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JULY 20, 2006

Edward Rodgers Awarded Honorary Membership In NTHA

Edward Rodgers was awarded "Honorary Membership" in The Northwest Texas Hospital Association on July 13, 2006 in Abilene at the Annual Convention for his past contribution to the Hospital Industry throughout his career. This lifetime appointment allows his annual participation in the organization that began in 1929.

Edward began his 39-year career as hospital administrator at Blackwell Hospital and Clinic in Gorman on December 20, 1962. From Gorman he moved to the Medical Arts Hospital in Brownwood. Ed worked with community leaders as they began consolidating two old hospitals into what is now Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

His next destination was Seminole in September 1966. During this 12-year adventure in Gaines County, he was instrumental in forming a hospital district, overseeing the building of a 49-bed hospital and additional clinic space. He also helped restart Seagraves Hospital that had been closed during an era of critical doctor shortage in Texas.

After a stay in Falfurrias and Alpine, Ed ended his career in Denver City, Texas. During those 19 years he served as president of Northwest Texas Hospital Association, Rotary Club President, and Texas Hospital Association Division Chairman. Again Ed was involved in building a new hospital and a new clinic. In 1996 Ed was promoted to a Vice President position with The Covenant Hospital System of Lubbock while serving as CEO in Denver City.

Ed seemed to always be involved with Church, youth activity including Boy Scouts and Little League. He was a Lions Club member for 15 years, a Rotarian for 21 years and was a member of the Chamber of Commerce in Seminole and Denver City. In February 2001 he retired back to hometown of Gorman. He and his high school sweetheart will celebrate their 48 wedding anniversary in March of next year. Ed has 2 children. When not spending time with his 3 grandchildren, he is still involved in church, ranch work, photography, hunting, fishing, retrieving his home site from nature and other hobbies.

Panther Football Important Dates To Remember

- July 17th – Monday thru Thursday
Conditioning 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. (Grades 9 thru 12)
- July 26th – Wednesday – FREE PHYSICALS
9:00 A.M. till 12:00 noon at Dr. Dan's Office
Boys & Girls grades 7th thru 12th
- August 7th – 1st day of practice (shorts) grades 9 thru 12
(Monday) 8:45 A.M. team meeting –
9:00 to 10:30 practice
6:00 to 8:30 P.M. (2nd practice)
- Aug-8th – 9:00 A.M. to 10:30 & 6:00 to 8:30 P.M.
(Tuesday)
- Aug 9/10/11 – 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. (just one practice)
Wed/Thurs/Friday
- ** Saturday Aug 12th – 9:00 to 10:30 A.M.
Red/Blue scrimmage
- Aug 14th – Monday –
1st day of school (practice 2:30 to 6:00)
- August 19th – Saturday 1st Scrimmage
Evant/Johnson City
Time – TBA @ Evant
- August 24th – Thursday 2nd Scrimmage @ Miles
Time TBA
- September 1st – Friday –
Game One vs Roby @ Gorman
- ** Jr. High practice begins 1st day of school
(supply own cleats)

Cheer Camp

This year the Gorman High School Cheerleaders have organized a three day cheer camp that will be held at 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., on July 26-28 to raise money to go towards pep-a-rallies and other activities we have planned throughout the year. We also have put this together so the kids in grades Kindergarten thru Sixth can participate and perform a cheer or chant at a football game and at a pep-a-rally with the Panther Cheerleaders.

If you have any questions or interest in enrolling your child or children please contact the following number before Sunday, July 23, 2006. (254) 433-0003.

Thank You!!!

65th Sipe Springs Cemetery Assn. Homecoming

The Sipe Springs Cemetery Association will have their 65th Annual Homecoming July 29th and 30th, 2006 at the Sipe Springs Cemetery tabernacle.

The festivities will begin Saturday night around 6 p.m. In years past, the Association has presented a musical program on Saturday night. That may not be possible this year, but will leave more time for visiting.

Sunday morning will bring more re-acquaintances and a stroll or two through the cemetery. The meeting will actually start around 11 a.m. and will conclude with a short devotional before lunch is served.

Bring your picnic basket full of goodies and join us.

FSA County Committee Elections

August 1 is the deadline to get your name on the FSA County Committee Election Ballot. Visit your local FSA office or USDA Service Center to learn how you can have a voice and take a seat on your area Farm Service Agency County Committee.

Visit us online: www.fsa.usda.gov for nomination forms and more information.

Come Fly With Us – Summer Reading Program

The Gorman Public Library will be hosting a summer reading program on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 beginning July 11, 2006 and ending August 1, 2006. The program is for children ages 5-12. Each week we will read about things that fly and have a craft activity to go with the story time. We will also have reading logs available for kids who want to be recognized for their reading during the summer. Come and join us.

Annual 18 Hole 2 Lady Golf Scramble Set July 22nd

The Eastland Lakeside Golf Course Ladies Association will be hosting their annual 18 hole 2 Lady Golf Scramble on Saturday, July 22, 2006. Tee off time is 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$55.00 per person which includes cart, lunch and mulligans.

Generous cash prizes will be awarded in each flight and there will be door prizes galore!

Come join us on our beautiful redesigned 18 hole golf course. Call the clubhouse at 254-629-2892 for directions or more information.

Course is located 1 mile north of Eastland at 209 CR 157, Eastland 76448.

Gorman Astros District Runners-Up In District 5 TTAB Freshman Tight Base



The Gorman Astros recently participated in the District 5 TTAB Freshman Tight Base (Ages 10-12) tournament. The Astros lost their opening game to the Gorman A's. They fought their way back through the bracket, defeating Rising Star, Hico, De Leon and the A's, to play in the District title game against Early. The Astros ended up as District Runners-up with Early edging them out 3-0.

Picture from left to right, bottom row: Marco Herrera (coach), Daniel Herrera, Caleb Nolin (DeLeon), Josh Ryon, Tyson Underwood, Sergio Garcia, Payden Nolin (Hamilton); top row: Angela Underwood (coach), Ryan Wright (coach), J.C. Whitten, Bradley Lipson, Kevin Escamilla (De Leon), Jonathon Fenley, A.J. Vaughn, Mark Nolin (Hamilton, coach), Trevor Williams, Stetson Thompson, Larry Thompson (coach).

DIAMONDBACKS ARE STATEBOUND



The Diamondbacks Midget Baseball Team were undefeated in the District Tournament held in Ranger last week, making them the District Champions and earning them the right to play in the State Tournament to be held in Colorado City, July 24-27. The Diamondbacks are from Lingleville. They were able to pick up 3 players and they chose Hunter Childers and Flavio Herrera to advance with them. This is a very dedicated group of boys and coaches. We wish them the best of luck, GO DIAMONDBACKS!

Class of 1965 To Hold Reunion

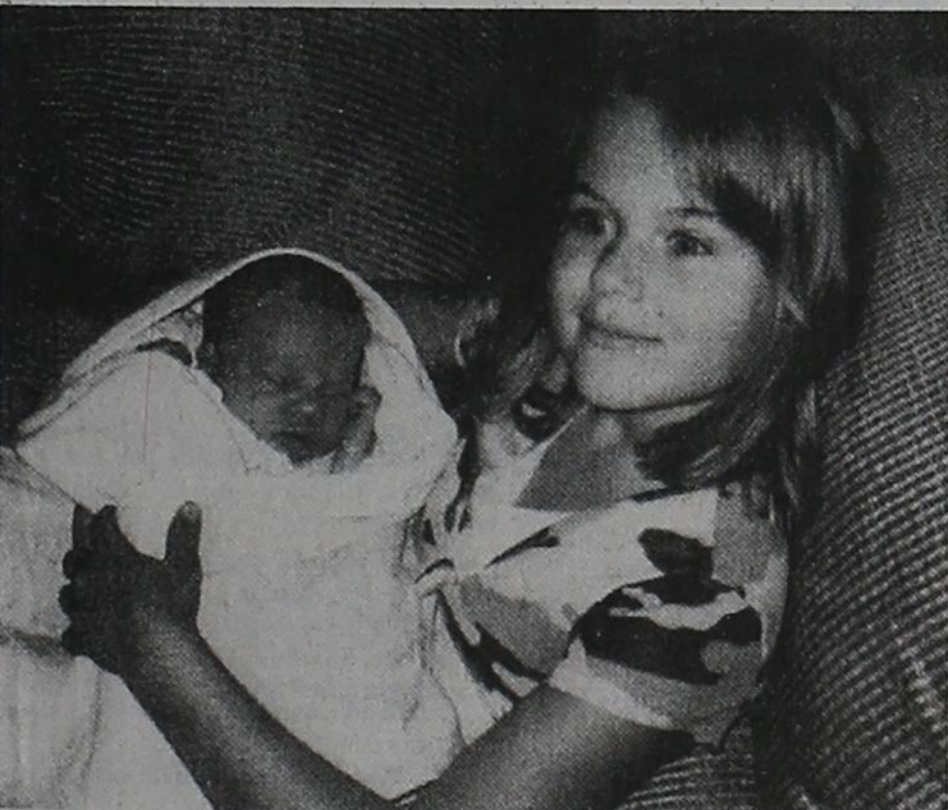
The Class of 1965 will be holding a 41st Reunion on September 9th in conjunction with Homecoming events and The Peanut Festival. For further information contact Joy Campbell at 734-2121 or Doyle Welch at dwelch@texaspeanuts.com.

Ken Frazier New Pastor At Desdemona Church of Christ



Ken Frazier is the new preacher for the Church of Christ in Desdemona. Ken moved to Desdemona with his wife, Harriett, and children, Hannah and Tom. They have 2 more girls who are in the university. The Fraziers were formerly working with the Foster Home for Children of Stephenville.

Look Who's New



Ryan is holding little sister, Emma Elizabeth, born July 9, weighing in at 7 lbs. and 11 ounces. Also welcoming Emma is big brothers, Christopher and Kyle. Parents are Dara and Cliff McCreary of Joshua. Grandparents Bill and Judy Mears and great grandparents James and Eula Mears of Gorman and Jeanne Brown of College Station.

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Obituary

Robert Dale Pies

Robert Dale Pies, age 75 of De Leon, TX passed away on Sunday, July 16, 2006 at De Leon Nursing and Rehab. Services were held Wednesday, July 19, 2006 at 11 a.m. at De Leon First United Methodist Church with interment in the Oakwood Cemetery, Ackley, Iowa with graveside service.

Robert was born January 2, 1931 to the late Michael Frank Pies and Wilma Helena Rustad Pies in Ackley, Iowa. He married Arlene Mae Rosburg on June 16, 1953 in Nashua, Iowa.

Mr. Pies was a truck owner/operator from 1953 to 1993; he was a tour bus driver from 1993 to 1997 in Waterloo, Iowa; he had resided in De Leon since 1997, coming from Ackley, Iowa; he was a member of De Leon First United Methodist Church. He was also previously a mechanic, attended Railroad Telegraphy School, welder, professional truck driver. He loved to be around friends and enjoyed traveling; member of Lions Club of Ackley, Iowa and Lions Club in De Leon; member of Dublin "42" Club.

Survivors include his wife Arlene Pies of De Leon; daughter Kathy Daniell and husband Robert of Conrad, Iowa; sister Shirley Smeins of Earlville, Iowa, sister-in-law Phyllis Pies of Conrad, Iowa; brother-in-law, Newton Clawson of Geneva, Iowa; sister-in-law Dorothy Seaton of Lemars, Iowa; two grandchildren, Casey Kaylene and Megan Allison Daniell; cousins Donnie Thompson and David Thompson, both of Waterloo, South Dakota; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded by a son Darwin Eugene Pies in 1991; three brothers, Gerald, Delmar and Ralph Pies and one sister Dorothy Clawson.

Serving as pallbearers: Lance Smeins, Kevin Clawson, Robert Daniell, Mark Blyth, Kenny Reed, Gary Chrisman with honorary pallbearers being Ray Daniels, Charlie Reynolds, Vernon Williams, Paul Keninger and Max Daleske.

Upcoming Sales Tax Holiday 2006

Consumers across the state will soon be able to take advantage of the upcoming back-to-school sales tax holiday, announced State Representative Jim Keffer (R-Eastland). The annual Sales Tax Holiday is set for the first full weekend in August.

"Texans have the opportunity to save millions of dollars during this program," said Representative Keffer. "I strongly encourage the citizens of District 60 to invest in their community by shopping locally, and parents can then focus their resources on their children's education, healthcare or whatever they deem most necessary."

From Friday morning to midnight on Sunday, August 4-6, shoppers will be able to purchase most clothes and shoes without paying any sales taxes. The holiday will help expand parents' spending power to more easily obtain much needed items for their children's education.

The tax break will apply to both state and local sales taxes adding up to a large amount of savings. Retailers have seen an increased number of shoppers during the holiday comparable to the days after Thanksgiving and Christmas.

During the period, clothes and shoes, including boots that sell for less than \$100 will not be taxed. However, tax will still be due on athletic and protective clothing that is not normally worn except for their intended use. For example, items such as metal baseball cleats, rarely worn except for when playing baseball, will still be taxed. Additionally, taxes will still be due on sales of accessories, jewelry, handbags, luggage, umbrellas, wallets, watches, and similar items.

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KOKOMO NEWS

BY ZELDA JORDAN

Members of the Kokomo Baptist Church will have a hamburger and ice cream supper at the home of Joe and Glynda Bond on Saturday evening, July 22. Dominoes, Chicken Foot and other games will begin about 5:30 p.m. and the hamburgers will be served around 6:30 or so. All members are urged to attend and enjoy the fellowship and visitors are welcome.

Bro. Andy Hansen of Morgan Mill preached at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, July 16. His wife, Gidget, also attended the services. Other visitors were Ben Burgess, Bailey Underwood and Aline Garrett of Gorman. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Bailey Underwood and Aline Garrett. Aline was celebrating her 88th birthday on Sunday, and Bailey was celebrating her 8th birthday. The special music was beautifully rendered by Glynda Bond on the piano.

James Hunter of Gorman will be the guest preacher at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, July 23.

John Scitern has returned home following several days in the Eastland hospital. He will have to return later for more tests. Those visiting with John and Troy were Laverne and Tommy Carr of Lake Whitney, Johnny and JoAnn Scitern, Kris, Kristen and Karsyn Scitern, and Keri, Kelsey and Nashon Guthery of Gorman. We send get well wishes to John.

Paul and Fannie Bell Hoy of Conroe, Paula Knowles of Granbury, Doris Bradshaw and Sylvia Buchanan visited with Nancy Hendricks.

Zelda Jordan spent the weekend in Abilene with her daughter, Glenda Black. Others visiting with them were Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell and Shelby Bolls. They enjoyed a belated birthday dinner at the Cracker Barrel on Saturday honoring Glenda and Sheri.

Zelda Jordan received word on Monday that her brother Arvel Lewallen is seriously ill in the Veteran's hospital in Amarillo. We thank you for your prayers and concern.

Summertime is definitely here with temperatures of 100 degrees or over, and it is getting very dry again. Let us all pray for rain and cooler weather, and remember to thank the good Lord for all the past blessings he has sent our way.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Monthly "Country and Western" musical will be held on Saturday, July 22 at the Community Center School Building. The Concession Stand will open at 5:30 p.m. serving sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper and have fellowship with the group before the music program begins at 6:00 p.m. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend.

Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 12 at the Community Center School Gym. The morning program will begin at 10:00 a.m. The noon meal will be catered. This annual event began 85 years ago (1921) at the Community Tabernacle. Contact your former classmates, teachers and friends to join you for this annual even. Approximately 250 - 275 guests attend each year. If you have a new address - please contact this reporter at P. O. Box 187, Desdemona, Texas 76445.

Colin Garcia was in Whitney last Saturday to attend a birthday party for Gavin Garcia who celebrated his first birthday with family and friends. Colin is the son of Ray and Angela Powledge of Desdemona.

Several Ex-Students of Desdemona who live in the area towns all around and some from other States have called this reporter - saying they have plans to attend the Homecoming this August. It is wonderful to stay "in-contact" with so many Exes thru the years.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated. Thank you, have a nice day, Vonnie.

Gorman City Commissioner Minutes

JULY 6, 2006

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date in a Regular meeting. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Nathan Files, Joe Casey and Tony Carter. Absent was Commissioner Charlie Torre. Others present were Lori Dodd, Doug Caffey, Barbara Fenley, Billy Carson, Glenn Scitern, Curtis Gilder, Bill Barrentine, Chuck Abbey, Joy Rogers, Carol Ward, Barbara Bush, and Dale Curb.

Public Hearing was posted for 5:30p.m. No one was present for comment.

Tony led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Joe made the motion to approve the minutes as read with one paragraph sentence structure correction. Tony made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Nathan made the motion to approve the bills for payment with a second from Tony. Motion carried 3-0.

Citizens In Put: Joy Rogers, Carol Ward and Barbara Bush were present to ask for some kitchen improvements to be made at the Gorman Community Center. They expressed that they would like to see some cabinets built for storage rather than the existing tables. It was also brought up to ask if Lori knew of any available grants for Community Centers in making these improvements.

Dale Curb was present to inquire about an alley way that joins his property. This portion of alley does not have any city lines buried there, nor is it benefiting the City. Dale will have the legal work done for acquiring the portion of alley. A motion will be made when the paper work is submitted.

Glenn, Curtis, Bill, Doug, Barbara, and Billy were present for City Personnel issues. The Commission discussed fuel usage, work orders and clarification, and cell phone usage. The Commission also inquired if any applications had been submitted for the police position. Doug also told the Commission that his last day to work for the City will be September 22, 2006.

Reports were also submitted by each department head.

Tony made the motion to adopt the amendments to Ordinance #302, Nuisance Ordinance. Joe made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

No action was taken on the water tower repairs.

Chuck Abbey was present to discuss Potter St. from McCall to Lubbock. No action was taken at this time. Once the legal work is complete the Commission will act upon it.

The Commission will watch the training video at the next meeting. There being no further business for discussion Joe made the motion to adjourn with a second from Tony. Time was 6:45 p.m.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We enjoyed our weekly Pot Luck Dinner on Wednesday, July 12th. We had 27 in attendance, people where are you? This terrible heat we are suffering must be keeping them home.

Our dinner was a casserole and salad type meal. We also had lots of summer goodies. Opal Burton made a lovely tray of vegetables. Also lots of good tomatoes.

It was wonderful to have Barbara and Max Bush back from vacation! Barbara called us to order and gave announcements. Bobby Baker gave our blessing of the food.

Bobby and Joan Baker from Desdemona were with us. Also Dr. Dan's parents Mike and Lil Brudnak. It was so nice to have new visitors, hope they continue to come and be with us.

Lacy Wilson has been with us the last 2 weeks as our guest. She does like our food! We also had the Miers greatgrandson, Kyle connally. He has a new sibling, so we spending some time with great grandparents. Hope to give Mom a little rest.

It was so good to see Delores Tucker and Opal Burton. We had missed seeing and visiting with them. They both looked so nice after going through treatment.

Sorry to hear about Winston Brown's fall. He is feeling better and recovering well. Miss seeing him and Anna Rush.

Heard Bernice Hewson was back playing games on Friday the 14th. Glad to hear she is better after her hospital stay. They had a good time with 12 in attendance. Would be nice to have more in numbers.

Roy Clark To Perform At 28th Annual Rehab Dinner Show

The very talented entertainer Roy Clark will perform at this year's 28th annual REHAB Dinner Show to be held Thursday evening, August 24th. The award-winning and popular country music star will perform at the Abilene Civic Center. Tables and tickets are available at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene.

The REHAB Dinner Show is one of the largest fundraisers that the Rehab holds each year with proceeds going directly into patient services. The Rehab serves over 21,000 patients each year regardless of their ability to pay for services.

Underwriters of the gala event are Bandera Drilling, Mrs. Bilye Bradley, R. W. and Bell McDonnell, First Financial Bank, Lueders Limestone, The Greathouse Foundation, EC Tool and Supply, KTAB-TV, KEAN 105/KYYW 1470 and MCM Elegante Suites Hotel.

The gala begins at 6 p.m. with a cocktail reception followed by a seated dinner at 7 p.m. Dress for the event is cocktail attire.

Tables for ten people are \$2,500, \$1,750 and \$1,250. Individual tickets are \$275, \$200 and \$150 and are available by calling the West Texas Rehab Center at 325-793-3527.

Annual Eastland Gregory Reunion Held

The annual Eastland Gregory Reunion was held on June 24th at the Carbon Community Center. Those who attended this year were Glenn and Joye Donaldson, Artesia, New Mexico; Michael Glenn Donaldson, Artesia, New Mexico; Shane, Tracy, Blaze and Brooks Glenn Donaldson, Hobbs New Mexico; Larry Donaldson, Ft. Davis, Texas; Betsy Donaldson, Hurst, Texas; Greg, Debbie and Annie White, Dallas, Texas; T. J. and Allie Harrison, Artesia, New Mexico; Jake Donaldson, Eastland, Texas; Chuck Donaldson, Dallas, Texas; Danny and Judy Donaldson, Houston, Texas; Truman and Wanda Bryant, Carbon, Texas; Dwaine and Angie Clower, Cisco, Texas; Keith, Gayle, Krista, and Devan Clower, Sweetwater, Texas; Jody, Wendy, Nicole, Jessica, and Austin Forbus, Carbon, Texas; Emmitt and Earlene Gregory, Batesville, Arkansas; Terry Gregory and Son, North Little Rock, Arkansas; Kenneth and Marianne Holliday, Spring Branch, Texas; Carla, Channing and Alexander Mallin, Killeen, Texas; Dwane, Jerrie Ingram, Hurst, Texas; Paul Ingram, Hurst, Texas; Bob and Mary Wiesen, Odessa, Texas; Truman and Dovie Gregory, Eastland, Texas; David and Karen Gregory, Lubbock, Texas; Brad, Emily, and Brent Bardin, Abilene, Texas; Charles and Meg Wadlington, Abilene, Texas;

The potluck meal was very good, and the winning dessert was apple dumplings made by Karen Gregory from Lubbock. The auction was much fun, and the Karaoke Party was a blast. Lot's of country and western, old time gospel, and the younger group did a great job with the modern type of music A full day of happiness, and fun, and everyone looking forward to next year.

Card Of Thanks

The Gorman Astros Little League Baseball Team would like to give a sincere thanks to Danny and Charla Burgess (Burgess Fertilizer) for sponsoring this team. This team would not have had the successful season they had without their help and support. Your help was greatly appreciated.

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Since that time, America's space exploration program - not yet even 50 years old - has enjoyed astounding success. It has also experienced a handful of breathtaking tragedies. Through it all, our country has remained steadfastly committed to the exploration of space: an enormous expanse of unvisited territory, our final frontier.

It's entirely fitting that Texas, with its pioneering spirit and frontier traditions, helps lead our country in these endeavors. We take pride that our astronauts train in Houston at the Johnson Space Center, and that every space mission is commanded from "Space City."

A good number of U.S. astronauts have been Texas natives: Navy Capt. Alan Bean of Wheeler was the lunar module pilot on the Apollo 12 mission, man's second lunar landing. The late Navy Capt. Edgar Mitchell of Hereford walked on the moon in January, 1971, on the Apollo 14 mission. Kenneth Cockrell of Austin, John Blaha of San Antonio and Robert Crippen of Beaumont each completed five shuttle missions. Dr. Bernard Harris of San Antonio, Elliot See, Jr. of Dallas and David Scott of San Antonio have also made history in space.

And some of the American space program's fallen heroes were native Texans, such as the late Col. Rick Husband and the late Lt. Col. Ed White II.

Husband, an Amarillo native, was crew commander of the 2003 Space Shuttle Columbia, which exploded over his home state during re-entry into the earth's atmosphere, just 16 minutes before its scheduled landing.

White, born in San Antonio, was the first man to walk in space. He died in 1967 in the Apollo spacecraft flash-fire during a launch-pad test at Kennedy Space Center, Florida.

Exploration - surmounting any barriers to greater understanding of our world - always involves risk. Space exploration is no exception: there will always be the potential for physical danger. We Americans owe a great debt of gratitude to those who have sacrificed their lives in these pioneering pursuits.

Space exploration is our destiny. Man is born with a natural desire to explore and solve the puzzles before him. We will eventually navigate our entire universe, and go beyond it. The only questions are when, and how.

Our National Aeronautic and Space Administration (NASA) programs are indeed expensive. But the hard science the programs produce are key to our country's engineering and technological research - work that keeps the U.S. at the leading edge of the world's technology.

Many commercial applications already have been harvested from space research. As former NASA official Michael Lembeck recently noted: "It's about far more than Teflon, Velcro and Tang."

One small example: A computer chip originally designed for the Hubble Telescope is now used in a digital imaging device that screens for cancer. The camera within can detect the difference between a malignant or a benign tumor - no invasive surgery is necessary.

Many other medical advances have been brought to us thanks to space technology, including the cochlear implant, an electronic device that can select speech signal information and send electrical pulses to the ear. This technology can actually reverse severe hearing loss.

What's more, the ultimate commercialization may come in the form of space tourism. Last year, American Mike Melvill became the first person to reach space aboard a privately funded, winged spacecraft known as "SpaceShipOne." Melvill's space plane was developed without government funding. This achievement may well hold for the future of flight the same promise as the Wright Brothers' feat at Kitty Hawk.

In centuries to come, when space travel is commonplace and America has tapped the resources of other planets, these first years of our space program will be remembered as the most significant.

With Rep. John Culberson of Houston, I've sponsored legislation to commemorate our first 50 years in space. Our bill would direct the U.S. Mint to create a \$50 gold coin with an image of the sun, and nine \$1 silver coins, each representing a planet in our solar system. Some proceeds would assist a need-based fund for surviving family members of the NASA personnel who died while performing their official duties.

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Texas once appeared to our forefathers as vast as space appears to us. Texas was founded by courageous men and women who braved the unknown - despite the hardship and danger lining their trails. So Texans have always shared a particular empathy for our pioneers and explorers.

To the seven Discovery shuttle astronauts flying above me tonight: I salute you. You are all Texans in spirit.

Our greatest discoveries are yet to come.

Sen. Cornyn is a member of the following Senate Committees: Armed Services, Judiciary, Budget, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, and Joint Economic. He is the chairman of the subcommittees on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship and Emerging Threats and Capabilities. Cornyn served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice and Bexar County District Judge.

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JULY 21-22**

To participate in Mutton Busting, Stick Horse Racing, and more at the Ranger Rodeo. All Contestants will receive admission to the rodeo the night they participate. Kids 4-7 and weighing less than 55 pounds are eligible to compete in the mutton busting, which will be divided into 2 age groups. Mutton busting will be held during the Rodeo performance both Friday and Saturday evenings. The number of entries each night will be limited to 10 due to time limitations. The first 5 entries to turn in completed entry form, waiver signed by parent or legal guardian, and the \$15.00 entry fee in each age group will be taken.

A first place trophy will be awarded in each age division to the participant that rode the required 6 seconds with the highest score from the judges.

Children 8 and under can participate in the Stick Horse Races Friday night during the performance. This timed event will also be broken down into age groups and the participants are encouraged to ride their own stick horses, however, there will be horses available for those that do not own one. Entry fee will be a donation to the Ranger Park Improvement Fund. Awards will be given to the best times in each age division.

There will be lots of fun for the whole family at the 2006 Ranger Rodeo including a Boot Scramble on Saturday night and the traditional calf scramble, which was first brought to this area by the Ranger Jaycees, will be held both nights. So pack up the family and come to the Ranger Rodeo. Celebrating 60 Years of Rodeo Tradition!!

-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer
July 17, 2006

House Ag Committee Heads to Virginia

The House Agriculture Committee's tour of the country made yet another stop this week. This time, the destination was western Virginia. As with the previous stops on the tour, including the visit to Texas in May, the Committee heard from producers in the region to gather input on what the 2007 Farm Bill should look like.

Farmers in Virginia had insights and concerns similar to producers in Texas. They believe the current Farm Bill is working well and sang the praises of certain programs, such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). There was also strong support for ethanol research and production. I am glad to hear that both EQIP and ethanol production have garnered support across the country. Both of these issues are important to the 19th District and should remain a part of U.S. farm policy.

The Virginia hearing marks the fifth full committee field hearing I have attended this year (I also attended a subcommittee hearing in Georgia). These hearings have been very informative and should prove beneficial as we begin our work in the Ag Committee next year to shape the future of farm policy in America.

Stem Cell Research Debate Comes Front and Center

This week, President Bush and members of Congress will turn their attentions to the issue of stem cell research. As the stem cell debate unfolds, it is important to understand what exactly is being debated. Most - if not all - members of Congress and much of the American public support ethical stem cell research. Furthermore, all types of stem cell research are legal at this time. The differences in opinion arise over what types of research are funded by the federal government.

I support using federal funds to back adult stem cell research which treats all human beings - even the smallest among us - with the dignity and respect they deserve and has the best track record of improving the lives of the sick and impaired. In the past few months alone, more and more adult stem cells are demonstrating the same flexibility as embryonic stem cells. For example, studies show that bone marrow stem cells can turn into most tissue types. Stem cells taken from an adult's nose can develop into heart cells, liver cells and even brain cells. As a result, I will vote in favor of S. 2754, the Alternative Pluripotent Stem Cell Therapies Enhancement Act. This bill has protections to prevent funding from going to any techniques that would harm or destroy human embryos.

In addition to this bill supporting adult stem cell research, another bill is currently making its way through Congress that would use taxpayer dollars to fund research on embryonic stem cells. This type of research crosses ethical boundaries since it inevitably results in the destruction of a human life. Unfortunately, this bill has already passed the House and is likely to pass the Senate. However, President Bush has signaled that he will veto the embryonic stem cell legislation if it reaches his desk. If the president does veto the bill, the House will then vote on whether to sustain that veto. I support President Bush's stance and will vote only for ethical stem cell research.

--Randy

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Math and Science Requirements Benefit Our Future

America is the undisputed leader in the global economy because of innovations in science and technology. Our dominant strategic position, economic advantages, and high standard of living are driven by our leadership in these areas. To maintain our competitive advantage and keep our economy strong, however, we must prepare our children to compete in the global market of tomorrow by improving science and math education.

Beginning next year, Texas high school students will be required to complete four years of both math and science. The Texas Legislature established these standards in the recently passed House Bill 1, which increased the previous level of three years of science and math. I strongly applaud this effort to improve our students' understanding of math and science, as America's continued leadership in scientific research and education is critical to the future of our economic and national security. It is imperative that the state follow this measure by providing teachers and school districts with the necessary support to expand math and science programs across Texas.

For many years, I have worked in the United States Senate to provide additional resources to support math and science education. I co-sponsored the Protecting America's Competitive Edge (PACE) Act, which authorizes the National Science Foundation to provide four-year scholarships of up to \$20,000 a year to students who major in math and science in college and pursue concurrent teacher certification. The PACE Act also supports continued education for current teachers by providing funding for three-year master's degree programs in math and science. An extra year of math or science in high school will lead to more students entering college with a passion for these subjects, which in turn will lead to more passionate teachers for the next generation of Texans.

High school students currently acquire a well-rounded understanding of science by completing biology, chemistry and physics, while fulfilling math requirements by studying algebra, geometry and algebra II. Students will now have an opportunity to complete additional courses in areas of interest that may not have previously counted for credit towards graduation. Students who are interested in a particular area of math or science can choose an additional year in that subject, perhaps in an Advanced Placement course to prepare for college. Or they can study a less traditional subject, such as meteorology or statistics. Additional math and science exposure will provide students options to pursue their passions in these areas. Teachers will also be able to teach classes at a higher level or in their areas of expertise.

Under these new requirements, high schools will be in a position to develop new math and science courses that will lead to long-term benefits for our state. For example, our state's population is projected to double by 2050, which will strain our water resources. Students taking earth science courses could develop an interest in solving water constraints, which would benefit all Texans.

I will continue to work to secure federal aid for math and science in Texas. One project I am proud to support is the Math and Science Partnerships Initiative, which provides federal funds to school districts to partner with local universities and community colleges to offer more rigorous math and science courses.

We must do a better job of preparing our children today for the jobs of tomorrow. Recent scores on standardized tests show that 82 percent of American 12th-graders are not proficient in science and 72 percent of eighth-graders are not proficient in math. These figures are unacceptable, and we must address these deficiencies.

During the next decade, the U.S. demand for scientists and engineers is expected to increase at more than double the rate for all other occupations. The National Academy of Sciences reports that foreign-born students currently receive nearly half of all engineering and computer science doctorate degrees awarded in the United States. The jobs that will fuel our economy for years to come will be in groundbreaking areas of science and engineering. Encouraging additional math and science education in high school will help provide a pool of qualified American workers for these jobs.

Increasing high school math and science requirements today prepares students for rewarding careers in related fields to solve the problems of tomorrow.

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