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Sheriff's Department Investigates Death



Heath Grimes

The Hansford County Sheriff Department is investigating a death occurring from an industrial accident involving a grain auger. The accident was reported to the Hansford County Sheriff Department at approximately 10:00 a.m. on 01-05-2008.

This accident resulted in the death of a 32 year old Gruver man identified as Heath Grimes. Mr. Grimes was employed at a local elevator in Gruver, TX

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Light and variable winds becoming southwest around 10 mph after midnight.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Northwest winds around 10 mph.

SATURDAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s.

SUNDAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s.

MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 20.

TUESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s.

TUESDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Breezy. Lows around 20.

WEDNESDAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s.

Heddins Named Finalist for Castrol® "Big Honkin' Truck Makeover"

Rev up your engines because Castrol Tecton™ Extra has kicked the Big Honkin' Truck Makeover™ contest into overdrive by narrowing the pool of contestants to the final three.

Online visitors of www.castroltruckmakeover.com and attendees at the Mid-America Trucking Show (MATS) will vote to determine which lucky owner-operator will receive a monumental \$50,000 truck makeover "Bilt by the Boyz" of the Chrome Shop Mafia. The grand prize winner will be announced on March 29 in Louisville, KY, as decided by trucking peers and the general public.

From now until February 28, visitors of www.castroltruckmakeover.com will be able to vote for their favorite entry online. Those votes will be tallied and added to those collected at MATS. The grand prize winner will be announced on the final day of MATS, Saturday, March 29.

"We are extremely impressed with the amount of amazing entries we received, and are excited to know that so many drivers continue to possess a passion for their trucks," said Tracy Drellich, Assistant Promotions Manager from Castrol. "It was a difficult decision but we narrowed it down to three finalists. We are confident the public will choose the truck and owner-operator most worthy of a Big Honkin' Truck Makeover."

Tim Heddins from Gruver, TX, Hendrik Kramer from Albuquerque, NM and Donald Wolford, Jr. from Greencastle, PA were chosen as the finalists for the coveted \$50,000 truck makeover grand prize. Their entries were judged on originality, creativity, relevance of essay to theme and photographic appeal.

The three finalists have more than 35 years of combined experience in the trucking industry and have driven millions of miles across the United States.

Tim Heddins hopes that winning the makeover would not only help keep his truck on the road, but also expand the size of the cab to allow his wife to travel with him.

"My wife alerted me about the contest when she was surfing online one day," Heddins said. "It would be wonderful to share the winning experience with my wife - what better way to thank her."

Winning this contest will dramatically change the way he operates his business and



Castrol Tecton Extra Big Honkin' Truck Makeover contest is in its third year and Texas' very own, Tim Heddins, of Gruver, Texas was selected as one of the finalists in the running to receive a \$50,000 interior and exterior truck makeover.

will allow him to enjoy life on the road in a fully renovated, state-of-the-art truck. You may vote for Tim at www.castroltruckmakeover.com.

After graduating high school, finalist Hendrik Kramer moved from South Africa to pursue his passion for driving. Kramer says his 1984 Freightliner is the source of his greatest interest, as well as the livelihood of his family. "Although the truck is dependable I spend most of my free time on the maintenance of the truck, hours that could instead be spent with my family."

Donald Wolford comes from a long line of truck drivers. "My Grandfather drove the big trucks, and for me there was never a second choice - it was the only thing I ever wanted to do," said Wolford. "I take pride in my work and in the appearance of my truck; winning the Big Honkin' Truck Makeover contest would help improve the way that I conduct my life and business."

The winning truck will receive a \$50,000 interior, exterior and communications

makeover customized by The Chrome Shop Mafia and 4 State Trucks, Inc. who have been providing quality new and used parts for the heavy-duty truck industry since 1979. The makeover will include products from the following sponsors: Go Green Fuel Hydrogen Enrichment Technology® system, Continental Tire North America, Alcoa Wheels, National Seating, Sirius Satellite Radio, Grote Industries, and Your Truck Stop.

The runner-up and second prize winners will not walk away empty-handed. The runner-up will receive a \$3,000 BP gift card good for goods and merchandise at any BP location. The second prize winner will receive a \$500 gift card good towards the purchase of electronics for his/her truck. All three winners will receive a year's supply of Castrol Tecton Extra.

For more information on the three finalists and to vote online visit, www.castroltruckmakeover.com

Laura Bush Designates Lipscomb County a Preserve America Community

Lipscomb County was recently honored when First Lady Laura Bush, Honorary Chair of the Preserve America initiative, designated it as one of the nation's newest Preserve America Communities.

"Preserve America Communities demonstrate that they are committed to preserving America's heritage while ensuring a future filled with opportunities for learning and enjoyment," Mrs. Bush said. "This community designation program, combined with the Preserve America Grant Program, Preserve America Presidential Awards, and other federal support, provides strong incentives for continued preservation of our cultural and natural heritage resources. I commend you for your commitment to preserving an important part of our nation's historic past for visitors, neighbors, and, most importantly, for children."

Willis Smith, County Judge received a letter and will receive a certificate of designation signed by Mrs. Bush announcing Lipscomb County is now a Preserve America Community. Communities designated through the program receive national recognition for their efforts. Benefits include the right to use the Preserve America logo on signs and promotional materials; eligibility for Preserve America Grants; notification to state tourism offices; and listing in a Web-based directory that showcases Lipscomb County's preservation efforts and heritage tourism destinations. Preserve America Communities are also featured in National Register Travel Itineraries and in "Teaching With Historic Places" curricular materials created by the National Park Service.

In 2006, Preserve America Grants totaling nearly \$5 million were awarded to 68 projects around the country. Nearly \$5 million will be awarded in 2007, as well. President Bush's fiscal year 2008 budget requests \$10 million in grant funds for which designated Preserve America Communities may apply. Grants of \$20,000 to \$150,000 are awarded on a competitive, matching fund basis to help communities develop sustainable management strategies and sound business practices for the continued preservation and use of their heritage assets. The grants support research, planning, marketing, interpretation, and training efforts.

The Preserve America initiative is a White House effort to encourage and support community efforts to preserve and enjoy America's priceless cultural and natural heritage. The goals of the initiative include a greater shared knowledge about the nation's past; strengthened regional identities and



local pride; increased local participation in preserving the country's cultural and natural heritage assets; and support for the economic vitality of our communities.

"Sustainable historic preservation is a wise investment in the future, not a cost for maintaining the past. Communities and the nation receive significant economic, educational, and cultural benefits, including heritage tourism, in return for their preservation efforts," said John L. Nau, III, chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, which administers Preserve America programs for the White House in cooperation with the Department of the Interior.

The White House is working with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, and Transportation, the General Services Administration, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the President's Council on Environmental Quality, and the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities to implement Preserve America. For more information about the initiative and its programs, visit www.preserveamerica.gov.

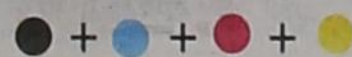
COME TO THE GAME

Spearman Lynx/Lynxettes

1/11 JVG (5), JVB (5), VG (6:30), VB (8) vs. West Texas
 1/14 7B (5), 8B (6), 9B (7:30) vs. West Texas
 1/14 7G (5), 8G (6), 9G (7:30) @ West Texas
 1/15 JVG (5), JVB (5), VG (6:30), VB (8) @ Fritch
 1/17-19 7B, 8B, 7G, 8G @ Spearman Tourney
 1/18 JVG (5), JVB (5), VG (6:30), VB (8) vs. Panhandle
 1/21 7B (5), 8B (6), 9B (7:30) @ West Texas
 1/21 7G (5), 8G (6), 9G (7:30) vs. West Texas
 1/22 JVG (5), JVB (5), VG (6:30), VB (8) @ Stratford

Gruver Greyhounds/Lady Hounds

1/11 JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8) @ White Deer
 1/14 7G (4), 7B (5), 8G (6), 8B (7) @ Boys Ranch
 1/15 OPEN
 1/17-19 7B, 8B, 7G, 8G @ Spearman Tourney
 1/18 JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8) @ Vega
 1/21 7G (4), 8G (6) vs. Sunray
 1/21 7B (5), 8B (7) @ Sunray
 1/22 JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8) @ Boys Ranch



Deadline Notice!

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Lullabies, Legends & Lies

by Parson Smith, the Prime Minister of Laughter

Thirty one year old Jason Fife lives in Hunker, PA. He is a good man who did a bad thing.

There seem to be many good people who do bad things. For example, our president, George W. Bush, has a criminal record for drunk driving.

But, as far as I know, Mr. Bush never did what Jason Fife has done.

Fife's wife was having an affair with another man. He wanted to fight back, but did not know exactly what to do.

So he did the unthinkable. He mailed a severed cow's head to his wife's lover.

So now, Mr. Fife is on probation.

Henry Hilles, Fife's lawyer stated that Fife, "understands that in a civilized society a person cannot send a severed cow's head to anybody."

That is a wonderful message to us and our children... "Do not send animal's body parts to people through the mail."

Rumor has it, that Jason

Fife and his wife have reconciled. If that is true, I am happy for the Fifes.

Mr. Fife received 50 hours of community service and 2 years probation.

In a way, its funny. In a land where we claim to believe in and uphold the Ten Commandments, the one about adultery goes unpunished, while the one about mauling cow's heads gets the rap.

Until the next time,
God bless.

Terry Ann Porter
William P. Martin
Richard & Elizabeth Holton
Ronnie Beck
Charles Hall
Donald Bowen
Aubie & Mozelle Sparks
Janett Longoria
Don Lane Whitefield
Angela Campbell
Beatriz Vargas
Karen Woodward
Janet Longoria
Kenneth Evans
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Johnnie Lee
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If you would like to make a donation, please contact the Hansford Hospice office at 659-5811.

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Hansford Hospice Volunteers would like to thank the following for making donations to the Hospice Lights of Love. These donations enable help provide Hospice Care to those in need. Hansford Hospice expresses our deep gratitude to everyone for their kindness in giving to our organization.

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James Riley

JUNK FOOD

- ACROSS**
- It has little distortion
 - It usually comes with a fee
 - Church congregation
 - Dutch cheese
 - Type of gin
 - Group of islands in the South Pacific
 - First 4 letters of famous Aretha Franklin song
 - Usually part of a lot
 - Song of praise
 - Bad fat
 - Highest volcano in Europe
 - Judge's silencer
 - Goon
 - Used for attaching one object to another
 - Area of expertise for otolaryngologist, pl.
 - Where bugs are snug
 - Most famous evangelist?
 - Ruler of Aesir, Norse mythology
 - An outcome contrary to what is expected
 - Los Angeles airport
 - Confuse
 - Light brown
 - The heaviest metal known
 - Lyric poem
 - Offered before a haircut?
 - Hancock to

- Declaration of Independence
- Doh, re, mi, fa, ____, la, ti, doh
 - Ganders companions
 - "For goodness"
 - Popular sweetener in junk food
 - Public meeting
 - First-rate
 - "Will be" in Doris Day song
 - Short poems of pastoral life
 - "____, over here"
 - Whirlpool
 - Lucille of "I Love Lucy"
 - Part of tennis match
 - Enchanted flower in "Beauty and the Beast"
- DOWN**
- "His and ____"
 - Thought
 - Lent activity
 - Attack as false or wrong
 - Having winglike extensions
 - Thrown to give up
 - "Cobbler, cobbler, ____ my shoe"
 - Quick, cheap meal
 - Sultanate on Arabian Peninsula
 - "The Kinks" hit
 - Levee
 - Slave owner
 - Gun predecessor haircut?
 - Unit of electrical

These games are brought to you by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman

- resistance
- Part of a combo meal?
 - An uneven gait
 - Ancient Greece marketplace
 - Fare ride
 - Supplementary component
 - Often found over n in Spanish
 - Express contempt
 - In addition
 - Overplay or over-act
 - Knucklehead
 - Wrong
 - Goes with "aah"
 - System of news-groups on Internet
 - Sonnets and limericks
 - Old Faithful, e.g.
 - One of #48 Across
 - German surrealist
 - Max
 - Typically self-serve at fast food stops
 - Phenyl, tolyl, xylyl, e.g.
 - Soda bottle top-pers
 - Do over
 - Goddess of fate, pl.
 - "Pay as you earn" tax system
 - Munchhausen's story

CROSSWORD

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS



by Ed Sterling

FEDERAL COURT UPHOLDS 'MOMENT OF SILENCE' LAW

AUSTIN - A Dallas federal court on Jan. 2 upheld a 2003 state law that allows Texas schools to set aside time for students to reflect, pray or meditate in the classroom.

Plaintiffs David Wallace Croft and spouse Shannon Kristine Croft filed the lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

The Crofts' children are students in the Carrollton-Farmers Branch school district.

In their lawsuit, the Crofts alleged the Texas moment of silence law is unconstitutional under the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment.

At issue were parts of chapter 25 of the Texas Education Code, which say:

(1) A school district may provide for a period of silence at the beginning of the first class of each school day during which a student may reflect or meditate; and

(2) A public school student has an absolute right to individually, voluntarily, and silently pray or meditate in

school in a manner that does not disrupt the instructional or other activities of the school. A person may not require, encourage, or coerce a student to engage in or refrain from such prayer or meditation during any school activity.

The Legislature revised the moment of silence provision in 2003, adding the word "pray" to the list of designated options as well as "any other silent activity that is not likely to interfere with or distract another student."

The federal court held that "...the addition of the word 'pray' directly furthers the purpose of encouraging students to engage in individual contemplative activity."

The court also concluded such "thoughtful contemplation" is a "valid secular purpose" and that "the primary effect of the statute is to institute a moment of silence, not to advance or inhibit religion."

After the court rendered its decision, Attorney General Greg Abbott, a defendant in the lawsuit along with Gov. Rick Perry, said, "The court's ruling ensures that Texas schoolchildren are free to begin each day by voluntarily reflecting, meditating, or praying before school each morning.

"Particularly in an age where children are so frequently confronted with violence and disorder, 60 seconds of quiet contemplation at the beginning of each day is not too much to ask. ..."

must also be posted with the secretary of state to protect members of the club who suffer actual financial loss as a result of a closing.

"As Texans begin to work on their resolutions for 2008, it is important that they do the research to make sure they will be protected if their gym shuts down," Wilson said.

"A gym membership can be a significant financial commitment and I would urge all Texans to visit my Web site to check their club's registration status and review the steps to recover membership fees of closed gyms if applicable."

Commission chair passes away

Ric Williamson, 55-year-old chairman of the Texas Transportation Commission, suffered a heart attack and died Dec. 29.

A resident of Weatherford, Williamson served as a member of the Texas House of Representatives from 1985 to 1998.

He was appointed to the commission by Gov. Rick Perry in March 2001 and was named the chair in January 2004.

Agency boosts war on smoking

The Texas Department of State Health Services reports it is more than doubling its resources dedicated to free smoking cessation services provided through the American Cancer Society's Quitline.

This year, the agency plans to provide \$550,000 for the service, up from \$250,000 provided in 2007. The toll-free telephone counseling service at 1-877-YES-QUIT is available to all Texans trying to quit smoking or dipping, the state health agency said.

Gym operators must be certified

Secretary of State Phil Wilson recommends that Texans first check to ensure a gym or health spa is registered with the Secretary of State before becoming a member.

Under state law, a person must obtain a health spa operator's certificate of registration from the Secretary of State before operating a health spa or selling a membership in a health spa.

An operator's certificate of registration is required for each health spa location. Unless the person qualifies for an exemption, a security deposit for each location

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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.

Nancy Groves, Wayne Bayless, Tera Red, Jason Ridge, Justin Gifford

January 18

Birthday - Daniel Boyd, Ervin Wright, Doyle Jackson, Curtis Davis, Candy Golden, Bradley Bell, Larry Evans, Schane Schneider, Bett Brown, Ole Dahl, Pat Randall, Jessica Blan, Robert Gilmore, Enrique Arreola

January 19

Birthday - Paula Kizzari, Elvia Perez, Walter Murrell, Calvin Bodey, Carlton Nelson, Melissa Sutherland, Curtis Ray Hays, Barbara Collier, Donna Murray, Rosa Linda Reger, Justin Harris, Billy Hays, Jose Favela Jr., Stacy DeLaCruz, Jeremy Vera, Bradi Brown

Anniversary - M/M Roy Diaz

January 20

Birthday - Johnny Jarvis, Lena Mae Ford, Kyle Nollner, Carol Lemons, Staci Swan, Lupe Espinosa, Terry Schneider, Louis Rodriguez, Kris Kelp, Mike Pack, Shawn Bratton, Brieanne Jordan, Fabian Gaspar

Anniversary - M/M Kermit McKee, M/M Sonny Blankenship

January 21

Birthday - Roy Mayhew, Dewey Taylor, Julie Moore, Tim Harper, Gary Papay, Wanda Archer, Steve Moore, Timothy Bynum, Sandra Mills, Bonnie Schaefer, Marcus Vasquez

Anniversary - M/M Jeff Beedy, M/M Kenneth Baker, M/M Kent Rummel, Mr. & Mrs. David Schultz

January 22

Birthday - James Lemons, Cynthia DeArmond, Alicia Ochoa, Lisa Love, Tommy Saltzman, Mandi Vargas, Stacey Mayfield, John Kunselman, Brandon Jones, Angelica Avila, Callie Hopkins, Joe Avila

Anniversary - M/M James Scroggs, M/M Walter McDade, M/M Steve Gross, M/M John Armes

January 23

Birthday - Pat Morley, Marci Roberts, Kay McFarlin, Michael Barnes, Brandon Sutton, Jimmy Kenney, Johnnie Fuller, Ann Zamora, Mac Blankenship, Willie Vasquez, Adrianna Reza

Anniversary - M/M Jim Roberts, M/M Gene Duncan

January 24

Birthday - Quentin Hart, Kenneth Irwin, Luis Salazar, Daryl Shelton, Ronnie Goodman, Alan Leach, Jean Prouty, Charla Roberts

Anniversary - Larry & Gayle Porter, M/M Archie Smith

January 25

Birthday - Kevin Babbs, Elizabeth Benton, Mike Dodd, Deloris Guthrie, Kurt Carson, Joanna Jarvis, Oralia Ochoa, Jackie Sparks, Van Baumgardner, Crystal D. Cantu, Braquel Reed, Amy Watley, Mason McLain, Kyla Reid, Damon Sibley

Anniversary - M/M Marvin Sparks

January 15

Birthday - Christopher Clawson, Tucker Henson, Nancy Boyles, Loyall Turner, Shannon Scroggs, Kim Jenkins, Brenda McLain, Jay McCormick, Kristi Wall, Carl Urban, Dustin Beck, Dorothy Sparks, Jennifer Poer, Remington Smith, Gary Farles

Anniversary - Billy & Martina Miller

January 16

Birthday - Viva Renner Pierson, Ynese Williams, Steve Reed, Irvin Davis, Jodi Wilson, Jason Babitzke, Kelly Sue Cates, Norman Brack, Felix Sandavol, Clifton Morrison, Josh Schumann, Carlene Kirkpatrick, Eva Espinosa, Shirley Burton, Mike Babbs, Crispin Borunda, Viviana Huerta

January 17

Birthday - Derik Grotegut, Justin Johnson, Karen Kelly, Terry Sherrill, Butch Schaefer, Jeffrey Spencer, Dana Booth, Sheri Benton, Frank Miller,

Our Sympathy

MARIE ERNESTINE GRAY-CURTIS

DUMAS - Marie Ernestine Gray Curtis, 79, passed away Tuesday, January 8, 2008 in Amarillo, Texas.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, January 11, 2008 at First Baptist Church with Rev. Dan Turner, former music minister officiating, assisted by Rev. Dale Cain, interim minister of the church. Graveside services will be held at 2:30 PM at the Hansford Cemetery in Spearman. Arrangements are by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Curtis was born May 18, 1928 in Texarkana, Texas to Henry and Emma McGuirk. She was married to Robert "Bob" Gray who preceded her in death in 1987. On June 12, 2004 she married Ira B. Curtis in Dumas, Texas. She had been a resident of Spearman before moving to Dumas in 1994. Mrs. Curtis enjoyed fishing and was a homemaker. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include: her husband Ira; sons, Gary Gray of Dumas and Ron Gray of Hooker, OK; daughters, Carole Klemm and Terry Curtis both of Dumas; 12 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, PO Box 617, Dumas, TX 79029.

The family will be at 920 N. Maddox in Dumas.

VIOLA C. BOYD

SPEARMAN - Viola C. Boyd, 91, died on Sunday, January 6, 2008.

Funeral services for Viola C. Boyd were held on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 3 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Spearman with Jim Reeves officiating. Interment was in Hansford Cemetery, under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Viola was born on March 7, 1916 in Lekemp, Texas. She was a charter member of the First Christian Church of Spearman. Her family were the carpenters of the First Christian Church building. She became a beauty operator in 1958 and opened Boyd's Beauty Shop in 1960.

She was preceded in death by her son, Roy Gene Boyd and her daughter, Winnie Carol Allen.

Survivors include a brother, Floyd Hull of Spearman; two grandsons, Scott Boyd and Carl Urban, both of Amarillo; and two granddaughters, Brenda Pierson of Spearman and Crista Baldwin of Amarillo; and five great-grandchildren.

HEATH JAMES GRIMES

DALHART, TX - Heath James Grimes 32, died Saturday, January 5, 2008 in Gruver, Texas.

Services were held Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 12:00 noon at the New Life Fellowship Church with Darren Elliott, pastor of the New Life Fellowship and Glendon Pyle, Pastor of the Wesleyan Church officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Horizon Funeral Home, Dalhart, Texas.

Heath was born December 9, 1975 in Dumas, TX to Johnny and Emily (Smith) Grimes. Heath was the youngest of seven children. His early years were spent in Dalhart and later he moved to Houston, returning to the Texas Panhandle in the mid 90's.



Heath's love for the Lord showed through his personal ministry, leaving a lasting impression on friends and family alike. He had a strong desire to become a chef and his passion for cooking will be remembered by many. Heath loved spending time with his family - "his family was his life."

Survivors include his parents - Johnny and Nell Grimes of Dalhart, TX and Emily and Brent Thompson of Ellenton, FL; three brothers - Joseph Grimes of Cypress, TX, Delaney and his wife Kelly Grimes of Sugar Land, TX, Daniel and his wife Lesli Grimes of Amarillo, TX; two sisters: Shelley and her husband Chris Goodson of Dalhart, TX, April and her husband Shane Goodson of Gruver, TX; his extended family includes Michael, Johnny, Walt, Dee Dee, and Connie Bolton and Patty Garcia as well as Michelle Helm, Amy Thompson and Jerri Lynn; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

"Knowing Heath was a blessing" and he will be missed by all.

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BILL TWEEDY

SPEARMAN - Bill Tweedy, 76, died on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 in Know City, Texas.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, January 10, 2008 at Hansford Cemetery with the Rev. Tex Cox officiating. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Bill was born on July 4, 1931 in Calhoun, MO. He married Anita George Loveday on September 5, 1958.

He worked in the oil and gas production as a gauger. He was preceded in death by his wife, in 1993.

Survivors include Jan Kilgore of Knox City, his partner of 11 years; his daughter, Jo Kincaid of Pueblo, CO; a stepson, Tommy Loveday of Rockwall, TX; a sister, Margie Frasher of Windsor, MO; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

ADELINA "NENA" GARCIA

SHAMROCK - Adelina "Nena" Garcia, 70, died Monday, January 7, 2008, in Spearman.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, January 10, 2008 in Shamrock Cemetery with the Rev. Joe Jernigan of Calvary Christian Fellowship officiating. Arrangements are by Wright Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Garcia was born December 2, 1937, in Donna to Maximo and Paulina Salinas. She was a restaurant cook.

Survivors include four daughters, Benilda McDaniel and Sylvia Davila, both of Houston, Lupe Garcia of Shamrock and Esther Ralston of Gruver; three sons, Peno Garcia of Corpus Christi and Mardy Garcia and Amelio Garcia, both of Wichita Falls; two sisters, Dora Perez of Donna and Idma; 21 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

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Rushing Wind Emmaus to Meet
Rushing Wind Emmaus community will meet Saturday, January 12, at 6 p.m. at the Full Gospel Community Worship Center, West Loop 143 and 15th, in Perryton. There will be a potluck supper, training for sponsors, and a praise and worship service, and a nursery will be provided. For more information go to www.rushingwindemmaus.org or <http://rwec.inet-member.com>.

Project Graduation Class of 2008
To all senior parents of the class of 2008. There will be an organizational meeting for Project Graduation on January 10, 2008, at 5:30 P.M. in the SHS Library. All senior parents need to attend this meeting. If you have questions, please call Bonnie at 659-5529 or Tammy at 659-3071 Project Graduation is an all night activity following graduation designed to make that night as safe and memorable as possible. Everyone's help is needed!

Cowboy Poetry Breakfast
The Cowboy Poetry Breakfast on January 12 at the Big Texan will spotlight Janet Eggleston, the newest member of SWCPA, as the headliner. She won the Goodnight Cowboy Poetry Contest last summer during the Charles Goodnight Celebration at Claude. Janet teaches at Wolflin Elementary School. Her family often attends the breakfasts, driving from Hooker, Oklahoma. She will be followed by open mic presentations of other Southwest Cowboy Poets Association members relating experiences from the humorous to the tragic in the cowboy's daily life. Singers, musicians and tall-tale tellers will also entertain. If you enjoy or share the pride of southwest cowboy heritage and culture, be sure to mark your calendar for the monthly Cowboy Poetry Breakfast on January 12 at the Big Texan. As far as we know, these breakfasts on the 2nd Saturday each month are the only events of this kind in the whole country.

Out-of-School Examinee Registration
Individuals who are no longer enrolled in school and who have not previously met minimum expectations on all sections of the TAAS or TAKS tests, but have met all other graduation requirements, may retake the necessary sections. The TAAS and TAKS retests will be given on March 4 (ELA TAKS; Writing TAAS), March 5 (Math TAKS, Math TAAS), March 6 (Science TAKS; Reading TAAS), and March 7 (Social Studies TAKS). A student can register for the TAAS or TAKS tests online by accessing the web site at <http://k12testing.tx.ncspearson.com> or by completing a registration form. Registration forms may be picked up at the high school counselor's office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Registration packets are due in Austin no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 25, 2008. Please Contact Krista Baird at 659-2584 if you have any questions.

Los individuos que ya no están matriculados en la escuela y que todavía no han cumplido los requisitos mínimos en todas las secciones del examen del TAKS, pero han cumplido todos los otros requisitos necesarios para graduarse pueden volver a tomar los exámenes necesarios del TAKS. Daremos el examen el 4 de Marzo (ELA TAKS; Escritura TAAS); 5 de Marzo (Matemáticas TAKS; Matemáticas TAAS) el 6 de Marzo (El TAKS de ciencia; Lectura TAAS), 7 de Marzo (el TAKS de estudios sociales). Un alumno se puede registrar para el examen de TAAS y de TAKS en el sitio <http://k12testing.tx.ncspearson.com> o también puede completar una forma de registración. Las formas de registraciones se pueden recoger en la oficina de la conejera en la escuela preparatoria entre las horas de 8:00 a.m. hasta las 4:00 p.m. Los paquetes de registraciones tienen que estar en Austin antes de las 5:00 p.m. del día 25 de Enero del 2008. Por favor si tiene alguna pregunta comunicarse con Krista Baird al 659-2584 si tiene alguna pregunta.

Frank Phillips College Holiday Hours
Frank Phillips College in Borger will close its offices at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 19, for the holidays. Offices re-open Monday, January 7. Registration for the Spring 2008 semester is Thursday, January 10.

'08 High Plains Irrigation Conference & Trade Show
The 2008 High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show will be held Jan. 16, 2008 in the Amarillo Convention Center. The conference will be presented by Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association. CEU's will be offered for Pesticide applicators, certified crop consultants, certified irrigation designers.

Gruver Elementary Collecting Register Tapes
Gruver Elementary is again participating in the Lowe's Supermarket Register Tapes for Education program. Please help us earn free educational equipment by collecting register tapes from Lowe's. Only tapes dated September 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008 are eligible. You can deposit your tapes in boxes in the Gruver Elementary Lobby, Gruver Library, Gruver City Hall, Nite & Day Beauty Salon and Hitchin' Nails. Jo Alice Clawson is also collecting tapes at 711 Womble, or they may be mailed to PO Box 488, Gruver. Please call 733-2247 if you have tapes you would like to have picked up, or for more information.

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.

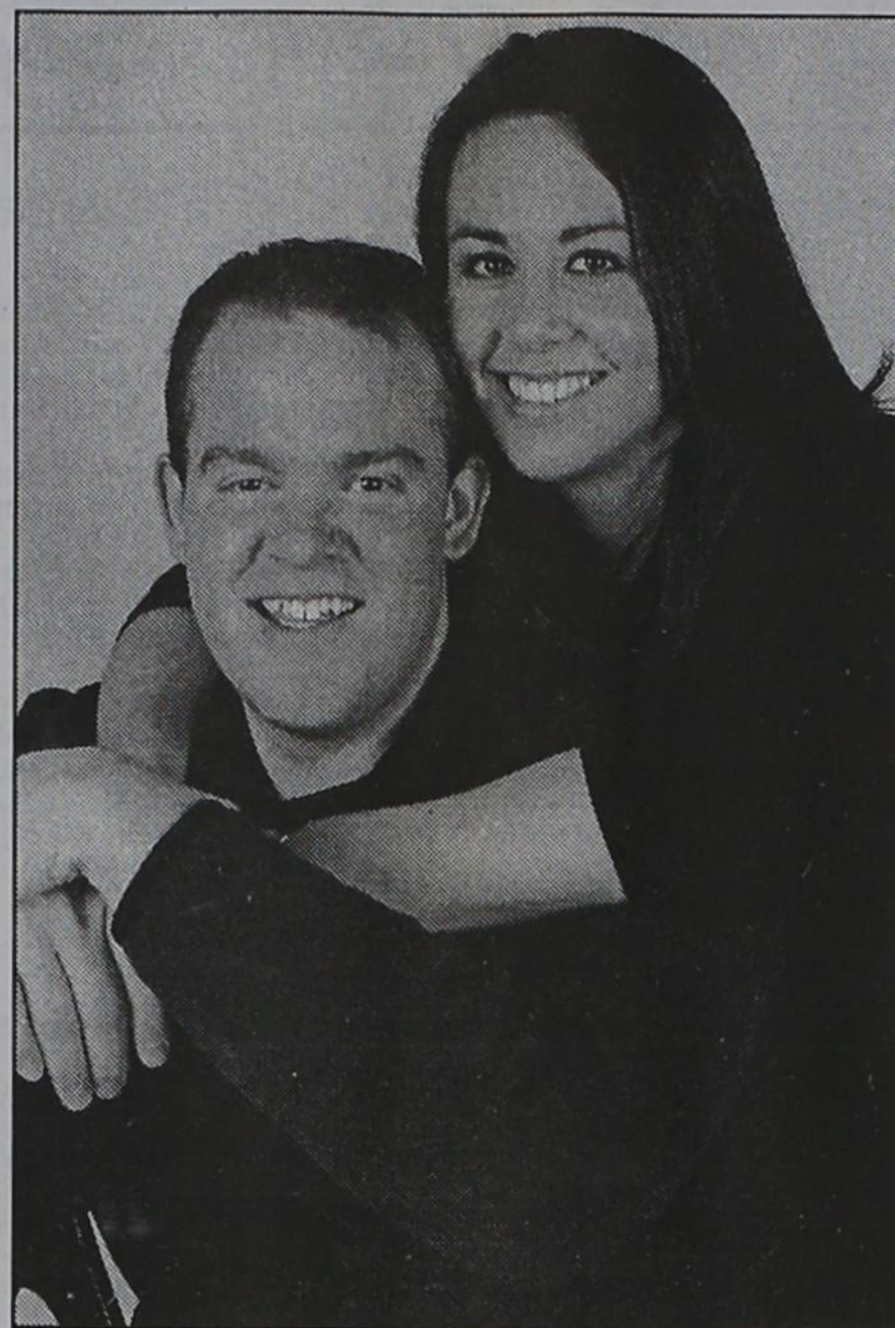
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The Spearhead AA Group meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Pittman-Shieldknight building. Alcoholics Anonymous* is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other to help solve their common problem and help 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.

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Engagement Announcement

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Jody & Cami (Winegarner) Meason - 1/19
Kellyn King & Jeremy Fry - 2/12

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Thank You!
The family of Kenneth Burke would like to thank everyone for their prayers, flowers, food, cards and donations to the Hansford Hospice. A special thank you to the wonderful Hospice nurses and volunteers and Hansford Manor for taking such good care of our Dad and Grandpa. Debbie Hornsby, Gary & Linda Burke, Kenda Burke, Steve & Mary Burke & family, Chris Hornsby

Thank You!
The Gruver P.T.O. would like to thank the generous people of our community who participated in this year's Angel Tree Project. Thank you for your support.~ Gruver P.T.O.

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Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

In the Season of Epiphany we discover the nature of Jesus Christ. We study Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 42:3, Acts 10:34-43, and Matthew 3:13-17. We discover a manifestation of God by reading the first of the "servant songs" of Isaiah. This servant who is chosen of God will bring forth justice to the nations. Many have compared this "servant" with the nation of Israel, some with the prophet as a representative of his people, and others, such as Matthew, see in this "servant" the manifestation of Jesus the Messiah. The Psalmist sings of the might of the manifestation of God, the "voice of the Lord" who is enthroned over the waters.

After Peter met with Cornelius, the God-fearing Roman Centurion, Peter finally "gets" the gospel message, that everyone who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God. Peter's sermon to Cornelius' household is that Jesus was sent by God; Jesus had a healing and inclusive ministry; Jesus was crucified; Jesus rose from the dead; we through Jesus have forgiveness of our sins; Peter and the apostles were witnesses to these things. Dear Christian, if all you gather from this story is that through Jesus we have personal salvation, you are missing the point. Cornelius and his household are baptized, they receive forgiveness of their sins, and are made a part of the faith community in order to share the gospel with others. Through baptism we are the children of God, we are forgiven our sins, and we are enlisted in the ministry of the Gospel to share the good news.

In Matthew, we see the manifestation of Jesus as the Son of God in the story of Jesus' baptism. Prior to the time of John the Baptist, only the "god-fearers", non-Jews, who wished to convert to Judaism were baptized to symbolize their rebirth into true faith. John and his followers showed the children of Abraham that they were in need of a right relationship with God despite being members of the "chosen people"; John the Baptist baptized Jews as a sign of their repentance. Jesus comes to be baptized and John protests. Jesus prevails and is baptized. A manifestation of Jesus as God occurs in the Spirit of God descending from heaven as a dove while a voice proclaims, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." This marks the beginning of Christ's ministry on earth. Psalm 2, a messianic psalm, opens, "This is my beloved Son". Isaiah 42:1, referring to the "suffering servant" states, "with whom I am well pleased". Matthews point is that Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus is Lord.

We as Christians should be "baptized" daily, that is we should confess our sins, repent and receive God's forgiveness daily. May the Holy Spirit allow you to discover Jesus Christ in your every day life.

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.

Today I would like to talk some about wheat germ oil, and essential fatty acids.

There are two families of Essential Fatty acids Omega-3 and Omega-6. Fats from each of these families are essential, which means that they are essential to human health but cannot be made in the body, the body can convert one omega-3 to another omega-3, for example, but cannot create an omega-3 from scratch. Therefore we need to get this from our diet. Leafy greens, nuts, flax seed, whole wheat, not enriched wheat flour or bleached wheat flour but WHOLE WHEAT.

I know in natural healing it is suggested that you take wheat germ oil on a regular basis. I eat whole wheat quite regular so thought maybe I did not need to take wheat germ oil but upon research found it still would be a good thing to take. Several months ago I taught a class on essential Vitamins and found that Wheat Germ oil has a lot of goodness in it. Wheat germ oil is a concentrated source of nutrients, especially vitamins E and B complex, Minerals including calcium and iron, as well as some protein.

Throughout this article I will use EFA's in place of essential fatty acids

Definition of Metabolic

processes - The chemical and physical processes continuously going on in living organisms and cells.

Together, omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids play a crucial role in brain function as well as normal growth and development. They are important in metabolic processes, and there is evidence to suggest that low levels of EFA's may be a factor in a number of illnesses.

EFA's contribute to the maintenance of a healthy body in several ways. They are an important component of cell membranes. They help insulate the nerves, cushion and protect the tissues. They also help produce hormone-like substances, and contribute to healthy skin and hair.

One of the problems in America is we do not get a proper balance of these essential oils. We get too much of one or the other. Usually omega 6.

Wheat germ oil contains both of these EFA's. A lot of folks are familiar with vitamin E and what a great help it is to the body. If you are taking Wheat germ oil there is no need to take a vitamin E supplement because vitamin E is in Wheat germ oil.

There are no known problems with wheat germ oil. No known toxicity. However, in Wheat germ oil the Octacosanol may interfere with the action of the Parkinson's drug levodopa.

Deficiencies in EFAs can lead to reduced growth, dermatitis, infertility, and lack of ability to fight infection and heal wounds. Lack of omega-6 fatty acids is extremely rare in diets of those living in the United States. In fact we tend to have too much omega-6. This imbalance contributes to long-term diseases such as heart disease, cancer, asthma, arthritis, and

depression. A healthy diet should consist of one omega-3 fatty acids to four omega-6 fatty acids. A typical American diet, however, tends to contain 11 to 30 times more omega-6 than omega-3 fatty acids. Some reasons for this is that hydrogenated oils (the number one junk food) that are refined and nutrient-deficient, they are in a lot of our foods. Also Meat is high in your omega 6.

If we were eating fresh fruits, vegetables, whole

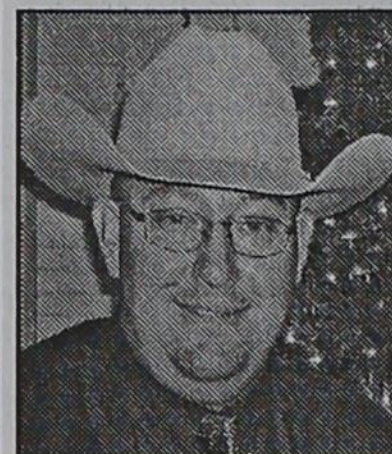
grains, legumes, nuts and seeds we would have a better balance of our omega 3 and omega 6.

Once again DO SOME RESEARCH. Learn more about the metabolic process and the importance of the EFA's in your body.

Next time I will talk about the dangerous ingredients that are hidden in our food that you might want to AVOID.

You can email me with questions at: theherblady01@yahoo.com

Swan Announces Candidacy for Sheriff



Lance Swan

Lance Swan is announcing his candidacy for Hansford County Sheriff.

"I am proud to announce my candidacy for the office of Hansford County Sheriff," said Swan. "I believe that together, we can make a difference in Hansford County."

Swan is a 1989 graduate of Spearman High School. He received an Associates of Science degree from South Plains College in 1991, a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology from West Texas A&M University in 1996 and a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Sports Science from Oklahoma Panhandle State University in 1997. He is a graduate of the Amarillo College 79th Police Academy in 1999.

Swan has been a Peace Officer since 1999. He has completed the following classes/training: K9 Handler w/Certification in NNDDA & USPCA (not currently certified); Classes in Homicide Investigation, Drug Interdiction; Personnel Defense Tech & Training, Numerous State Mandated Classes; Extensive Training in 9mm, 40cal, 45cal, 357sig pistols, M4/AR-15 Rifles, M203 grenade launcher, 249saw (Squad Automatic Weapon) MK19(grenade launcher stand or vehicle) & Shotgun; Ballistics for above weapons; Chemical, Radiological & Biological Hazards and Weapons; Legal Classes in Search & Seizure; Use of Force & Deadly Force; Shoot & Move Tech; CounterAmbush and Ambush Tech; Individual/Team Tactical Movement (Vehicle and Buildings); Crime Scene Preservation; Bomb Search; Improvised Explosive Devices; Active Shooter & Direct Threat Response; Building & Vehicle Searches for Active Shooter & Direct Threat Response; Emergency Driving - SUV to Humvee (Department of Energy; and Civil Process.

"My family has lived in Hansford County for three generations," commented Swan. "I had the privilege of being raised here and want my sons to enjoy the same quality of life that I have enjoyed."

"I look forward to the opportunity of giving something back to the community as the next Sheriff of Hansford County."

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Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

Well, the new year is officially off to a start this week. Last two weeks were a welcome vacation for me with the museum closed on Tuesday and Wednesday meant I got the whole week off. I enjoyed the time.

We start the year off with a beautiful exhibit by Jo Le Tennison of Higgins. Ms. Tennison teaches first grade in Follett. Her exhibit has landscape of the area and the Panhandle especially Palo Duro Canyon. Her reception will be on January 27, 2008. Mark your calendar now. Her paintings will be on exhibit thru February.

Judge Smith received a letter from the Preserve America organization informing us that we have been designated as a Preserve America County. This designation allows us to apply for Preserve America grants, recognition through roadsigns, inclusion in state tourism and visitors bureau. The designation included a letter from The first lady, Laura Bush who is the Honorary Chair, Preserve

America. This is one of three applications for designations and grants that we submitted in 2007 and will be notified of our approval in 2008. So we are now 1 down 2 to go. Watch for our press release.

Dorothy has gone south so I will be reporting on her after she phones in.

HISTORICAL MUSINGS

This time in 1917, The Lipscomb Lime Light reported that the new \$35,000 Court House was nearing completion. Lipscomb was experiencing a building boom with the "Largest and best garage in the east Panhandle completed and a new picture show." The Picture show was reported as being constructed in old town of Lipscomb on a lot just east of the City Meat Market. The building was two story with the first floor for the showing of moving pictures and the second was a hall for various public purposes. Jess Bussard was the promoter of the building and hired John Abbot, the new courthouse constructor to build it. Previous to this Mr. Bussard showed movies in

an "air dome" and had to close due to cold weather. In reporting these construction events, they reported that Lipscomb was only lacking a furniture store. The paper stated that Lipscomb, being the county seat and located in the heart of the best mixed farming parts of the Panhandle, had over 22 running streams passing through it, shallow water, yet an elevation high enough to be above the mosquito line and give the pure air that insures good health. Without a furniture store, young married people are forced to drive 16 to 20 miles to buy housekeeping stock and this was a shame since Lipscomb had everything else they needed to set up housekeeping including the

Judge to say the words to make them one.

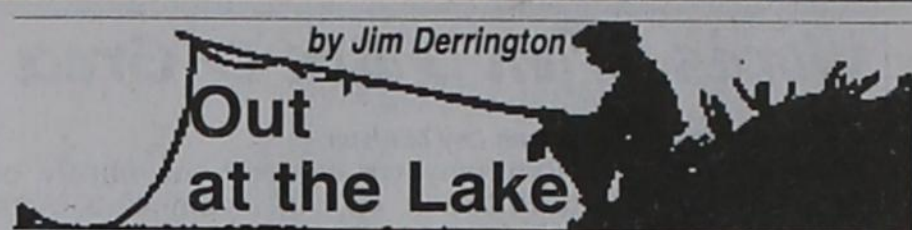
This issue also reported that roads were much improved and that you could now travel to Higgins with having to open only two gates. This was a great improvement.

Lastly, the government was encouraging every family to grow their own garden. The reason being the high cost of living and the need for each citizen to do his part towards raising food and conserving that already grown. Converting flower gardens to vegetable gardens was encouraged. Was this the start of being "green?"

Have a good week and document the historical events of 2007 for future generations.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum

Museum Hours: Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 2 to 4 p.m. Special hours upon request.
Museum Information: Hwy 305, Lipscomb; telephone: 806-852-2123; fax: 806-852-217; email: wolfcreek@amaonline.com; website: www.wolfcreekheritagemuseum.com



January 7, 2008
Lake level - 20.27 feet

It is time once again, to renew your annual permit, and enjoy the sights and sounds at Lake Palo Duro. Family permits are still \$30. Individual permits are \$15. These permits expire in December, each year. Annual permits cover the daily use fees. Camping fees are separate. No annual camping permit is available. The Palo Duro River Authority office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Call 806-882-4401 to reach us.

The Palo Duro River Authority Board of Directors welcomes back Rod Barkley, Paul Stavlo, Jay Goodwin and Les Taylor. They begin new two year terms, in January. Other Directors are

Jack Lane, Rusty Davidson, Keith Christie, Margarette Evans, and Don Savage. Their service is very much appreciated.

The Bald Eagles have numbered two to four, since their arrival in November. Last Friday, Ramon counted eight. The eagles seem to follow the geese. Most water in the area was frozen last week. Ice usually brings more geese to Lake Palo Duro, where there is some water open for them. Most of the eagles were immature, not having a white head.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is apparently considering a Mule Deer season in Hansford County. A public meeting is planned to discuss the issue. I don't have a date for the meeting.

Hansford County Livestock Show Set

The Hansford County Livestock Show will be held on Friday and Saturday, January 25th and 26th in Gruver, Texas.

Friday's show will begin at 7:00 a.m. with the weighing in of all steers and lambs. The grand opening of the show will be held at 9:00 a.m. The lamb show will begin at 9:00 a.m., with the steer show following immediately. The weighing of pigs will be held after the steer show.

Saturday's schedule is as follows: 9:00 a.m. - Swine show; 1:00 p.m. - judging contest; 6:30 p.m. - floor prices will be auctioned, with the presentation of Showmanship and Commercial Steer Awards. Immediately following the presentation of awards, the auction will begin. The sell order will be - lamb, swine and steer.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the 4-H and FFA members of Hansford County.

A concession stand with lots of great food will be open both days. Barbeque brisket plates will be available at 5:00 p.m. Saturday before the sale prepared by Richard and Wanda Wagner with proceeds going to 4-H Fund.

Spearman Practice Show is January 12th @ 1:00 p.m. Spearman County Barn. This is for the kids to get ready for the ready for the county show. All Spearman 4-H & FFA members can participate.

Gruver Practice Show is January 20th @ 2:00 p.m. Gruver County Barn. This is for the kids to get ready for the ready for the county show. All Gruver 4-H & FFA members can participate.

Morse 4-H can show in either show, but only show once.

Producer Profitability Meetings to be Conducted in January, February

by Kay Ledbetter, 806-677-5608, skledbetter@ag.tamu.edu

Texas AgriLife Extension Service will conduct a series of profitability conferences throughout the Panhandle in January and February, said DeDe Jones, AgriLife Extension risk management specialist.

"With the development of a new farm bill and rising fertilizer and other input costs, it is very important that producers understand the risks and benefits surrounding their production and financial decisions," Jones said.

Each meeting will feature speakers addressing the commodity outlook for wheat, feed grains and cotton; a 2008 profitability analysis for irrigated and dryland crops; farm bill outlook/predictions; and information on financial and risk management assistance.

The following is a list of meetings:

- Jan. 14 * 1 p.m. at the

Ochiltree County Expo Center in Perryton

- Jan. 14 * 7 p.m. at the Lipscomb Clubhouse in Lipscomb

- Jan. 18 * 1 p.m. at the O'Laughlin Center in Spearman

- Jan. 21 * 10 a.m. at Wells Fargo Bank Building in Dalhart

- Jan. 22 * 11 a.m. at the Groom Community Center in Groom

- Jan. 23 * 9 a.m. at the Randall County Extension Center in Canyon

- Jan. 24 * 11 a.m. at the Robert's County Community Center in Miami.

Meetings also are planned for Stratford and Dimmitt in February. For more information on those or any of the meetings, contact the AgriLife Extension office in that county.

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Spearman Independent School District

As required by law, the Spearman Independent School District will conduct a public hearing, open to the public, to discuss the district's educational performance for the 2006-2007 school year.

The meeting will be held on January 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

Parents and taxpayers are invited to attend this hearing, ask questions and provide comments regarding student performance issues.

PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: January 14, 2008
 TIME: 7:00 p.m.
 PLACE: High School Library
 RE: Education Performance Report

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LEGAL NOTICE Hansford County Commissioner's Court will receive sealed bids until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 25, 2008 on the sell of one used Catapillar motor grader and two Catapillar loaders.

Bids will be opened on Monday, January 28, 2008 at the regular Commissioners' Court meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m. Call 806-736-0162; 806 330-1114; or 806-659-3144 to make appointment to see the 140 G series motor grader; call 806-736-5011 or 806-733-2923 to see the 930 Cat loader; and call 806-330-0121 or 806-659-3144 to see 916 Cat loader.

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LEGAL NOTICE Hansford County Commissioners Court will receive bids for the purchase of a telecommunications system, including all equipment, software, phones, licenses and installation.

Mail or deliver all bids to: Hansford County Judge, 16 NW Court St. Spearman, TX 79081-2052.

Contact County Judge at 806-659-4100 for bid specs. The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Benny Wilson Hansford County Judge 2(1-10-08)B

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Cold/Flu Prevention
January is often the peak time for the flu season in Texas, and it's not too late to get a flu shot and take other common sense steps to protect yourself from illness.

"Getting a shot is the one best way to prevent flu, which can cause serious, sometimes deadly complications," said Dr. David Lakey, the state's health commissioner. "The flu shot and simple precautions such as washing your hands frequently, covering your coughs and sneezes and staying home when sick are good ways for people to protect themselves and their families from infection."

Flu season can begin as early as October and last as late as March, and vaccinations can be given at any time during this period. The shot takes about two weeks to become effective.

Flu is spread when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks, releasing the contagious virus into the air. People with flu can transmit the virus to others from one day before getting sick to up to seven days after showing symptoms of the flu.

Symptoms include a sudden fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose and muscle aches. Flu complications can include pneumonia, ear and sinus infections, dehydration and worsening of chronic conditions such as congestive heart failure, asthma or diabetes.

Because flu viruses change, a new vaccine is produced each year. Flu shots do not contain live viruses and cannot cause the flu. A nasal-spray vaccine, which contains live, weakened flu viruses that do not cause the flu, is an option for healthy people ages 2 through 49 years who are not pregnant.

In addition to flu shots, the Texas Department of State Health Services recommends these precautions to reduce your risk of catching or spreading flu germs:

Wash your hands before eating, or touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Wash your hands after touching anyone who is sneezing, coughing or has a runny nose. This is true especially if you are taking care of someone who is sick.

Do not share towels, lipstick, toys, cigarettes, food, eating utensils, drinking glasses or anything that might be contaminated with respiratory germs.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick, and avoid close, crowded spaces when possible.

Cover your mouth and nose with tissue every time you sneeze, blow your nose, or cough. Do not use handkerchiefs.

Put used tissues in the nearest trashcan.

If you do not have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your sleeve.

Stay home if you have a cough and fever. Keep away from family members who are very young, very old, or have a serious disease or weak immune system.

Because cold viruses can survive for hours outside the body, cleaning surfaces with a virus-killing disinfectant (such as a one part bleach to nine parts water mixture) can help prevent the spread of common germs.

About 36,000 deaths are recorded in the United States each year from flu complications.

For more details on how you can protect yourself during the cold and flu season, go to the Texas Department of State Health Services website at www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/health/prevention/cold_flu..

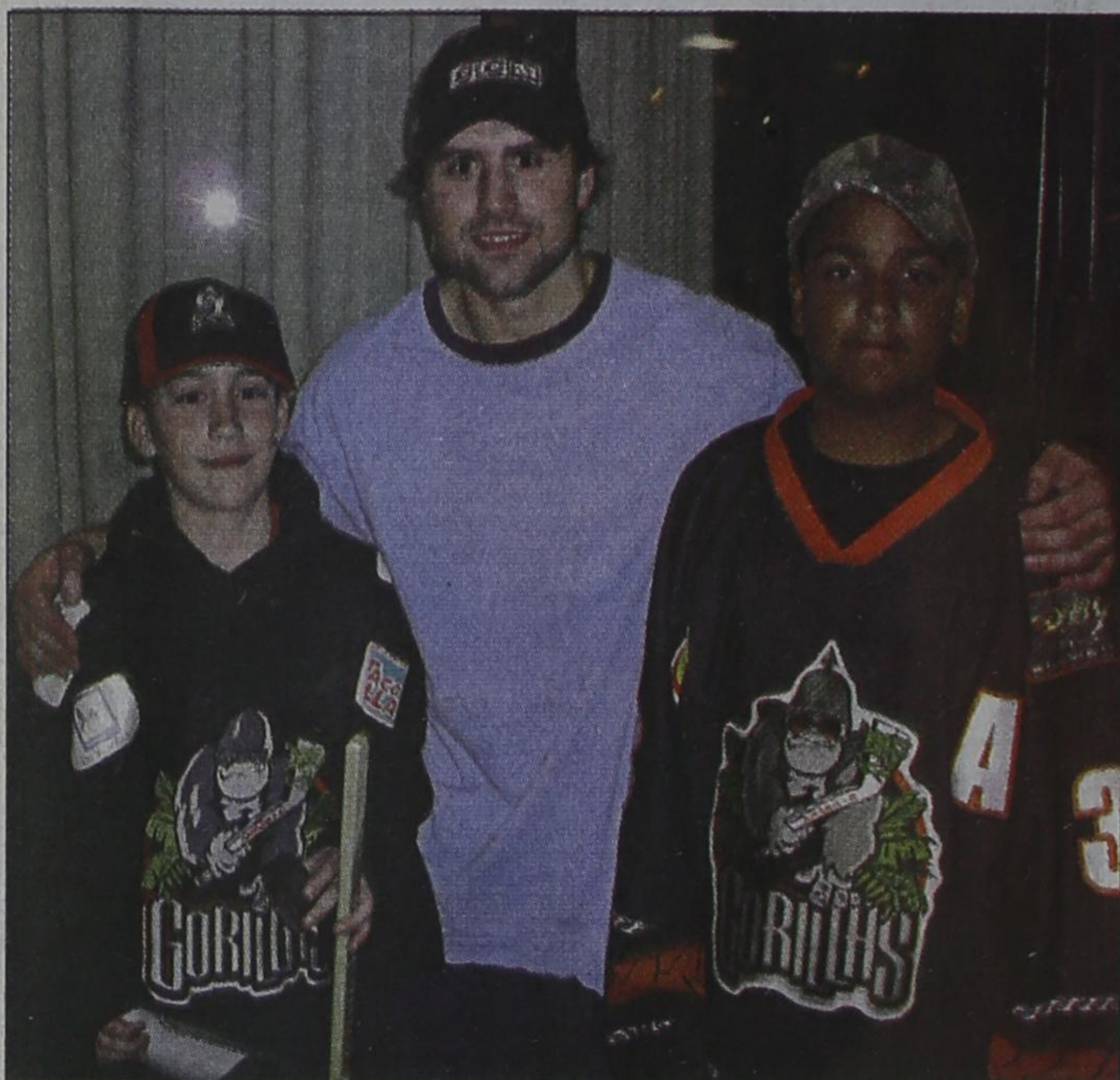
Gorillas at Mid-Point in Season

by Myrna Biggers

The Amarillo Gorillas have reached the mid-point of the 2007-2008 season standing at 10-17-5 with 25 points. They are 4 points out of a play-off spot at this time. The action is intense with the outcome of the games often going into sudden death overtime or a shoot out.

Over the Christmas holidays, Myrna Biggers was the Freeman Flowers Sweetheart of the Game one night. She received an arrangement of a dozen white roses with greenery and red berries in a beautiful glass vase. She also won the Chicken Dance competition and received a \$10.00 gift card to Chick-Fil-A.

Come to the jungle and join the fun and excitement of a Gorillas's game. The next home games are this weekend, January 11 against Corpus Christi and January 12 against Odessa. The puck drops at the Amarillo Civic Center at 7:05 pm. For tickets call the Amarillo Gorillas office at 242-PUCK (242-7825).



Trey Bridwell (left) and Alan Biggers are pictured with Amarillo Gorillas' Center Chris Martini following the New Year's Eve game against the Odessa Jackalopes.



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Dr. Richard and Shirley Cushing Flint, authors of "Documents of the Coronado Expedition, 1539-1542" and two other books on the famous Spanish explorer, will speak at the Beaver County (OK) Historical Society's Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 19, 2008.

A catered Mexican buffet at 6 p.m. will precede the Flints' PowerPoint presentation in the Cimarron Room of First Security Bank, 15 Douglas Avenue, Beaver, Oklahoma.

Tickets are \$10/person, available at the Jones and Plummer Trail Museum, Beaver, or checks can be mailed to BCHS, Box 457, Beaver, OK 73932. For more information and reservations, please call the Museum at (580) 625-4439 (leave message). Anyone with an interest in local history is welcome to attend.

Since the excavation of a 1541 Coronado campsite near Floydada, Texas, in 1996, there has been renewed interest in finding Coronado's route north through the Panhandles to Quivira near Lyons, Kansas. Many Spanish artifacts were unearthed in this area during the Dust Bowl and provide clues.

Dr. Garnett will temporarily be in Family Medical Clinic (Middle Clinic) while Palo Duro Clinic is being remodeled.

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Hansford County Hospital District

Dr. Mark Garnett, DO

Operation Christmas Greeting

The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary has begun their yearly fundraiser - Operation Christmas Greeting. Instead of mailing greeting cards, individuals who wish to may donate money to the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary and have their greeting published in this paper. The money is used to purchase equipment and supplies that are not budgeted at the Hospital and Manor.

Your donations can be mailed to Operation Christmas Greeting Chairman Judy Nelson, 130 Nelson Road, Spearman, Texas 79081. Checks should be made to Hansford Hospital Auxiliary and marked Operation Christmas Greeting. Thank you so much for supporting this fundraiser.



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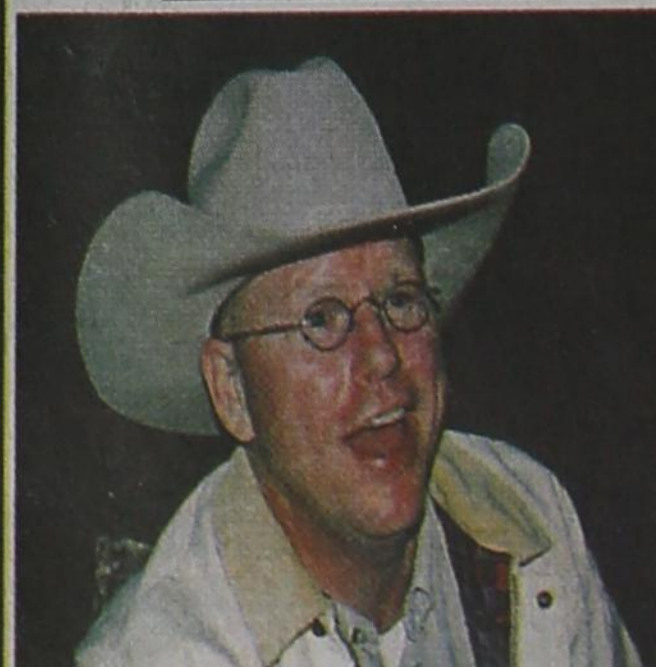
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