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Gruver Qualifies for Texas Educator Excellence Grant

Gruver Elementary qualified for the Governor's Excellence Grant for the 2006-2007 school term. The staff at Gruver Elementary completed the grant and mailed it to Austin. A copy of this grant has been placed in the elementary office and will be available for public viewing throughout this year.

This grant will provide funds to allow districts to reward their best teachers. About 1,000 campuses applied for state funds to pay bonuses to teachers who can demonstrate improvement in student performance.

Campus eligibility for 2006-07 was determined using accountability data from 2004-05 and eligible campuses have already been notified. School incentive plans will have to be developed by campus committees and submitted to TEA with the school's application by October 5, 2006.

Student performance during the 2006-07 school year will determine which teachers receive awards for the year. The time period for this year's grant awards begins October 6, 2006, with awards distributed to teachers no later than October 15, 2007.

This opportunity to apply is a tribute to the students and staff at Gruver Elementary.

Welcome Reception for CEO of HCHD

You are invited to a Welcome Reception for Jerry Jasper, CEO of Hansford County Hospital District. The Board of Directors would like to invite everyone to reception welcoming Jerry Jasper as their new CEO/Administrator. The reception will be held on Wednesday, September 5, 2007, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Business Office lobby at Hansford Hospital, 707 S. Roland in Spearman.

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. East winds around 10 mph.

FRIDAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. Light and variable winds becoming southeast around 10 mph in the afternoon.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s.

SUNDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 60s.

LABOR DAY - Partly cloudy. Highs around 90.

MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

TUESDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s.

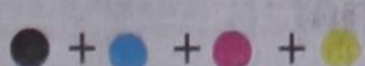
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WEDNESDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs around 90.

COME TO THE GAME

Gruver Greyhounds
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Texhoma Red Devils
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at Gruver

SPEARMAN LYNX
VS
Wheeler Mustangs
8/31 - 7:30 p.m.
at Spearman



Hansford County 4-H Awards Banquet Held

The Hansford County 4-H Awards Banquet was held Sunday, August 26th at the Fellowship Hall of Gruver Methodist Church with 4-H youth, their parents, volunteer leaders and supporters of the 4-H program in attendance.

Seth Thompson and Lynn Vela presided over the event which carried out the theme "4-H... the Key to Your Success."

Shelby Wagner led the Pledge of Allegiance and Matthew Jarvis led the 4-H Motto and Pledge. Austin Benton gave the Welcome and Brenna Reid introduced the guests. Lynn Vela recognized parents and volunteer leaders. Dani Wheelock gave the 4-H Creed.

This year's Gold Star recipients were Austin Benton and Seth Thompson. Austin is the son of Kent and Tammy Benton of Spearman. Seth is the son of Dwayne and Shawn Thompson of Gruver. Austin and Seth will be honored at the District 4-H Gold Star Banquet November 3rd in Canyon.

Ashley and Klara Keim were recognized for participation in the District Share-the-Fun Vocal competition and Maci Forrest was recognized for participation in District Share-the-Fun Poetry.

Rayel Anderson was recognized for her participation in District 4-H Fashion Show.

Austin and Cody Benton were recognized for their participation in the State 4-H photography contest and Jessica Jarvis was recognized for her participation in the State 4-H Horse Show.

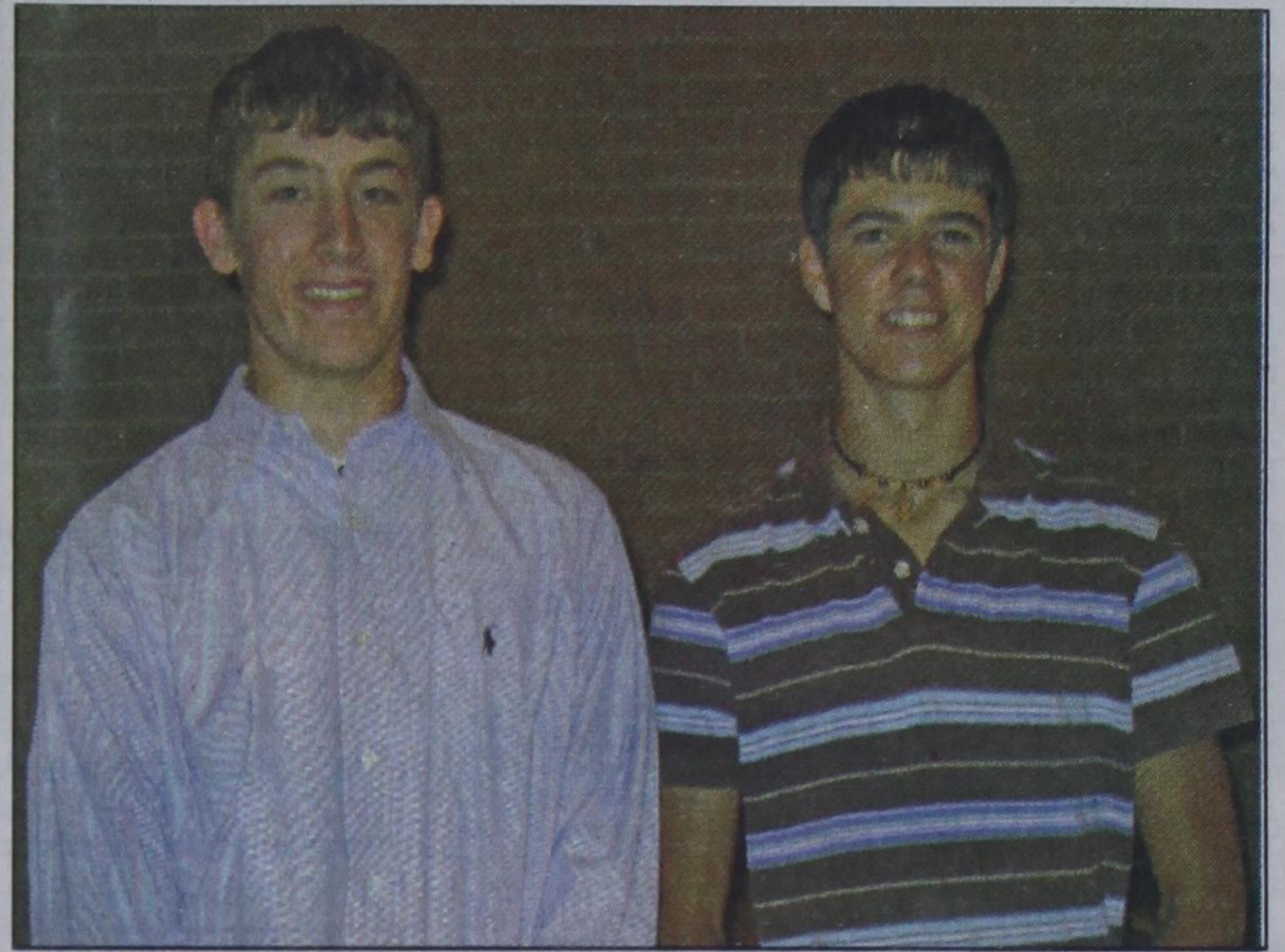
District Livestock Judging participants recognized were Allison Brown, Kyler Cator, Colton Cator, Wil McCloy, Callie Stedje, Bailey Stedje, Brenna Reid, Jacob Lieb, Audrey Lieb, Dustyn Kelley, Jaci Burgin, and Jace Lane.

Jimmilee McCloy, Casey Cator, Dakota

Cator and Charlie Slough were recognized for their participation in the district and state 4-H Livestock Judging contests.

Year pins were presented by teen leaders Addam Ferguson, Dakota Cator, Lynn Vela,

Austin Benton, Makenzie Crane, Cody Benton, Dani Wheelock, and Seth Thompson to 4-H youth completing a project during the 2006-2007 year. 4-H gate signs were presented to all first year members.



Austin Benton and Seth Thompson were selected as 2007 Gold Star recipients for Hansford County.

Thornberry Announces Ag Disaster Programs

Congressman Mac Thornberry today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has set sign-up dates for the new Livestock Compensation Program, Livestock Indemnity Program and Crop Disaster Program. The three disaster programs, funded in the "U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007" provide benefits to farmers and ranchers who suffered losses caused by natural disasters in calendar years 2005, 2006 or 2007.

Eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive benefits under the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) beginning September 10, 2007. Eligible

farmers can sign up for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) beginning October 15, 2007, if they suffered quantity losses to their crops. USDA will announce and conduct CDP sign-up for quality losses as soon as possible.

On May 25, 2007, President George W. Bush signed into law the "U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007" (2007 Act). The 2007 Act authorizes LCP, LIP and CDP. It also authorizes funding for the Emergency Forestry Conservation Reserve Program (EFCRP), Emergency Conservation Program and Dairy Disaster Assistance Program III (DDAP-III). USDA recently announced sign-up for EFCRP and the distribution of funds to 18 states under

ECP. USDA will announce and conduct sign-up for DDAP-III as soon as possible. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is charged with administering the programs.

LCP compensates livestock producers for feed losses occurring between January 1, 2005, and February 28, 2007, due to a natural disaster. This can include producers who suffered losses resulting from blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007. Livestock producers may elect to receive compensation for calendar year 2007 grazing season losses that are attributable to wildfire natural disaster occurring during the applicable period as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture. Producers in primary counties declared secretarial disaster areas or certain counties declared presidential disaster areas between January 1, 2005, and February 28, 2007, are eligible as are producers located in counties contiguous to those counties. Also, producers in a primary (or contiguous) county that received an Administrator's Physical Loss Notice directly associated with a disaster declaration made by President Bush may also be eligible. Producers incurring a loss in more than one of the 2005, 2006 or 2007 calendar years must choose only one year for which they want to apply for benefits.

LIP compensates livestock producers for livestock losses between January 1, 2005, and February 28, 2007, which resulted from natural disasters, including losses due to blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007. Producers in primary counties declared secretarial disaster areas or certain counties declared presidential disaster areas between January 1, 2005, and February 28, 2007, are eligible as are producers located in counties contiguous to those counties. Also, producers in a primary (or contiguous) county that received an Administrator's Physical Loss Notice directly associated with a disaster declaration made by President Bush may also be eligible. Producers incurring eligible livestock losses in more than one of the 2005, 2006 or 2007 calendar years must choose only one year for which they want to apply for benefits.

CDP provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses to 2005, 2006, or 2007 crops from natural disasters if the crop was planted before February 28, 2007, or, in the case of prevented plantings, for crops that would have been planted before February 28, 2007. Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 must choose only one year to apply for benefits. Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple commodities as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year. Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits. Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35 percent to be eligible for CDP.

More information about LCP, LIP and CDP is available in a fact sheet titled, Agricultural Assistance Act of 2007, found on FSA's Web site, <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> click on Disaster Assistance Programs. USDA is developing individual fact sheets about these programs that will be posted online.

PUBLIC RECEPTION

MONDAY, SEPT. 10, 2007

4:00-6:30 P.M.

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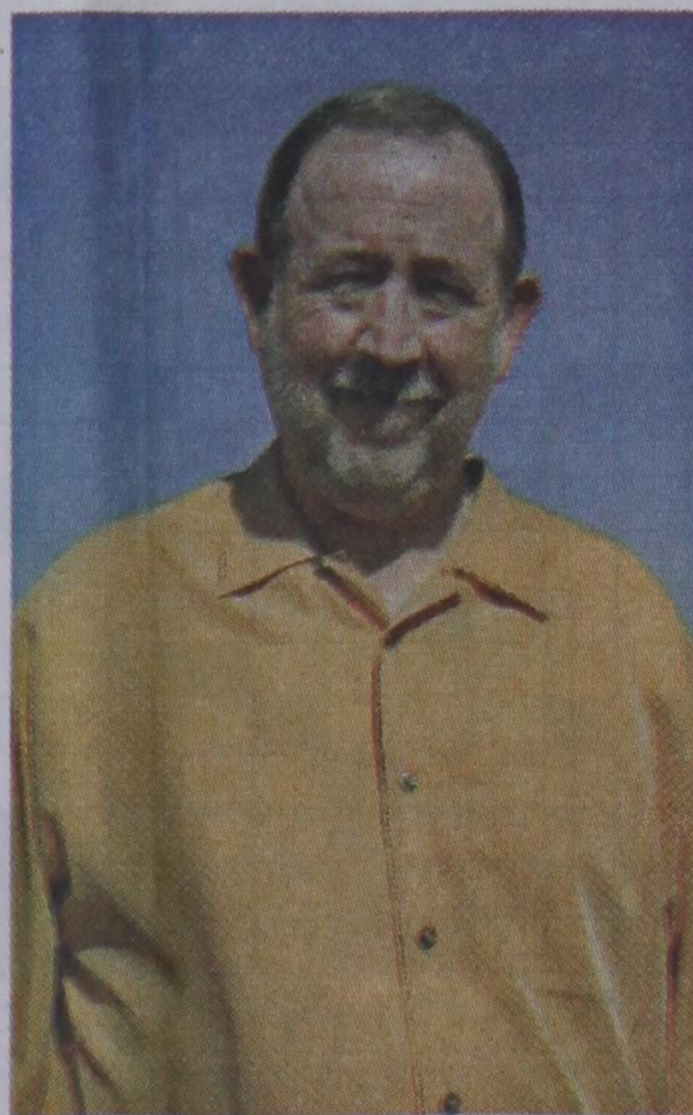
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Let The Truth Lead The Way

by Congressman Mac Thornberry (TX-13)

Recently, I was one of the House and Senate members asked to go to the Pentagon for a classified briefing from General Petraeus and Ambassador Crocker in Baghdad. As I walked out of the tunnel-like hallways in the basement of the Pentagon, I was struck by the contrast between the factual report I had just heard and the debate going on in Congress. It was truly two different worlds.

Not that the news from Baghdad was all positive. It was not. There were areas where clear, significant progress is being made, and there were other areas that have been disappointing. But that report was based on the facts on the ground. The debate in Congress seems to be based on something else.

Henry Kissinger recently wrote "Vietnam and Iraq are different conflicts in different times, but there is an important similarity: A point was reached during the Vietnam War when the domestic debate became so bitter as to preclude rational discussion of hard choices." My biggest concern is that we are approaching a point in the debate on Iraq where facts no longer matter.

Take a moment to think about what that means. Political partisanship and passions get so inflamed that rational decision making is not possible. Positions get so locked-in that no amount of evidence can change someone's mind. Decisions are based not on truth, but on politics, emotions, and what

someone wants the truth to be.

There are ominous signs. Once it became clear last month that there were not enough votes to force our troops to leave Iraq, the Senate Majority Leader took the entire Defense Authorization Bill off of the floor. If his position on Iraq was not going to prevail, he would not permit there to be any defense bill at all for the first time in 45 years. In the House, staff strains their imaginations to come up with new ways to vote on the Iraq issue every week. The impact of these acts on what the troops are trying to accomplish are brushed aside.

Of course, the danger of ignoring facts can apply to both sides in the Iraq debate. Just as there are those who pronounced the new strategy a failure before it was ever tried, there may be those who resist change even when a different course makes sense. Those of us who believe the strategy should be given a chance must be willing to objectively consider any evidence that it is not working. But the key is to be open to the facts, not locked into a partisan position.

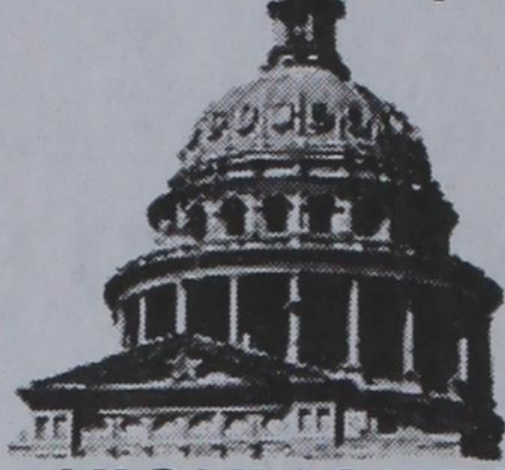
General Petraeus and Ambassador Crocker reported that all of the troops needed to implement their new strategy have been in place only since mid-June. The planned increase of civilians to help with reconstruction is only about one-half complete. There has been a remarkable turn-around in some provinces that had been seen as lost but were now rejecting Al Qaeda for-

eign fighters. Sectarian deaths have been dramatically reduced while the more spectacular vehicle bombings have gotten most of the attention. On the other hand, the government of Iraq is moving too slowly to pass the reforms needed for reconstruction and Qaeda is expert at using the media for their own purposes. It was recently revealed that the top Iraqi in the organization never really existed. He was a fictitious character invented for the media. Our soldiers have learned that the truck bombs we hear about are carefully placed in locations where the American media is sure to cover it. Innocent lives are expendable to terrorists.

Iraq is a pivotal piece in the increasingly complex war on terrorism. General Petraeus will come back to Washington in mid-September to report on where we are and what the prospects are for success. We should all expect that his report will again include some good news, some not-so-good. Will we be able to listen to his professional military judgment objectively, or are the bitterness and divisions too deep?

There are well-intentioned people on both sides of the debate, and there are clearly no simple answers. That is why we must stay focused on the facts, put partisanship aside, and let the truth lead the way.

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS



by Ed Sterling

HURRICANE DEAN RESPONSE CREWS STAND DOWN

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry on Aug. 21 ordered the withdrawal of disaster response personnel and equipment deployed to South Texas in anticipation of Hurricane Dean.

Perry issued the order after the hurricane began tracking on a westerly path away from Texas.

The hurricane earlier struck Jamaica and the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico, and appeared to be headed toward the Texas-Mexico border region.

Personnel, search-and-rescue teams, buses, aircraft and refuelers were staged in the Rio Grande Valley and San Antonio to support community efforts to prepare for bad weather.

"Luckily, our state was spared and it is time for the dedicated men and women who answered the call of duty to return home," Perry said.

College Ready Texas hits road

What does it mean for a student to be "college ready?" Basically, it has to do with ensuring that high school curriculum matches college entrance standards.

Members of the Commission for a College Ready Texas have been on the road to get more input on exactly what it means. Austin attorney Sandy Kress chairs the commission. Other members are Robert Scott, acting state commissioner of education, and Raymond Paredes of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

House Bill 1, in effect since 2006, requires teams of educators to define college readiness and the State Board of Education adjust high school curricula and develop online instructional resources for students and professional development for educators.

So far, the commission has gathered public testimony in Austin, Houston, Arlington and Midland. In September, they'll have meetings in Harlingen and San Antonio.

State considers electronic signs
The Texas Transportation Commission is contemplating passage a regulation that would allow electronic billboards visible to passing motorists.

If the commission grants preliminary approval, a 90-day public comment period will follow before final approval. Opponents say the changing messages can distract drivers. Supporters say it's not that big of a deal if messages don't flash or crawl.

Home rule municipalities would still have the final say in their jurisdictions.

Sales tax holiday helps shoppers
Shoppers saved about \$52 million in state and local sales taxes during the Aug.

17-19 annual sales tax holiday.

Combs and Sen. Rodney Ellis of Houston, the primary author of the sales tax holiday law, have said they would like to increase the maximum price for tax-exempt items from \$100 to \$150.

The officials hope to add another dimension to the tax holiday by including items such as pencils, pens, crayons and paper to the list.

Perry is asked to end shipments

Citizens and more than two dozen state legislators asked Gov. Perry to use his authority to stop further shipments of toxic waste to a Port Arthur incinerator.

The corrosive liquid waste comes from VX, a type of military nerve gas. The gas is chemically broken down and shipped from Indiana to Texas in 4,000 gallon containers.

A Port Arthur firm is processing and disposing the liquid under a three-year, \$49 million contract that tok effect in April.

State executes death row inmate

Johnny Ray Conner was executed at Huntsville Aug. 22 for the 1998 robbery and murder of convenience store clerk Kathyanna Nguyen in Houston.

Conner was the 400th Texas death row inmate to be executed since 1982, when the state resumed capital punishment.

Florida man given death sentence

John Couey, the Florida man convicted in the 2005 rape-murder of nine-year-old Jessica Lunsford, was sentenced to death by a Florida court Aug. 24.

The case prompted 31 states, including Texas, to enact some form of Jessica's Law to help protect children from sexual predators.

Letter to the Editor

This is a rebuttal to Congressman Thornberry's editorial "Let The Truth Lead The Way."

First let me state that I believe Mac Thornberry to be an honest, decent man. I also believe he is being naïve about the war and this administration. It is my intention to take this opportunity to point out important areas that Congressman Thornberry either fails to see or glossed over in his recent letter to the High Plains Observer. I will do so by rebutting the said letter in order of the way it was written.


Before I begin let me state that I am not a liberal by the standards of what a liberal is. I am a moderate independent voter with some Libertarian leanings and I voted for President Bush in 2004. I regret that except for the fact that John Kerry was no better a choice.

In paragraph three Congressman Thornberry

expresses the view that he is concerned that we are approaching a point where facts on Iraq no longer matter. I agree, but with this exception. The FACTS have not mattered to this administration for a good long while, if they ever did. It becomes increasingly clear that this war is more about revenge for a smitten father and oil and profit than about the people of Iraq or our national security. Along the way Parsons Corp. (headed by former Iraqi commander, U.S. General Ernest O. Robbins) and a division of Halliburton (Dick Cheney's former employer) has charged the people of the United States \$72 million to build a police training station that 2 years later is neither complete or adequately built (leaks, cracks and engineering flaws abound and the building is borderline useable).

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 - Brick used in hot climates
 - Inflamed condition benefited by muscadine grapes
 - A healthy one gets plenty of fruits and vegetables
 - Ape
 - Original name of European Community, abbr.
 - Plant-feeding insects
 - A knock at the door
 - Wade's opponent
 - Lace passage
 - Turkish monetary unit
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 - The Romanovs, e.g.
 - Natural staple of Southern stews
- DOWN**
- Zeus' sister and wife
 - The hunch-backed assistant
 - A third of a yard
 - Plural of "isthmus"
 - Raccoon-like South-American mammal
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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.

August 30
Birthday - Joshua Blount, Roy Dale Karr, Van Lewis, Jeff Nicholson, Chelly Rigdon, Christa Urban
August 31
Birthday - Jill Hoel, Roger Dean Close, Estella Arjona, Mildred Lewis, Ronnie Beck, Chad Wilkerson, Justin Essick, Lonnie Shields, Danny Herrington, Bob Boxwell, Dale Jones, Clay Neff, Elizabeth Holton
Anniversary - M/M Brian Pressley, M/M Kent Guthrie

September 1
Birthday - Sahala (McCloy) Galliard, Kathy (Nelson) Dumbold, Mrs. Don Allen, Eugene Yarborough, Irma Arjona, Pete Vera Jr., Jessica Williams, Rita Lindley, Erin Wafford, Misty Bynum, Hugo Villa, Richard Shad, Jessica Shad, Laura Bridges, Jace Lang, Ann Pipkin, Dane Harbour, Sandra Blankenship
Anniversary - M/M Johnny Lee, M/M Daniel Boyd
September 2
Birthday - Kelly Sue Jones, Melyn Johnson, Archie Smith, Felipe Lomelli, Carlos Mendoza Jr., Larry Gallimore
Anniversary - M/M Ron Antalek, M/M Everett Vanderberg
September 3
Birthday - Josh Mayhew, Isabel Martinez, Ruth Lackey, Kory Brown, Sheryl Meeck, Sandy Russell, Janet Sandavol, Jessie Moore, Brandon Baker, Michelle Evens, Elena Vargas, Jason Quillin, Coy Herrington
Anniversary - M/M John Booth, George & Virginia Young
September 4
Birthday - Val Winger, Peggy Frick, Jimmy Haden, Kathy Bowen, Marty Karr, Laci Murray, Darlene Pierce, Rodney Pointer, Tina Cator, Lighthouse Torres, Alix Boyd, Hallee Beasley, Kristi Vasquez, Jary Francis, Jerri Lane
Anniversary - M/M Ron Fox, Don & Wanda Reed

September 5
Birthday - Kilee Ryan, Cathy Potts, Howard Nash, Pat Minter, Dawn Brown, Mavis Floyd, David West, Mark Garcia, Betty Thomas, Mary Alice Gibner, Andy Riley, Sonya Tindell, Willie Wallis, Joyce Sharp, Lorenzo Sauz, Connor Odegaard, Daniel Swink, Stephen Lane
Anniversary - M/M Chuck Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Don Reed, M/M Bobby Hicks
September 6
Birthday - Brad Hart, Mickey Nash, Ty Williams, Jennifer Profit, Josh Owens, Cheryl Green, Jonas Heath, Osbaldo Lomely, Alison Smith
Anniversary - George & Tina Rex, M/M Bill Wink, Judy & David Martin, M/M Kenneth Stewart

September 7
Birthday - Alice Peddy, Kim Boone, Teal Armes, J.L. Brock, Richard Montgomery, Juanita Terceo, Melvin Willis, Kermit McKee, Jennifer Whitefield, Mardell Strawn
Anniversary - M/M Charlie West, M/M Jim Davis, M/M Ronnie Bullard
September 8
Birthday - Kevin Hart, Vernon Edens, Teresa Byrd, Richard Davis, Cindy Scarborough, Macy Holton, Suzanne Sanders, Beronica Borounda, Wynette Mullins, Monica Ceniceros, Linda West, Justin Tucker, Bill Miller
Anniversary - M/M Roger Odegaard, M/M Clarence Zable
September 9
Birthday - Jantzen Dahl, Brian Kaugman, Dora Salgado, Doug Hohertz, Daiana Arjona, Kitty Edwards, Krystal Lackey, Debbie Abston, Jeannie Swan, Brian Payne, Merle Arthur, Alvin Byers, Tina Baumgardner, Nikki Boyd, Kitty Edwards, Dyrnell Vera Moore
Anniversary - M/M Kyle Williams, Brad & Dodie Beedy, Al & Jean Smith
September 10
Birthday - Donnie Osborne, Michael Minter, Derek Kuehl, Lil Turner, Rosa Alexander, Don Moore, Jeff Hand, Makala Weakly, Scott Wilkerson, Rosa Rodriguez, Susan Harnish, Chris Lopez, Janett Trooper, Quentin Shieldknight, Jarick Howard, Brent Collins, Kami Hammonds
Anniversary - M/M Pedro Garza

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

In the fourteenth week of Pentecost we study Proverbs 25:6-7, Psalm 112, Hebrews 1:8, 15-16, and Luke 14:1-14. The selection in Proverbs warns us of the pitfalls of social climbing by devious means and is the basis of the gospel lesson for this week. The Psalmist sings of the happiness of those who fear the Lord and are "righteous" (in a right relationship with God). Humility is a gift of God but humility is difficult for us to accept.

The writer of Hebrews exhorts his followers to continue in mutual love despite the pressures to abandon those who are in disfavor with the government. He counsels them to be pure in their marital relationships and to avoid the love of money. These fears and temptations are such as limit our freedom in Jesus Christ. The writer reminds us that Jesus has promised, "I will never leave you or forsake you." When we face the final call, when wealth, friends and physicians fail and we stare into eternity, "Jesus is the same yesterday, and today, and forever". Jesus is with us always. So dear Christian, we cannot offer the sacrifice that Christ gave, but we can offer continued praise and thanks to God; we can offer public praise and glad confession of our faith. More importantly, we can offer many small deeds of kindness to others in Christian love.

Luke shows us Jesus being set up once again by the Pharisees. Jesus is invited to a banquet at a rich Pharisee's house. The Pharisees have invited a man with dropsy (an unclean man under Jewish law) to the banquet, which is being held on a Sabbath day. We are told that the Pharisees are "watching" Jesus closely (they are laying in wait to trap him). Jesus asks the Pharisees, "Is it lawful to cure people on the Sabbath or not?" Now the Pharisees want to say, "No!" But they also do not want to appear hard-hearted since they invited the diseased man to the banquet. They remain silent. In the law, silence implies consent. Jesus heals the man and asks the Pharisees, "If one of you has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a Sabbath day?" The Pharisees could not reply. What Jesus has pointed out is that the Pharisees as "masters" of the law would find a way to rationalize acting to protect their self-interest, either family or property, on the Sabbath, but would not lift a finger to help another on the Sabbath. Jesus then takes the Pharisees to task over their jockeying for the "best" places at the table, saying "All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted". Jesus then advises that when one gives a banquet, one should invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, because such people cannot repay the invitation. What Jesus is actually talking about is "Who will enter the Kingdom?" The answer is those who understand that the law is best summed up by showing love toward a neighbor. Those are close to the Kingdom who place God first, others second and themselves last. Humility and greatness go together in God's kingdom.

Perhaps we can learn from this that compassion toward others is more precious in God's sight than our religious rites, rituals and great theological debates. May the Holy Spirit grant you the ability to accept humility for the glory of God and the benefit of your neighbor.

Our Sympathy

RONNIE BECK

SPEARMAN - Ronnie Beck, 59, died Saturday, August 18, 2007.

Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 21, 2007 in First United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman. Mr. Beck was born Aug. 31, 1947, in Borger to Sid and Marie Beck. He married Kathy Mears on April 18, 1970, in Clarendon. He graduated from Spearman High School and attended Clarendon College.

Mr. Beck was a farmer and a veteran of the U.S. Army National Guard. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Marilyn Beck.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Melissa Donahue and husband Ross of Spearman; a son, Brian Beck and wife Alexis of Spearman; two brothers, Gerald Beck and wife Nelva of Spearman and Robert Beck and wife Kathy of McKinney; three sisters, Shirley Beggs and husband Don of Blossom, Barbara Gillum and husband Tom of McKinney and Becky Beck of Allen; and two granddaughters, Aubrey and Elyse Beck of Spearman.

The family suggests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 Roland, Spearman, TX 79081 or a favorite charity.

DeNETTA RAE HAGERMAN

Pflugerville - DeNetta Rae Hagerman, 40, died Wednesday, August 22, 2007. She was born Dec. 3, 1966, in Guymon, Okla.

Services were at 3 p.m., on Saturday, August 25, 2007 at the First Baptist Church in Pflugerville. Burial will follow at the Memorial Hill Cemetery with Beck Funeral Home.

DeNetta was a loving wife, mother and friend. She was very dedicated to her children and never missed a baseball game.

Survivors include her husband Larry Hagerman; a son, Weston; a daughter, Ashley; her father, John Booth and wife Selma; her stepfather, Jim Deakon and wife Sue; as well as her siblings, numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the First Baptist Church, 306 S. 10th St., Pflugerville, TX 78660.

JACK M. McMULLAN

SPEARMAN - Jack M. McMullan, 77, died Wednesday, August 22, 2007.

Services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, August 25, 2007 in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Reeves officiating. Burial will be in Erick Cemetery in Erick, Okla., by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. McMullan was born May 21, 1930, in Erick, OK. He was a painting contractor and a member of the Spearman Moose Lodge.

Survivors include two sons, Jay McMullan of Salt Lake City and Kerry McMullan of Hutto; a brother, J.W. McMullan of Amarillo; a sister, Zuma Sutton of Erick; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.



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Circle of Friends Membership Party

The Hansford County Circle of Friends will host a membership party in support of The Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center on August 30, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. The party will be held at The O'Loughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt, in Spearman. The cost is \$20 per person, or \$35 per couple. For more information on the Hansford County Circle of Friends, please contact Holly McLain at (806) 733-2268 or Erika Stedje at (806) 733-2509.

Gruver State Bank's Wienie Fest

Gruver State Bank will host their annual Wienie Fest on August 31, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Gruver State Bank parking lot. All hot dog lovers are invited to attend.

HCHD Welcome Reception for Jerry Jasper

Hansford County Hospital District would like to invite everyone to a reception welcoming Jerry Jasper as the new CEO/Administrator. The reception will be held on Wednesday, September 5, 2007 from 4-6 p.m. in the Business Office lobby at Hansford Hospital, 707 S. Roland in Spearman.

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet on Saturday, September 8, starting with a potluck supper at 6 p.m. in the Waka Christian Center in Waka, TX, located on Hwy 15 between Perryton and Spearman. Information for the September and October walks can be found at www.rushingwindemmaus.org or e-mail rushwind@psi.net with questions and updated e-mail addresses.

NITRO

The NITRO high school youth group will not be meeting the rest of the summer. We will resume Monday, September 17th for the Back to School Hog Roast.

ADULT ESL CLASSES

Spearman ISD Community Resource Program and Region 16 ESC are sponsoring Adult English Second Language classes. They began Tuesday, August 14 and will continue through May, each Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7-9pm. Dana Saylor, elementary ESL teacher, will teach the class in room 112 at Spearman High School. For more info, call Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Coordinator, at 659-3233.

FREE CLASSES FOR ADULTS

FREE classes for adults who want to improve mathematics/basic reading skills or prepare for the GED (High School Equivalency) test. Classes began Tuesday, August 28, 2007, 6:30-9:00pm. in the Video Conference Room at Spearman High School. The class is taught through distant learning and Claudine Hardy is the Spearman site facilitator. Registration will be the first night of class. For more information contact Claudine Hardy, 659-2563, ext.3001 or Cindy Blackman, 659-3233, ext.1005. Sponsored by Spearman ISD Community Resource Program and Education Service Center, Region 16.

Area Agency on Aging

A series of Lunch and Learns began August 14 at the Women's Building at 1400 Wallace from 11-1. The Senior Fall Festival (Health Fair) will be held on October 11 at the Amarillo Civic Center. For more information, contact Laura Hershey at the Area Agency on Aging in Amarillo, at (806) 331-2227 or lhershey@theprpc.org. the Website is www.theprpc.org/programs/aaa/aaa.htm.

Tuesday Night Golf Scrambles

The Spearman Golf Course holds Tuesday Night Scrambles, with a tee-time of 6 p.m. sharp. For more information, or to sign up, call 270-0157 or 659-2233.

You're Never Alone - Narcotics Anonymous Group

Each year individuals struggling with drug and alcohol addiction make the resolution to quit using drugs. For many of them it is a resolution that they cannot keep. Narcotics Anonymous can help. Open meetings are held on Monday and Thursday nights from 8-9 p.m. at the First Christian Church (29 S. Bernice in Spearman) for the "You're Never Alone" group of Narcotics Anonymous. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Drug addiction can leave you feeling helpless and out of control - we can help.

Spearhead AA Group

The Spearhead AA Group meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Pittman-Shieldknight building. Alcoholics Anonymous* is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other to help solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety. For information, call 662-1111.

Al-Anon

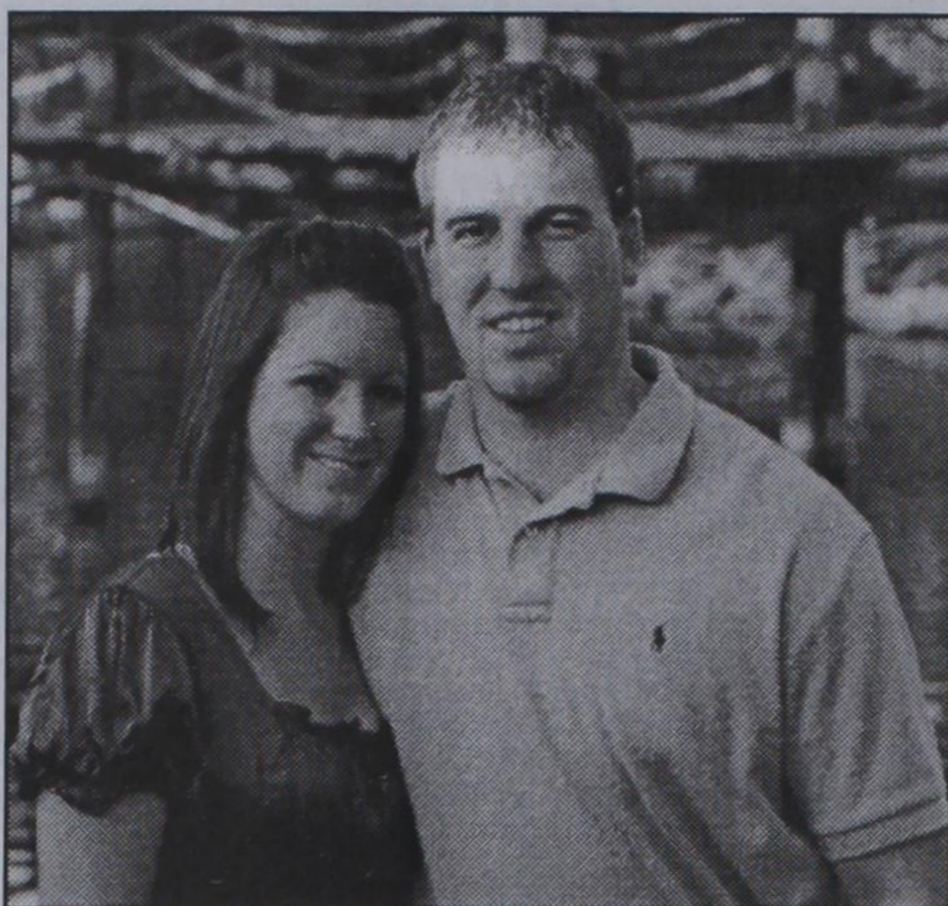
If you are concerned with someone else's drinking or addiction, the Al-Anon program can help you. Each Al-Anon Family Group has but one purpose - to help families and friends of alcoholics and addicts. The Spearhead Al-Anon Group meets every Tuesday night at 8 p.m. in the Pittman-Shieldknight Building, 511 SW 11th Avenue, Spearman. For more information, call 806-330-0349.

Panhandle Crisis Center Outreach Office

Panhandle Crisis Center (PCC) has an Outreach Office and Resale Store at 306 Hancock, in Spearman. In case of emergencies, please continue to call the hotline, 1-800-753-5308. To schedule an appointment with a worker in Hansford County, call 659-3391 to leave a message, or call the hotline number above. Panhandle Crisis Center serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Call for more information regarding PCC's services. Hours for the Resale Store in Spearman are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

ON THE AGENDA

- Spearman Fire Department meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department.
- Gruver Fire Department meets the 1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month.
- American Legion and Auxiliary Post 254 meets the 1st Monday each month at 7 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Center in Perryton.
- Gruver Chamber of Commerce meets the 1st Tuesday each month at 12 noon at the El Vaquero.
- Hansford County Commissioners Court meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 10 a.m. at Hansford County Courthouse.
- Stationmaster's House Museum Board of Directors meets the 2nd Monday each month at 2 p.m. at the Stationmaster's House Museum.
- Spearman ISD Board of Trustees meets the 2nd Monday each month at 7 p.m. in the Spearman High School Library.
- Hansford Hospice meets on the 2nd Monday each month at 7 p.m.
- Palo Duro River Authority meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the P.D.R.A. office.
- Genealogy Club meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. in the home of Velma Sanders, 1015 Linn Drive, in Spearman.
- Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets the 2nd Wednesday each month at noon.
- Gruver City Commission meets the 2nd Wednesday each month at 5 p.m. in Gruver City Hall.
- Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets the 2nd Thursday each month at noon.
- Pringle-Morse CISD Board of Trustees meets the 2nd Thursday each month at 7 p.m.
- Spearman City Council meets the 3rd Tuesday each month at 7 a.m. in the City Hall Chambers at City Hall.
- Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce meets the 3rd Wednesday each month at noon.
- Gruver ISD Board of Directors meets the 4th Tuesday each month at 6 p.m. in the Board Room at Gruver High School.
- Hansford County Hospital District Board of Directors meets the 4th Wednesday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Hansford Hospital.
- Hansford County Historical Commission Board of Directors meets the 1st Monday of January, April, July and October at 2 p.m. in the Zulu Museum building.



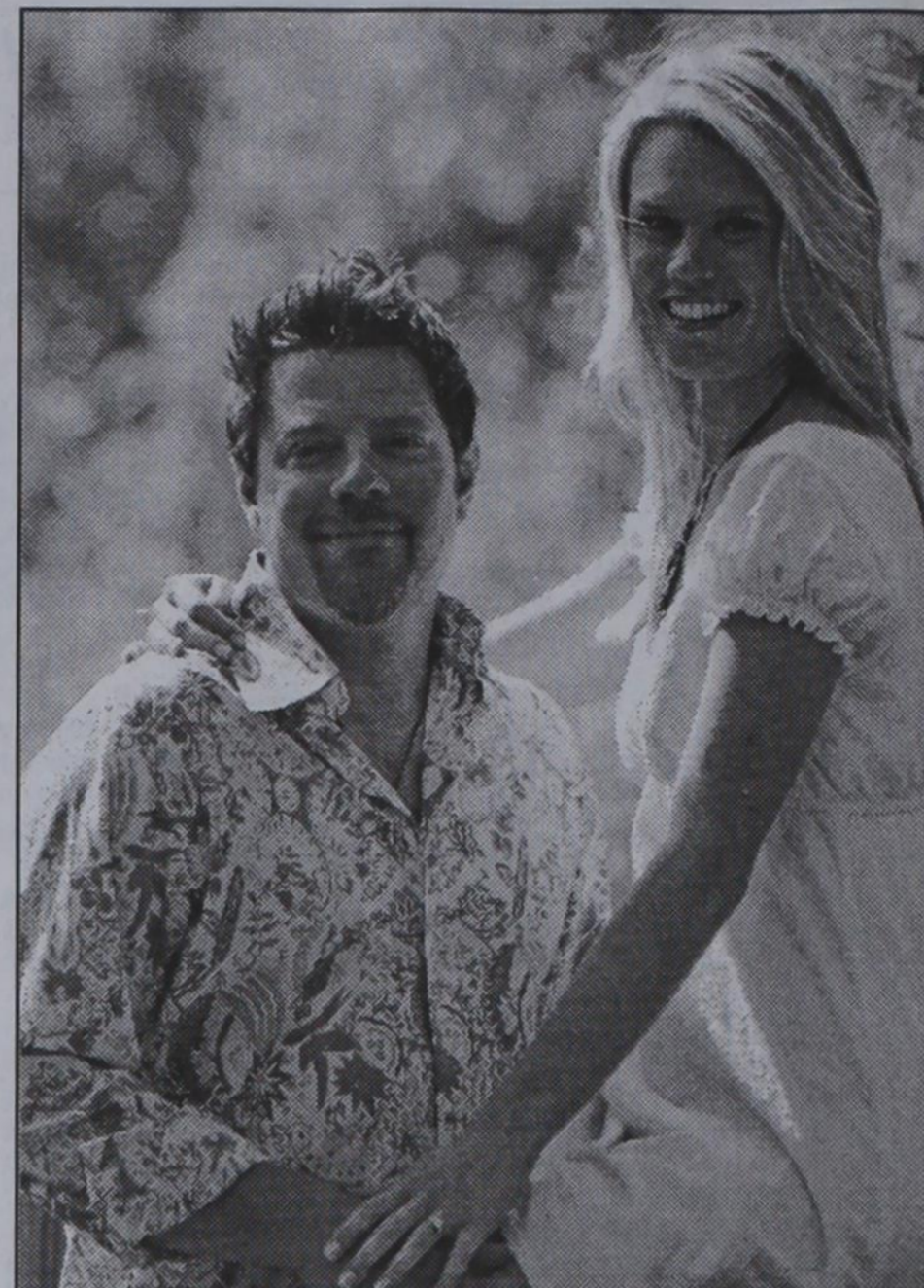
Engagement Announcement

Cam and Missy Forbes of Silverton are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Tarran to Ty West, son of Linda West and Darrell West of Spearman. Tarran is the granddaughter of Doug and Elaine Forbes and Don and Mary Brown, all of Silverton. Ty is the grandson of Joyce Crum of Spearman and Hubert L. and Laverna Uptergrove of Big Springs and Charlie and Jean West of Spearman.

Tarran is a 2003 graduate of Silverton High and a 2007 graduate of West Texas A&M University and is employed by Borger ISD.

Ty is a 2001 graduate of Spearman High and a 2005 graduate of West Texas A&M University and is employed by Zachry Construction.

After their marriage on October 20, 2007, the couple will live in Borger.



Engagement Announcement

Chris and LaMonna Galyon of Sterling, KS wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicolle Galyon of Sterling to Rodney Clawson of Gruver, TX. Rodney is the son of Rodney and Jo Alice Clawson of Gruver.

The couple plan an October 13, 2007 wedding at the First United Methodist Church in Sterling, KS. A reception will be held at the Prairie Dunes Country Club in Hutchinson, KS. Nicolle is a staff songwriter for Warner-Chappell Publishing in Nashville, TN.

Rodney is a staff songwriter for Extreme Music Group in Nashville, TN.

The couple currently reside in Nashville, Tennessee.

Thank You!

We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for the various kindnesses and generosity shown to our family during our time of loss. Thanks to everyone who sent their love and support with flowers, food, cards, phone calls, prayers and visits.

The family of Ronnie Beck
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Thank You!

Spearman Booster Club would like to give a BIG THANK to Kathy Rich for hauling the generator to town the night we painted the paws. Thanks Kathy Rich!!!

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- Bethany Harris & Nick Peterson
- Syd Woodington & Don Coddling
- Nikki Stewart & Brady Hart
- Misha Davis & Duane Dorsey

Baby Registry

- Justin & Grace (Davis) Calvert - 9/8
- Kenton & Jodi Od'm - 10/20
- Crystal Boyd & Jason Gonzales - TBA
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- Bethany Harris & Nicholas Peterson
- Nikki Stewart & Brady Hart
- Misha Davis & Duane Dorsey

Baby Registry

- Jamie & Mike McCloy - 9/15
- Jodi & Kenton Odom - 10/20
- Crystal Boyd & Jason Gonzales - TBA
- Misti (Hand) & Jimmy Gayton - TBA
- Brandea & Mark Allen
- Kristi (Pearson) & Ross Renner

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Green, Thompson Wed

Kelli Renee Green and James Andrew Thompson, both of Frisco, were joined in marriage on Saturday, June 30, 2007, in a double-ringed ceremony at Lake Tahoe, with the Rev. Ronald Sayed officiating. The matron of honor was Katie Brakemeier of Keller, sister of the bride. The best man was Rusty Thompson of Arlington, father of the groom. The flower girl was Ashlyn Brakemeier of Keller, niece of the bride.

The bride is the daughter of Linda Olson of Pampa and Kent Green of Plainview. She is the granddaughter of Gwen Smith and the late Don Smith of Spearman and Jo Green and the late Raymond Green of Plainview.

The groom's parents are Carol and Rusty Thompson of Arlington. He is the grandson of Harold and Norma Jarvis of Fort Worth and the late Louis and Janie

Thompson of Waco. The color theme was chambord, rose and ivory. The bride chose a hand-tied bouquet of ivory roses, sterling lavender roses, and alsroemeria. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white strapless satin A-line gown, which featured a split front over-skirt that flowed into a cathedral train. The romantic scrolled embroidery pattern was enhanced with Swarovski crystal accents.

Following the wedding, friends and family boarded the Lake Tahoe Queen for a sunset dinner cruise. The newlyweds honeymooned in Egypt with a Nile Cruise. Upon their return to the Dallas/Fort Worth area, a reception for the couple was held in Arlington on July 21.

The bride graduated from the University of North Texas in 2004 while a Master of Science degree in Library and Information Sciences.



Mrs. James Thompson

She is currently employed with Frisco ISD.

The groom graduated from University of Texas-Arlington in 2002 with the Bachelor of Science degree in Management Information Systems. He is currently the Information Technology manager for Studio Movie Grill, Inc.

The couple will reside in Frisco.



Engagement Announcement

Mike and Michele Davis of Spearman announce the engagement of their daughter, Misha, to Duane Dorsey. Duane is the son of Tommy and Becky Dorsey of Mesquite, Texas.

The couple plan to wed September 29 at Lake Tanglewood. The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Texas A & M University and 2004 graduate of University of Texas at Arlington.

The prospective groom is a 2000 graduate of Southwest Texas State University.



Lullabies, Legends & Lies

by Parson Smith, the Prime Minister of Laughter

I am often amused at those enlightened souls who sit around and argue about creationism vs. evolution. Usually those who are arguing are at the best (and kindest).... uneducated.

I remembered an old postcard that was sent to me that had printed upon it the following words.

I hope you enjoy...

THREE MONKEYS

Three monkeys sat in a coconut tree
Discussing things as they're said to be.

Said one to the others, "Now listen, you two,

There's a certain rumor that can't be true.

That man descended from our noble race-

The very idea! It's a dire disgrace.

No monkey ever deserted

his wife,
Starved her babies and ruined her life.

And you've never known a mother monk

To leave her babies with others to bunk.

Or pass them on from one to another

'Til they hardly know who is their mother.

And another thing! You will never see...

A monk build a fence 'round a coconut tree

And let the coconuts go to waste.

Forbidding all other monks to taste.

Why, if I put a fence around the tree,

Starvation would force you to steal from me.

Here's another thing a monk won't do...

Go out at night and get on

a stew,
Or use a gun or club or knife

To take some other monkey's life.

Yes, Man descended, the ornery cuss...

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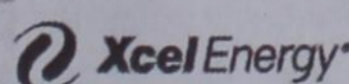
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Letter to the Editor

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The bathrooms leak human waste into light fixtures below and the ceiling tiles are urine stained due to inadequate plumbing. That is a FACT (Rolling Stone issue 1034). Before one dismisses this source, it should be noted that RS's investigative reporting is widely considered to be among the best in the country.

In the next paragraph he criticizes political partisanship and passions for getting in the way of evidence but does not see or mention that among the most hardcore partisans in this debate are the President and his staff. Flexibility is not a by-word of this President and many gridlock situations rest squarely at his door. As the Congressman rightly says decisions need to be based on truth and facts not emotions, while this is not entirely possible, it should be the goal. Why then, when General Patraeus testifies before congress in September, is the "official" report from the General going to be written by the white house speech writers and not the military leader(s) in place, that President Bush so often refers to? What "truth" from the General does the administration fear? Not many will watch the hearing on C-Span, so the filtered truth will come

from the white house speechwriters and that is what most people will accept, but it will not be truth or lack emotion, this President is rife with personal emotions about this war. It will be what the Congressman fears from "both" sides, doctored with emotion and distortion.

The Congressman does go on to say that both sides can ignore the facts and I praise him for this; that is true. However I also point out that he has a long history of voting with this administration, to the tune of 100% of the time. Something only 37 other (out of 435) Congressmen did (ACU, 2005). In fact in 2005 he received the "Best and Brightest" award from the American Conservative Union for a 100% voting record with "their" views. Is that independent thinking? Is that seeing the distortion of truth he mentions from "both sides"? How can it be? Rubber-stamping is easy; representation requires analysis and thought.

I would expect a conservative voting record from him since he is representing one of the most conservative areas in the country, but 100%? Even our U.S Senators, both Republicans, do not score that high. It is easy to blame the other side or both sides, but this voting record is as partisan as they

come. No one should criticize partisanship when the voting record indicates absolute, tow-the-line partisanship.

The honorable Congressman says. The key is to be open and not locked into a partisanship position. Again the voting record indicates absolute partisanship on his part. The Congressman does state that the Iraqi government is moving way too slowly toward reform and I agree with that. Maliki is simply incompetent. President Bush still does not think so, but as my grandmother used to say birds of a feather do flock together. Very conservative Republican Senator John Warner (VA) also agrees with that, breaking ranks with the President this week and indicating it is time to produce an exit strategy.

Again, let me reiterate that I believe Mac Thornberry to be a good man, but on this, I think he has blinders firmly in place and I call on him to really look at this quagmire, to visit the lessons of history and the prospect of the future and then really consider if staying the course and forcing democracy upon a people that have never known it in thousands of years of history is a reasonable or attainable goal.

Even if it were, our method of trying to achieve this is

failure. Meanwhile, President Bush is so focused on Iraq alone that he has done nothing to curb gas prices and the subsequent inflation at the grocery store and at retail in general and now the stock market is on a general downward spiral and there is widespread talk on BOTH sides of the aisle about an economic downturn. We must attend to our domestic needs, but this is no priority, only the Presidential legacy seems to be a priority.

As I stated I even voted for Bush. I now regret that. It is all right to admit you made a mistake, but the President and those with blinders on just don't seem to be able to do that. I hope the good Congressman soon sees as are many of his Republican colleagues, that a new strategy must be put in place now, based on the truth on the ground in Iraq, which I further hope General Patraeus testifies to and not on the doctored white house reinterpretation of the that truth. Leadership requires analysis and thought and an open mind, not a rubber stamp. Rubber-stamping ideas 100% of the time is easy; objectively looking for the "real" truth "both" sides is much harder.

Glenn Robinson
Spearman, TX

Good Health Naturally

by Darlene Hopkins

I live in Hooker Ok. I am a mother and housewife by profession and a Master Herbalist by choice. I obtained my Herbalist and Master Herbalist Degrees from the School of Natural Healing in Springville Utah. Dr. John Ray Christopher started this school in 1953. I teach classes on Natural Health in Colorado, Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma. If you have a question, you may e-mail me at theherblady01@yahoo.com.

I went into someone's home the other day and we talked about natural healing for 2 hours. She showed me her herb garden - a very knowledgeable lady. Then she asked me what I thought about supplements She brought out over 100 supplements and sat them in front of and told me, "This is what I take."

I was amazed. People read about Echinacea being good so they take it, they read about how good goldenseal is, and they take it. Vitamin E, Vitamin C, can't forget about B complex, garlic, Herbal eyebright, flax seed, cayenne pepper, etc. etc. All these things are good in their natural state and have their place however, BUT!! LEARN ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE TAKING.

If you are taking Wheat Germ oil and vitamin E together, that is not necessary. Wheat germ oil has vitamin E in it.

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Jamaica Sunday

September 16, 2007

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The City of Spearman will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 5.18 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on September 4, 2007 at 7:00 AM and September 11, 2007 at 7:00 AM at Spearman City Hall.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR:	Ron Antack	Jon Garnett
	Charles Elliott	Kathy Boyd
	Mike Schnell	

AGAINST:
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT:

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	4.47 % increase
Debt service	0.00 % increase
Total expenditures	4.47 % increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 71,905,295	\$ 72,038,801
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 418,093	\$ 416,981
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 61,711,227	\$ 61,808,073
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 358,820	\$ 357,763

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$0

Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$0.499900 per \$100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year	\$0.529900 per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$0.030000 per \$100 in value
Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	6.00 % Increase

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$40,351	\$ 40,427
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$8,070	\$ 8,085
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$32,281	\$ 32,342

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$161.37. The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$171.38. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be an increase of \$10.01 in taxes.

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(1), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.01(2)(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Palo Duro River Authority will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2007 on September 11, 2007 at 2:00 pm at Palo Duro River Authority Board Room. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal:

Arthur I Davidson, D.V.M.	Jack Lane
Paul Stavlo	Les Taylor
Jay Goodwin	Don Savage
Rod Barkley	

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT: Margarette Evans Keith Christie

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.091745/\$100	\$0.091684/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-\$0.000061/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-0.07%
Average appraised value	\$49,003	\$51,368
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$5,000	\$5,000
Average taxable value	\$44,003	\$46,368
Tax on average residence homestead	\$40.37	\$42.51
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		+\$2.14 +5.30%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Good Health Naturally

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Echinacea should not be taken more than a week at a time. I know folks that take Echinacea daily. Echinacea is a great herb, however after a week you need a break because it stops working. Echinacea's main function is to ACTIVATE the Immune System, not maintain it. Only take it when it is needed.

Supplements should not be taken together. They should be taken 20 minutes apart from each other. Here is a good rule of thumb, if you are taking something for its nutritional value, take it with food. But if you are taking something for medicinal purposes, take it by itself with water 20 minutes away from anything else, including food.

We have so many herbs and plants growing all around us that are beneficial. Some folks want you to believe that you need this exotic herb that can only be found in the Ozarks (and cost a lot of money). Things that grow in the area you live in are beneficial to people who live in that area. I am not saying that Tahitian Noni juice is not good for you because it does not grow here. There are a lot of things that grow in different areas that are good for you, however a plant that will take care of each of your problems can be found in the area where you live. (Actually there are no magic pills)

Everything in life, worthwhile takes time and effort. We came from the dust of the earth we need what is in the dust of the earth to keep us going. The body is amazing. It will take care of itself if you give it what it needs.

We go to school for 12 years learning to read, write, learning about life and some of us go on another 4 years to learn a profession, but how much time do we take learning about our bodies, the food we eat and good nutrition. Take responsibility for your good health. Learn how to gain good health Naturally.

Spearman Booster Club

Friday, August 31st - Pep Rally at 2:45 p.m., High School Football Field.

First Cross Country meet, Sept. 1st has been cancelled. First meet is at Wolf Creek Sept. 8th.

Junior High games - for Sept 6th cancelled - JV will play at 6:00 p.m. at Spearman vs. Stratford.

The football helmet run through will not be presented to the school board until they meet again on September 10th. If the purchase is approved by the board, we may have it in time for homecoming, but it

will should definitely be here for District games. The tunnel will be used in the gym for basketball varsity boys and girls. Looks really neat!!!

The Booster Club will have a membership and merchandise booth set up with shirts, blankets, jackets, pullovers, stadium seats, etc. at the football game. Membership dues are \$25 for businesses and \$10 for individuals and families.

If you would like to join the Spearman Booster Club, please contact Rhonda Baker at 659-5056.

More information is also available online at spearmanlynx.com.

Out at the Lake

by Dorothy Hudson



Cattle Egrets - photo by Jim Derington

Lake Level -- August 27, 2007 -- 23.62 feet (-0.26)

As has happened several times this year, the rains last week were spotted. There were a few areas such as Spearman that got good showers, but there were not enough on the watershed to make the creeks run. The Park did get

around three quarters of an inch of rain.

Again activity at the Lake was slow. There were only 2 RVs. Saturday the Gilbert Brandvik family had their annual reunion at the shelter. The group of 26 included an aunt and some cousins on their mother's side of the family. Her maiden name was Nadene Frantz.

In the August 6 column Jim Derington wrote of Murrell Dowdy's seeing a mountain lion with her kitten almost thirty-seven years ago. Now Murrell has again seen a young cougar. Last week while he was picking up his grandson, who is working at the Lake this summer, he saw the animal run into the growth of cottonwoods on the west side of the Lake. He was able to see the long tail, but he said the young cat still had his spots.

We remember that the cougar kittens are born with black spots and a shorter ringed tail. They don't lose the spots until they are 6 months or older. I found nothing on how fast the tail grows. An adult mountain lion retains a black tip on its tail and black edges on the ears and muzzle.

Although the kittens are weaned at 2 or 3 months, they usually hang with their mother until they are a year or so old. If a male stays longer than that, he stands a good chance of being killed by his father.

CATTLE EGRETS

Cattle egrets are not native to the United States. The first recorded sighting was in 1952. By 1958 egrets with young were seen near Galveston. Some of them have learned to follow tractors as well as cattle. They seem to like something else scare up the insects.

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Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Small Taxing Unit Notice

The City of Gruver will hold a meeting at 5:00 PM on September 12, 2007, at City Hall; 201 E. Broadway in Gruver, Texas, to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2007. The proposed tax rate is \$0.35210 per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the City of Gruver by 12 percent.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS GRUVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S STATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

Gruver Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. on September 11, 2007 in the High School Board Room, 601 Garrett Street, Gruver TX.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Gruver Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

PUBLIC HEARING

Date:	September 11, 2007
Time:	7:30 p.m.
Location	Gruver High School Board Room 601 Garrett Street, Gruver TX
Subject:	Financial Accountability Rating

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Spearman ISD Policy For Free and Reduced-Priced Meals

Spearman Independent School District announces its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the **National School Lunch and Breakfast Program**. Each school and/or the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced price benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced meals. Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for a foster child is based on the child's income.

Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced price meals for their children. Applications also are available at the Principal's office in each school. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced price benefits, households receiving food stamps or TANF only have to list their child's name, food stamp or TANF case number and an adult household member must sign the application.

Households who do not list food

stamp or TANF case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of income received by each household member and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult who signs the application does not have a social security number, the household member must indicate that a social security number is not available by writing the word "NONE." The application must be signed by an adult household member.

Under the provision of the free and reduced price meal policy, the Food Service Director and Jr. High Cashier I will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to: Superintendent Rodney Sumner, 403 E. 11th, Spearman, TX 79081, telephone (806) 659-3233.

Households that list food stamps or TANF case number must report when the household no longer received these benefits. Other households approved for benefits based on income information must report increases in household income over \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decreases in household size. Also, if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the levels shown above.

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nation, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call 202/720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

The Spearman School offers a choice of a healthy meal each day. Children may buy lunch for \$1.75 - high school, \$1.60 - junior high, or \$1.50 - elementary. Breakfast for all grades is 75¢. The snack bar will be strictly cash, and may not be used with lunch tickets. There

will be no charging at high school. Only three charges will be allowed at jr. high and elementary.

Children who qualify under the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture guidelines may get meals free or at a reduced price of 40¢ for lunch, and 30¢ for breakfast. Parents, the best

time to purchase lunch and breakfast tickets is between 7:30 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. Tickets may be purchased in the Jr. High/Elementary Dining Room or the High School Kitchen or Lunch Room Office. Please purchase lunch tickets instead of sending money.

Gruver I.S.D. Free and Reduced-Price Lunch Program

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Gruver ISD** offers healthy meals every day. Breakfast costs \$1.00; lunch costs Pre-kindergarten-4th grade - \$1.50 and 5th-12th grade - \$2.00. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. Reduced price is 30¢ for breakfast and 40¢ for lunch.

To apply for free or reduced-price meals, use the Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application, which will be given to each child the first week of school. Here are answers to questions you may have about applying:

1. Do I need to fill out an application for each child? No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced-price meals. **Use one Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.** We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out required information. **Return the completed application to: Tammy Mitchell, school cafeteria, 733-2032.**

2. Who can get free or reduced-price meals? Children in households receiving Food Stamps or TANF can get free meals regardless of household income. Also, if your household income is within the limits of the Federal Income Guidelines.

3. Can homeless, runaway and migrant children get free meals? Please call school counselor at 733-5111 or Mr. David Teal at 733-

2001 to see if your child(ren) qualify, if you have not been informed they will get free meals.

4. Who can get reduced price meals? Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced-price limits on the Federal Income Chart.

5. Should I fill out an application if I got a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free or reduced-price meals? Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at 733-2032 if you have questions.

6. I get WIC. Can my child(ren) get free meals? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please fill out an application.

7. Will my information be checked? Yes. We may ask you to send written proof.

8. If I don't qualify now, may I apply again later? Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start receiving Food Stamps, TANF, or other benefits. If you lose your job, your children may be able to receive free or reduced-lunch meals.

9. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application? You should talk to a school official. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **David Teal at 405 Garrett, Gruver, TX 79040, or call 733-2001.**

10. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

11. Who should I include as members of my household? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives or friends). You must include yourself and all children who live with you.

12. What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally get. For example, if you get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get it only sometimes.

13. We are in the military, do we include our housing allowance as income? If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.

If you have other questions or need help, call 733-2032. Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al tele-

fono: 733-2032. Si vous voudriez d'aide, contactez nous au numero: 733-2032.

Instructions for Applying

Use a separate application for each foster child. List other children together.

If you are applying for a Foster Child, follow these instructions:

Part 1: List the child's name, school and grade.

Part 2: List the child's personal use monthly income, if any.

Part 3: Skip this part.

Part 4: Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.

If your household receives Food Stamps or TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF), follow these instructions:

Part 1: List the child's name, school and grade.

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: Skip this part.

Part 4: Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.

If you are applying for a HOMELESS, MIGRANT OR RUNAWAY CHILD, follow these instructions:

Part 1: List the child's name, school and grade.

Part 2: Check the appropriate box.

Part 3: Skip this part.

Part 4: Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.

Other Income: List the total amount each person received last month from all other sources. Include welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, Worker's Compensation, unemployment, strike benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), disability benefits, regular contributions from people who don't live in your household, and ANY OTHER INCOME. Report net income for self-owned business, farm, or rental income. Next to the amount, write how often the person received it.

Column 3 - Check if no income: If the person does not have any income, check the box.

Part 4: An adult household member must sign the form and list his or her Social Security Number or mark the box if he or she doesn't have one.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT: This explains how we will use the information you give us. The National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your children for free or reduced-price meals. The Social Security Number of the adult household member who signs the application is required unless you list Food Stamp or TANF case numbers for all children you are applying for OR if you are applying for a foster child. You must check the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box if the adult household member signing the application does not have a Social Security Number. We WILL use your information to see if your children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, to operate the program, and to enforce the rules of the program. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into misuse of program rules.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call 202/720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

FAMILY SIZE	ANNUALLY		MONTHLY		TWICE PER MONTH		EVERY TWO WEEKS		WEEKLY	
	FREE	REDUCED	FREE	REDUCED	FREE	REDUCED	FREE	REDUCED	FREE	REDUCED
1	\$13,273	\$18,889	\$1,107	\$1,575	\$554	\$788	\$511	\$727	\$256	\$364
2	\$17,797	\$25,327	\$1,484	\$2,111	\$742	\$1,056	\$685	\$975	\$343	\$488
3	\$22,321	\$31,765	\$1,861	\$2,648	\$931	\$1,324	\$859	\$1,222	\$430	\$611
4	\$26,845	\$38,203	\$2,238	\$3,184	\$1,119	\$1,592	\$1,033	\$1,470	\$517	\$735
5	\$31,369	\$44,641	\$2,615	\$3,721	\$1,308	\$1,861	\$1,207	\$1,717	\$604	\$859
6	\$35,893	\$51,079	\$2,992	\$4,257	\$1,496	\$2,129	\$1,381	\$1,965	\$691	\$983
7	\$40,417	\$57,517	\$3,369	\$4,794	\$1,685	\$2,397	\$1,555	\$2,213	\$778	\$1,107
8	\$44,941	\$63,955	\$3,746	\$5,330	\$1,873	\$2,665	\$1,729	\$2,460	\$865	\$1,230
9	\$49,465	\$70,393	\$4,123	\$5,867	\$2,062	\$2,934	\$1,903	\$2,708	\$952	\$1,354
10	\$53,989	\$76,831	\$4,500	\$6,404	\$2,251	\$3,203	\$2,077	\$2,956	\$1,039	\$1,478
11	\$58,513	\$83,269	\$4,877	\$6,941	\$2,440	\$3,472	\$2,251	\$3,204	\$1,126	\$1,602
12	\$63,037	\$89,707	\$5,254	\$7,478	\$2,629	\$3,741	\$2,425	\$3,452	\$1,213	\$1,726
For each additional family member add:	\$4,524	\$6,438	\$377	\$537	\$189	\$269	\$174	\$248	\$87	\$124

Multi-Child Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for 2007-08
SPEARMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT District/Charter School

Part 1. Children in School (Use a separate application for each foster child.)

Names of all children in school (Last, First, Middle Initial)	School Name	Social Security #, Student I.D. or Date of Birth (OPTIONAL)	Grade	Eligibility Group # for Food Stamp or TANF (if any)
1.				
2.				
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If you listed an Eligibility Group # for Food Stamp or TANF, skip to Part 4.

Part 2. Foster Child

If this application is for a child who is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court, check box and list the amount of the child's personal use monthly income: \$ _____

Part 3. Household Members and Gross Income From Last Month (List each person in the household. For each person who receives income, write the amount received and how often it is received.)

1. Name (List everyone in household)	2. Income and how often it is received. Weekly (W), Every 2 Weeks (E), Twice a Month (T), Monthly (M)	3. Check if NO Income
Example: Smith, Jane B.	Earnings from work before deductions \$200/E Welfare, child support, alimony \$50/M	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.		<input type="checkbox"/>
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Part 4. Signature and Social Security Number (Adult must sign)

I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true, correct and complete. I understand that the school will get federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted.

Sign here: _____ Date: _____

Social Security Number: _____ I do not have a Social Security Number.

Printed Name: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Do not fill out this part. For school use only.

Varying individual income frequencies must be converted to annual or monthly amounts and combined to determine household income. Use annual or monthly, not both, when converting multiple frequencies.

Monthly Income Conversion: Weekly x 4.33, Every 2 Weeks x 2.15, Twice A Month x 2

Household Income: _____ Household Size: _____ FS/TANF: _____ Date Withdrawn: _____

Eligibility: Free _____ Reduced _____ Denied _____ Reason _____

Temporary: Free _____ Time Period: _____ (expires after _____ days)

Reviewing Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Confirming Official's Signature: _____ Follow-up Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Multi-Child Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for 2007-08 - continuation sheet

Part 1. Children in School - continuation sheet

Names of all children in school (Last, First, Middle Initial)	School Name	Social Security #, Student I.D. or Date of Birth (OPTIONAL)	Grade	Eligibility Group # for Food Stamp or TANF (if any)
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Part 3. Household Members and Gross Income From Last Month (List each person in the household. For each person who receives income, write the amount received and how often it is received.)

1. Name (List everyone in household)	2. Income and how often it is received. Weekly (W), Every 2 Weeks (E), Twice a Month (T), Monthly (M)	3. Check if NO Income			
	Earnings from work before deductions	Welfare, child support, alimony	Pensions, retirement, Social Security	Other	
10.					<input type="checkbox"/>
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Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us. The National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your children for free or reduced-price meals. The Social Security Number of the adult household member who signs the application is required unless you list an eligibility group number for Food Stamp or TANF OR if you are applying for a foster child. You must check the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box if the adult household member signing the application does not have a Social Security Number. We WILL use your information to see if your children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, to operate the program, and to enforce the rules of the program. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews and law enforcement officials to help them look into misuse of program rules.

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 TFN(8-2-07)B
FOR SALE: Rear-engine dune buggy - Ford pinto motor, VW trans., needs work - some extra parts. Serious inquiries only - \$2000. Call 435-8862. 2(8-23-07)P

GARAGE SALE

GARAGE SALE: 1008 Linn Dr. (garage in back); Friday, August 31st, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, September 1st, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.; Lots of clothing - many sizes, computer desk, christmas decorations - inside & out, odds & ends, books & more!
 1(8-30-07)B

LEGAL NOTICE

Hansford County Commissioners' Court will receive bids until 4:00 on Friday, September 7, 2007 to install asphalt paving in the Gruver County Ag Barn, and a separate bid to install asphalt pavement in both the Spearman and Gruver County Ag Barns. Bids should be submitted to the Hansford County Judge's office, 16 Northwest Court, Spearman, Texas 79081-2052.
 Bids will be opened on Monday, September 10, 2007 during the Commissioners' Court meeting in the Law Library of the Hansford County Courthouse, Spearman, Texas. Meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.
 Hansford County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
 Benny Wilson
 Hansford County Judge
 3(8-23-07)B

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Palo Duro River Authority of Texas will receive bids for the purchase of a used dump truck, until 5:00 PM, September 7, 2007. Bids should be made with and without trade. Bids will be considered at the meeting, September 11, 2007, at 2:00 PM. Specifications are available at the P.D.R.A. office, 806-882-4401. The Board of Directors may accept or reject any and all bids.
 2(8-23-07)B

NOTICE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

City of Spearman will hold a final public hearing on September 4, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall, in regard to the wastewater system improvements project recently completed with a Texas Community Development Program (TCDD) grant. Topics to be discussed will include the specific program improvements completed and the costs associated with the TCDD grant and the City of Spearman. Handicapped citizens needing assistance to attend this hearing should contact Ed Hansen, City Manager, at (806) 659-2524. 1(8-30-07)B

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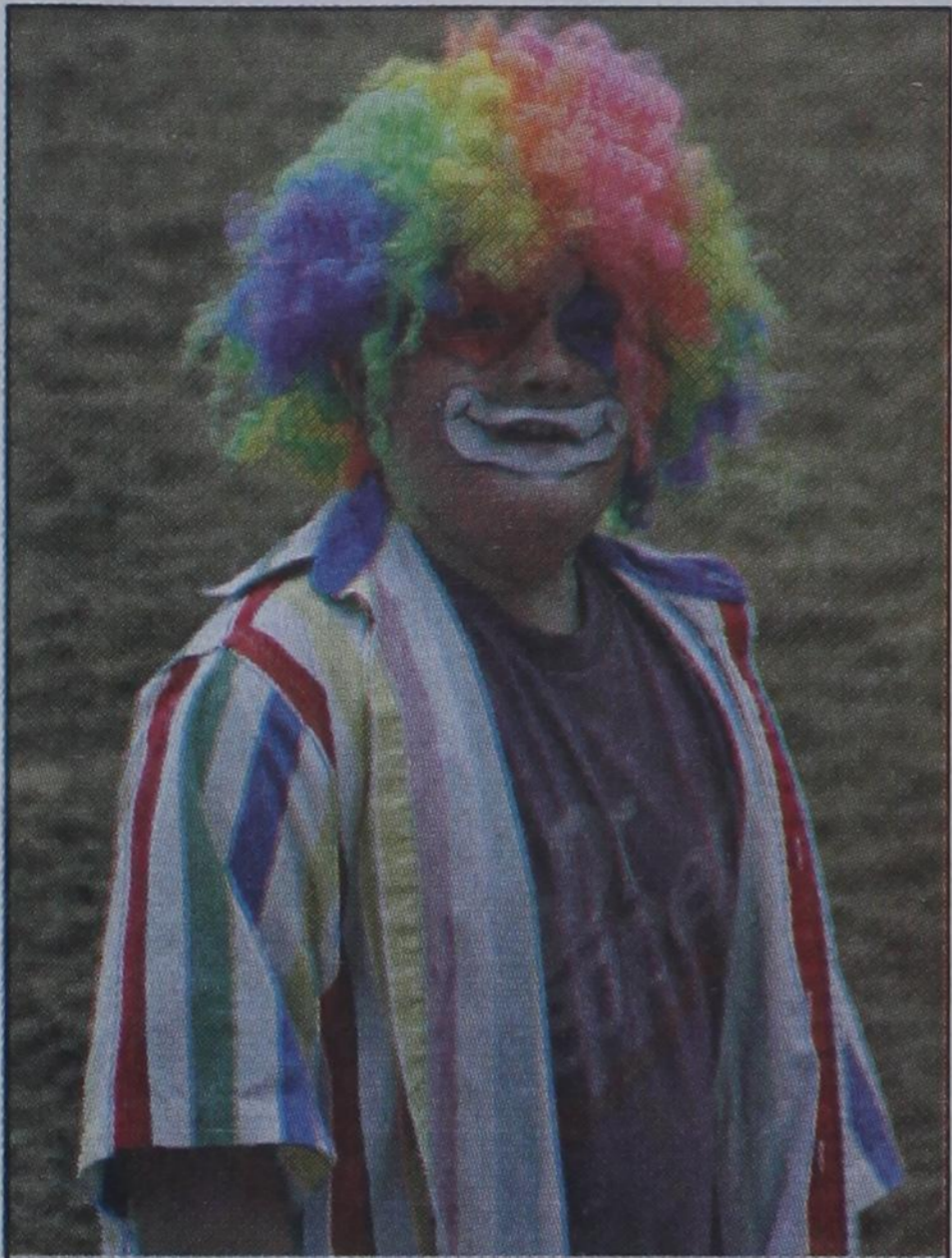
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63rd Annual Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Rodeo

September 1-2, 2007 - Labor Day Weekend



All of the participants at the annual Boys Ranch Rodeo are affiliated with Cal Farley's Boys Ranch or Cal Farley's Girlstown, U.S.A. Above, a student at Boys Ranch participates in the 2006 Rodeo as a Bull Fighter.

The area's rodeo that features kids only, will buck into action over Labor Day weekend. For 63 consecutive years the Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Rodeo has provided an opportunity for the students living at Boys Ranch and Girlstown, U.S.A. to showcase their talents in events ranging from stick horse racing and mutton bustin' (sheep riding) to bull riding. More than 90 Cal Farley's residents have spent their summer practicing and preparing to compete in front of thousands of spectators that will cheer them on.

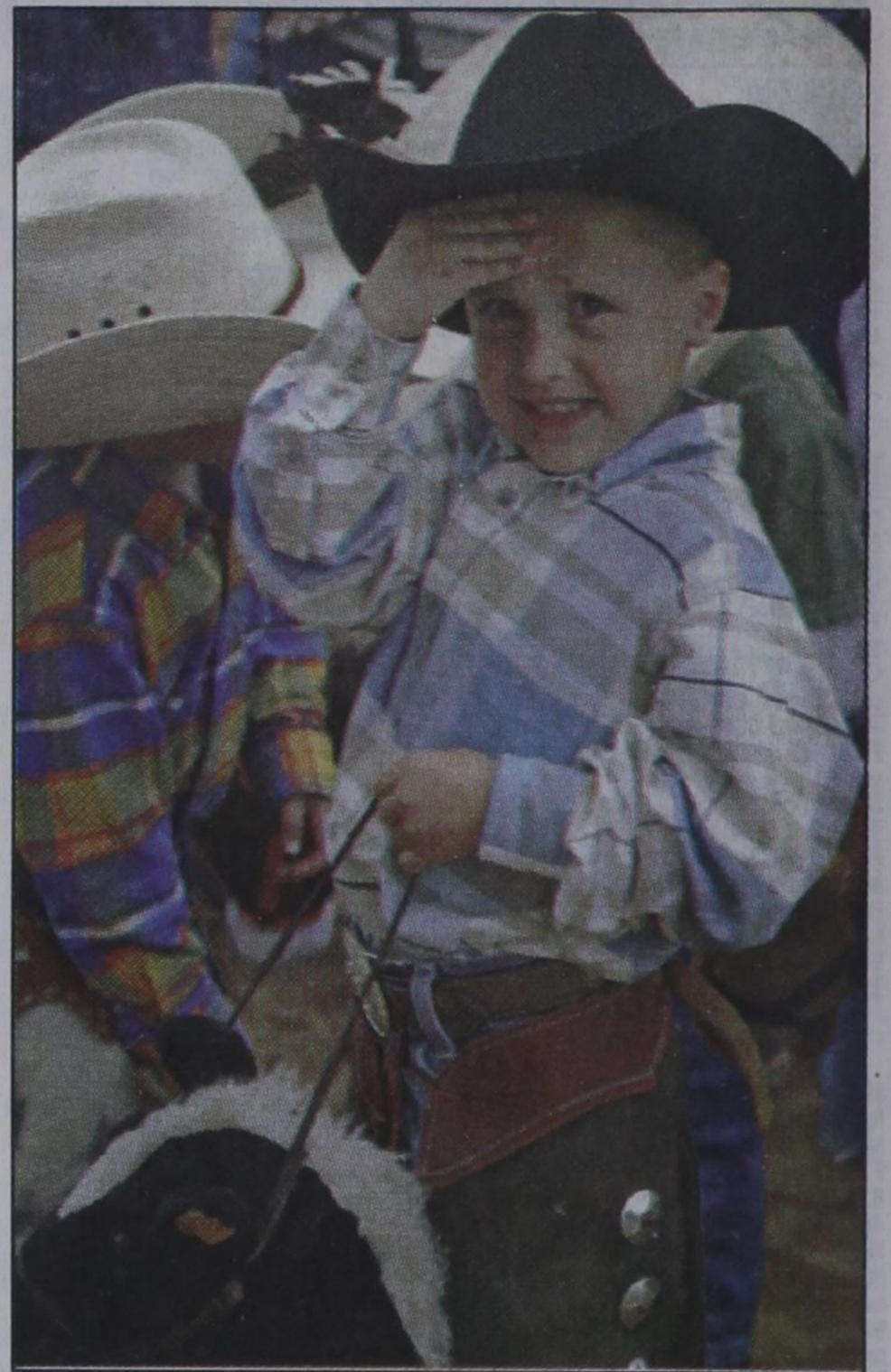
General admission tickets for the rodeo are just \$5.00 and include both the rodeo and a BBQ lunch. Tickets are available at the gate or by phone (806-372-2341 or 800-687-3722). The Rodeo begins at 2:30 p.m. on both Saturday, September 1, and Sunday, September 2, 2007. However, there will be plenty to see and do for the visitor that arrives earlier that day.

Free activities include a BBQ lunch for ticket holders (served noon-2:00 p.m.); bus tours of the campus, including stops at a resident's home, the activity center and the chapel (tours begin at 12:30 p.m., 1:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.), and the Old

Tascosa Rendezvous, a western living-history reenactment featuring folks in authentic dress, demonstrating skills such as fire making and campfire cooking (9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.).

The Rodeo will feature boys and girls competing for belt-buckles and saddles in calf riding, stick horse racing, steer riding, pole bending, barrel racing, break away roping and bull riding. At the conclusion of Sunday's competition, the high-point holders will be named Senior All-Around Cowboy and Senior All-Around Cowgirl.

In addition to highlighting the skills of the boys and girls, the rodeo serves as the annual homecoming for Cal Farley's alumni. Approximately 200 former residents are expected to attend the rodeo and participate in alumni events. Also, the Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Alumni Association will host a golf tournament on Friday, August 31, 2007. The tournament is open to the public and will be at the Ross Rogers Golf Course in Amarillo. Call Jennie Russell at 806-290-6107 or email at cfbraagolf@gmail.com for more information.



A youngster anxiously waits for the "stick-horse-race" to begin during the 2006 Boys Ranch Rodeo. The annual event has been on the Labor Day weekend for more than 60 years.

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