough, Marcie Womble, Bobby Archer, Tommy Barkley, Travis Patterson, Janet Reger, Doran Dulana, Kenneth Slough, Lindsey Clift, Nancy Evans, Mick Sharp
Anniversary - M/M A.R. Cazares

March 7
Birthday - David Imke, Dee Dee Shelton, Mike Garnett, Molly Turner, Bernice McBride, Viola Boyd, Donald Lane, Beulah Harris, Howard Thompson
Anniversary - M/M Danny Bass, M/M Anres Ortiz, Pete & Juanita Vera

March 8
Birthday - Patty Cator, Drew Grotegut, Mike McLain, Bill Harnish, Melvin Swene, Kirby McAdams, Deana Shields, Dee Allen, Steve Cruse, Candi Delozier, Ben Cook, Colby Red, Eric Olsen, Rae Lynn Cook, Cindee Thomas, Christi Clift, Michelle Schick
Anniversary - M/M Richard Wagner

March 9
Birthday - Roy Byrd, Craig Cooper, Tommy Henson, Elizabeth Holt, John Brown, Mary Lou Vela, Amy Tucker, Jerry Younger, Cole Ivey, Aletha Lesley, Deann Turner, Karla Acton, Brandon Hathaway, Vickie Urban, Nita Byrd
Anniversary - M/M John Knowles, M/M Shawn Thompson, M/M Kermit Boone, M/M Dwayne Thompson, M/M Dan Wheelock

March 10
Birthday - Shanna Jarvis, Sandy Kirby, Debby Odom, Perry Lamb, Tucker Williams, Roy Uptergrove, Ricky Reger, Reba Ooley, Pam Hart, Shane Pearce, Eugene Barnes, Jr. Barnes, Felipe Lozano, Michael Lozano, Melinda Taylor, Sandy Spivey, Curtis Pearson, Jennifer Keim, Summer Fernandez, Kellyn King
Anniversary - M/M Bobby Mosier

March 11
Birthday - Daniel Rojas, Nina Hendricks, Dorothy Buzzard, Monty Dixon, Bob Breedson, Sandi Holt, David Ortega, Willie Jones, Felipe Dominguez
Anniversary - Buddy & Amber Newman, M/M Orville Brummett

March 12
Birthday - Loree Hart, Jason TeBeest, Lindy Tolleson, Judy Martin, Loraine Davidson, Sherry Bullard, J.L. Griffin, Sammi Johnson, Makenzie Crane, Katie Hintergard
Anniversary - M/M Andy Hoel, M/M Tommy Henson

March 13
Birthday - Fran Duncan, Bonnie Frick, Gene Leatherman, Brady Tidwell, Vernon Pipkin, Gary Pracher, Roy Flowers, Shannon (Holton) Steinberger, Chuck Fletcher, Lynell Williams, Kevin Bynum, Gretchen Collinsworth, Jerry Garcia, Dolores Moreno, Larry Butts, Hadley Fletcher, LeAnn Sheets, Thomas Cain, Pam Mayfield
Anniversary - M/M Forrest Acker, M/M Jim Dick Goodall

March 14
Birthday - Sue Gerardy, Chris Johnson, Brandy Shelton, Buck Tidwell, Steve Cook, Barbara Brown, Reagan Renner, James Ray Barimus, David Terry, Kelly Mills, Curtis Dudley, Mike Wilhelm, Madison Williams
Anniversary - M/M Bill Robertson, Charles & Betty West, M/M Jimmy Bishard

March 15
Birthday - Trina Horton, Jerry Bowling, Randy Stafford, Darlene Schick, Parrish Larson, Gary Osborne, Mona Rivera, Richard Varion, Trent Seagler, Ora Fay Watkins, Krista Dement, Araceli Briones, Trenton Finley
Anniversary - M/M Bill Robertson, M/M Joe Bynum, M/M Joe T. Venneman

March 16
Birthday - Ted Harbour, Tonya Woodington, Janice Mayfield, Gary Davis, Missy Bates, Dan McCloy, Michael Gruver, Payton Thoreson, Suzanne Schad, Hadley Spivey, Jessica Brown
Anniversary - Carey & Denice Bridges, M/M Robert Womble

March 17
Birthday - Dala Cathey, J.P. TeBeest, Elvana Davis, Kathy Slater, Carrol VanBuskirk, Tony Barrera Jr., Tony Miller III, Jamie Thomas, Terry Latham, Jason Genn, Anna Soto, Kathy Brown, Makayla Wheelock, Rachel Cook
Anniversary - M/M Richard Ooley, M/M Chris Christy

March 18
Birthday - Danny Henson, Tony Harper, Charles Friday, Cody McLeod, Kenny Virden, Laura Garcia, Tobe Shields, Connie Hobbs, Kelsey Henton, Matthew Bain
Anniversary - M/M Edwin Percy, M/M Ken Bullard

March 19
Birthday - Barry Haenisch, Melinda McCullough, Kerri Minter, Ron Gibson, Altha Groves, Pete Garcia Jr., Jesse Ruth Gerrard, Rose Marie Bruning, Cathy Davis, April Knight
Anniversary - M/M Michael Wilson

March 20
Birthday - Mack Bevell, Travis Ferguson, Chad TeBeest, Martha Stinson, Florencio Martinez, Angela Sinta, Jane Henton, Kim King, Marion Upchurch, Kay Christian, Garry Hathaway, Lisa Tice, Rocio Garcia
Anniversary - M/M R. M. Crawford, M/M Benny McCullough, M/M Rod Barkley

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

As we examine ourselves, our sins, and our need for repentance, we focus this week on our basic life orientation as Christians. We seek the Spirit of God in Ezekiel 37:1-4, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, and John 11:1-45. Ezekiel, who was called as a prophet during the Babylonian Exile (circa 597 BCE), is transported by the Spirit of God to a valley filled with dried bones. God commands Ezekiel to "prophesy" (deliver the word of God to) the bones. Ezekiel tells the bones that God will lay sinews on them, he will cause flesh to come on them, he will cover them with skin, and God will put breath in them, so that they will live. Ezekiel then "prophesies" to the Breath of God, "Come breathe upon the slain, that they may live". As a result, the dead bones lived. Similarly, Ezekiel tells those in exile that God is going to put His spirit in them and they shall live, and all shall know that God is Lord. Consider that for the exiled Jew the symbols of faith- Jerusalem, the temple, many of the people, and the Davidic Monarchy- had been destroyed. It appeared that the Jewish God had been destroyed by the gods of Babylon! Ezekiel "prophesies" to the people that they might believe anew.

The Psalmist sings, "Out of the depths (deep waters, kingdom of death) I cry to you, O Lord." Even the strongest of believers is occasionally down. We are all pursued by the black dog of depression. Where is God in our misery? Yet, we want to dictate the when, where, how, and in what, God is to help us. The Psalmist sings, "I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I hope." We must have the faith to trust in God's timetable for our lives. Pray that your faith does not become like dried bones.

Paul tells the Romans to focus on the Spirit, to rely on the Spirit which gives us life and peace. If we allow the spirit of Christ to dwell in us, then we are truly alive. Too often we seek to rely on our own strength, our own way to power through life's difficulties, only to find we have created disaster. As I counsel with those in need, I am amazed at how many have no spiritual strength, no "gps" of faith. Please note, that God's spirit gives us life here and now as well as forever. God's arm is not too short to aid us.

There is much to learn and study in the story of the resurrection of Lazarus, we will touch on a few things. The name "Lazarus" means "God Is My Help".

Note the faith of Martha, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died, but even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him". Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die". What does this mean? For Lazarus, it meant that Jesus raised him from the dead, now! For us it means that we are raised to new life from the waters of baptism, now and forever! May you abide in the Holy Spirit, be raised from the death that is sin, and have eternal life, now!

Our Sympathy

MARIE E. JONES

TUCUMCARI, N.M. - Marie E. Jones, 88, died Sunday, March 2, 2008.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 6, 2008 in First Baptist Church with the Rev. David England, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Tucumcari Memorial Park Cemetery by Dunn Funeral Home.

Marie Jones was born Sept. 11, 1919, in Logan, N.M., and was a longtime Tucumcari resident. She was a member of the Baptist church.

Survivors include two daughters, Elizabeth Stewart of Gray, Ky., and Clara Russell of DeLeon, Texas; six sons, Walter "Sonny" Jones of Morse, Texas, Bobby Jones of Fort Worth, Texas, Bennie Jones of London, Ky., Jessie "Butch" Jones of Tucumcari, Billy Jones of DeLeon and Tommy Jones of Tucumcari; 32 grandchildren; 57 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

DWIGHT DELBERT THOMAS

WHEELER - Dwight Delbert Thomas, 37, died Sunday, March 2, 2008, in Lubbock.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 6, 2008 in Country Chapel Church with the Rev. Randy Stalls, pastor of McLean Cowboy Church in McLean and the Rev. Alan Morgan, officiating. Burial will be in Wheeler Cemetery by Wright Funeral Home.

Dwight Delbert Thomas was born Oct. 3, 1970, to Delbert and Jane Helm Thomas in Memphis. He graduated from Wheeler High School in 1989. He attended one year at Clarendon Junior College, attended Oklahoma Panhandle State University and graduated from Frank Phillips Junior College in Berger with an associate degree. Mr. Thomas was self-employed, working in the oil field business. He received the gift of life May 20, 2000, with a kidney transplant.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Dude Helm of Memphis; and his grandmother, Ann Thomas of Pampa.

Survivors include his parents, Delbert and Jane Thomas of Guymon, Okla.; a daughter, Kylie Thomas of Gruver; a brother, Drew Thomas of Wheeler; his paternal grandfather, Jerrold Thomas of Pampa; and his maternal grandmother, Honoria Helm of Memphis.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be to Kylie Thomas Scholarship Fund, City National Bank, P.O. Box 1228, Guymon, OK 73942.

The family will be greeting people from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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First Baptist Church
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Men's Bible Study - Wed., 7 a.m.
Children's Choir - Wed., 6 p.m.
Adult Choir - Wed., 7 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Pastor - Jim Medley

Church of Christ
121 S. Haney • 659-3244
Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
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Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m.
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Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m.
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High School: 6 p.m. - Sunday
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Pastor - Neely Landrum

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Gruver

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402 E Broadway • 733-2411
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Disciple Training: 6 p.m. Sunday
Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday
Pastor - Scott Curry

Church of Christ
209 King • 733-2760
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:20 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wed. Worship: 7:00 p.m.
Minister - Gaylord Cook

First Christian Church
510 King • 733-2960
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Youth: 7:30, Sunday
Adult Bible Study: 7:30, Sun.
Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Spearman Pizza Hosts SHS Project Graduation Night
Spearman Pizza Hut will donate a percentage of the total meal cost to SHS Project Graduation 2008 on March 13, 2008, 5-9 p.m. All you have to do to donate is eat at Pizza Hut on March 13th!

World Day of Prayer
The 2008 World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday, March 7, 2008 at the First United Methodist Church, 407 S. Haney in Spearman. Activities will begin with coffee and fellowship at 9:30 a.m., followed by the worship service at 10. World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. Each year a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of Prayer worship service. For 2008, the World Day of Prayer Committee of Guyana developed the theme, God's Wisdom Provides New Understanding. This year, First United Methodist Church is the host church in Spearman. Everyone in the community is invited to the service and the coffee and fellowship time.

Q&A About Taxes
On Tuesday, March 18, 2008, Certified Public Accountant James Jackson, will provide a Q&A from 10 a.m. until noon, at the O'Loughlin Center, 502 Brandt. The session will be geared to seniors to help understand new tax laws and general information on filing taxes, however, everyone is welcome to attend. First National Bank will provide refreshments. The session is free of charge to anyone interested in learning about stress free IRS filing.

Hospice Volunteer Training Class
The initial meeting for a Hospice Volunteer Training Class will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2008 at the Spearman Church of Christ Fellowship Hall. Participants will determine the class schedule. Thirty class hours are required. To register, call the Hospice Office at 659-2954, Verna Lee Shirley at 659-5345 or Nelle Evans at 733-5057.

Who's Who in Your Family Tree III: The Family Bible
Join the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum for the third installment of the popular "Who's Who" series on Saturday, March 8, from 10:00 to 11:30 am in the Hazlewood Lecture Hall and learn more about family history often recorded in a family bible. Elaine Newkirk of the Family History Center will lead the exploration into unique roots. Learn more about the Bible from an antiquarian perspective and how the book was used over generations to record family events and legacies. A tour of the new exhibit, The Book of Books: Texts that Shaped the Times will follow. The cost of the program is free for members and \$10 for nonmembers, which includes museum admission. Refreshments will be served. Participants are invited to bring their own bible and share its history about their family with the group. For reservations, contact Elaine Cunningham by March 5 at (806) 651-2258 or email ecunningham@pphm.wtamu.edu. The seminar is a sequel to the "Who's Who in Your Family Tree—II" held last year where participants learned how to weave facts into stories that come alive through creative writing and storytelling.

Knights of Columbus Annual Fish Fry
The Spearman Council of Knights of Columbus Council #5552 will host their Annual Lent Fish Fry and More on February 29th and March 14th at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Hall, 905 S. Roland. The All-You-Can-Eat tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Serving will begin at 6 p.m. and end at 7:40 p.m. Take-outs are available. Everyone is invited to come share this holy time with us. For further information, contact Buster Davis at 733-2568, 733-5061 or Richard Wagner at 659-3743 or 330-0055.

Miss Irish Rose Pageant
Once again, Shamrock, Texas, will be hosting their annual Saint Patrick's Celebration on March 14-16, 2008. One of the many highlights of this celebration is the crowning of Miss Irish Rose. This Scholarship Pageant is open to all young ladies who are between the ages of 14 through 18 and enrolled in High School. The contestants do not have to reside in Texas nor do they need to be currently holding a title or reign. The 2008 Miss Irish Rose, along with her three runner-ups and Miss Congeniality, will receive a scholarship to the college of her choice. For further information, please call Betty Lee at 806-334-0929 or Dana Hosack at 806-662-5405, or the Chamber of Commerce Office at 806-256-2501.

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community
Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet Saturday, March 8, at 6 p.m. in the Waka Christian Center in Waka. All Emmaus members are welcome to come and share a potluck supper, training for sponsors, and a praise and worship service. A nursery will be provided. Go to www.rushingwindemmaus.com for information.

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Project Graduation
The parents of the Spearman High School Senior Class of 2008 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement exercises Friday May 23rd. To encourage the graduates to stay the entire night, door prizes are awarded throughout the evening. In addition, graduates can earn paper monies through their participation in various games so that prizes can be purchased. The graduation party will culminate with the distribution of grand prizes. Prizes, gift certificates, and cash are needed for the evening's gifts. If you, the community, who supported and encouraged these seniors these past 13 years of school, would be willing to share in this final "Class of 2008" memory, making this project "special", please call Bonnie Bergan at 659-5529, Tammy Benton at 659-3071, or Gina Gillispie 659-5341. Contributions can be mailed to: Project Graduation Gina Gillispie, P.O. Box 633, Spearman, TX. 79081 Thank you in advance, for your support!

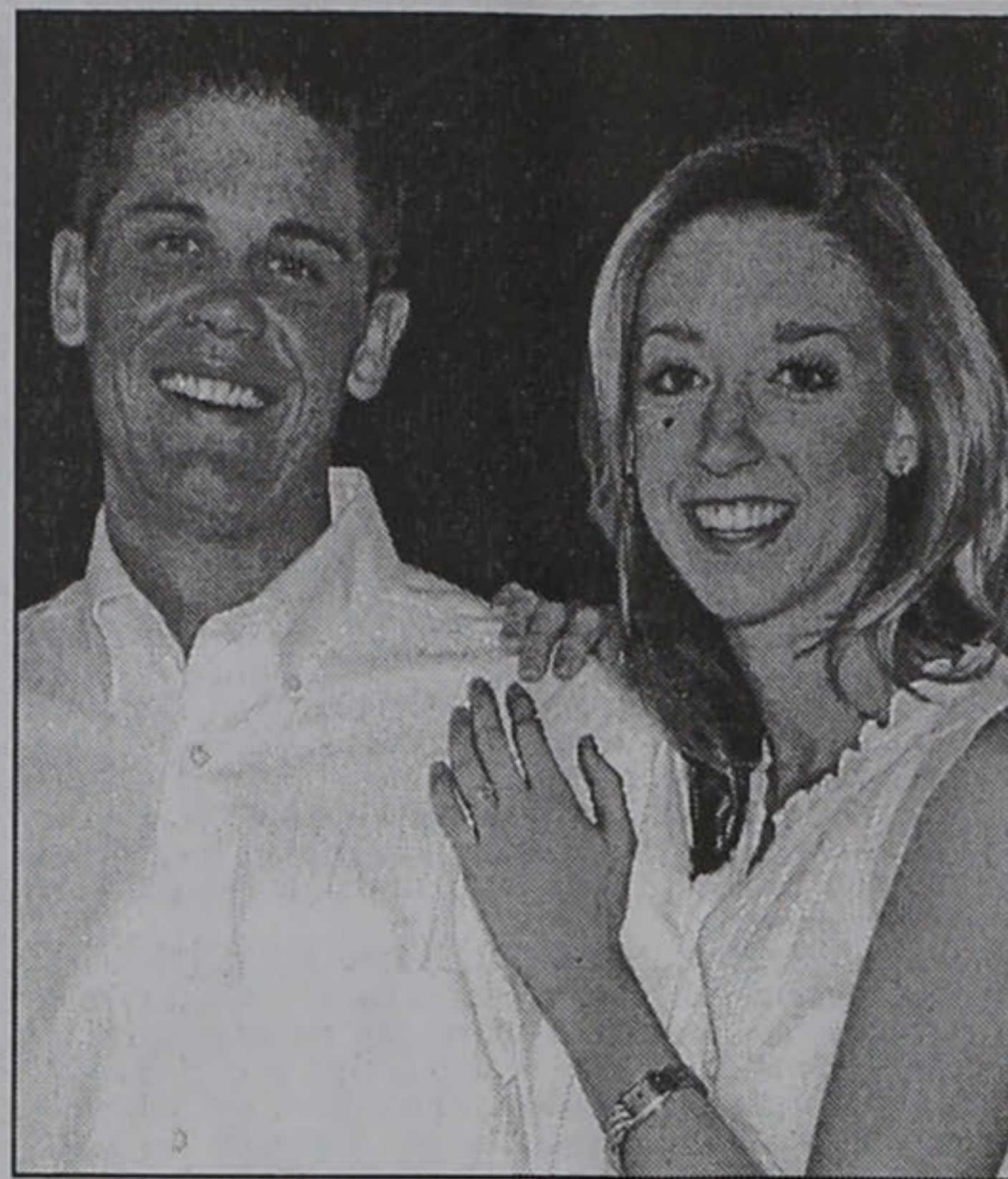
Perryton ISD Students Seeking Memories of World War II
Students in Perryton are seeking individuals to interview for the KACV WWII/Texas Panhandle Outreach Project. Participants who are eligible to be interviewed are those that have memories from 1938-1946, especially World War II Veterans. Persons who would like their stories from WWII to be recorded on film should contact Lauren Carroll at (806) 434-0389.

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Engagement Announcement

Billy and Joan Brown of Spearman are proud to announce the engagement of their son, Travis, to Miranda Barnhill. The couple will be married on June 14, 2008 at the Grace Museum in Abilene.

Travis is the grandson of the late Bill and Bernice Brown of Spearman and the late Edward Goris and Marge Devlieg of Dallas.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are Marge Barnhill and the late Aaron (Barney) Barnhill and Margaret Guy and the late William Guy, all of Abilene.

Travis is a 2003 graduate of Spearman High School and a 2007 graduate of Hardin Simmons University in Abilene. He has a career in sales for Barnhill Office Systems and Interiors in Abilene.

Miranda is a 2004 graduate of Abilene High School and will graduate in May from Hardin Simmons University with a degree in Sports, Leisure and Fitness and Business Management.

The couple will make their home in Abilene.

Thank You

The Spearman Cub Scouts would like to thank this opportunity to thank the following businesses and individuals for their support in making this year's popcorn fundraiser a huge success: Beaver Express, CK Construction, Dick Gillaspie, First Christian Church, Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, High Plains Observer, Lowe's Marketplace, Lyric Cinema and Simple Simons Pizza.

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Out at the Lake

by Jim Derington

March 1, 2008
Lake level - 19.26 feet

Traffic at Lake Palo Duro is increasing some on warm days. Some visitors are just driving around, some are bird watching, and others are actually fishing. I think the lake has had fewer fishermen this winter than in prior years. I did see three nice Bluecats, on a stringer today. Marshall Keys braved the wind and dust to catch them. Many big catfish have been caught in late February through March, in years past.

Four bald eagles were still here Friday. They will leave soon, to be replaced by turkey buzzards, for the summer. I saw twenty five cormorants circling the lake on Thursday February 28th. This is the first sighting of the black, fish eating birds, this year. In the coming weeks, they will be preparing nests, along with the herons, to raise their young. Mountain bluebirds, cedar waxwings, and a bobcat kitten, are among this weeks' sightings.

Ramon Cantu and Darin Huckins have been busy around the lake this week. They are dragging driftwood away from the dam and the edge of the lake. The old trees are then piled together, hopefully to be burned later, if conditions allow it. Driftwood is a recurring problem. Each time the lake rises and then recedes, it leaves a mess around the edges. There are many trees and limbs that have fallen, just waiting to be floated into the lake, if we get a big rise.

By the time this article is printed, Board President, Jack Lane and I will have attended two meetings. The first is the annual Canadian River Compact Commission meeting, to be held this year, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. There is no time to play though, for the next meeting is in The Woodlands. The Texas Water Conservation Association holds this annual meeting. I will be glad to get back home after so much travel.

Thank You

Words cannot adequately express our appreciation for all of the demonstrations of kindness shown to us during the time of illness and following the death of our loved one.

Hansford County is blessed to have highly skilled and caring ambulance personnel, our gratitude goes out to each and every one of you. To Dr. Garnett, your staff, and everyone associated with Hansford Hospital and Hansford Hospice, we say "Thank You" for the excellent care! The outpouring of love and respect through the memorials, phone calls, cards, letters, flowers, food, prayers and offers of help have been overwhelming. Hansford County has the most caring people in the world.

May God bless you,
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Christen Imhof & Michael Lozano - 4/5
Miranda Barnhill & Travis Brown - 4/12
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Hansford Residents Encouraged to Register with CodeRED

submitted by Ron Antalek

Hansford County along with five partners has contracted with Emergency Communications Network, Inc., of Ormond Beach, Florida, for its "CodeRED" high-speed telephone emergency notification services. The partners include Hansford Hospital, the City of Gruver, the City of Spearman, Gruver ISD and Pringle-Morse CISD. The

CodeRED system gives officials the ability to deliver pre-recorded emergency telephone notification/information messages to target areas or the entire city at a rate of up to 60,000 calls per hour. The CodeRED system was chosen after the "Big Mouth Dialing" system was abandoned due to antiquity.

Ron Antalek, Hansford County's Emergency Management Coordinator cautioned that such systems

are only as good as the telephone database supporting them. "If your phone number is not in the database, you will not be called". The CodeRED system not only offers faster calling rates and improved message delivery, it gives individuals and businesses the ability to add their own phone numbers directly to the system's telephone database. Antalek emphasized that this is an extremely important feature.

To ensure no one is omitted, Ron Antalek urges all individuals and businesses to log onto the Online Hansford website, WWW.onlinehansford.COM, and follow the link to the "CodeRED Residential and Business Data Collection" page. Those without Internet access may call either city hall or the courthouse, Monday through Friday, (8AM-5PM) to give their information over the phone. Required information includes first and last name, street address (physical address, no P.O. boxes), city, state, zip code, and primary phone number, additional

phone numbers (optional). No one should automatically assume his or her phone number is included, Antalek said. All businesses should register, as well as all individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their phone number or address within the last year, and who use a cellular phone as their primary home phone.

Antalek explained that the "CodeRED system is a geographical based notification system, which means street addresses are needed to select which phone numbers will receive emergency notification calls in any given sit-

uation. The system works fine for cell phones too, but we have to have a street address". People who have recently moved but kept the same listed or unlisted phone number also need to change their address in the database.

Antalek stated, "CodeRED gives those who want to be included an easy and secure method for doing so. The information will only be used for emergency notification purposes". Questions should be directed to the Hansford County Emergency Management Office, 806-659-4100.

Local and State Fire Resources Remain on Alert

Proactive attack saves lives and homes

When Texas Forest Service (TFS) and the National Weather Service began forecasting extreme fire weather danger earlier this week, TFS wasted no time activating preparedness measures and pre-positioning firefighting personnel and equipment to areas of the state predicted to be at highest risk. As it turns out, this preparation paid off.

The highest fire danger this year occurred on Monday (Feb. 25), and fire behavior was extreme. All available Texas Forest Service resources were committed to the fire fighting effort, including resources from east Texas and all available aircraft from the Texas Air National Guard. At the height of the fight, 1,000 gallon water drops from helitankers did little to slow advancing flame fronts. Tactics switched from offensive suppression efforts to the direct protection of homes and other assets on that day.

T. K. Kennedy, a helicopter manager in Abilene, summarized the day's events, "We dropped 38,000 gallons of water today, mostly in people's backyards."

"Five communities were evacuated," said James Hull, state forester and director of

TFS. "Luckily, everyone was able to return to their homes that night."

The severity of this year's fire season is one of the worst seasons on record. Since January 2008, fires have consumed over 500,000 acres and destroyed 300 structures; however, an estimated 5,622 structures were saved. Governor Perry has issued state disaster proclamations for 216 of the state's 254 counties in response to the fire danger.

No significant relief is in sight. The long range forecast calls for a strong cold front to cross the state at the beginning of the week, with showers and thunderstorms likely for the eastern half of Texas and a chance of rain and snow in the Panhandle. Little or no rain is expected across far west Texas. Drier, cooler air will spread over all of the state by Tuesday, remaining in place through the end of the week. Fire risk will remain elevated west of Interstate 35 and critical in the Trans Pecos area. Therefore, local and state resources remain on alert.

"The local fire departments are our first line of defense," said Mark Stanford, fire operations chief for Texas Forest Service. "They have reported to us that they

responded to 3,060 fires so far this year for a total of 148,310 acres of the overall acres burned."

Cooperating and assisting state agencies during the fire season include: Governor's Division of Emergency Management, Texas Department of Public Safety, TX Army National Guard, TX State Fire Marshal's Office, Texas Parks and Wildlife and Texas AgriLife Extension.

Out-of-state resources from Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Montana and Virginia are providing relief and additional support. Assisting federal resources include the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

Citizens are urged to be extremely cautious during this period of critical fire danger. Some precautions suggested by Texas Forest Service include:

- Check with local authorities for Outdoor Burning Bans
 - Your vehicle can start a fire if parked or driven in dry grass. ATVs and farming equipment can also start a fire if parked on the grass.
 - Store flammable liquids properly.
 - Remove dry vegetation from under electric fences.
 - When welding, use a spotter, clear the area of dry vegetation, and have a water source handy.
 - Be sure tow chains are secure and don't drag on the roadway.
 - When grilling, place your barbecue over cement; be sure coals are dead out when you're through (douse them thoroughly with water).
- For more information on fire weather danger and advisories, go to <http://tfs-news.tamu.edu> and click on Wildfire Information.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

Other than our busy fingers, brains, and feet, the museum was very quiet this week. We are at that time of the quarter when we say goodbye to one exhibit and install another. Our timing is not always good with some exhibits having to wait for the other to leave and sometimes we have a bare room waiting for an exhibit to arrive. That is our situation this week. We are waiting for the school exhibits. So we take this time to see if we need to repair anything in the room, etc.

Mildred supervised the hanging of our newest art pieces in the office with me on the ladder. If you didn't know, we receive a painting from each of our exhibitors after their show. We presently have them hanging in our office so when you next visit be sure to come into the office and look at all the art and the list of past exhibitors. It is our version of the hall of honor.

Georgia is working on a spring exhibit, Kellie is progressing on our computer

archive records.

HISTORICAL MUSINGS

Congratulations to the Follett Girls Basketball Team on winning the State Championship! The first since 1970. We are told that the 1970 team was present for the victory. We hope someone took pictures and will allow the museum to copy them for our archives.

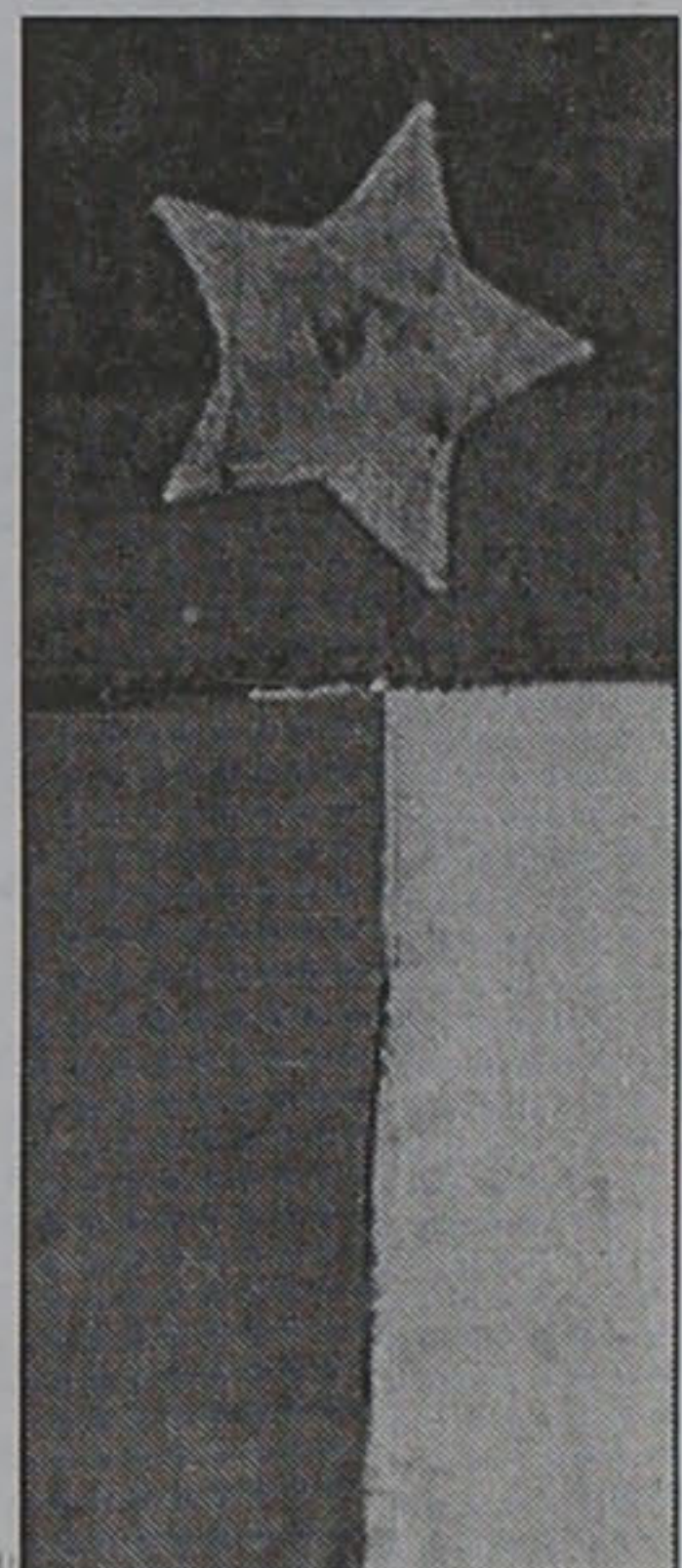
We receive periodic inquiries about winning teams from the county and try to keep our files up to date. We recently received an inquiry about the 1947 championship team from the website called Texas Basketball. We are sending them updated information on the team. Enjoy your victory, girls.

Do you know what Sunday was? It was March 2nd - Texas Independence Day. On March 2, 1836, Texas declared its independence from Mexico and became the Republic of Texas. For ten years, from 1836 to 1846, Texas existed precariously as a separate and unique nation.

In Texas, March 2, is an official state holiday - Texas Independence Day. Each year, there are numerous parades, festivals and even a complete historical reenactment of the event. The event is held at Washington, TX, on the Brazos. Events take place at a state park in South Texas where the original constitution was written, in the town of Washington.

The first officers of the republic were David G. Burnet, Pres.; Lorenzo de Zavala, Vice-Pres.; Samuel P. Carson, Secretary of State; Thomas J. Rusk, Secretary of War; Bailey Hardeman, Secretary of Treasury; David Thomas, Attorney General.

Below is the first Texas Flag.



Have a good week and try not to be blown away with these lion-like March winds.

56th Annual Bull Sale Summary

By Gwen Martin

The 56th Annual Oklahoma Panhandle State University Performance Tested Bull Sale was held Monday, February 25, 2008. Sixty-seven bulls brought \$147,100.00 for an average of \$2,194.00. The top selling twenty-five bulls averaged \$3,086.00.

An Angus bull consigned by Larry Weinkauff, Orlando, Okla. was the top selling bull at \$6,200.00. The bull is a son of GAR 1407 New Design 9594 and sold to Bailey Patterson of Spearman, Texas.

Two bulls sold for \$4,000 each. Phil Light's Test No. 21-2, a son of Morgans Direction III 9901 sold to Conrad Van Kooten of Long Island, Kansas. Another Phil Light bull, Test No. 24-3, another son of Morgans Direction, sold to Lloyd Moore Inc. of Oberlin, Kansas.

The breed averages for the sale were: Angus - 62 hd. - \$2,220.00; Hereford - 3 hd. - 1,416.00; Maine-Anjou - 2 hd. - 2,600.00.

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SHS 2008 Tennis Schedule

TIME	EVENT	TEAM
Feb 25-26	Canadian Tourney	HS
March 5-6	Wellington Tourney	HS
March 10-11	Panhandle Tourney (Borger)	HS
March 13	Austin Tennis Ct JV Tourney	JV
March 14-15	Amarillo Tourney	HS
March 24-25	Memorial Park, Amarillo College	
March 29	Spearman Tourney	HS
March 29	JV District Tourney (Spearman)	HS
April 3-4	Varsity District Tourney	HS
April TBA	Amarillo Tennis Center	
April 23-24	Regional Qualifier's Tourney	HS
April 23-24	Regional Tourney (Abilene)	HS
May 5-6	Abilene Christian University Tennis Center	
	State Tourney	HS
	University of Texas	

Monday - Doubles Tuesday & Wednesday - Singles

SHS 2008 Golf Schedule

TIME	PLACE	TEAM
Feb 23-24	Borger	Girls
Feb 26	Wellington	Girls
March 2-3	Borger	Boys
March 5	Booker	Girls
March 6	Booker	Boys
March 23-24	Sunray/Dumas	Boys
March 26	Sunray/Dumas	Girls
March 27	Canadian	Boys
March 31	Perryton	Girls/Boys
April 2*	Borger/District	Girls/Boys
April 9*	Borger/District	Girls/Boys
April 23-24*	Baird/Regional	Girls/Boys
May 7-8	Austin/State	Girls/Boys

SHS 2008 Track Schedule

DATE	PLACE	TEAM
Feb 29-Mar 1 (Fri-Sat)	Sunray	JH/HS
Mar 7 (Fri)	Spearman	JH
Mar 8 (Sat)	Panhandle	HS
Mar 14th (Fri)	Fritch	JH
Mar 15th (Sat)	Fritch	HS
Mar 17-21	SPRING BREAK	
Mar 27 (Thu)	Dalhart	JH
Mar 28 (Fri)	Dalhart	HS Boys
Mar 28-29 (Fri-Sat)	Amarillo Relays	HS Girls
April 4th (Fri)	Canadian	HS
April 5th (Sat)	Fritch (District)	JH
April 8-9 (Tu-Wed)	Spearman (District)	HS
April 17-19 ?	Regional Qualifiers	HS
April 25-26 (Fri-Sat)	Regional (Abilene)	HS
May 9-10 (Fri-Sat)	State (Austin)	HS

Results for Sunray Bobcat Relays

Spearman High School and Gruver High School both competed in the Fightin' Sunray Bobcat Relays on Saturday, March 1, 2008. Listed below are the results for Varsity Boys and Varsity Girls for each school.

VARSITY BOYS
Team Totals: 1. Canadian, 140. 2. Boys Ranch, 114. 3. Sunray, 81. 4. West Texas, 72. 5. Dalhart, 63. 6. Stratford, 50. 7. Gruver, 47.

8. Spearman, 21. 9. Booker, 10. Wheeler, 2.
High Jump: Reed Parvin, Booker, 6-4. 2. Chris Sigler, West Texas, 6-0. 3. Riley Urban, Gruver, 5-10.
110 Hurdles: 1. Jeremy Frost, Spearman, 15.39. 2. Luis Garcia, Canadian, 15.59. 3. Nick Alexander, Boys Ranch, 15.61.
400: 1. Chris Sigler, West Texas, 54.21. 2. Blake Fitzgerald, Gruver, 56.44. 3. Mark Gonzales, Sunray, 56.88.

1600: 1. Clay Nieshe, Boys Ranch, 5:11.60. 2. Jesus Mendoza, Spearman, 5:12.21. 3. Swasey Brown, 5:15.19.
1600 Relay: 1. Canadian, 3:42. 26. 2. Gruver, 3:36.15. 3. Stratford, 3:46.88.

40.5. 7. West Texas, 40. 8. Boys Ranch, 36. 9. Wheeler, 26. 10. Gruver, 11. 11. Hartley, 4. 12. Dalhart JV, 3.
Pole Vault: 1. Christy Lang, Spearman, 8-0. 2. Makenzie Crane, Gruver, 7-6.01. 3. Faith Trevino, Sunray, 7-6.
1600: 1. Kristen Crabtree, Stratford, 5:51.19. 2. Sutton Garnett, Spearman, 6:02.07. 3. Halle Merket, Canadian, 6:03.23.

GHS 2008 Tennis Schedule

TIME	EVENT	TEAM
Feb 25-26	Canadian Tourney	HS
March 10-11	Panhandle Tourney (Borger)	HS
March 24-25	Spearman Tourney	HS
March 29	JV District Tourney (Spearman)	HS
April 3-5	Varsity District Tourney	HS
April TBA	Amarillo Tennis Center	
April 23-24	Regional Qualifier's Tourney	HS
April 23-24	Regional Tourney (Levelland)	HS
May 5-6	State Tourney	HS
	University of Texas	

Monday - Boys Tuesday & Wednesday - Girls/Mixed

GHS 2008 Golf Schedule

TIME	PLACE	TEAM
Feb 22-23	Borger Invitational	Girls
Feb 29 & Mar 1	Borger Invitational	Boys
March 3	Booker Invitational	Boys
March 6	Booker Invitational	Girls
March 10	Gruver Invitational (Guymon)	Girls
March 11	Gruver Invitational (Guymon)	Boys
March 17	White Deer Invitational	Girls
March 24	Canadian Invitational	Boys
March 25	Canadian Invitational	Boys
March 29	Perryton Invitational	Boys
April	District	Girls/Boys
April	District	Girls/Boys
April	Regional	Girls/Boys
May 7-8	Austin/State	Girls/Boys

GHS 2008 Track Schedule

DATE	PLACE	TEAM
Feb 29 & March 1	Sunray	JH/HS
March 7	Spearman	JH
March 8	Panhandle	HS
March 13	Gruver	JH
March 14	Gruver	HS
March 21 & 22	SPRING BREAK - TBA	
March 29	District (White Deer)	JH
March 31 & April 1	District (White Deer)	HS
April 8	Area (Panhandle)	HS
April 17	Qualifier's Meet (Panhandle)	HS
April 25 & 26	Regional (Levelland)	HS
May 9 & 10	State (Austin)	HS



Riley Urban came in 3rd in the High Jump with a jump of 5 feet, 10 inches. (photo by Charlie Johnson)



Tyler Wills hands off to Daniel Sanchez in the 400 relay. (photo by Charlie Johnson)

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SHS Arts Students Take Top Honors

The area Visual Arts Scholastic Event (Art's UIL event) was held February 23, in Amarillo. Spearman High School art students competed with area schools of all sizes throughout the panhandle area.

The students had to take their artwork to show and explain individually to a judge, write short essay explanations, and participate in an interview where they were asked questions concerning purpose, media, techniques, elements of art, principles of design, artists, and art history. The students were then scored on the artwork and on the interview. The total of the scores determined what rating they got. The ratings in art are opposite from music contest ratings; where in Art a IV is the top, superior rating, and I is

below average.

Every student that participated from Spearman went home with a IV rating! Those students were William Boyer, Amy Brown, Sandie Carbajal, Suttin Garnett, Laura Hernandez, Juan Ibarra, Miriam Mendoza, Jessica Pinon, Justine Rosales, Andi Lynn Scarborough, and Ivan Terrazas. Then after all schools went through the process, all of the IV's were judged again to determine the top 10% and that top 10% qualifies to compete at the state level.

Spearman has two students that will compete at the state level. Those students are William Boyer and Miriam Mendoza. The state competition will be held April 10 - 12 in Houston.



Miriam Mendoza received a Division IV for her artwork at the Visual Arts Scholastic Event, and was named to the top 10%, qualifying her for the state competition in April.



William Boyer qualified for the state Visual Arts Scholastic Event by being named to the top 10% in Amarillo on February 23rd.

Amarillo Gorillas Chase Play-Off Spot

By Myrna Biggers

With ten games remaining in the regular season, the Amarillo Gorillas are two points out of the fifth and final play-off spot in the Southern Conference of the CHL. The play-off spot remains a tight race between Austin, Amarillo and Corpus Christi. On Thursday, February 28, Amarillo was defeated in a shoot-out by Arizona 4-3. Two points are given for each win and one point for a loss in overtime or a shoot-out.

Thursday was a big night for Myrna Biggers. As she was being told that she had won the Chicken Dance, another Gorillas staff member informed her that she had won the McFarlin's Diamond of the Night. She got to be in the penalty box on the ice during the second period of play. Three Arizona players shared time in the penalty box during that period. A puck was also shot out of play into the box, sailing just past Myrna, touching her jersey. When she retrieved the puck, she

noticed a large gouge in it. Pucks travel at speeds up to 100 mph. Because of a broken panel of glass that had to be replaced, she had some extra time in the box and got to dance the Cha Cha Slide and Macarena in the box.

There are five home games remaining in the regular season: Thursday, March 6, against New Mexico; Saturday, March 8, against

Arizona; Tuesday, March 11, against Tulsa; Thursday, March 20, against Austin; and Friday, March 21, against New Mexico. The puck drops at 7:05 each night. There are fun and prizes besides the excitement of the fast-paced game. All seats have great views of the on ice action. For tickets call 242-PUCK (242-7825). See you there!



Myrna Biggers is shown emerging from the Penalty Box proudly displaying the puck that sailed by her. Photo courtesy of Jim Peak Photography.



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The class schedule will be decided by those who attend on March 13th. Classes are free.

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