

IN THE NEWS

US pushes for joint action over North Korea
President George W. Bush pushed on Thursday to get a united international response to North Korea after the reclusive state launched a barrage of missiles in defiance of repeated warnings.

Israel kills 12 in Gaza as fighting intensifies
Israeli forces on the offensive in Gaza killed 12 Palestinians in air strikes and clashes with militants on Thursday in the worst violence since the Jewish state quit the strip a year ago.

North Korea vows more missile tests
President Bush discussed with China ways of putting "greater pressure" on North Korea after the reclusive Stalinist state acknowledged for the first time on Thursday it had launched several missiles.

Al Jazeera airs excerpts of Zawahri, London bomber
Al Jazeera television on Thursday aired excerpts of a video featuring al-Qaeda's second-in-command, Ayman al-Zawahri, and what it said was the last statement of one of the July 7, 2005 London bombers.

New Jersey budget deal seen Thursday; senate chief
The president of New Jersey's senate said he expected a state budget deal to be reached on Thursday that would allow Atlantic City's casinos to reopen after they had been forced shut since Wednesday.

Court rules DeLay must stay on ballot
Former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay's name must stay on a Texas ballot in upcoming congressional elections, despite his decision to withdraw from the race, a U.S. court judge in Austin, Texas, ruled on Thursday.

Shuttle Discovery docks with space station
After a two-day chase through space, shuttle Discovery docked with the International Space Station on Thursday 213 miles above the earth.

Rush Limbaugh cleared in Viagra probe
Conservative radio commentator Rush Limbaugh has been cleared of wrongdoing following his detention at a Florida airport last month, when agents found a bottle of Viagra in his luggage that was not prescribed in his name, authorities said on Wednesday.

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Mortgage demand rises
Mortgage applications rose for the first time in three weeks as interest rates on home loans fell from a four-year high last week when the Federal Reserve raised borrowing costs, an industry trade group said on Thursday.

Calderon leads in Mexico
Conservative candidate Felipe Calderon was leading in an official vote count by a razor-thin margin Thursday, but his leftist rival said he won't accept the results and will take his demands to court.



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Beedy named Men's Academic Player of the Year for the Lone Star Conference

Abilene Christian University's Kevin Beedy was named Men's Academic Player of the Year to lead the list of Lone Star Conference tennis academic awards announced in June by league officials.

Beedy, a repeat selection on the LSC All-Academic Team, follows Jason Ray as the second straight Wildcat to take top honors for his work on the courts and in the classroom. The junior accounting major helped ACU to championship matches in both the LSC Postseason Championship and NCAA Division II Central Region tournaments.

Beedy was joined on the men's All-Academic Team by teammate Casper Steenkamp of East Central's Felipe Lopez, both repeat selections as well. Other picks were ECU's Matt Folsom, MSU's Charles Van Swelm and Central Oklahoma's Christian Haugen.

On the women's side, Midwestern State's Michelle Beukes was named Women's Academic Player of the Year honors for a second straight year as she led a group of seven players on the All-Academic Team. The others were Alicia Cummings from Tarleton State, Cecilia Muller and Brenna Jackson of MSU, holly Lindloff from Abilene Christian, Carolina Vera-Vera of Cameron and Amanda Rhyes from East Central.

In addition to these six men and seven women being named to the LSC's All-Academic Teams, three men and 13 women were named to the LSC Commissioner's Honor Roll in recognition of their excellence in the classroom. In all, 29 student-athletes were recognized.

To be eligible for LSC academic honors, student-athletes must carry at least a 3.20 grade point average and have reached sophomore status both athletically and academically. The Academic Player of the Year award and All-Academic Team are selected from the list of academically qualified players, with the league's sports information directors voting on the basis of both academic and athletic achievement. All qualifying student-athletes not selected for the All-Academic Team are then named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll.



Leona Stavlo was named the "Queen of the Parade" for the Gruver July 4th Celebration Parade. Festivities were held on Saturday, July 1st, with a parade, games and activities at the City Park, a barbecue sponsored by the Gruver Lions Club, a raffle benefiting the Gruver Volunteer Fire Department and a volleyball tournament.

Hansford County Youth "Cowboy Up"

The 2006 Tri-State High School rodeo season came to a close June 2nd-4th in Vernon. Five area students participated in three rounds and the average to finish the year. Spearman high School Sophomore, Dane Harbour, competed in the Bull Riding and Bareback Riding. Gruver High School Junior, Brain Johnson, competed in the team roping, tie-down calf roping, and ribbon roping. GRuver high School Seniors: Jessica Schmidt competed in the goat tying and breakaway calf roping; Rachelle Holt competed in the breakaway calf roping, the goat tying, the barrel race, and the pole bending events; Tyler Lane competed in the saddle bronc riding, the tie-down calf roping, the steer wrestling, the ribbon roping, and the team roping. Johnson and Lane are team roping partners. These students worked hard all year and represented Hansford County well in and out of the arena.

Round 1- June 2nd

Dane: bareback riding, 5th; Jessica: breakaway calf roping, 9th - goat tying 8th; Rachelle: pole bending 5th, barrel racing 1st; Brian: tie-down calf roping 2nd, ribbon roping 2nd; Tyler: saddle bronc riding 1st, steer wrestling 1st, tie-down calf roping 8th, ribbon roping 5th; Brain and Tyler placed 5th in the team roping

Round 2- June 3rd

Jessica: break away 8th, goat tying 4th; Rachelle: breakaway 4th, goat tying 7th, barrel racing 1st, pole bending 1st; Brian: tie-down calf roping 6th, ribbon roping 4th; Tyler: saddle bronc 1st, steer wrestling 1st, tie-down calf roping 5th, ribbon roping 9th Brian and Tyler place 5th in the team roping.

Round 3 June 4th

Dane: bull riding 1st; Jessica: breakaway roping 9th, goat tying 8th; Rachelle: breakaway roping 8th, barrel race 3rd, goat tying 3rd, pole bending 5th; Brain: tie down calf roping 2nd, steer wrestling 1st, ribbon roping 2nd; Tyler: saddle bronc 2nd, steer wrestling 1st, ribbon roping 2nd; Brian and Tyler placed 9th in the team roping.

Average:

Dane: bareback riding 5th, bull riding tied 2nd; Jessica: breakaway roping 4th, goat tying 6th; Rachelle: breakaway roping 9th, barrel racing 1st, goat tying 9th, pole bending 4th; Brain: tie down calf roping 2nd, ribbon roping 3rd; Tyler: saddle bronc 1st, steer wrestling 1st, ribbon roping 4th, tie-down calf roping 8th, Brain and Tyler placed 5th in team roping.

Tyler earned All-around Cowboy award for the finals and for the year. He was also the champion saddle bronc rider of the year.

Brain was the Reserve All-around Cowboy for the finals. He was the champion tie-down calf roper and the champion ribbon roper for the year.

Rachelle was the Reserve All-around Cowgirl for the finals and for the year. She was the breakaway roping champion for the year.

Jessica received third place for the year in the goat tying.

Congratulations to these students on a job well done. Thank you for your competitive spirit and your love of the sport of rodeo.



The Gruver FFA completed their last project of the year. The Ag Farm gates were built by junior and senior classes and were hung Tuesday afternoon. The students did an excellent job. This finalizes the most successful year the chapter has had, placing in the top three in nineteen contests and advancing to state the first time ever in a leadership development event. A quick thank you to the administrators, school board, and community members for their support.

More than drought affecting wheat yields

by Kay Ledbetter

Wheat producers have more than the drought cutting into their yields this year, said two Texas Agricultural Experiment Station researchers.

Dr. Tom Allen, Experiment Station assistant research scientist and plant disease diagnostician, saw more than 150 wheat samples sent to the Great Plains Diagnostic Network lab this growing season, in addition to 400-plus samples the plant pathology staff gathered across the Panhandle.

Ninety-five percent of these samples were diagnosed with the wheat streak mosaic virus. In addition, 50 percent of the samples contained maize red stripe virus, more commonly known as High Plains virus. Both diseases are vectored by the wheat curl mite, Allen said. And so far, there's no treatment for either the viruses or the mite.

The Great Plains Diagnostic Network is a part of a national plant disease monitoring system, which is divided into five regions. The Amarillo facility, a satellite lab to one at Kansas State University, is operated under the Experiment Station's plant pathology program, headed by Dr. Charlie Rush.

Samples came by mail, through Texas Cooperative Extension agents or were dropped off by producers, Allen said. They came from as far north as Nebraska and as far south as Dallas and the Hill Country, Rush said, making this one of the most widespread years for wheat streak mosaic disease.

"Without question, wheat streak mosaic virus is the No. 1 pathogen of wheat year in and year out," he said.

An early indication this year would have more problems than normal was the arrival of samples in the middle of October, Allen said, "which is pretty rare to see virus that early. We've had quadruple the number of samples as any previous year," he said.

Once a crop is diagnosed with one of the viruses, there is little the producer can do, Allen said. Widespread cases can reduce yields enough that only grazing or making silage from the crop can salvage any income. In many cases, the crop is "zeroed out" by insurance companies and plowed up.

This year's virus started early because of last year's crop, he said.

A hail storm across much of the region shortly before harvest knocked the grain from the heads, Allen said. These seeds germinated into a heavy volunteer wheat crop, which went uncontrolled through the summer.

The wheat curl mite over-summered on this "green bridge" and moved into the new crop.

Control of volunteer wheat this summer will be key to controlling the wheat curl mite that vectors the disease, Allen said.

Rush and Allen believe the

Conservation Reserve Program grasses throughout the region also might harbor the wheat curl mite.

"We don't have a good understanding of the wheat curl mite and its ecology," Rush said. "It holds on some grasses, but there's lots of work to be done to understand what happens with these mites during the summer."

Right now, he said, the only other advice they can give to producers is to plant as late as possible to reduce chances of severe wheat streak problems again.

"We're trying to develop some cultivars that can be resistant to wheat streak mosaic and could be planted early and then grazed out," Rush said. "They would be popular in this region and serve an important purpose."

The problem now, he said, is any resistance breaks down in high temperatures. And not enough is known about the wheat curl mite to tell producers when or what to spray.

"There are big gaps in our knowledge," Rush said. "But we are making progress and have things working in the field that should provide answers in the next couple of years."

FUMC receives new pastor

Reverend Neely C. Landrum has been appointed by Bishop Max Whitefield of the Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church to pastor First United Methodist Church in Spearman.

Neely was born in Snyder, Texas and grew up on a small farm 16 miles northwest of Snyder. He attended Fluvanna ISD and graduated in 1974. He graduated from Western Texas Junior College in Snyder in 1976 with an Associate in Arts Degree, West Texas A&M in Canyon with a Bachelor in Business in 1978, and Asbury Theological Seminar in Wilmore, Kentucky with a Master of Divinity degree in 1981.

Neely has also received the outstanding young Man in America award in 1982 and was awarded a Kentucky Colonel which is a service award given by the Governor of Kentucky for outstanding volunteer community service in 1979.

Neely began his ministry in 1977 as a student pastor in Wildorado, Texas in June of 1977. He was pastor of FUMC in Taylorsville, Kentucky while finishing his Master of Divinity degree in 1981.

Neely has served in the Panhandle/South Plains since 1981, serving in places such as Paducah, Crowell, Shamrock, Slaton, Memphis and Lockney.

Neely is married to Sabrina who grew up in Childress where she graduated in 1976. Neely and Sabrina were married in August of 1977.

Sabrina works as a teachers' aide with Special Education children. She loves music, gardening, crafts of all kinds, camping and working with children of all ages.

The Landrums have two children Karisha and Richard. Karisha is living in Floydada and works in the nursing home. Richard is living in Rusk, Texas and works with small animals. He hopes to be a Veterinary Tech.

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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: Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. South southeast wind around 10 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 91. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 67. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 90. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east southeast.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. Calm wind becoming north northwest around 5 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 90.

North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.

North wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 90.

Northeast wind around 5 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 69.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 95.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy and hot, with a high around 97.

Live,
Laugh &
Love



by Catherine R. Smith
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A friend sent me the following entitled "You're from Texas if..." I found some of the sayings funny, and thought you might enjoy them as well.

You're from Texas if...

1. You can properly pronounce Corsicana, Palestine, Decatur, Wichita Falls, San Antonio, Mexia, Waco, Amarillo, and Waxahachie.
2. You think that people who complain about the wind in their states are just sissies.
3. A tornado warning siren is your signal to go out in the yard and look for a funnel.
4. Your idea of a traffic jam is ten cars waiting to pass a tractor on the highway.
5. You've ever had to switch from "heat" to "A/C" in the same day.
6. You know that the true value of a parking space is not determined by the distance to the door, but by the availability of shade.
7. Stores don't have bags, they have sacks.
8. You see people wear bib overalls at funerals.
9. You think everyone from a bigger city has an accent.
10. You measure distance in minutes.
11. You refer to the capital of Texas as "home of the Longhorns."
12. It doesn't bother you to use an airport named for a man who died in an airplane crash (or space shuttle).
13. Little Smokies are something you serve only for special occasions.
14. You go to the lake because you think it is like going to the ocean.
15. You listen to the weather forecast before picking out an outfit.
16. You know cowpies are not made of beef.
17. Someone you know has used a football schedule to plan their wedding date.
18. You have known someone who has had a belt buckle bigger than your fist.
19. A bad traffic tie up involves two cars staring each other down at a four-way stop, each determined to be the most polite and let the other go first.
20. You know which state Miami is in...and which states Miami-ee is in.
21. You aren't surprised to find movie rental, ammunition, and bait all in the same store.
22. Your "place at the lake" has wheels under it.
23. A Mercedes Benz is not a status symbol. A Ford F350 4x4 is.
24. You know everything goes better with Ranch.
25. You learned how to shoot a gun before you learned how to multiply.
26. You actually get these jokes and are "fixin'" to send them to your friends.
27. Finally, you are 100% Texan if you have ever heard this conversation:
"You wanna coke?"
"Yeah."
"What kind?"
"Dr. Pepper."

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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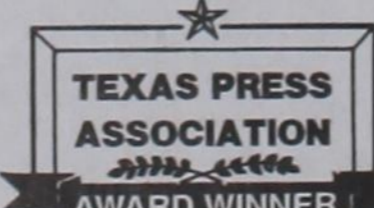
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Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

In the fifth week of Pentecost, we study Ezekiel 2:1-5, Psalm 123, 2 Corinthians 12:2-10, and Mark 6:1-13. Ezekiel is before the Lord God who tells Ezekiel that "Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel... whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them...do not be afraid of them". The Psalmist sings to the enthroned Lord, longing for mercy asking the Lord with longing eyes for His favor. The mission of the Old Testament prophet was not to magically predict the future; the prophet's mission was to deliver the "Word of the Lord" to an often rebellious people.

Paul is again defending his ministry to the Corinthians. Against those who were claiming "secret knowledge" and "special" powers, Paul points out that he could boast of such things, but such boasting does not advance the cause of Christ. Paul reflects that his "thorn in the flesh" which makes him sometimes weak, sometimes unappealing to others, also acts to keep Paul from becoming too proud, too elated. Paul asked the Lord to remove his "thorn" three times, but the Lord tells Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness". When we consider the accomplishments of Paul's ministry, the obstacles and difficulties that Paul overcame, the weakness of his body, then we must conclude that Paul's accomplishments were because of the active presence of the Holy Spirit. Thus, when Paul was weak, his reliance on the Spirit was strong. It has been said, "It is the glory of the gospel that in our weakness, we may find this wondrous grace, for always man's extremity is God's opportunity".

Jesus after the series of miracles and healings that we have studied, goes to his home town. There He begins to teach in the synagogue; and all the people are offended. In his hometown, Jesus is viewed as only a "craftsman", a person of common roots with brothers, sisters, family residing nearby. How can this local boy now claim to know heavenly things? The locals were "amazed" at Jesus' claims, and Jesus was "amazed" at the locals' unbelief. From here Jesus sent his disciples forth in pairs on their first journey of preaching repentance and healing the sick.

May the Holy Spirit give you the strength to accept your weakness and the ability to use that weakness to Christ's glory.

Thank You

Thank You

We praise the Lord, and want to thank everyone for your prayers for Eddie these past few months. He received a good report on the 28th. No more tumors, two tumors shrinking and 2 stabilized. God is good. We appreciate your prayers, trust all will be gone the next MRI two months from now.

God bless you all,
Ruby, Eddie and Paula Riley

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and expressions of care and concern in the loss of Gary's brother. Your thoughtfulness has been greatly appreciated.

God bless you,
Gary, Cathy & Clayton Smith

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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

July 6
Birthdays - Alan Biggers, Scott Attwood, Monte Beck, Rickey Shields, Gene Dennis, June Day, Kimberly Ann Vasquez, Cody Benton, Lometa Sparks

July 7
Birthdays - 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

Anniversary - M/M Kenny Bratton, Kelly & Johnnie Fuller

July 8
Birthdays - Buddy Benton, Janna Nickles, Aaron Hart, Craig Morris, Gay Pipkin, Luis Martinez, Jody Fowler, Samantha Prouty, Loree Espinosa, Kathy Lindsey

Anniversary - M/M Rodney Clawson, Leo & Phyllis Cummings, M/M Rod Fulce, M/M Greg Miesner

July 9
Birthdays - Edith Smith, Donna Farris, Johnny Jo Roach, Sally Swan, Kyle Kirk, Sean Travers Baker, Donna Custard, Sharolyn Finley, Darlene Hoel

Anniversary - M/M Richard Booth, M/M Dewey Taylor, M/M Jimmy Finley, Joanna (Moore) & Wayne Pierson, Kevin & Ann Rook, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bagwell

July 10
Birthdays - Steven Greever, Donna Sheets, Lorene Kunsleman, Carolyn Shields, Cathy Gafford, Mitch Gillian, Belinda Francis, Felex Lopez, Jolynda Vasquez, Justin Bass, Jerrill Key, James Sursa

Anniversary - M/M Randy Kirk

July 11
Birthdays - Louis Schnell, Marvin Jones, Danny Pope, Juanita Paul, Sharon Archer, Scott Russell, Kenneth Schaeffer, Debbie George, Zeke Henson

July 12
Birthdays - 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
Birthdays - Mary Schroeder, Terri Ann Porter, Ron Clark, Gary Burke, Rounder Jackson,

Clay Schnell, Claude (Junior) Crossland

Anniversary - Allen & Margie Alfred

July 14
Birthdays - Scott Bullard, Jo Alice Clawson, Shelly Logsdon, Albert Baker, Linda Jarvis, Carrie Pearson, Rebecca Rosales, Butch Baker

Anniversary - M/M Roy Stinson, Rod & Penny Sumner, Betty & Kenneth Redwine

July 15
Birthdays - Julie Imke, Carol Pack, Chris Jenkins, Sonya Nitschke, Maude McClellan, Ryan Renick, Julie Stork, Hazle Britt, Clarence Zabel, Samantha Baker, Kayla Schrader, Nelva Snow, Galen Coates

Anniversary - Alvin & Becky Byers, M/M Jack Jackson, M/M Bob Gillispie, M/M Richard Shad, M/M Jerry Hayes

July 16
Birthdays - Dave Barkley, Dorothy Hudson, Maria McCall, Clinton Tindell, Mary Ann Kenney Peters, Jay Pack, Pam Fairfield

Anniversary - Hal & Sara Shufeldt

July 17
Birthdays - Holly Meyer, Debbie Tolleson, Wesley Jarvis, Michael Dodd, Dennis Nelson, Marie Jones, Dr. Tom Latta, Charlie Garcia, Cody Baskin, Karl Bynum, Julie Baca, Veronica Rosales, Kevin Quillin, Denise Smith, Michael Lusby, Coley Griffin

Anniversary - M/M Willie Wilkerson, M/M Dick Thompson, M/M Jim Fowler

July 18
Birthdays - Trixie Holt, Lisa Salmans, Maria Vela Acevedo, Linda McCoy, Cris McClellan, Greg Meek, Sonny Patterson, Shanda Denee Graham, Floyd Hull, Kathryn Murphy

Anniversary - Jim & Laquita Evans, Scott & Marla Bullard, Tracy & Angela Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Deakin, Kim & Steven Francis

July 19
Birthdays - June Barkley, Joe Lopez Jr., Ronnie Williams, Vincent Garcia, Blake Beedy, Mark Avila, Pauline Nava, Opal Petree, Amber TeBeest

Anniversary - Ray & Judy Martin, Joey & Lyn Woolley, Don & Carolyn Savage, M/M Corky Chapman, M/M Arlo Shearer, M/M Steven Francis

July 20
Birthdays - Elaine Rogers, Arlo Shearer, Vic Schuman, Virginia White, Thomas Reed, Cal Nava, Mary Barnes, Meli Floyd Burgess, Bruce Bailey, Neale Estes, Sylvia Herara, Inez Bennett, Cheryl Wall, Braxton Crane

Anniversary - Rick & Jan Howard, M/M Eric Brown, M/M Joe Archer Sr., M/M Mike Garnett, M/M F.W. Thomas

Spearman Chamber of Commerce Yards of the Week

Each summer the Spearman Chamber of Commerce selects three Yards of the Week. The yards are selected by members of the board each Sunday. The following have been selected for 2006:

Sunday, May 28 - 707 S. Barkley, 716 E. 2nd, 212 Brandt

Sunday, June 4 - Corner of Brandt & Kenneth, 1113 Barkley, 1117 Bernice

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Local Students Named to Frank Phillips College Honor Rolls

Seven students attending the FPC Allen Campus received academic honors for the spring semester 2006.

Two students from Perryton; Austin Buschman and Leota Ramirez, and one student from Balko, Oklahoma; Robin Robinson, earned places on the President's List. To receive this honor, a student must be enrolled in 12 or more credit hours and have a grade point average (GPA) of 4.00 for the semester.

Two students from Perryton; Shanna Glassey and Susan Webster, and two students from Spearman; Carrie Ceniceros and LuAnn Hunter were named to the Dean's List. To receive this honor, a student must be enrolled in 12 or more credit hours and have a GPA between 3.50 and 3.99 for the semester.

The FPC Allen Campus congratulates each of these students for a job well done.

Our Sympathy

J. LEE PHILLIPS

GREENVILLE - J. Lee Phillips, 67, died Monday, July 3, 2006, in Dallas.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, July 6, 2006 in Peters Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Richard Deteau officiating. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 8, 2006 in Quail Cemetery in Quail. Arrangements are by Peters Funeral Home.

Lee Phillips was born May 22, 1939, to William Bryan and Virginia Irene Phillips in Ruidoso, N.M.

Lee volunteered to serve his country in 1958, joining the U.S. Army where he became a member of the 101st Airborne Division before going to Korea. After his tour in Korea he finished his service at Fort Polk, La.

Lee married Nancy Stephens of Quail on June 13, 1960, in Clarendon. They have two sons, Toby and Terry.

In 1964, Lee entered law enforcement in Spearman as a dispatcher/patrolman. In 1966 was hired by J. B. Cooke to be a deputy sheriff for Hansford County where he served until 1974. Also during his time as deputy sheriff he was the fire chief for the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department. Lee was appointed to the position of chief of police in 1974 and served in that post until 1976.

In 1976, Lee began his 10-year career at Baker and Taylor Drilling Co. in Spearman, where he worked as a truck driver and personnel and safety director. In 1986, he moved to Greenville to work as a security guard for E Systems where he remained until he became disabled in 1995.

Lee enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

He was a member of the Northeast Texas Paratroopers Association in Quitman, and a former member of the Spearman Texas Lions Club.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents; his stepmother, Cleo Phillips; sisters, Betty June Baker and Nelda Laton; and a cousin, Donnie Phillips.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy; sons and daughters-in-law, Toby Phillips and wife June of Commerce and Terry Phillips and wife Melissa of Greenville; two granddaughters, Lora Lee and Linzi Phillips, both of Commerce; and two grandsons, Travis and Austin Phillips, both of Greenville; a sister, Ann Tolley of Lake Worth; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Miller of Memphis, Mary K. Pottee of Lubbock, Jerri Martin and husband Tommie of Lakeview and Monda Fuels and husband Tom of Pattonville, Texas; a brother-in-law, James Stephens and wife Alice of Odessa; several nieces and nephews; and longtime friends, Larry Ferguson and Ernie Meade.

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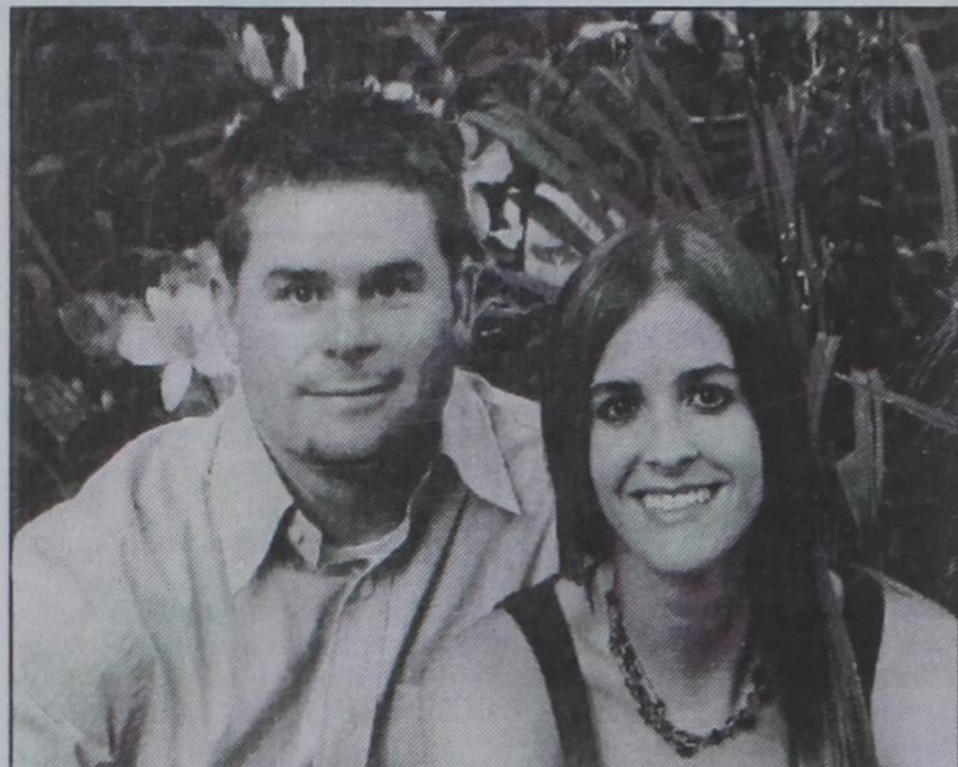
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Beasley, Scott Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Williamson of Cinton, OK and Mr. Jim Beasley of Gruver, TX are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Halee Beasley to Steve Scott. Steve is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Henry of Eufala, OK and Mr. Bob Scott of Westville, OK. Halee recently graduated from Southwestern College of Pharmacy in Weatherford, OK and will complete her internship in December. Steve is a 2005 graduate from Southwestern College of Pharmacy and is currently employed by the Indian Health Services near Tulsa, OK. The couple will be married on August 5, 2006 in Spearman, TX.



Mahanay, McGuire Engaged

Michelle and David Tarver of Memphis, TX and Kelly Mahanay of San Angelo are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Danica Mahanay, to Justin McGuire, son of Jerry and Jodie McGuire of Floydada. The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Trinity Fellowship Christian High School in Amarillo. She is a May 2006 graduate of West Texas A&M University in Canyon with a degree in Sociology and Social Work. She is currently interning at Bivins Nursing Home. The prospective bridegroom is a 2000 graduate of Floydada High School. He is a 2005 graduate of West Texas A&M in Canyon, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. He is currently a student at Parker College of Chiropractic in Dallas. The couple will be married August 26, 2006 in Playa del Carmen, Mexico.

ET CETERA

David Hall from San Marcos attended the graduation of his nephew, Tyson Dettmann. Also attending were Tyson's great-aunt and uncle, Ron and Carla Garrison of Elk City, OK; his mother, step-father and brother, Lyn and Rhonda Diercks and Kiegan from Garden City, KS; father and step-mother, Nick and Shellie Dettmann from Stella, NE; and Courtney Valdez and Justin Robinson from Balco, OK.

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In case you saw the national news and heard the stories about flooding in Houston recently, Sheri Benton wanted to let everyone know that it was the southern part of the Houston area. They have had lots of rain, but thankfully, no flooding at all.

She did say, though, that they wished they could send some of the rain up to the panhandle where fires have again been a problem.

I heard about an old friend today. Most of you know him, too. Max Clawson. I had lost track of him but his daughter called today to change his address. I'll share this info with you as well as this... He's had some health issues in the last several months but is doing better, but missing home and getting news from home so... drop him a note or a card. Hi, Max...hope you get a lot of cards and letters. Send them to Max

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Cookie Jars on Display at Fritch Museum

The Lake Meredith Aquatic & Wildlife has on display during the month of July the cookie jar collection of Patsy Sims.

According to Renee Cunningham, museum director, there are 77 different cookie jars that Mrs. Sims has collected over the past 14 years. "There is really something for everyone in this collection," Cunningham said. "You may find a copy of your grandmother's cookie jar on display."

While Mrs. Sims has over 200 cookie jars in her collection she sorted the best for the display. There are some old favorites like the "Cookies" cookie jar from the 1950s and such characters as the Three Stooges, Bugs Bunny, Marilyn Monroe, and James Dean.

"I find cookie jars everywhere," Sims said of her collection. "Garage sales and antique shops are good places to look."

Sims said while she has purchased many of the jars most have been given to her as gifts including one hand made by Carl Bowers a well known potter in Utah given to Sims by the National Park Service for 5000 volunteer hours of service at Lake Meredith and Alibates National Monument.

Cunningham said she is delighted to have the jars on display and there is a chance to win one of the "Cookies" cookie jars made by the Los Angeles Pottery Company who now makes china.

The cookie jars will be on display through July 12th. The museum is located under the water tower in Fritch and is open from Noon until 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Gruver ISD Board of Trustees

The regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees, Gruver Independent School District was held Monday, June 19, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Jeff Graves, Lee Bob Harper, Brent Stedje, Paul Stavlo, Traci Venneman, Curt Fitzgearld, Dwayne Thompson and Superintendent, David Teal.

Paul Stavlo opened meeting with prayer. The Board received the following visitors: Debby Odom and Kevin Black.

Motion by Curt Fitzgearld, second by Jeff Graves to approve the minutes from May 22, 2006 meeting as amended. Voting Aye: Graves, Stavlo, Stedje, Thompson, Venneman, Fitzgearld. Abstain: Harper. Motion carried 6-0-1.

The Board reviewed the following discussion items: Enrollment (408); Regular Board meeting - July 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.; Technology Report; Renovation project report; Finance Report

Executive Session - Gov. Code 551.074
The Board of Trustees entered into executive session at 7:44 p.m.

Open Session - Gov. Code 551.001
The Board of Trustees entered into open session at 8:45 p.m.

Motion by Jeff Graves, second by Curt Fitzgearld to offer a one year Probationary Dual contract (teacher/coach) to Cody Martindale for school year 2006-2007. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Paul Stavlo, second Lee Bob Harper to offer a one year Probationary Teaching contract to Karen Price for school 2006-2007. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Curt Fitzgearld, second by Traci Venneman to offer a one year Principal Contract for 2006-2007 to Kevin Black. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Jeff Graves, second by Traci Venneman to adjourn at 8:48 p.m.

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You are invited to attend a **Bridal Shower** honoring **Jessica Crossland** (bride-elect of Matt Dunnihoo) on Saturday, July 8th from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the home of Cindy Blackman 719 Wilbanks Drive Spearman

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Spearman Stingrays meet results

The Spearman Stingrays hosted the swim meet on June 24. We had a huge turnout of fans to watch the kids swim. We swam against teams from Guymon, Ulysses, Liberal, and Dodge City. The Spearman team placed 2nd in the meet. Here are the results for the Stingrays.

8 & Under Girls
 25 Free - Taylor Varmon - 1st, Payton Harrell - 2nd, Brantly Shields - 13th, Jaci Burgin - 15th, Lilly Patterson - 17th, Ashley Vasquez - 20th, Ryanne Howell - 22nd, Tori Bennett - 23rd, Finley Garnett - 24th, Carlee Johnson - 25th, Abby Howell - 28th; 25 Fly - Taylor Varmon - 1st, Payton Harrell - 2nd, Jaci Burgin - 5th, Tori Bennett - 10th, Lilly Patterson - 11th; 25 Back - Taylor Varmon - 1st, Payton Harrell - 3rd, Jaci Burgin - 7th, Brantly Shields - 17th, Tori Bennett - 19th, Carlee Johnson - 20th, Finley Garnett - 22nd, Ashley Vasquez - 24th, Ryanne Howell - 26th, Abby Howell - 27th; 25 Breast - Taylor Varmon - 1st, Payton Harrell - 2nd, Brantly Shields - 6th, Jaci Burgin - 9th, Lilly Patterson - 10th; 100 IM - Taylor Varmon - 1st, Payton Harrell - 2nd; 100 Free - Brantly Shields - 5th; 100 Free Relay - Spearman - 1st - Ashley Vasquez, Brantly Shields, Payton Harrell, Taylor Varmon, Spearman - 4th - Lilly Patterson, Tori Bennett, Jaci Burgin, Finley Garnett; 100 Medley Relay - Spearman - 1st - Finley Garnett, Payton Harrell, Taylor Varmon, Brantly Shields

8 & Under Boys
 25 Free - Dylan Kemp - 3rd, Steven Johnson - 11th, Reece Shields - 16th, Reid Harrell - 17th, Dustyn Kelley - 22nd, Slade

Knowlton - 24th; 25 Fly - Dylan Kemp - 2nd; 25 Back - Dylan Kemp - 7th, Steven Johnson - 13th, Dustyn Kelley - 15th, Reid Harrell - 18th; 25 Breast - Dylan Kemp - 1st; 100 IM - Dylan Kemp - 1st; 100 Free Relay - Spearman - 3rd - Dustyn Kelley, Reid Harrell, Reece Shields, Dylan Kemp; 100 Medley Relay - Spearman - 2nd - Dustyn Kelley, Dylan Kemp, Reid Harrell, Reece Shields

9 & 10 Girls
 50 Free - Jayme Pack - 4th, Slade Garnett - 5th, Hannah Patterson - 9th, Kim Gibson - 10th, Kelsi Sumner - 16th, Vanessa Vela - 21st; 50 Fly - Kim Gibson - 3rd, Slade Garnett - 4th, Jayme Pack - 7th; 50 Back - Kim Gibson - 3rd, Slade Garnett - 4th, Jayme Pack - 5th, Hannah Patterson - 8th, Kelsi Sumner - 14th, Vanessa Vela - 20th; 50 Breast - Kim Gibson - 2nd, Hannah Patterson - 3rd, Jayme Pack - 5th, Slade Garnett - 8th, Vanessa Vela - 15th; 100 IM - Slade Garnett - 3rd, Hannah Patterson - 4th; 100 Free - Kim Gibson - 5th, Jayme Pack - 6th, Kelsi Sumner - 10th, Vanessa Vela - 13th; 200 Free Relay - Spearman - 2nd - Hannah Patterson, Jayme Pack, Slade Garnett, Kim Gibson; 200 Medley Relay - Spearman - 1st - Hannah Patterson, Jayme Pack, Slade Garnett, Kim Gibson

9 & 10 Boys
 50 Free - Zane Hughes - 4th, Seth Carson - 9th; 50 Back - Zane Hughes - 4th, Seth Carson - 7th; 50 Breast - Seth Carson - 8th, Zane Hughes - 10th; 100 Free - Seth Carson - 3rd

11 & 12 Girls
 50 Free - Tiffany Bradford - 16th; 50 Back - Tiffany Bradford - 14th; 100 Free - Tiffany Bradford - 8th

11 & 12 Boys
 50 Free - Blaine Pack - 1st, Brent Hansen - 5th, Tyler Hamilton - 9th; 50 Fly - Blaine Pack - 1st; 50 Back - Tyler Hamilton - 4th; 50 Breast - Brent Hansen - 4th, Tyler Hamilton - 6th; 200 IM - Blaine Pack - 1st; 100 Free - Brent Hansen - 3rd, Tyler Hamilton - 7th; 200 Free - Blaine Pack - 1st, Tyler Hamilton - 4th; 400 Free - Blaine Pack - 1st, Brent Hansen - 3rd

13 & 14 Girls
 50 Free - Stevie Couch - 7th, Britney Poulin - 8th; 100 Back - Britney Poulin - 4th, Stevie Couch - 6th; 200 IM - Britney Poulin - 3rd; 100 Free - Stevie Couch - 4th, Britney Poulin - 5th; 200 Free - Britney Poulin - 3rd, Stevie Couch - 5th; 400 Free - Stevie Couch - 4th

13 & 14 Boys
 50 Free - Chance Pack - 2nd, Jackson Curry - 8th, Christian Hinkle - 9th, Joel Kern - 12th, Zack Hughes - 14th, Preston Patterson - 17th; 100 Back - Chance Pack - 1st, Christian Hinkle - 5th, Zack Hughes - 6th, Preston Patterson - 10th; 100 Breast - Chance Pack - 2nd, Jackson Curry - 5th, Joel Kern - 6th, Zack Hughes - 9th; 200 IM - Chance Pack - 1st, Joel Kern - 5th; 100 Free - Jackson Curry - 3rd, Christian Hinkle - 4th, Zack Hughes - 6th, Joel Kern - 7th, Preston Patterson - 12th; 200 Free - Christian Hinkle - 4th, Jackson Curry - 5th, Joel Kern - 9th; 400 Free - Chance Pack - 1st, Jackson Curry - 6th, Zack Hughes - 7th; 200 Free Relay - Spearman - 3rd - Joel Kern, Christian Hinkle, Zack Hughes, Chance Pack; 200 Medley Relay - Spearman - 2nd - Chance Pack, Joel Kern, Christian Hinkle, Jackson Curry

15 & Over Girls
 50 Free - Clara Kern - 4th, Mattie Davis - 6th, Amber Bradford - 7th, Kim Bergan - 8th; 100 Fly - Amber Bradford - 5th; 100 Back - Clara Kern - 2nd, Kim Bergan - 5th, Amber Bradford - 6th; 100 Breast - Mattie Davis - 9th; 200 IM - Kim Bergan - 4th; 100 Free - Clara Kern - 4th, Mattie Davis - 5th, Kim Bergan - 8th, Amber Bradford - 9th; 200 Free - Mattie Davis - 2nd, Amber Bradford - 4th; 400 Free - Kim Bergan - 2nd; 200 Free Relay - Spearman - 1st - Clara Kern, Mattie Davis, Kim Bergan, Amber Bradford

15 & Over Boys
 50 Free - Colby Dennis - 1st; 100 Fly - Colby Dennis - 1st; 100 Breast - Daniel Kern - 1st; 200 IM - Daniel Kern - 1st; 100 Free - Colby Dennis - 1st; 200 Free - Colby Dennis - 2nd, Daniel Kern - 3rd; 400 Free - Colby Dennis - 1st

19 & Over Boys
 50 Free - Daniel Kern - 2nd; 100 Free - Daniel Kern - 2nd

The next swim meet will be on July 8 in Garden City, Kansas. The Championship Meet will be on July 15 & 16 in Hays, Kansas. We have several swimmers who have qualified for the Division II Meet which will be held on July 21-23 in Derby, Kansas. The Division I Meet is on July 28-30 in Lenexa, Kansas. Good Luck to all our swimmers!



Carlee Johnson swims the 25 meter freestyle in the Spearman Swim Meet. Carlee is the daughter of David & Sandi Johnson of Spearman.



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New Education Program Is Offered by North Plains Water District

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District (NPWD) has added a new program to its list of presentations available for groups and civic organizations. Interested parties can now request programs on Xeriscaping or Water-Wise Gardening through the NPWD office. NPWD has previously offered Xeriscaping classes once each year in the Spring, but the program is now available by request at any time. Program attendees will learn more about how to select native and drought-tolerant plants that will provide year round color and texture, as well as use less water. The principles of Xeriscaping, or making the home landscape more water efficient,

will be a feature of the program, and attendees will receive printed materials to help them in implementing the principles of xeriscape at home, as well as free computer software to help in planning their landscape. With the continued importance of water conservation for the state of Texas, and the necessity of maintaining home landscapes in dry, drought-like conditions, learning about ways to reduce water consumption in the home landscape will be more important to Texas residents. Not only do Xeriscaped landscapes or Water-Wise landscapes require less water, a well designed xeriscape landscape can require as much as 50% less maintenance.

A common misconception about xeriscaping is that it involves paving turf areas of the landscape with gravel and planting cacti. What this presentation will clarify is that Xeriscaping is not "Zero-scaping", and that Water-Wise gardening can produce home landscapes that will provide year-round color, lush growth, and that will be attractive to butterflies and birds, all the while requiring less water and less maintenance. To request a presentation for your group or organization, contact NPWD Education Coordinator Rhonda Artho at 806-935-6401 or at artho@npwd.org. The program, materials, and software are free of charge.

Hay, Cattle Supplementation Among Topics At Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course in August

by Dr. Jason Cleere

Forage and beef cattle nutrition management will be the topics of several Cattleman's College seminars at the 52nd Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course. The short course will be Aug. 7-9 at Texas A&M University in College Station.

These topics are timely since keeping cattle in good condition was a challenge to Texas beef producers last summer and this past winter, said Dr. Jason Cleere, Texas Cooperative Extension beef cattle specialist.

Scarce rainfall during the 2005 growing season, as well as last fall and winter, resulted in very little available grazing forage, he said.

Forage alternatives will be discussed at the Cattleman's College seminars.

"During the past year many producers were searching for cheap alternatives to hay, and many looked toward the potential use of byproduct feeds in their operation," said Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension

beef cattle specialist.

Cotton gin trash and corn gluten are some of those alternatives, he said. Many producers have been successful in utilizing byproducts in their operations and have benefited from reduced feed costs. However, they understand the positives and negatives of feeding these products, McCollum added. The nutrition session will also present a simplified approach to controlling feed costs, important to producers at all times, McCollum said. "Little to no hay reserves from 2005 and below normal hay production early in the 2006 season indicate that hay supplies may be short for next winter," said Dr. Larry Redmon, Extension forage specialist. "During the Forage Session of the Cattleman's College, Texas A&M faculty will address methods to stretch hay supplies." New to this year's Cattleman's College will be a session titled "Managing Cattle and Wildlife in One System."

and managing deer and cattle together in one system will be highlighted.

The short course will have a total of 15 specialized workshops as part of the Cattleman's College. A general session will include discussions of the cattle market, climate and issues affecting landowners. Numerous opportunities for Beef Quality Assurance and pesticide applicator continuing education units will be available.

Registration by July 31 will be \$120 per participant and includes admission to the conference and the Cattleman's College, a copy of the proceedings (a 300-page publication), trade show admittance, tickets to the special Aggie prime rib dinner, and additional meals and breaks.

Registration after July 31 will be \$160.

Register online at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu> or by contacting Cleere's office at 979-845-6931.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD

APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD FOR THE HANSFORD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT, TEXAS

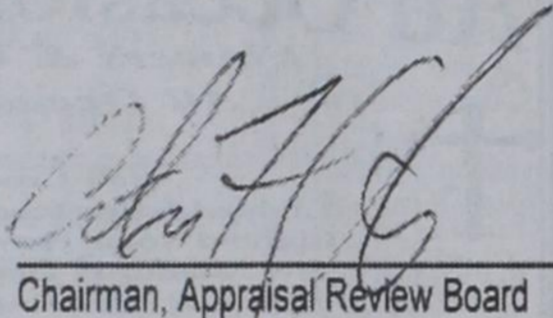
Notice of Public Meeting of the Appraisal Review Board:

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.

The board will hear and determine taxpayer and taxing unit appeals on all matters permitted by TEX. PROPERTY TAX CODE.

The Appraisal Review Board will be in session, notice for which will be duly posted, until all timely filed appeals are heard and resolved.

This notice is given pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code.



Chairman, Appraisal Review Board

State agency grants help rural communities build healthcare workforces and community support

The Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) today announced it has awarded \$46,426.90 to 10 healthcare organizations in rural Texas. The grants were made through the agency's Rural Healthcare Workforce Development Grant (RHWDG), established by ORCA in 2005. The grant program, which is available to healthcare organizations and rural communities in qualifying medically underserved areas in Texas, supports rural communities in developing or strengthening their healthcare workforce through coordinated, community-based efforts.

"Building a strong healthcare workforce throughout rural Texas is one of ORCA's primary goals," said Charles S. (Charlie) Stone, ORCA Executive Director. "These grants will help recipients increase the stability of their healthcare workforces and create lasting community support for their organizations. ORCA is proud to acknowledge their hard work and continuing efforts to improve healthcare access in their communities."

Communities may use the grant to fund allowable activities such as marketing and public awareness strategies, community outreach, health education, technical training, capacity building, community partnerships, preparation for workforce development activities (such as health fairs), and other health workforce development initiatives. Grants may also be used to prepare for HealthFind, an annual health-related recruiting event hosted by ORCA.

"This program is unique because it provides funding for public awareness initiatives and related projects that strengthen the workforce, but often go overlooked in traditional government grant programs," said Theresa Cruz, Director of ORCA's Rural Health Division. "As an added benefit, Workforce Development grants emphasize community involvement, which helps rural healthcare facilities improve long-term sustainability."

ORCA administers the program under the State Office of Rural Health (SORH) Program. The agency's Rural Health Division serves as the State Office of Rural Health, designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Office of the US Department of Health and Human Services.

Hansford County Hospital District received \$5,000.

ORCA's door is always open for your comments and suggestions regarding the agency, or rural issues in general. Contact ORCA at P.O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas 78711. Phone: 512-936-6701 Toll free: 800-544-2042 E-mail: orca@orca.state.tx.us Fax: 512-936-6776. On the web: www.orca.state.tx.us

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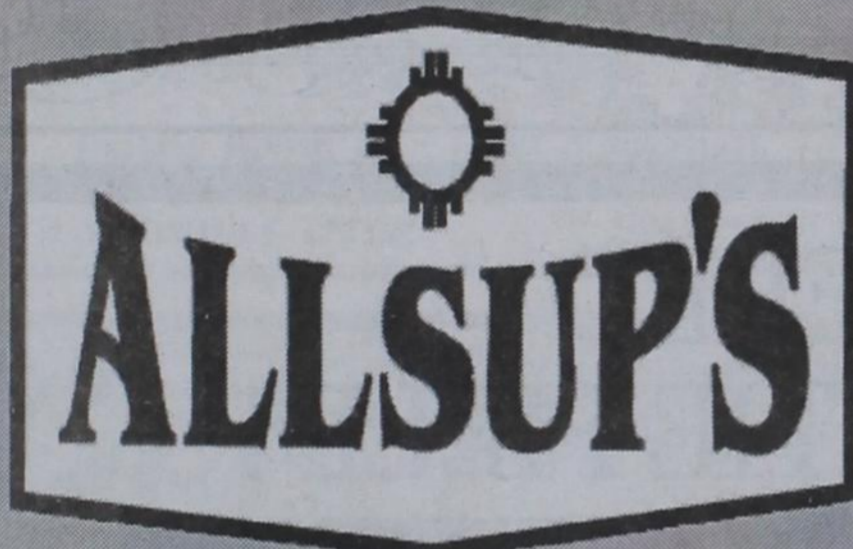
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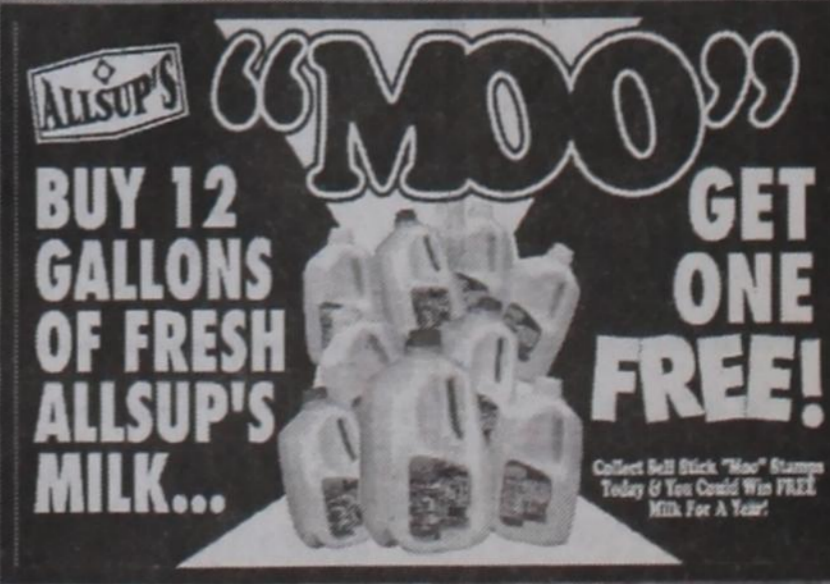
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For further application information, including a complete job vacancy notice, contact the nearest Texas Department of Transportation. Information may also be accessed via the Internet at www.dot.state.tx.us. Mailed applications should be postmarked the day job vacancy closes and sent to: 5715 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, TX 79110; Attn: Human Resources. If more information is needed or if an applicant needs an accommodation on order to apply for this job, contact Linda Tucker at (896) 356-3231. TXDOT IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER
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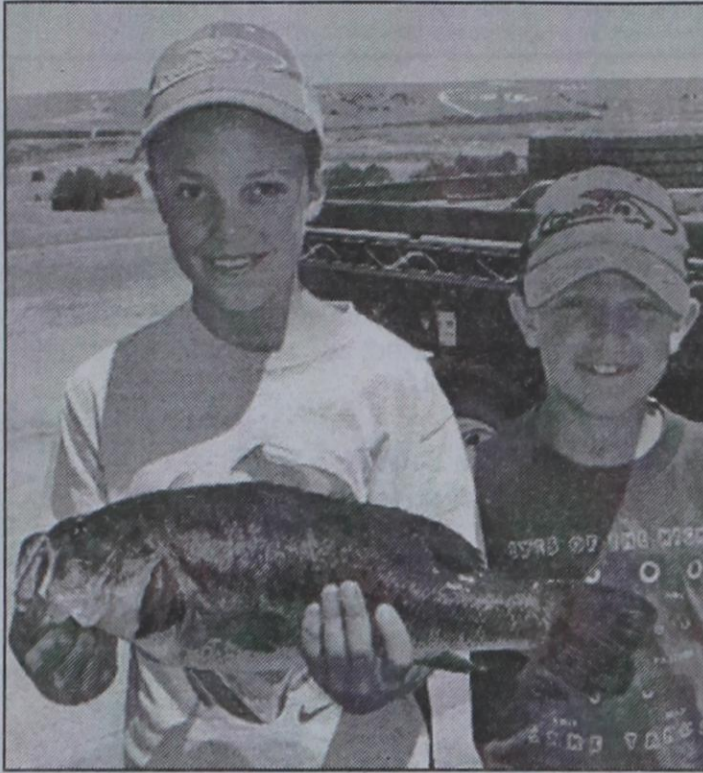
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Out At The Lake

by Jim Derington



Audy and J.D. Reed with a 4.25-pound Bass.

Building Update No. 8

by Rodney Sumner, Spearman ISD Superintendent

Things have been very busy on the construction site, and work is proceeding on schedule. Currently, the new cafeteria is taking shape with the outside structure weathered-in and finishing work starting to take place inside of the building. Sheet rock has been put up, and the walls are being prepared for texture and painting. The AC duct work and fire sprinkler system are in, and work is scheduled to start next week on putting in the drop ceiling. Once the ceiling is in place, then

various fixtures will be installed. Work is also being done on the kitchen area. Tile is being put down on the floor, and once that is in, the next phase will be the installation of the kitchen equipment. All of this should be done within the next month. The biggest glitch so far has been to get the electric company to install a new transformer for the building. Without the transformer, the AC units cannot begin cooling and climatizing the building which is necessary before the laminate wall coverings are put up on the walls.

Barring no unforeseen circumstance, the new cafeteria is scheduled for completion the first of August. It is our hope to start the next school year in this building! The new cafeteria is going to be something to behold. The stage will allow us to have parent meetings and plays at one time and not force us to make alternate arrangements due to space limitations. Work is also being done on one project in the 4th and 5th grade wing of the elementary school. Room 21 (Mrs. Haney's classroom) is being partitioned off to create a new hallway and an exit to

the playground. As I write this update they are busting out the wall in Room 21 and a new door going out to the playground will be put in. You have probably noticed if you have driven by the complex that demolition is occurring on the old junior high band/choir building, maintenance shop and metal storage building. Once these buildings are removed, work will begin on the dirt work and pad of the new junior high school. This should be well underway when we report back to school in August. It is exciting to see things take shape on the improvements which our staff and students will be able to utilize in the near future.



A fawn lays down under a tree near the lake.

makes it sound better, doesn't it? In a TV report, I heard that Lake Meredith is five percent full. Lake Palo Duro is under two percent. The lake has not had many visitors over the Fourth of July weekend. The lack of water, heat, and the holiday on Tuesday, all combine to make people do other things. A public fireworks show at the lake would help. Spearman and Gruver, are you listening? The fishing is off and on. Some catfish are being caught. Charlie Laxton caught his personal best, last week at night, with a 27 lb. Blue Cat. Audy Reed showed his bass catching expertise, with a 4.25 lb. bass caught on Saturday. I heard he, or brother J.D., caught another one later. The deer seem to be concentrated more, as their water source shrinks. I have seen a number of fawns in the last month. Most were single, though I have seen three sets of twin fawns this week. I wonder if more single fawns are born in stressful years, such as this? Some of you may know the answer to this question. The lake is down, we need rain, it is hot, and a lot of us are a little down. I am now finished with this pessimistic tirade. Do you realize, that we are only one rain away from a full lake, lush green grass, beautiful corn, and many smiling faces? Keep those rain prayers coming, and think positive!

July 3, 2006 - lake level - 19.45 feet
The lake level continues to drop, despite two nice rains, totaling 1.65 inches June 22 and 23. The rains really made the grass green, though. The lake has dropped one foot in the last month. According to the chart, we have 154 surface acres, and 1,029 acre-feet of water. One acre-foot of water is 325,851 gallons. So, we have over 335,000,000 gallons left. That

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