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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2007

Region I Marching Contest

The UIL Region I Marching Contest will be held at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo on Saturday, October 13, 2007. Gruver High School, directed by Sandy Cross, will march at 11:22 a.m. Spearman High School, directed by Amber TeBeest, will march at 1:48 a.m. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Shields competes in South Plains Fair

Tara Shields competed in the South Plains Fair, September 29, 2007 showing two of her lambs. One of her lambs placed 11th at the fair.

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
 FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
 FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
 SATURDAY - Mostly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the lower 80s.
 SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy. Lows in the mid 50s.
 SUNDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s.
 SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.
 MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs around 70.
 MONDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s.
 TUESDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs around 70.
 TUESDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s.
 WEDNESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.



Jerrell Key, general manager at Adobe Walls Gin, Dianne Monroe, vice president at Happy State Bank and Kevin Huddleston of K Huddleston Cotton Sales are pictured above with the first bale of cotton for the season. Additional contributors towards the purchase of this bale were H&H Water Well Service (Jerry Holton) and Hansford Air (Rex Ralston). The producer was Davis Farms of Perryton. Adobe Walls Gin would like to thank the sponsors of the sale of the first bale and the customers. They kicked the year off in grand style and are ready for the season.

Local Entities Receive Grants

The Office of Rural Community Affairs held a Big Check Award Ceremony on August 23, 2007 for the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC). The following local individuals and businesses received awards: Spearman - D'Anda Widener, \$4,027, Rural Communities Healthcare Investment Program; Julie Stedje, \$4,027, Rural Communities Healthcare Investment Program; Hansford County Hospital District, \$9,157, Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program and \$3,500, EMS Enhancement Grant; Samantha Wilkerson, \$4,027, Rural Communities Healthcare Investment

Program; Stepannie Tyler, \$4,027, Rural Communities Healthcare Investment Program; and the City of Gruver, \$250,000, Community Development Fund. The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission is a voluntary association of cities, counties, and special districts in the Texas Panhandle. Established in 1969, the Planning Commission assists local governments in planning, developing, and implementing programs designed to improve the general health, safety, and welfare of the citizens in the Texas Panhandle. The Planning Commission is an organization of, by, and for local governments. It was

created based on the concept that more can be accomplished by local governments acting cooperatively rather than alone. Since 1969, the Planning Commission has been involved in a wide range of projects and programs. Activities currently include programs in the areas of workforce development, aging, community development, economic development, dispute resolution, emergency communications, criminal justice, solid waste management, emergency preparedness, regional services, regional water planning, and technical assistance to the local governments of the Panhandle.

Carolina Alvarado to Perform at Wellington Ritz Theatre

Carolina Alvarado, soprano who grew up in Spearman, will present a Spanish and classical repertoire of melodies at the newly renovated Wellington Ritz Theatre on Sunday, October 21st, 2007 at 4:00 pm. Alvarado is the October guest artist in Amarillo Opera's AIR (Artist in Residence) Program. Professional singing artists of each main vocal type (soprano, mezzo, tenor, baritone or bass) and of diverse ethnicity and race, reside one month each in Amarillo during which time they each perform at least four full recitals in rural and urban venues. They also visit schools where they perform and interact with the students. While attending Spearman High School, Carolina Alvarado made All State Choir and studied private voice under the late Rosemary Scott of Borger. During her years at Amarillo College, Alvarado studied voice with Amarillo Opera Founder Mila Gibson and was very active in the Amarillo Opera main stage operas and summer education/outreach program. Alvarado performed in numerous operas at Moore's Opera Center while studying at the University of Houston where she received her degree. Alvarado was recently accepted

for vocal coaching at the Academy of Vocal Arts in Philadelphia, where she also performed in Opera on the Square and sang the National Anthem at Independence Hall for 4th of July 2007. Alvarado's concert will be the first of a season of Sunday afternoon performances featuring guest artists at the Ritz Theatre located in Wellington, Texas. The Ritz has been Wellington's pride since it first opened in 1928 as a vaudeville stage and talking picture show. The beautiful mission-style theater fell on hard times in the 1980s and 1990s before Historic Wellington, Inc. took on the task of restoring this treasure to its 1920s opulence. After a \$2.5 million restoration that was completed in 2007, the Ritz now operates as a first-run movie theater, but also schedules opportunities for live performances and special events. Tickets for Carolina Alvarado's October 21st performance at Wellington Ritz Theatre are priced at \$10/ seat and may be ordered by mail at Wellington Ritz Theatre, P. O. Box 202, Wellington, TX 79095. For more information, please visit web site www.wellingtonritztheatre.com or telephone (806) 447-0090.



Carolina Alvarado

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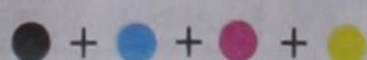
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USDA Farm Storage Loans Available

County Executive Director, Rick Hargrove, reminds Hansford County farmers of Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL) available through the Farm Service Agency (FSA). "At a time when commercial storage facilities are at maximum capacity and charging premium rates nationwide, on-farm storage provides producers with an attractive alternative," said Hargrove. The Farm Service Agency offers seven-year, low-interest loans to grain producers to build new or upgrade existing storage facilities and related essential, permanently affixed drying or handling equipment. Loan opportunities include, but are not limited to: New conventional-type cribs or bins, oxygen-limiting and other upright silo-type structures, and flat-type storage structures designed for whole grain storage. Perforated floors, safety equipment, quality improvement equipment, electrical equipment and concrete components considered essential for a fully functional storage

facility. Remodeling existing storage facilities to increase storage capacity. According to Hargrove, marketing flexibility is the primary benefit gained from on-farm storage facilities. "Privately owned facilities give producers control over where and when they sell their crops, increasing their odds of receiving the best price for their crop," said Hargrove. Farm storage facility loans must be approved prior to site preparation, equipment purchase or construction, and must be secured by a promissory note and security agreement. Special provisions apply for loans exceeding \$50,000. The maximum loan amount will be 85 percent of the net cost of the applicant's needed storage or handling equipment, not to exceed \$100,000 per borrower. A minimum down payment to the supplier or contractor is required to bridge the gap between the net cost of the storage facility and the loan

amount. Fixed interest rates on farm storage facility loans are equivalent to the rate of interest charged on U.S. Treasury Securities of comparable maturity on the date the loan is approved. As of October 2007, the annual interest rate is 4.375 percent. "Knowing you have on-site storage gives producers peace-of-mind, allowing time to develop progressive, lucrative marketing strategies and, in some cases, building or installing certain types of commodity storage structures could potentially increase property values," said Hargrove. For detailed applicant and facility eligibility criteria regarding Farm Storage Facility Loans, and to schedule an appointment to file an application, contact the Hansford County office at 806-659-3036 Ext 2 or visit FSA on the World Wide Web at http://www.fsa.usda.gov.



Lullabies, Legends & Lies

by Parson Smith, the Prime Minister of Laughter

Cathy and I went to San Francisco last week. It is a beautiful city with so very much to see and do.

One of the things that we had an opportunity to experience was watching a Columbus Day Parade in an Italian neighborhood.

We had been to Chinatown and walked just a few blocks toward North Beach, right into the heart of Little Italy.

The parade Grand Marshall was Frankie Valli of the Four Seasons. Gavin Newsom, San Francisco's Mayor led the parade and laughed and clowning around as children sprayed him with Silly String. People in the parade were throwing gifts and trinkets. One of Cathy's

claims to fame is that she caught a Salami sandwich.

Earlier, in Chinatown, the residents of that neighborhood were unaware that just three blocks away, another culture of people would be celebrating and taking pride in their own heritage.

We are neither Chinese nor Italian. And yet, people of both of those cultures treated us with kindness and respect.

We met people from China, Russia, Spain, Canada, Italy, Africa, Mexico, Israel, Australia, England, New Zealand, Denmark, Germany and Houston. (The guy from Houston was Chinese.)

It was wonderful, being

with so many people who were of such diverse cultures and backgrounds. All of them were getting along and I did not hear a single racial slur.

The day before we left, we were standing at the base of the Golden Gate Bridge. I was thinking about how great this world could be if we spent more time building bridges and less time building walls.

As we were leaving, I saw a sign that inspired me...

"You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one..."

John Lennon, 1940-1980

Until the next time,
God bless.

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS



by Ed Sterling

YOUTH COMMISSION MOVES INMATES FROM TROUBLED FACILITY

AUSTIN - The Texas Youth Commission removed 197 male inmates confined at the Coke County Juvenile Justice Center in Bronte and transferred them to other facilities on Oct. 2.

Recent audits of the facility, near San Angelo, operated by the private firm GEO Group Inc. raised concerns about the safety and welfare of inmates.

On Oct. 1, TYC acting executive director Dimitria Pope determined the facility was in an advanced state of disrepair, that programming and rehabilitation efforts were not being pursued, and the overall health and safety of the youth housed there were in jeopardy. She ordered the transfer of the youths.

The state canceled its \$8 million annual contract with GEO Group and an investigation has begun.

Disaster declaration is approved

President George W. Bush on Oct. 3 approved a federal disaster declaration for Bexar, Harris, Jones,

Kendall, Medina and Taylor counties to help address severe flooding and wind damage caused by Tropical Storm Erin.

The declaration covers damages incurred Aug. 14-20, when a foot or more of rainfall was recorded in portions of the state, contributing to six deaths, plus road closures, flooded homes and more than 100 high-water rescues.

Gov. Rick Perry on Oct. 3 said individuals and families who are not covered by insurance can apply for financial assistance, temporary housing, tax relief, legal services, crisis counseling and unemployment assistance.

President vetoes kids' health bill

President Bush on Oct. 3 carried through on his promise to veto legislation he said would be too costly and would have made health coverage available to families that are not needy enough.

The federal SCHIP bill was crafted to increase funding for state children's health insurance programs and expand it to cover more families that make too much money to qualify for Medicaid but still cannot afford health insurance.

Funding for SCHIP under the vetoed bill would have totaled \$35 billion over five years. The president has an alternative plan that would increase current funding by \$5 billion over five years.

Members of the U.S. House are counting votes to see if there are enough to override Bush's veto.

Texas ranks lowest among the 50 states in making health care available to its poorer citizens.

Texas awards first wind leases

The Texas General Land Office on Oct. 2 awarded the first four bid leases for offshore wind power in U.S. history.

"The Texas Wind Rush is on, and the pioneers are staking their claims," Land Commissioner Jerry

Patterson said.

The leases, awarded to Louisiana-based Wind Energy Systems Technology, allow work to begin on the construction of meteorological testing towers on the tracts.

Once the wind farms are operational, the lessee will pay the state's Permanent School Fund a minimum of \$132 million over the 30-year life of the leases.

Nutrition programs move to TDA

USDA nutrition programs formerly administered by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission moved to the Texas Department of Agriculture effective Oct. 1.

Now the TDA administers the School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program for private and faith-based schools, Summer Food Service Program, Special Milk Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, Food Distribution Program, Commodity Supplemental Food Program and the Texas Commodity Assistance Program.

Online sex offenders are arrested

Investigators with Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's Cyber Crimes and Fugitive Units arrested 14 convicted sex offenders who illegally created profiles on the Web site MySpace.com.

After receiving a subpoena from Attorney General Abbott earlier this year, MySpace.com provided investigators with a list of registered sex offenders who use the site.

Registration deadline is upon us

Oct. 9 is the voter registration deadline for the Nov. 6 election.

Registration applications are available at www.sos.state.tx.us, the secretary of state's Web site.

Also, voters may register at county voter registrar's offices, and most libraries, post offices and high schools.

FSA News

NAP Deadline Approaching

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) deadline for perennial crops is approaching. NAP is designed to reduce financial losses that occur when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production for an eligible crop by providing coverage equivalent to catastrophic (CAT) insurance.

December 1, 2007 is the final date for producers to apply for NAP coverage in Texas on native grass, improved grass and alfalfa.

Producers who had NAP coverage may choose to continue coverage on the same crops for next year, if the applicable service fee is sub-

mitted by the application closing date.

Producers who choose to add or delete a crop from the previous year's coverage or changing crop shares must file a new CCC-471, with signatures, and pay the applicable service fee.

Producers with NAP coverage are required to 1) file a Notice of Loss within 15 days of when a loss is apparent; 2) timely file acreage reports; and 3) keep track of harvested production using acceptable methods.

Dates to Remember

October 15 - Crop Disaster (CDP) Begins
November 2 - COC election ballots to be mailed to producers

November 11 - Office Closed Veterans Day

November 22 - Office Closed Thanksgiving

December 1 - Final date to purchase NAP coverage on native grass, improved grass and alfalfa

December 25 - Office Closed Christmas

Youth Loans Available

The school year has started and many students are planning their 4-H, FFA or other organized youth group projects... Consider FSA youth loans for financing these endeavors.

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13. Highest adult male singing voice
14. Cher's ex
15. Yuletide
16. High part of day
17. Get up
18. February shadow seeker
20. "___, over here"
21. Relating to a convolution of brain
22. Little piggie
23. Accept without proof
26. A global problem?
30. Done to an "i"
31. Church leader
34. "At another time" to Shakespeare
35. 1st letter of Hebrew alphabet
37. Children's card game
38. 2nd most populous country
39. 6th wife of Henry VIII
40. Seam artist
42. PST plus three
43. Christmas star location?
45. ___ the Great, king of Persia
47. Most highly proteinaceous vegetable
48. Nigerian monetary unit
50. Kiln for drying hops

52. High-speed, high-altitude wind
56. Empower
57. Gaelic
58. European sea eagle
59. Nature's rage
60. Day before, pl.
61. Shark sightings
62. Impersonate
63. Lives in a pod
64. "The ___ have it"

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1. Cash's is on fire
2. Detected by olfactory
3. Butter substitute
4. Dravidian language of southeastern India
5. Pacific greeting
6. Seat at the bar
7. ___ Kong
8. Equestrian
9. Black tropical cuckoo
10. Of the present month
11. Strong solution of sodium
13. Singer Bocelli
14. Power of affecting taste buds
19. It's usually depicted as a beautiful maiden
22. Under leathers
23. Change to suit new purpose
24. Daytime energy
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Happy Birthday!

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

Thank you, Catherine

October 11 Birthday - Marco Favela, Kadie Grotegut, Rod Holland, George C. Lowe, Jim Ratliff, Eleanor Davis, Steve Mathews, Sonny Nollner, Kathy Lou Biggs, Sara Williamson, Jimmie Harris, Jim Ladd, Eddie Largent, Daniel Gonzales, Dick Smith, Jimmie Harris, Rosa Blan, Jason Blan, Adam Ferguson
Anniversary - M/M Del Roy Gammon

October 12 Birthday - Erica Alvarez, Lee Bort, Sue Henson, Pat Holt, Jan Jarvis, Kathy Taylor, James Reed Jr., Mendy Riggins, Misty Crooks, Danny Hamilton, Cody Mauldin, Marvin Byers, Louis Nava, Jimmy Garrard, Allen Howell, Paula Clemmons, Veronica Ceniceros, Donna Taylor, Jesus Briones
Anniversary - M/M Mack McLain, M/M Mike Yanke

October 13 Birthday - Hunter Novak, Andrea Mires, David Grotegut, Carrie Close, Burnell Kjos, Mrs. Albert Hahn, Sonny Parker
Anniversary - M/M Jon Jarvis, M/M Don Evans

October 14 Birthday - Jerry Hunt, Jennifer Morris, Jeanne Swink, Crockett Tidwell, Kristi Pearson, Roy Lynn Garrard, Jesse Lyn Cowan, Jimmy Snider, Melinda Davis, Michelle Graham Foster, Kyla Nelson Sell, Bert Sheppard, Eddie Whitefield, Gilbert Salgado, Anthony Bravo, Jim Brown, Sue White, Monty George, Charline Laxson, Carlos Trejo, Adrienne Simpson
Anniversary - M/M Bert Wofford

October 15 Birthday - Jess Wood, Jeffrey Miller, David Martin, Billy Martin, Verna Lee Shirley, Brandi Schneider, Chris Hornsby, Ann Martin, Martha Donahue, Anne Marie Pearson, Bonnie Woolan, Randy Janzen, Joe Garcia III, Allen Varnon, Betsy Holt
Anniversary - M/M Odell Genn, M/M Lee Nichols, M/M Mike Stedje, M/M David Miner, M/M Tim Fletcher

October 16 Birthday - Buster Davis, Troy Miller, Tammy Benton, Virginia Fowler, Sammy Graham, Ann Pearson, Lola Newcomb, Joey

Avila, Landree Woodward, Julie Payne, Meghan Stork

October 17 Birthday - George B. Odorn, Byron Peddy, Jackie Smith, Brad Beedy, Jeff Beedy, Carol Short, Erica Garrison, Misha Davis, Joe Paul, John Sullivan, Oscar Ortiz, Carolyn McLeod, Jacob Burch, Mac McLaughlin, Sandra Soto, Hugo Villa Jr., Joyce Sparks, Debbie Jacops, Regina Vernon
Anniversary - Sharon & David Swan

October 18 Birthday - Taos Weldon, Don Knox, Wilson McClellan, Jeff Hutchison, Angelica Arjona, Floyd Dean Gatlin, Chris Williamson, Elaine Swan, David Parker, Jan Howard, Marla Bullard, Courtney Baca, Kristian Faith Burke, Ramiro Morales, Mike Gift
Anniversary - M/M Dave Christian

October 19 Birthday - Brian Gillispie, Joe Lopez Sr., Colton Mayfield, Carol Tolleson, Phyllis Owens, Joe Vanderburg, Marietta Davis, Ken Shufeldt, Calvin Garrard, Jeremy Blan, Harold Anderson, Brenda Lee Soto, Wayne Pierson, Kathy Bryant, Bill Park, Merry Wheelock, Doran Schoenhals, Kenneth Schufeldt
Anniversary - M/M Jimmy Traylor

October 20 Birthday - Marilyn Been, Kelly Boone, Brock Irwin, D'Anda Widener, Danny Ray Hendricks, Owen Montgomery, Melissa Cochran, Deborah Bishop, Billy Jones, Amy Stinson, Cara Nichols, Misty Wylie, Jeffrey Swan, Carrie Ceniceros, Angela Vela, Ori Cooksey, Cindy Sasser
Anniversary - M/M George Jackson, Ladd & Cathy Gafford

October 21 Birthday - Don Hudson, Tammy McLain, Bill Cope, Eschol Blankenship, Brad Brown, Terry Austin, Kay Vernon, Dannie Garrard, Leslie Meritt Holton, Wade Burgess, Kathy Beck, Irene Tindell, Ed Williamson, Michael James Avila, Brian McLaughlin, Jana McCloy, Kara Townsen, Candy Boxwell, Trish Rosales
October 22 Birthday - Kurt Etling, Gertrude Archer, Danna Martin, Brent Ware, Guenna Wilson, Margaret Espinosa, Jared Hohertz, Sharon Austin, Misty Hand, Katie Sparks, Nae Gonzales, Charlie Mclver, Britney Montgomery, Gregory Jacops, Matthew Younger
Anniversary - M/M Jerry Virden, M/M Steve Watkins

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

In the twentieth week of Pentecost, we learn something of faith in suffering and the love of God by studying Jeremiah 29:1-7, Psalm 66, 2 Timothy 2:3-15, and Luke 17:11-19. Jeremiah who has been left in Jerusalem writes to the captives in Babylon telling them to make lives for themselves in Babylon, to make the most of their situation as it is the will of God. The Psalmist sings a hymn of praise to God who has tested his people, but who throughout the testing has shown his enduring love for them. For the Jewish people weeping is a prelude to joy. Take heed, dear Christian.

Paul is encouraging Timothy. His advice, share in suffering like a good soldier. Remember who your Boss is! Endure hardship that others may also obtain salvation. Paul cites another early hymn, "If we have died with him, we will also live with him..." He warns Timothy not to get involved in arguments over "words", "because such argument in the church only harms those who are unlearned and listening. Paul closes his advice with a comment I have adopted as my personal scripture, pardon my editing: "Study to show yourself approved unto God; (be) an honest workman rightly dividing (teaching) the word of truth." Dear Christian, if we truly believe that we are going to live forever with Christ Jesus, perhaps we should be preparing for that, daily.

Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem when ten lepers approach him, asking for mercy. Jesus tells them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests". He did this because lepers who were healed, had to show themselves to the priests before they were allowed back into society and the temple. As the ten went to do this, they were healed. One turned back, fell at Jesus feet, and praised God. He was a Samaritan. The Samaritan would not have been allowed in the Jerusalem Temple to show himself to the priests. Jesus tells him that his faith had made him well. At the same time, Jesus tells the disciples, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" The other nine, apparently Jews, obeyed Jesus, but did not take time to thank him.

In times of trial and suffering, God is with us. We through prayer we must make the best of our situation, never doubting His love for us.

May the Holy Spirit strengthen your faith in good times and bad that you may always abide in Christ Jesus.

Our Sympathy

ANGELISA DESIREY QUINTERO

PERRYTON - Angelisa Desirey Quintero, 8-day-old daughter of Angel and Joanna Quintero, died Sunday, Sept. 30, 2007.

Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday, October 3, 2007 in Canaan Christian Church with the Rev. Jose Gomez officiating. Burial was in Ochilree Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Perryton.

Angelisa was born September 22, 2007, in Perryton. She was a member of Canaan Christian Church.

Survivors include her parents; a brother, Matthew Elwood of Perryton; a twin sister, Angelita Quintero of Perryton; and her grandparents, Ester Villalobos of Spearman, Angel Barajas and Rosa Rascon of La Junta, Colo.

ROBERT VOLNEY SKINNER



SPEARMAN - Robert Volney Skinner, 85, died Tuesday, October 2, 2007.

Services were at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, October 6, 2007 in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Neely Landrum officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Skinner was born May 23, 1922, in Billings, Okla., to Ray and Mary Skinner. He married Ruth Helen Greene on December 3, 1945, in Alexandria, Va. She preceded him in death in 2001.

Mr. Skinner was a graduate of Perryton High School. He was also a graduate of Texas Tech and never missed a homecoming in 50 years. He served in World War II with the Army Combat Engineers, receiving the Silver Star.

He was a petroleum engineer and a farmer and one of the original developers of the Plains Shopping Center in Spearman. He was a former member of the Spearman City Council and a board member of the Palo Duro River Authority.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; and a son, Bill Skinner, in 2004.

Survivors include a son, Mike Skinner of Spearman.

The family suggests memorials be to the Ruth Skinner Public Health Scholarship Fund, in care of First State Bank, P.O. Box 247, Spearman, TX 79081.

FSA News

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Eligibility for a rural youth loan requires that the applicant be between the ages of 10 and 20 and a US citizen. Applicants must live in a town of less than 10,000 people and prove they are unable to secure a loan elsewhere to conduct a modest income-producing project. An advisor must be identified who will provide technical supervision and assistance, typically a High School Ag Science teacher or 4-H leader. The advisor and parent or legal guardian must provide a recommen-

dation and acknowledgment of the project on the application.

FSA loans cannot exceed \$5000 and are available to sponsor different types of projects in livestock, crop production, lawn and garden services, repair shops and roadside stands.

Important note: Should the borrower default on the loan, advisors are in no way financially responsible for the obligation.

For more information on youth loans, contact Mike Heck at 806-435-6597.

Tong's Chinese Restaurant

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All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Specials

- Tuesday - Steak \$7⁹⁹
- Thursday - BBQ Ribs \$6⁵⁰
- Friday - Shrimp \$6⁵⁰
- Saturday - Catfish \$6⁵⁰
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MONUMENTS

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| <p>Spearman</p> <p>Apostolic Faith Church
822 S. Drensen • 659-2870
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Sun. Eve.: 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Mtg: 7 p.m.
Pastor - Roland Haney</p> <p>First Assembly of God
401 N. Bernice • 659-2295
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:35 a.m.
Kid's Church: 10:35 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wed. Worship: 7 p.m.
Wed. Youth: 7 p.m.
Pastor - Bob Elder</p> <p>First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
321 S. Bernice • 659-2036
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Minister -</p> <p>First Baptist Church
123 N. Bernice • 659-5557
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Men's Bible Study - Wed., 7 a.m.
Children's Choir - Wed., 6 p.m.
Adult Choir - Wed., 7 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Pastor - Jim Medley</p> <p>Church of Christ
121 S. Haney • 659-3244
Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m.</p> | <p>Sacred Heart Catholic Church
901 Roland • 659-2792
Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English
Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish
1:30 p.m. - Gruver - Christo
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Rev. Guillermo Morales</p> <p>First United Methodist
407 S. Haney • 659-5503
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 9:30 & 11 a.m.
Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
High School: 6 p.m. Sunday
Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed.
Pastor - Neely Landrum</p> <p>Grace Presbyterian Church
(Worship with Faith Lutheran Church)
1101 Bernice • 659-2033
Pastor - Beverly Cook</p> <p>Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)
1101 Bernice • 659-2252
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
(Worship with Grace Presbyterian Church)
Pastor - Beverly Cook</p> <p>Union Church
31 S. Endicott • 659-2644
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed.
Pastor - Dr. Timothy Minor</p> <p>Fellowship Baptist
1102 S. Archer • 659-2783
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Youth/Adult Service: 7:30 Wed.
Pastor - James Washburn</p> | <p>Primera Mision Bautista
502 E. 7th • 659-3991
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.,
Evening: 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.
Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m.
Pastor Joe Garcia Jr.</p> <p>El Aposento Alto U.P.C.I.
1105 S. Roland
Domingos: Escuela-Domical - 10 a.m.
Culto Evangelistico - 7 p.m.
Jueves: Oracion - 8 p.m.
Mier. Estudio Biblico - 7 p.m.
Pastor - A.G. Martell
(806) 659-2153</p> <p>Gruver United Methodist
Broadway & Garrett
733-2651
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.
Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m.
Pastor - George Price</p> <p>Spanish Cristo Redentor Church
Sunday Mass: 1:30 p.m.
Friday Evening Mass
Summer - 8:00 p.m.
Fall/Winter - 7:30 p.m.</p> | <p>Oslo</p> <p>Oslo Lutheran Church (ELCA)
6 Miles West & 12 Miles
North of Gruver
339-7646
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Pastor - Arlen Lloyd</p> <p>Morse</p> <p>Morse Baptist Church
733-2757
Pastor - Mike Martin</p> |
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Gladiola Flower Club Nut Sale

The Gladiola Flower Club is selling pecans, walnuts and cashews to raise funds for their local and area projects. Orders and money are due by October 16th. To place an order, contact Margarette Evans at 659-2165, or any club member.

Flu Shots

Flu Shots will be offered on October 18, 2007 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Golden Age Center in Gruver. Medicare cards will be accepted. The cost will be \$25 for private pay. Flu shots will be given to ages 4 years old and up by Dr. Holland of Borger, TX.

Rushing Wind Community Gathering

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet Saturday, October 13 at the Waka Christian Center in Waka, Texas. A potluck dinner will be held at 6 pm, followed by Sponsor Training, and Praise and Worship. A nursery will be provided. RW Men's Walk #63 will be held October 25-28. Contact Shelly Harris for information.

Gospel Concert

A group from Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS will present a concert at the Apostolic Faith Church in Spearman on Sunday, October 14th at 6 p.m. Pastor Roland Haney would like to invite everyone interested to attend.

Cowboy Poetry Breakfast

The next monthly Cowboy Poetry Breakfast will be this Saturday, October 13, starting at 8:00 at the Big Texan. Plan to attend and enjoy this family style entertainment. Ludie Stone, of harmonica and tv fame, and Bill Crenshaw of Canyon, whose Dad, uncles and brothers were all working cowboys, will share the spotlight of being headliners. Ivan Gates, President of the Southwest Cowboy Poets Association, will furnish the guitar music to accompany the harmonica presentations. Mark your calendars for the 2nd Saturday in December for the monthly Cowboy Poetry Breakfasts at the Big Texan, starting at 8:00. As far as we know, this is the only monthly Cowboy Poetry Breakfast held in the whole country.

4-H Smoked Meat Sale

4-H members across Hansford County(Spearman, Gruver & Morse) are selling smoked meats for their annual fund raising efforts. Products available include smoked & spiral hams, turkey, peppered turkey breasts, smoked or peppered bacon, beef or chicken fajitas, chicken tenders, tamales, pork patties, Sausage, pecan pie, Chopped Beef Bar-B-Que, Sausage Biscuit Wraps, Hunters Package(pancake mix, canadian bacon, peppered pork loin, & jalapeno cheese summer sausage) and sausage links. Funds benefit the awards program and recognition banquet for all 4-H members. Orders must be received by October 16th, with a delivery date before Thanksgiving. Please contact a 4-H member or call the County Extension Office 659-4130 or 733-2901 to place your order. If email would be easier hansford@ag.tamu.edu.

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. Thank you for your help.

Spearman Booster Club Raffle

Spearman Booster Club will be raffling off 2 round-trip tickets with Southwest Airline to anywhere Southwest flies. Some restrictions apply/black out dates apply. These tickets must be used within 6 months. Winner need not be present to win. Tickets are \$5 each and can be bought at any home football game, Dreamer's Salon or courthouse basement offices.

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. 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.

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.

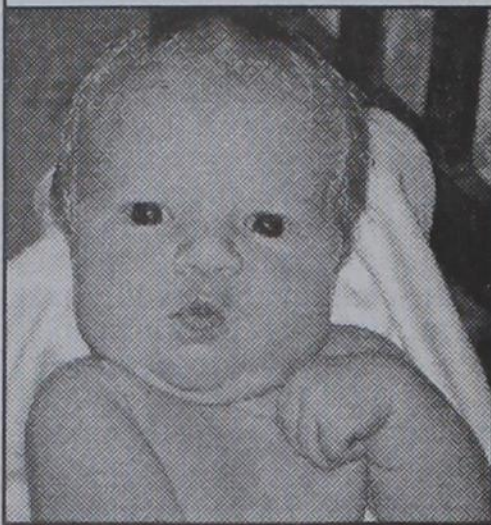
Spearhead AA Group

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.

It's A Boy!



Mark and Brandea Allen wish to announce the birth of their son, Matt Garrett. Matt was born on September 13, 2007. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are Don and Mary Allen and Larry and Rhonda Hicks.

Editors Note...

Freedom of speech is one of the guarantees of the First Amendment of our Constitution, so we encourage readers to express themselves, even if we don't agree with what is said. However, freedom involves responsibility. Therefore, the only letters we will consider publishing are from individuals who are willing for their names to appear with the letter. Letters must contain the telephone number, address and a personal signature of the writer. We will not knowingly publish any letter containing libelous statements.

In the event that numerous letters are received concerning the same subject, letters can be limited to one pro and one con letter per publication. Eligible letters will be published in the order in which they were received.

"Letters To The Editor," like all materials submitted to this newspaper, are subject to editing for space and clarity. The publication of any letter or article is the decision of the Editor and Publisher. Deadline for all news, as well as "Letters To The Editor," is 5 p.m. on Monday.

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman

You are invited to a
Baby Girl Shower
honoring
Jennifer (Gwin) & Seth Brady
on Saturday, October 20, 2007
from 2:00-3:30 p.m.
in the home of Sunnye Haines
2477 Grinnell Perryton

You are invited to a
Bridal Shower
honoring
Vanessa Biggs
bride-elect of James Watkins
on Saturday, October 13, 2007
from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
123 S. Bernice Spearman

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Your place for
Bridal Registry

Couples Currently Registered

Vanessa Biggs & James Watkins - 10/13
Bethany Harris & Nick Peterson
Nikki Stewart & Brady Hart
Misha Davis & Duane Dorsey
Camille Smith & Scott Prewett
Tarren Forbes & Ty West

Baby Registry

Jimmy & Misti (Hand) Gayton - 10/13
Seth & Jennifer (Gwin) Brady - 10/20
Nicole Worley & Antar Outley - TBA
Colby & Sandi (Rich) Wheeler - TBA
Justin & Grace (Davis) Calvert
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Keith & Kaysha (Cluck) Sparling

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Thank You

We would like to thank all those who helped our family when Jeffrey was injured at the football game on Thursday night. We deeply appreciated the care he received on the field and at the hospital. Everyone was so compassionate, with every effort made to ensure he was well taken care of. We also appreciated so much the concern of his coaches, his teammates and their parents, Mr. Whitely, Coach Mancini, Coach Thornton, all those who came to the hospital, your phone calls, emails, every act of kindness meant so much to us, more than you could ever know. Again, we thank you all for your kindness and concern and most of all for your prayers. May God bless you richly.

With Grateful Hearts,
David, Suzanne, John, Mark, Bryan and Jeffrey Thomas

Thank You

I can never thank everyone who has helped Charles and I over the last six months. An extra special thank you to Melody Worley, Laura Bridges and Deannie Gilley for being there for us any time day and night. Thank you to the wonderful Hospice nurses, the staff at Hansford Hospital, Dr. Garnett and Dr. Betty! Thank you to all the wonderful people in Spearman for food, flowers and prayers.

Carole Hall, David Hall, Ronda Diercks & Families

You are invited to a
Coffee
honoring
Kristi (Pearson) Renner
and her new son, **Boyd Witten**
on Saturday, October 13, 2007
from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the
in the home of Ginger Pittman
508 Roland St Spearman

You are invited to a
Baby Boy Shower
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by Jim Derington
Out at the Lake

Lake Level -- October 8, 2007 -- 22.12 feet (-0.22)

Although there were rains just east of the watershed, ten hundredths were the most Jim had at the office this week.

J. B. Benard from Tulia is making the column for a third time with the picture of a 27 pound blue cat that he caught last week. He was using waterdogs for bait and fishing from the bank. The first time he and his son were pictured with a 26 pound fish. Maybe the next time will be a Lake record of over 29 pounds.

I noticed the Lake was a foot higher a month ago when Mr. Benard had caught a 16 pound catfish. The Amarillo paper mentioned Lake Palo Duro Reservoir as also being low in an article on Lake Meredith. They gave the figure that we were at 2.6 per cent capacity. This seemed unbelievably low to me, but Jim verified that was the percentage of acre feet of water left.

Last weekend brought out 7 RVs behind the dam and 3 used the hookups on the office side.

Jim has been seeing red shafted flickers in the Park and a variety of ducks on the Lake.

Monarch Butterflies

Charley Bell brought some pictures for me to see of Monarch Butterflies hanging all over one of their trees. We decided there was not enough contrast for them to be printable in the paper. His wife Margaret had taken the pictures with her digital camera and then developed them on her computer.

Seeing the pictures made me think again on these

fragile little creatures that are said to fly over 2000 miles to sanctuaries in the transvolcanic region of Michoacan, Mexico. I had read that the average life of an adult Monarch Butterfly is 4 to 5 weeks. Now I have found 2 articles on the Internet that explain the mystery.

We are on the migration route of the Monarchs. Some that come through here may have come from as far north as Canada. As far as I know the migration here takes place in the last part of September and first part of October. They are expected to arrive at the Mexican mountain sanctuaries on the first of November in time for the Day of the Dead celebration. Some of the mountain Indians believe they are the souls of lost children returning.

The Monarchs hang in the trees until late February-first of March before starting their trip home to Canada and the U. S.

On the trip back they are looking for milkweed. When they find it in lower Texas they mate and lay their eggs on the lower side of the leaves. Now after around 8 months of life they die. It is their grandchildren or great grandchildren that will make it on to Canada. Where they are to go seems to be imprinted in them and can pass on to following generations. Now these adults live only the month or so.

As Autumn approaches in their sites of migratory origin, a unique Methuselah generation is born. This generation will live 7 or 8 months and get to make the trip to Mexico.



J. B. Benard of Tulia is pictured with a 27-pound blue catfish.

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Three-legged stool can't stand on two

My mom used to have a small, three-legged wooden stool. I don't remember the stool being used for any reason, just something to set a newspaper or magazine on for a minute.

It was small and thus not sturdy enough to hold anything of weight.

But no matter if it was strong and sturdy, the three-legged stool was no good if something happened to one of the legs. It couldn't stand on just two.

You're probably already wondering what a three-legged stool has to do with the newspaper business.

Open government is a three-legged stool.

It takes open meetings.

It takes open records.

It takes public notices.

Any of the three being absent you don't really have open government.

I would wager that the news side of newspapers thinks all of government can be "open" if just its meetings and records are kept public. And I would wager an equal amount that the advertising/business side would argue without public notices, government really can't be open.

Like the old Certs breath mint ad, "Stop. You're both right."

It takes all three. Together. If one of the three is missing, any one of the three, open government is off-balance.

Open meetings - much can go on

behind closed doors and much does. The law gives public agencies the right to enter into closed meetings under certain conditions. The law limits the presence of people at those meetings and nothing can be finalized. Any final action must be done in public.

Open meetings also give the citizens the right to speak on a particular subject. Much like lobbying in some respect but the comments play an important part of a public agency's decisions on most items.

Open records - much like open meetings, most records are open. Those records can be closed to the public under certain conditions but the records are important for a variety of reasons.

Often, government records will reveal what has happened behind the scenes, with agencies trying to restrict knowledge of what has happened in certain situations. Maybe it's a financial settlement with a fired public agency employee. Maybe it's what happened in a court proceeding. Maybe it's just simple communications between agencies.

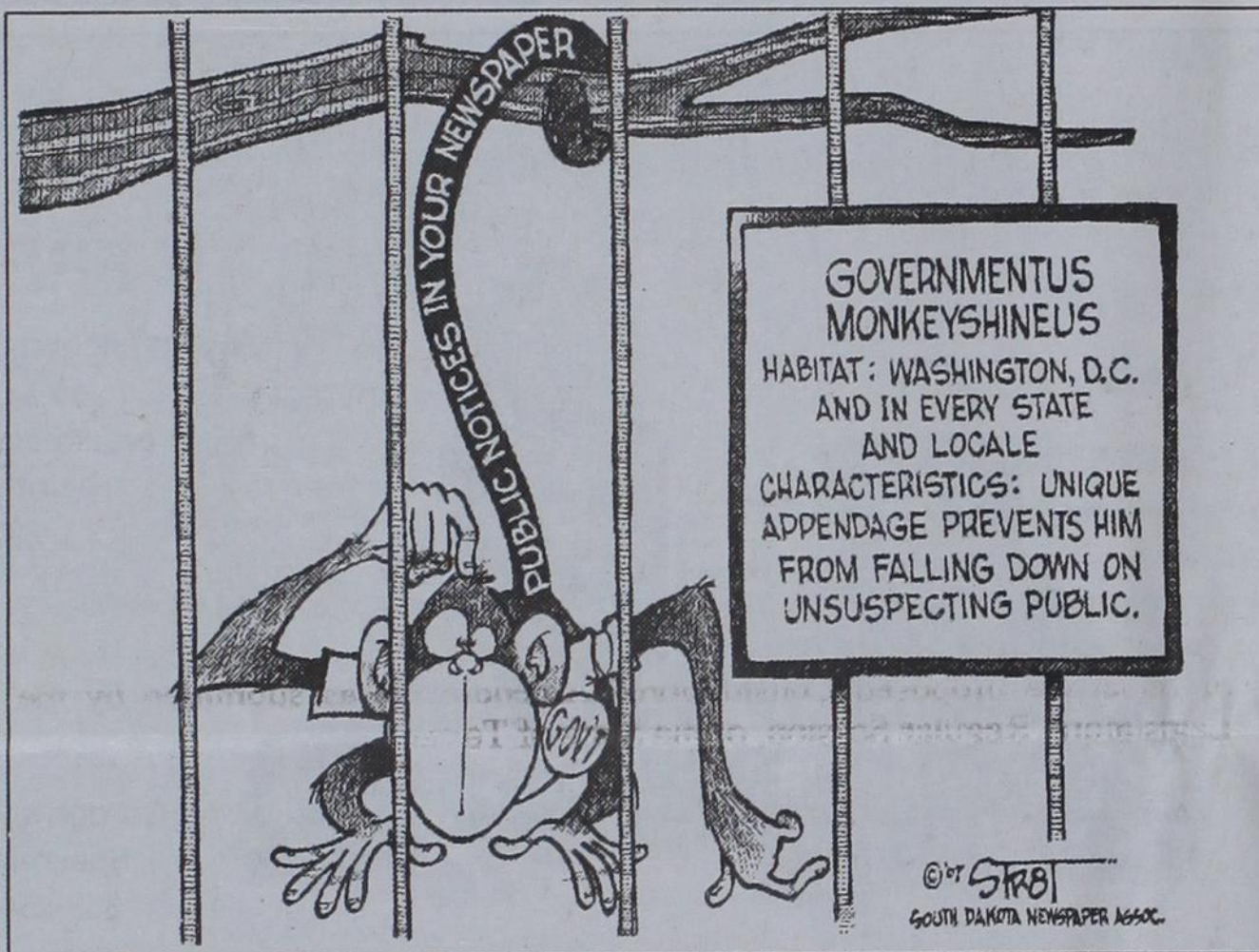
Open records are much more than that, I know, but open records are an important part of that three-legged stool.

Public notices - these probably get overlooked when compared to open meetings and open records. Newspaper editorial departments won't understand the reason for them, why government

agencies should pay to have information published. Newspaper ad departments will favor this one over open meetings and open records. Those are good but with public notices certain information has to be published and that information could be very revealing.

On their own, each is important and each plays a role in open government - government of the people, for the people and by the people. True open government can only be open with the three-legged stool in perfect balance.

David T. Thompson,
Executive Director
Kentucky Press Association,
Frankfort, Ky.



Five questions and answers about government public notices

Public notices published in newspapers provide citizens a window into government.

Most of the information for the following questions and answers comes from the booklet "Public Notice: An American Tradition, An Examination of the Role of Newspapers in Public Notice," published by the Public Notice Resource Center and American Court & Commercial Newspapers.

1) What is a public notice?

A public notice is information informing citizens of government or government-related activities that affect citizens' everyday lives.

2) Why do we need public notices?

An important premise found in both federal and local governments is that information about government activities must be accessible in order for the electorate to make well-informed decisions. Public notices in newspapers provide this sort of accessibility to citizens who want to know more about government activities.

3) What is the history of public notices?

The history of public notice begins long before the emergence of newspapers. The concept has existed

since early civilizations posted notices in public squares. This crude method was eventually refined with the publication of the first English language newspaper in 1665 - a court newspaper called The Oxford Gazette.

In America, the Acts of the First Session of the First Congress in 1789 required that all bills, orders, resolutions and congressional votes be published in at least three publicly available newspapers.

Upholding the public's right to know has been essential to our country's way of life since day one. Our government governs with the consent of people, and this consent must be informed.

4) What are some examples of a public notices?

There are many kinds of public notices. Publication of proposed budgets for local governments, notices of local government hearings, bid notices, board and agency meeting minutes and pre-election notices are just a few examples.

5) Are newspapers the most effective vehicle for public notices?

Public notices published in newspapers ensures readership by those most likely to be interested in or af-

ected by the notices. Plus, the notices arrive at readers' homes or places of work in a newspaper filled with local news and information that compels readership.

Newspapers are paid to publish public notices, which guarantees that valuable newspaper space will be devoted to notifying the public. The system works the same way in which qualified vendors are paid to provide goods and services to government entities, such as contractors who build schools and roads or an office supplies store that wins a bid to sell office supplies to a government agency.

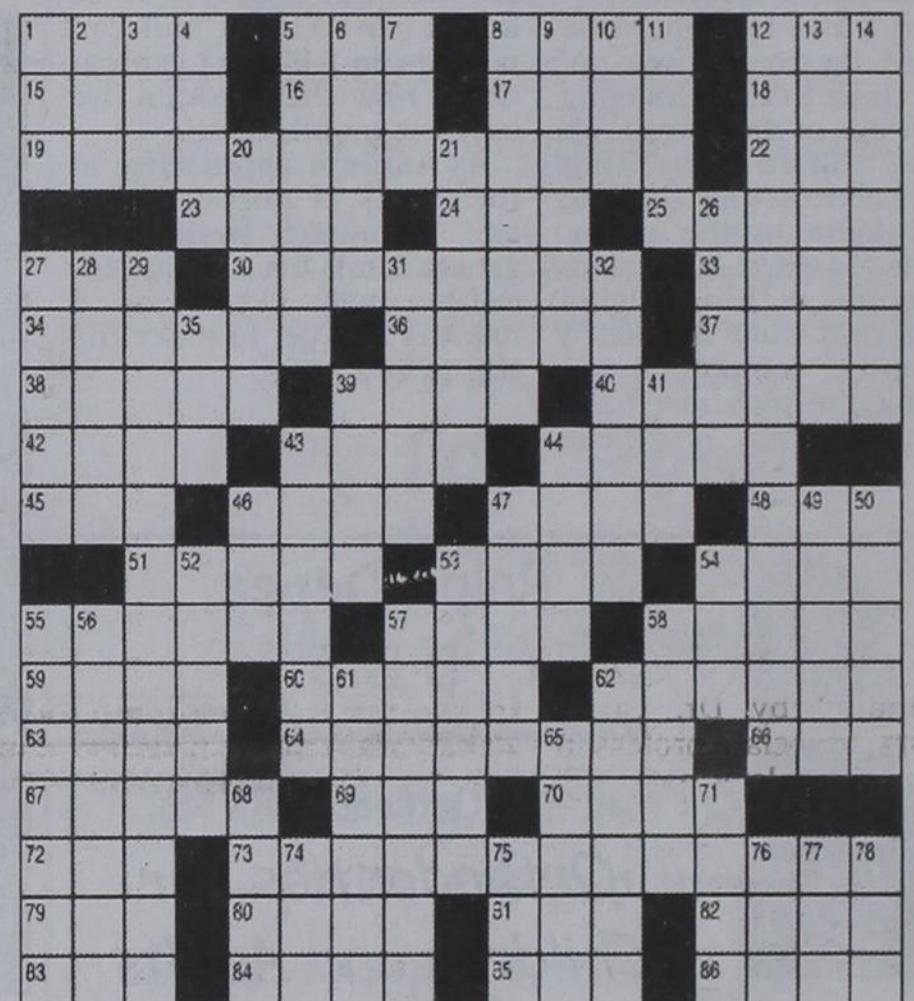
In recent years, some have questioned the need to publish notices in local newspapers, saying that the Internet has become so widely used that it represents a better way of informing the public. The Internet can play a role in a better informed citizenry, but public notices buried in government Web sites cannot replace the value delivered by newspapers. The permanence, stability and independent verification offered by publication of public notices in newspapers ensure citizens have access to bonafide, trusted information about the business of government.

PUBLIC NOTICES

by Patrick Jordan

ACROSS

1. "Stop, soldier!"
5. Daiquiri liquor
8. Former talk show host Donahue
12. Corn crib
15. Colossal continent
16. What "G" stands for
17. Wander about
18. Dollar bill
19. Some public notices (2 wds.)
22. "Caught you!"
23. Proposal opponent
24. Jar topper
25. Jack who "could eat no fat"
27. "Grey's Anatomy" network
30. Ponderer's comment (3 wds.)
33. Out of work
34. Not as restrictive
36. Parades
37. Approval from the paws
38. Spew lava
39. Stand-up comic's repertoire
40. Copier powders
42. Extremely
43. Lion's pride?
44. Tea variety
45. Suffix meaning "most"
46. Sudden shock
47. Pegs bought in pro shops
48. Stocking stuffer
51. Owl's outbursts
53. Coal miner's wagon
54. Pleasant
55. Bring into existence
57. Resign
58. Former TWA rival, for short
59. Summertime sensation
60. Hillary's successor
62. Goose group
63. Farmland unit
64. Pittsburgh footballers
66. Word before Diego or Francisco
67. Asset for Miss America
69. Load in a 53-Across
70. Wrestling surfaces
72. Billion-year period
73. Some public notices (2 wds.)
79. Math branch (abbr.)
80. It's grown in a paddy
81. Film star Stephen _____
82. "The Hawkeye Slate"
83. Navy vessel designation, briefly



84. Beerlike drinks
85. "Shiny Happy People" band
86. Rhyme writer

DOWN

1. Owns
2. Charcoal residue
3. Commit perjury
4. "Gone With the Wind" plantation
5. Ceiling beam
6. Incapable of performing duties
7. Some HMO employees (abbr.)
8. Commends highly
9. William of "Stalag 17"
10. "_____ never been so insulted!"
11. A smaller amount
12. Some public notices (2 wds.)
13. Asthma sufferer's gadget
14. Tidies up
20. Sheltered area along a shore
21. Heavy hammer
26. Liberator's instrument
27. Tylenol alternative
28. Uses a drill
29. Some public notices (2 wds.)
31. Signified
32. Regard with respect
35. Espionage expert
39. Ladies, to Jed Clampett

41. Gives the go-ahead
43. Travelers' lodgings
44. _____ moss (gardener's buy)
46. Make a quick note
47. Frequent "Law & Order" event
49. Central Florida city
50. Saudi Arabia neighbor
52. Hall & _____ (pop music duet)
53. Deep soup bowl
54. Henpeck
55. Hat, to a Frenchman
56. Chills again
57. Questions
58. Olive Garden offering
61. "This instant!" (2 wds.)
62. Sweet kind of cracker
65. Game show host
68. Bible book before Nehemiah
71. Scissors sound
74. Dipstick coating
75. Watchdog's warning
76. Silmy substance
77. Female in a flock
78. Minded the kids

October 7-13 is National Newspaper Week.

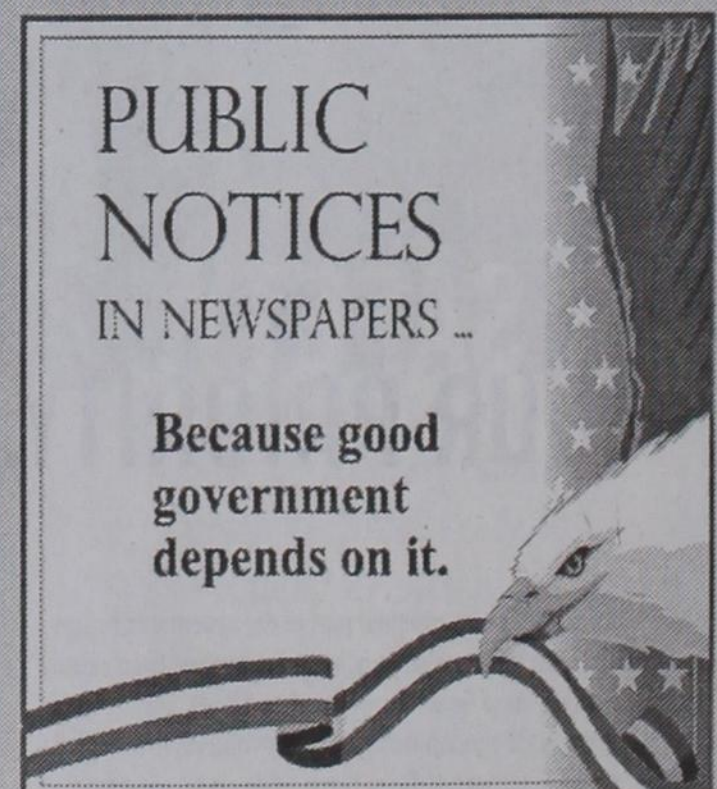
Protecting the public's right to know through publication of government public notices in newspapers is essential in America.

Few things are as vital to a thriving democracy as the free flow of information between government and the governed.

Public notices are an intrinsic part of that free flow of information.

Contact your local newspaper if you would like to learn more about the importance of public notices in your newspaper.

Since 1940, the Newspaper Association Managers, an organization of state, regional and national newspaper association executives, has sponsored and supported National Newspaper Week, a week-long celebration of newspapers in America.



Texas Department of Agriculture Funds Array of Cotton Research

by Tim W. McAlavy, 806-746-6101, t-mcalavy@tamu.edu

The Texas Department of Agriculture awarded more than \$280,000 to cotton research in the state during a Sept. 10 ceremony at Lubbock.

Commissioner of Agriculture Todd Staples announced more than \$1.2 million in grants to five Texas universities to fund 39 research projects designed to "bolster and enhance the state's food and fiber industry."

The grants were awarded through TDA's Food and Fibers Research Grant Program. Each project is required to leverage about \$2.75 for each dollar received from the state, bringing the total amount of research to more than \$3.3 million.

Texas A&M University System cotton research projects funded by these grants include:

- Broadening the Genetic Diversity of Cotton; coordinated by Dr. John Gannaway, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station cotton breeder at Lubbock.

- Improving the Genetic Potential of Cotton for Quality and Stress Resistance; coordinated by Dr. Wayne Smith, professor of plant breeding at College Station.

- Interspecific Introgression to Expand Cotton Germplasm; coordinated by Dr. David Stelly, professor of plant breeding and genetics at College Station.

- Irrigation Termination for Improved Fiber Maturity on the Texas High Plains; coordinated by Dr. Craig Bednarz, associate professor of crop physiology based at Lubbock.

- Comparison of Modern Harvesting Equipment on the High Plains of Texas; coordinated by Dr. Bryan Shaw, associate professor of biological and agricultural engineering at College Station.

- Engineered Systems for Seed Cotton Handling, Storage and Ginning; coordinated by Dr. Steve Searcy, professor of biological and agricultural engineering at College Station.

- Analyzing the Transportation Logistics Network for Texas cotton; coordinated by Dr. John Robinson, associate professor of agricultural economics and Texas Cooperative Extension cotton marketing specialist at College Station.

- Single Process Point Elimination of Aflatoxin and Gossypol in Cottonseed, Texas Engineering Extension Service.

- Better Feed and Fuel from Enzymatic Processing of Cottonseed, Texas Engineering Extension Service.

More details on these Texas Department of Agriculture grants are available online at <http://www.agr.state.tx.us>. Click on "News and Media," then "Press Releases."

New Members Welcomed to Teachers' Society



Pictured from left to right are Kathie Jackson, transfer member from Muleshoe/Olton chapter; Dixie Smith, Debbie George, and Brenda Lefebvre, new initiates; and Ruth Schoenhals, Eta Alpha president.

New Members Welcomed to Teachers' Society

The Eta Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Women Teachers met in the Fellowship Hall of Perryton's First United Methodist church on Tuesday evening, August 21, 2007. One of the purposes of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is to unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.

Tuesday, September 18, 2007, the Eta Alpha Chapter of the international teachers' society Delta Kappa Gamma met in the Dining area of the Seasons.

Jean Pshigoda, of the Seasons Assisted Living facility in Perryton, Texas, presented the program, Becoming Generationally Savvy, to the Eta Alpha chapter of the teachers' society Delta Kappa Gamma. She explained the floor plan and amenities of the

Seasons, leading an informative tour around the building. Stressing the warm and comfortable surroundings provides a feeling of safety Pshigoda praised the staff for their caring and loyalty to all those living there. Special member Maurine Flathers, a residence of the Seasons, invited the members to view her accommodations as part of the tour.

Attending the meeting were members Krista Baird, Myrna Bell, Connie Butler, Gayle Butler, Rita Castle Cecelia Cates, Sue Cochran, Shirley Cooper, Dana Diedrich, Bobette Doerrie, Ada Feaster, Susan Francis, Carrie Hargues, Kathie Jackson, Renee Lee, Patti Peil, Huberta Powell, Barbara Richardson, Janet Slaughter, Dixie Smith, Sandee Smith, Sandra Splawn, Minta Wilson, Lana Yeary, Maurine Flathers, and Ruth Schoenhals, president.



Jean Pshigoda, Seasons director, and Ada Feaster, society member.

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 (a los votantes registrados del Condado de Hansford, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on November 6, 2007, for voting in a special election to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales situados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 6 de noviembre, de 2007, para votar en La Elección Especial para adoptar o rechazar la enmiendas propuestas constitucional así como fueron sometidas por la 80a Legislatura Sesión Regular, de la Estado de Texas.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

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- Precinct 2, 3, 7:** Cristo Redentor Catholic Church, 202 Hwy 15, Gruver, Texas (Cristo Redentor Iglesia Catolica en 202 Hwy 15, Gruver)
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Six students from the region covered by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman qualified for induction into the 2005/2006 National Honor Roll. Local inductees include: Francisco Briseno, L.J. Fishburn, Collin Gillaspie, Anthony Renteria, Vicky Renteria and Bryan Thomas.

The National Honor Roll recognizes high-achieving high school and middle school students. "Young people like our inductees, who work hard to attain academic success, deserve to be congratulated," says Lynn Romeo, Publisher of the National Honor Roll. "Honoring their achievements provides motivation and encourages them to continue striving. We're proud to include them in the National Honor Roll."

The National Honor Roll offers several benefits which can contribute to the success of its student members.

The National Honor Roll contacts potentially qualifying students after reviewing information about their academic performance. Each student is asked to submit information about his/her GPA, interests, activities, and future goals. Only students with a B or better average are eligible to be listed in National Honor Roll. 67% of the inductees in the 2005/2006 National Honor Roll averaged an A- or better; 33% averaged B through B+. 31% were Seniors (Class of 2006); 29% Juniors (Class of 2007); 21% Sophomores (Class of 2008); 15% Freshman (Class of 2009); and 4% were from the Class of 2010.

Messer named Distinguished Student

The Distinguished Student lists for the Spring 2007 semester have been released by Tarleton State University. Dr. Gary Peer, provost and vice president of academic affairs, released the names of the recognized students.

Distinguished Students include freshman and sophomore students who have a minimum 3.25 GPR and no grade lower than a C, and juniors and seniors who have a minimum 3.5 GPR with no grade lower than a C. All must be in good standing with the university.

A member of The Texas A&M University system since 1917, Tarleton is one of Texas's fastest growing academic institutions, with fall enrollment exceeding 9,000 students.

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16,500, Stephenville is known as one of the country's most desirable places to live, and is included in Norman Crampton's "The 100 Best Small Towns in America," published by Prentice Hall.

Matt Messer of Gruver was named a Distinguished Student. He was also inducted in to the National Honor

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Phi Eta Sigma is the oldest and largest freshman honor society. It was founded at the University of Illinois on March 22, 1923, and now has more than 300 chapters throughout the United States and more than 700,000 members.

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Justin Thompson of Gruver received a scholarship to attend Texas A&M University

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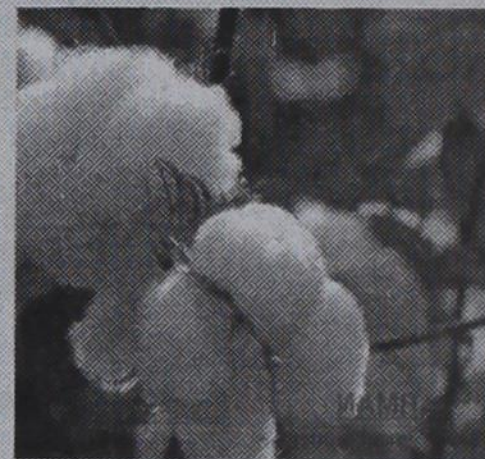
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Terms: 10% down day of sale, balance at closing. Warranty deed and title insurance will be furnished. Taxes for year 2007 will be prorated to date of closing. Closing costs split 1/2 to buyer, 1/2 to seller. Closing agent: Covenant Title

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 14, 2007
2:00 - 4:00

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GARAGE SALE

GARAGE SALE: Saturday, October 13th; 8 a.m.-?; Clementine B&B, 822 S. Evans - benefiting youth. Antiques and many misc. items - fun junk! No clothes. 1(10-11-07)B

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS
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 Dist/Div: Amarillo
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LEGAL NOTICE
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Fire - Make it personal



It's Fire Prevention Week Practice Your Escape Plan

Fire Prevention Week (October 7-13) is the perfect time to help your students and their families create a home fire-escape plan and teach valuable lessons about fire and fire prevention. A well-practiced home fire-escape plan is essential to providing guidance for every family in the event of fire.



By Judy Comoletti

It is practically impossible to read the newspaper or watch the local television news without learning about a fire that has destroyed a property, maimed someone or even claimed a life. But, for many, something like a fire is simply not personal until it hits close to home, which is exactly what happened to the people living in the nearly 400,000 homes across the country that reported fires in 2006. Fire is personal and everyone must realize that they have a personal responsibility to not only prevent fires, but also to be prepared to escape if one should occur.

Fire Prevention Week (October 7-13) is the perfect time to take a few moments to review fire prevention and safety guidelines. For more

than 80 years this awareness campaign has been reminding the public that in many cases personal actions can directly influence fire prevention and safety. This year's theme focuses on home fire escape planning and urges everyone to Practice Your Escape Plan!

What could be more personal than having tragedy strike in a place where many people feel the safest - their home? Being vigilant about fire prevention and safety is important in all areas of life, but being mindful of these issues in the home is especially important. In 2006, 80% of the people that died in fires in the United States were lost because of home fires, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

A poll conducted for the

National Fire Protection Association showed that only 23% of households have developed and practiced a home fire escape plan. Although many households reported having a plan, the majority had not practiced it. Practicing a home fire escape plan is extremely important; if a fire occurs there may be as little as two minutes to escape. Having an escape plan in place that has been practiced will save precious moments and make it more likely that occupants of a home will be able to get out alive.

Take responsibility by preparing to escape from a home fire before a fire occurs. Develop a plan and practice it. Start by making sure that smoke alarms are installed inside each bedroom and outside each sleeping area on every level of the home. Maintain smoke alarms and test them once a month. Being alerted to a fire is the first step in being able to escape from one.

Create a home fire escape plan that identifies two ways out of each room and a family meeting place outside. Make sure the plan allows for specific needs in the household. Some studies have shown that some children and some adults may not awaken to the sound of a smoke alarm and may need help waking up. Learn about the needs of household members before there is an emergency. Practice the plan at least twice a year.

Be prepared to act: If the smoke alarm sounds, go to

the closest exit. If there is smoke on the way out, turn and use the second way out. If exiting through smoke, get low under the smoke on the way to the exit. Move quickly, but stay calm.

Everyone runs the risk of experiencing a fire. News outlets will continue to report on fires, but the next time a fire is in the news let it serve as a personal reminder that many times fires are preventable and being prepared to escape from one can mean the difference between life and death. Fire - it is personal.

To learn more about fire prevention and safety, visit <http://www.fireprevention-week.org>.

This Fire Prevention Week, people are taking personal responsibility by practicing their home fire escape plans. Families, schools, businesses and communities are coming together to participate in The Great American Fire Drill. Visit <http://www.fireprevention-week.org/gafd> for more information.

Judy Comoletti is assistant vice-president of public education for the National Fire



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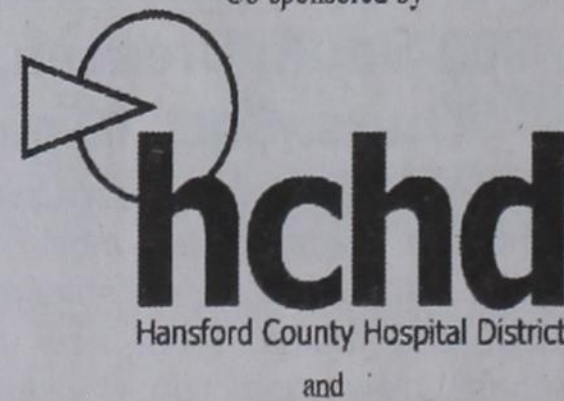
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