

IN THE NEWS

Bird flu spreads in Europe and Africa

Bird flu is likely to hit poultry flocks in a number of European states, experts said on Tuesday, while the spread of the virus to one of Africa's poorest countries, Niger, heightened fears that the infection could spread to people.

Bush denies Iraq headed for civil war

U.S. President George W. Bush denied on Tuesday that Iraq was headed for civil war as the country was rocked by a new surge of sectarian violence.

Bush tells Iraqis "unity or chaos"

Attacks in Baghdad, including a car bomb close to a Shiite mosque, killed at least 60 people on Tuesday and U.S. President George W. Bush told Iraqis who fear civil war that they faced a choice between "chaos or unity."

Bush calls Italy's Berlusconi force for stability

President George W. Bush heaped praise on Iraq war ally Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi on Tuesday and called him a force for stability several weeks ahead of Italian elections.

Offshore drilling debate heats up in Senate

A U.S. Senate panel will take up legislation next week to open nearly 3 million acres of federal waters in the eastern Gulf of Mexico to oil and natural gas drilling, Republican senators said on Tuesday.

US says post-Sept. 11 air travel recovery complete

The U.S. government released an optimistic forecast on Tuesday for commercial air-travel growth, prompting the nation's transportation chief to formally mark the end of the slide triggered by the 2001 attacks.

High court's hot potato: redistricting

A Texas case, argued Wednesday, could hand House seats to Democrats - or unleash more gerrymandering.

Governors defend National Guard

After all 50 protested National Guard cuts, governors won assurances from the White House and Pentagon this week.

Enron played "fast and loose" with rules: witness

Enron Corp. played "fast and loose" with the rules and accounting tricks were "standard operating procedure," a former top executive testified on Tuesday at the trial of former CEOs Ken Lay and Jeffrey Skilling.

Mardi Gras rolls on

Revelers hit the streets of the French Quarter in beads and costumes ranging from the fanciful to the bizarre on Mardi Gras, the windup of raucous pre-Lenten partying as the city tried to cheer itself up after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

Hill won't force port vote

Congressional Republicans and Democrats on Tuesday tempered calls for an immediate vote to block a Dubai-based company's takeover of some U.S. port operations as President Bush prodded them to avoid a confrontation.

US sues New York over voting system

The U.S. federal government has sued New York state to force it to modernize voting systems and comply with a law intended to avoid repeating the confusion of the Florida recount in the 2000 presidential election.

Guantanamo defendant puts defense in a bind

An al Qaeda member refused to appear before a Guantanamo war crimes tribunal on Thursday or to cooperate with a U.S. military defense lawyer whom he considers an enemy.

Ports deal to close by Monday

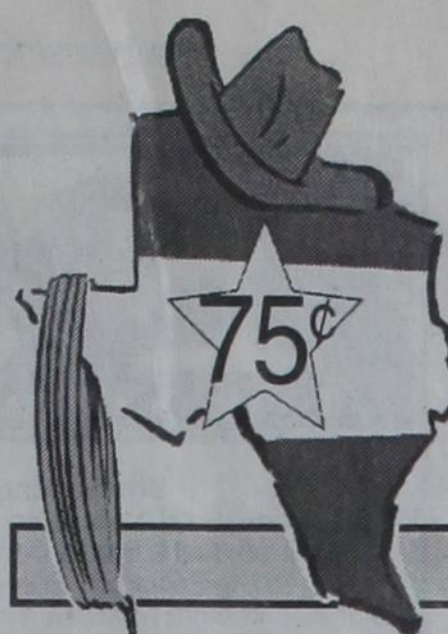
Dubai Ports World's \$6.85 billion acquisition of Britain's P&O will close on Friday or Monday, despite an additional 45-day review by the U.S. government in response to security concerns, a U.S. Treasury Department official said on Thursday.

Most US high school dropouts regretful: study

Most students who drop out of high school in the United States admit they made a mistake by quitting and some say they might have stayed if classes were more challenging, according to a report released on Thursday.

Bomb kills 4 ahead of Bush's Pakistan visit

A suspected suicide car bomb outside the U.S. consulate in Karachi killed an American and at least three other people on Thursday, but President George W. Bush said terrorists would not stop his visit to Pakistan.



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Hounds are Regional Semi-Final Champs!

Tucker Williams came through from the free-throw line in the fourth quarter Tuesday and helped the Greyhounds advance to the Class 1A, Division I semi-state tournament.

With the quarterfinal win at Randall High School, Gruver improved to 26-7 and will play the winner of the New Deal-Haskell quarterfinal in a semi-state semifinal at a time and place to be determined. Smyer finished 23-9.

Smyer outscored Gruver 17-15 in the fourth quarter, but Williams' clutch free-throw shooting helped stave off the Smyer charge. Williams hit 8-of-10 free throws, all in the fourth, and finished with 11 points. Reid Winger scored 12, and Matt Messer added seven.

Gruver will play New Deal at 6 p.m. in Fort Worth at Fort Worth ISD's Wilkerson-Greines Activity Center (5201 C.A. Roberson).

Gruver Greyhounds 2005-2006

No.	Name	Class	Position
3	Brian Johnson	Jr	Forward
5	Crispin Borunda	Sr	Forward
10	Tucker Williams	Jr	Guard
12	Pedro Bonilla	Jr	Forward
14	Chandler Miner	So	Guard
15	Conrad Curry	Jr	Forward
20	Tyler Lane	Sr	Guard
21	Stephen Salazar	Sr	Post
22	Matt Messer	Sr	Guard
30	Drew Grotegut	Jr	Forward
31	Tanner Irwin	Sr	Post
40	Blane Tolleson	Sr	Post
42	Jake Wills	So	Post
44	Reid Winger	Sr	Post

Coaches: Troy Seagler - Head, John Duncan, Rod Been
Athletic Director: Terry Felderhoff
Managers: Sheldon Atwood, Justin Thompson, Jessica Schmidt, Codie Scoggins
Superintendent: David Teal **Principal:** Mike King



The Regional Semi-Final Champion Gruver Greyhounds will face New Deal in Fort Worth on Friday night, March 3, 2006 at 6 p.m.

Texas' First Lady to visit Moore County

The Women's Division of the Dumas/Moore County Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that Texas' First Lady, Anita Perry, will be visiting Dumas on Saturday, February 25. The Women's Division will host a "High Tea on the High Plains" with the First Lady. The event will be at the Moore County Community Building from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. The event is open to the public and admission is free. The First Lady is coming to Moore County in her role as First Lady. Over 200 persons from the entire

Panhandle region are expected to attend. The event is aimed at residents in all Panhandle counties. "This is an excellent opportunity for Moore County and we look forward to welcoming The First Lady to our community. Panhandle residents will be able to learn first hand about her role as Texas' First Lady and will have the opportunity to visit with her," Jennifer Waida, President of the Women's Division stated.

Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association to honor Orville Latham

The Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association will be honoring Orville Latham, longtime member and worker, with a windmill dedication. The dedication will be held on Sunday, March 12, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at the Buchanan Windmill Park, Highway 207 South, Spearman.

Mr. Latham's sons, Terry and Scott, will be in attendance and the general public is encouraged to attend. Along with the windmill raising will be a short program.

The windmill that will be raised in Mr. Latham's honor was brought to the park by Walter Woolley and has been lovingly restored by some of Orville's friends including J. D. Wilbanks, Don Reed, Burl Buchanan, Terry Schneider and Dwayne Mitchell.

The windmill is a Samson Air-Flow. This type of mill was produced from 1938 through 1942 and is considered a rare mill. The Association is very pleased to have this mill and especially pleased that it will be raised and dedicated in memory to the Park's very good friend, Orville Latham.

As most Hansford County residents know Mr. Latham devoted many hours over the last several years working with others toward the restoration and completion of several windmills for the park and other sites in Spearman.

The Samson Air-Flow windmill is sponsored by the Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association, the Hansford Retired Teachers Association and friends of Orville Latham.

March 7th Republican Primary

The 2006 Republican primary election will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the following polling places: Precincts 1, 5 & 6 - Spearman City Hall, Precincts 2, 3, 4, 7 & 9 - Gruver High School Library.

The following candidates have filed for office: **County Judge:** Benny Wilson, Incumbent; **County/District Clerk:** Kim Vera, Incumbent; **County Treasurer:** Wanda Wagner, Incumbent; **County Comm/Prec 2:** Joe T. Venneman, Incumbent; **County/Comm/Prec 4:** Danny Henson, Incumbent; **Justice of the Peace:** Bob Davis, Incumbent and George Young.

No democrats filed for Hansford County.

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. South winds around 10 mph.
FRIDAY - Mostly cloudy. Scattered showers and thunderstorms in the morning - then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 50s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent.
FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.
SATURDAY - Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s.
South winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent.
SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy in the evening then clearing. Lows around 40.
SUNDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.
SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s.
MONDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.
MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.
TUESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.
TUESDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.
WEDNESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.

Going, Going, Almost Gone: Wheat Crop Suffering Under Drought Conditions

Don't expect a bumper yield on this year's wheat crop, even if it rains. But some wheat will pull through the drought.

Any surviving wheat, however, will have reduced yields, said Dr. Brent Bean, Texas Cooperative Extension agronomist in Amarillo. The amount of reduction will depend on what happens in the next couple of months. He estimated 60 percent to 70 percent of the crop planted for grain in the Panhandle will still be harvested.

"Of those (harvested) acres, however, we can expect them to have reduced yields," Bean said, attributing 80 percent to 90 percent of that loss to drought. Wheat streak mosaic, greenbugs and Russian wheat aphids all could potentially reduce yields further, he said.

About 50 percent of the wheat grown in the Panhandle region is under dryland conditions, Bean said.

"Some of it is still hanging on and will make something," he said. "It still looks decent. But then there's some dryland that will be plowed up."

Rodney Mosier, executive vice president of Texas Wheat Producers Association, said statewide conditions are not looking too good, but some of the wheat can be brought around with a rain.

The statewide crop report estimates 3 percent is in good shape, 8 percent is fair, 63 percent poor, and 26 percent is in very poor condition, Mosier said.

In a typical year, about half of all the wheat planted will be harvested. Last year, producers harvested 3 million acres out of 5.5 million planted acres. This year, 5.8 million acres were seeded to wheat, but with current crop conditions, it's hard to say whether even one-third of that crop will be harvested, Mosier said.

"I think we may be seeing a 50-million-bushel crop this year, compared to a 96-million-bushel crop

last year," he said.

Rain in some of these areas, such as Wichita Falls and maybe the Panhandle, could turn things around and the wheat could end up better than it looks now, Mosier said. "If it doesn't rain, we're not going to have a crop."

He said with the high natural gas prices, many producers who irrigate just can't afford to water, so the statewide situation with irrigated wheat is not looking much better.

Dr. Travis Miller, Extension program leader for soil and crop sciences in College Station, said he expects to see much larger than usual abandonment of wheat statewide.

The wheat east of Paris between Texarkana and the Red River was established in the fall and vernalized (chilled) properly, Miller said. He explained wheat requires a certain number of chilling hours, between 32 F to 45 F, before it can produce a head. Otherwise, it just comes up as a grass.

It will make a decent crop if it gets one more rain between now and when the head begins to fill with grain, he said, adding it is probably the best around the state.

A lot of wheat in Central, North and parts of Northeast Texas was planted in dry soil and received no moisture until late January, Miller

said. The stands came up but have almost no yield potential because of lack of vernalization.

A lot of wheat in West Texas was over grazed, Miller said. Good stands came up with early moisture and producers turned the cattle out on it to graze. But no moisture fell and they had no hay, so the wheat was grazed off.

Miller said while the state normally harvests 55 percent or more of the wheat crop for grain, it will probably only be about 25 percent if conditions don't improve.

Two factors will determine whether wheat fields are abandoned or not, he said.

"In the northern Panhandle, if they still have a good stand and get rain within a couple of weeks, they still have a chance of making a reasonable wheat yield," Miller said. "But in South Texas, it's gone or dying. It's too late for a rain to help it."

But at this point, without a rain, it won't be planted to cotton or other crops either, he said.

"You don't throw good money after bad," Miller said. "Cotton is planted in March and April in South Texas and in May in the Panhandle. Sorghum can go even later. So if the rain comes in March or April, there's a good opportunity to plant cotton or sorghum."

American Heart Gala Set

Come Kings and Queens, Lords and Ladies, Maids and Men, one and all... Bid on sparkling jewels and works of art from local merchants to benefit heart at the Hansford County Division of the American Heart Association Gala. The Gala is titled "Fool@Heart" set for Saturday, April 1, 2006 at the O'Loughlin Center. The Silent Auction begins at 6:15 pm. The banquet is set, a feast fit for a king. The Wagner Family knows just what to bring, dinner is set for 7 PM with Salad, Rib Eye Steak, Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Warm Buttered Bread, Cheese Cake and Topping, tea and coffee. At 8:15 the Live Auction begins. Shout out your bid, going once, going twice... SOLD!, Hansford County gave a nice price. It could be your sons, daughters, husbands or wives, The money you raise saves thousands of lives.

Tickets for the evening are \$25.00 each. Special donation Scholarship levels are: Court Jester Sponsorship - \$50.00; Ladies of Hearts Sponsorship - \$100.00; Lords of Hearts Sponsorship - \$200.00 and receives 2 tickets; Queens of Hearts Sponsorship - \$250.00 and receives 4 tickets; and Kings of Hearts Sponsorship - \$500.00 and receives 8 tickets

Tickets are available from the Heart Board Members: Patricia Bratton, Peggy Frick, Darlene Pierce, Margaret Ralston, Anita Sumner, Charlotte Bergin, Kay Hobbs, Ed Hansen, Pennye Ralston, and Dr. Tom and Linda Latta. You may send your donation or ticket requests to: Fool@Heart Gala, Box 131, Spearman, Texas 79801.

DEADLINE NOTICE

The deadline to submit news and advertising to the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman is Monday at 5 p.m. Items submitted after the deadline will be published at a later date, as time and space permit.

For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 659-3434, or e-mail me at cathysmith@antden.com.

School Board, City Election

February 11, 2006 was the first day to file for a place on the ballot for the School Board and City Elections that will be held on May 13, 2006. March 13th is the last day to file for a place on the ballot. The first day to apply for a ballot by mail is March 14th, and the last day to register to vote, and still be eligible to vote in the May 13th election, is April 13th. Early voting will begin on May 1st and end on May 9th.

Live,
Laugh &
Love



by Catherine R. Smith
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A very dear friend, who is struggling with problems in their marriage, sent this to me. Since many of us struggle with and face similar issues, I thought the issues and lessons could benefit not only those hurting, but also strengthen other marriages as well. I believe it includes thoughts that can benefit all of us.

My Prayer - God, Help Me

Lord, I have been told that I am selfish and only care about myself

God help me to think less of myself and my problems, and to serve my fellow man by putting their wants and needs foremost in my daily activities.

Lord, I have been told that my words are often cutting and cruel

God help me to tame my tongue and let the words that come out of my mouth encourage and edify instead of destroy.

Lord, I have been told that because of my actions, I have caused much resentment, bitterness, and anger to the most important person in my life

God help me to strive to be more Christ like and to treat all people with love and respect. Help those that I have offended to forgive me! Help erase the pain and hurt that I have inflicted.

Lord, I have been told that I am arrogant and that I don't care about anyone but myself

God help me to be humble and not to look down on people, but instead reach out to those in need. Help me to share not only what I have, but also share myself.

Lord, I have been told that I am no longer loved by the most important person in my life

God help me to love my wife as Christ loved the Church. God help me to understand what love truly is and how to express that love each and every moment of the day! God help me to love "unconditionally" as you have loved me, even when I do not deserve your love and grace! God help restore that love between myself and my wife!

Lord, I have been told that my priorities in life have not been God and my family

God help me to realize that I am not in control and that my priorities should be God, family and my job, and not reversed. God help me to realize that my job is "what I do and not who I am."

Lord, I have been told that I have not been the father to my children that I should have been

God help me to be the same kind of father to my children as you are to me; always watching, loving, forgiving, and proud to call me your son.

Lord, I have been told that I am insensitive and have not met the emotional needs of the most important person in my life

God help me to be a better husband and to put the needs of my wife above my own needs and desires. God help me to understand my wife's "love languages" and to strive everyday to fulfill those needs.

Lord, I have been told I have taken too many things for granted in my life and in my relationships, and that I do not appreciate people like I should

God help to never take things for granted and to be content and thankful for all that I have, and for the special people in my life. Help me count my many blessings, and to work on building my relationship with you, my wife, and my children.

God in closing, I ask you to ease my own pain and to remove the guilt that clouds my heart. God, I ask that you forgive me and ask those whom I have offended to forgive me too. God, I ask your help in never rejecting you. Having been rejected by the most important person in my life, my wife, in a small way I feel the same pain you must feel when mankind turns their back on you and rejects the love you have for them. God help me to remember that lost love is still love. God I pray that the eternal love you have for me be demonstrated in my actions and life, and that Christ live in me!

Amen

May God bless and keep you; May He make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

On Ash Wednesday we begin the season of Lent. In some churches the faithful receive a smudge of ash on the forehead in the sign of the cross. The ashes represent the repentance of a sinner. In Lent we are asked to "live" the forty days of Christ's temptation in the wilderness; it is a time for introspection and repentance. In the early faith community, Lent was the time in which the candidates for baptism were instructed in their faith to prepare them for baptism on Easter morn. Our lessons are found in Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25, 1 Peter 3:18-22, and Mark 1:9-15.

In Genesis, God has made a covenant with Noah and all living creatures not to destroy the world again by water. The sign of this covenant is the rainbow. God punished the evil-doers, but saved the remnant that was true to Him. The Psalmist sings of God's steadfast love and prays that He will not remember the sins of the Psalmist's youth or his present transgressions. The Psalmist is sure of the Lord's mercy and asks to be led in His truth.

In the Apostle's Creed, we recite, "He descended into hell". This passage in 1 Peter is one of the most difficult in the New Testament. Some believers choose to ignore it rather than try to understand it. Some believers limit the action of this passage to "Christ did go to hell, but He only preached to those sinners who were disobedient during the time of Noah." Some believers think that Christ preached doom to the angels who fought against God and were confined to hell. Others teach that since the Jews believed that all the dead existed in Hades (Sheol), Christ went to "Sheol" to grant the righteous dead direct access to God and by so doing allows all believers to enter directly into God's presence upon their death. Study this carefully and prayerfully and let the Spirit guide you.

Whatever the interpretation, 1 Peter indicates that God's Kingdom is open to all who believe.

Mark has the shortest version of the "temptation of Christ" in the synoptic gospels. In your study please read the parallel versions to better understand. Mark shows Jesus as being baptized by John the Baptist, the heavens opening and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him and He heard a voice from heaven saying, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased". Immediately, Jesus goes into the wilderness for forty days to be tempted by Satan.

This is the beginning of Jesus' ministry, he leaves Nazareth and his trade to preach the Kingdom of God. This is the moment of His identification as the Son of God, and here we are told that the Holy Spirit empowers Jesus for this ministry. During his temptation, Jesus chose not to be a "bread king" to gather followers, not to rely on "miraculous" rescues/stunts to gather followers, and not to seek glory and authority through political power. Rather, He elected to follow God's plan. Dear Christian, we all face the "wilderness" in our lives and like our Savior we will persevere if we follow His plan. May the Holy Spirit guide your study in this time of reflection and repentance.

Thank You

We recently lost our mother, Tubby Hays. She was a life-long resident of Hansford County and that was such a blessing. Her memory wasn't very good in the last few years and we want to thank everyone who looked out for her. We are so appreciative of all the caring people who picked her up and took her home when she was lost, headed her in the right direction, or made a phone call to someone to come and take care of her.

Thank you also for all the visits, thoughts and prayers from the time she fell until she passed away. Hansford County is a wonderful place.

The Family of Tubby Hays

The Russell's, The Sutterfield's, The Kep's, and Curtis Hays

Thank You

I want to thank everyone for all the good meals, cards, visits and many prayers I have received during my recent illness. The generous donations of the community are just astonishing! I feel so blessed and proud to live in such a loving, giving community. Thanks to each of you for everything.

Becky Freeman

Thank You

The family of Howard Nash would like to express our appreciation and thanks for the visits, sympathy cards, memorials, beautiful flowers, and wonderful food given to our family at this time of loss. May God's blessings be with everyone as you helped comfort our family. We rejoice in God's blessed assurance of life eternal for all believers and we are comforted knowing that Howard is now with the Lord.

With love and appreciation,
Mickey Nash & Family

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Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S Roland, in Spearman on March 29, 2006. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Spearman Chamber sets Annual Banquet

The annual Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held on Saturday, March 4th, 2006 at 6 p.m. at the O'Loughlin Center. Motivational speaker, Steve Gilliland, will return again as this year's speaker. Tickets are now on sale at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce office. The cost is \$20.00 per person or \$150.00 per table.

Dames & Dollars

30 minutes to Savings, Sanity and Success- a financial management series for women, sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, continues Thursday, March 9th, at Noon in the Fellowship Hall of Spearman Church of Christ. "The Pleasures and Pitfalls of Plastic" will be presented by Ginger Turner, Senior vice-President- First National Bank and Kristie Ludi-Vice President and Mortgage Loan Officer- Interstate Bank. Getting your debt under control, importance of good credit rating, ways of paying down debt, knowing your credit scores, and restoring a good credit history will be discussed. Door prizes will be provided by First State Bank, First National Bank and Interstate Bank. Donations for lunch will be accepted. Please call Peggy Winegarner, county Extension Agent, 659-4131 or 733-2901 for more information.

Men's Bible Study

A Men's Bible Study will begin on March 6th at 7 p.m. at the Spearman First United Methodist Church. The Bible Study will be a video series on Personal Holiness by Dr. Bruce Wilkinson. Facilitator will be Mike Shrode. The series is four-weeks long, and preregistration is required in order to purchase workbooks. Register at the First United Methodist Church (659-5503) by February 20th.

Project Graduation

The parents of the Spearman High School graduating class of 2006 are asking for your help to make this year's Project Graduation event a success. This event is a long standing tradition our community is proud to be a part of and has always been a success due in part by your generosity. Project Graduation is an event that is hosted by the parents of the graduation class. The celebration begins shortly after commencement exercises and continues through till the next morning. The night consists of games, food, gifts and prizes and ensures that the participants will celebrate this momentous occasion in a safe, alcohol-free and drug-free environment. To be able to continue with the Project Graduation tradition, we are asking for contributions. Contributions may be in the form of door prizes, monetary donations, book scholarships, gifts that will benefit them upon entering college, or anything of this sort. If you are interested and willing to donate to this worthy cause, we ask that you send your contributions no later than April 1, 2006 to: Project Graduation, %Audra Thomas, 207 S. James, Spearman TX 79081. If you would like to donate items that need to be picked up, please contact Audra at (806) 659-3354 or (806) 270-0266, or Diane Close at (806) 659-3615. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Pringle-Morse CISD, Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High Saving Register Tapes

Pringle-Morse CISD, Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High are saving register tapes for educational equipment and sports equipment from Lowe's Marketplace stores. The program began September 1, 2004, and register tapes will be collected until March 31, 2006. The students and faculty of each of these schools would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from participating Lowe's grocery stores in order to help them receive their needed equipment, such as computers, science, band or sports equipment, and much more. Receipts may be given to any student. Pringle-Morse receipts may be mailed to: Pringle-Morse CISD, PO Box 109, Morse, TX 79062. Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High receipts may be taken to each school office.

Spearman Community Blood Drive

The Spearman Community Blood Drive will be held on Monday, March 13th, at The O'Loughlin Center at 502 S. Brandt from 3:00 pm-7:00 pm. Please call 1-877-574-8800 to schedule an appointment for this drive. Sponsored by The O'Loughlin Center and the Coffee Memorial Blood Center.

Young Parkinson's Disease Support Group

The West Texas Chapter of the American Parkinson's Disease Association will have an organizational meeting on March 4, 2006 at 6:30 pm at the Homeplate Diner, 7615 university Avenue, Lubbock. This support group is for young onset Parkinson's Disease patients (55 years old and younger) and their families. For more information call West Texas Parkinsonism Society, 792-9877 or 785-2732 or toll free at 1-800-687-5498.

HANSFORD COUNTY EVENTS

MARCH 2006

- Mar 1 Ash Wednesday
- Mar 2 Shattered Dreams; Read Across America Day; Spearman HS; Area School Board Candidate Workshop, 7-9 p.m., Region 16 Education Service Center, Amarillo
- Mar 4 Spearman Chamber of Commerce Banquet, 6 p.m., O'Loughlin Center
- Mar 7 Republican Primary Election
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 19-25 National Agriculture Week

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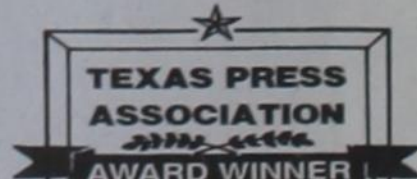
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Happy Birthday!

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

March 2

Birthday - Wynn (Maupin) Essler, Justin Thompson, Tonni Yanke, Olive "Babe" Pendergraft, Wayne Barber, Matthew Baker, Carma Dorton, Bob Farr, Robin McCullough, Rachelle Moreno, Josh Winegarner, Ryan Hill, Sammy Renteria
Anniversary - M/M Joel Lackey

March 3

Birthday - Sue Smith, Jackie Womble, Vicky Papay, Doris Brogdon, Kim Scroggs, Kelley Hart, Cass Lasater, Andy Scarborough, Brian Black, Darla Black, Amber Fox, Allan Taylor, Denise Schuman, Crystal Harris, Richard Melton, Paxton Pittman, Matti Wheelock, Pam Schnell
Anniversary - M/M Bobby Mosier

March 4

Birthday - Evelyn Dahl, Don Evans, Tanner Sherrell, Tommy Hahn, Jon Garnett, Virgil Jones, Chuck Taylor, Jose Renteria, David Harbour, Ron Fox, Judy Park, Brenda Red, Ronald Kirby, Heather Hamilton, Lucio Vela, Carrie Guthrie, David Rosser
Anniversary - M/M Ramiro Morales

March 5

Birthday - Ron Dunning, Beth Swink, Barry Beck, Brooks Beck, Mark Garnett, Mary Garza, Mike Cowan, Trixie Pearson, Mike Garrard, Alexis Johnson, Benny Brandwick, Steve TeBeest, Shelby Williams, Ramon Garcia, JJJ Anaya
Anniversary - M/M Ramiro Morales

March 6

Birthday - Brenda Hart, Charlie Slough, Marcie Womble, Bobby Archer, Tommy Barkley, Travis Patterson, Janet Reger, Doran Dulana, Kenneth Slough, Lindsey Clift, Nancy Evans, Mick Sharp
Anniversary - M/M A.R. Cazares

March 7

Birthday - David Imke, Dee Dee Shelton, Mike Garnett, Molly Turner, Bernice McBride, Viola Boyd, Donald Lane, Dalwayne Whitefield, Beulah Harris, Howard Thompson
Anniversary - M/M Danny Bass, M/M Anres Ortiz, Pete & Juanita Vera

March 8

Birthday - Patty Cator, Drew Grotegut, Mike McLain, Bill Hamish, Melvin Swene, Kirby McAdams, Deana Shields, Dee Allen, Steve Cruse, Candi

Delozier, Ben Cook, Colby Red, Eric Olsen, Rae Lynn Cook, Cindee Thomas, Christi Clift, Michelle Schick
Anniversary - M/M Richard Wagner

March 9

Birthday - Roy Byrd, Craig Cooper, Tommy Henson, Elizabeth Holt, John Brown, Mary Lou Vela, Amy Tucker, Jerry Younger, Cole Ivey, Aletha Lesley, Deann Turner, Karla Acton, Brandon Hathaway, Vickie Urban, Nita Byrd
Anniversary - M/M John Knowles, M/M Shawn Thompson, M/M Kermit Boone, M/M Dwayne Thompson, M/M Dan Wheelock

March 10

Birthday - Shanna Jarvis, Sandy Kirby, Debby Odum, Perry Lamb, Tucker Williams, Roy Uptergrove, Ricky Reger, Reba Ooley, Pam Hart, Shane Pearce, Eugene Barnes, Jr. Barnes, Felipe Lozano, Michael Lozano, Melinda Taylor, Sandy Spivey, Curtis Pearson, Jennifer Keim, Summer Fernandez, Kellyn King
Anniversary - M/M Bobby Mosier

March 11

Birthday - Daniel Rojas, Nina Hendricks, Dorothy Buzzard, Monty Dixon, Bob Breedson, Sandi Holt, David Ortega, Willie Jones, Felipe Dominguez
Anniversary - Buddy & Amber Newman, M/M Orville Brummett

March 12

Birthday - Loree Hart, Jason TeBeest, Lindy Tolleson, Judy Martin, Loraine Davidson, Sherry Bullard, J.L. Griffin, Sammi Johnson, Makenzie Crane, Katie Hintergardt
Anniversary - M/M Andy Hoel, M/M Tommy Henson

March 13

Birthday - Fran Duncan, Bonnie Frick, Gene Leatherman, Brady Tidwell, Vernon Pipkin, Gary Pracher, Roy Flowers, Shannon (Holton) Steinberger, Chuck Fletcher, Lynell Williams, Kevin Bynum, Gretchen Collinsworth, Jerry Garcia, Dolores Moreno, Larry Butts, Hadley Fletcher, LeAnn Sheets, Thomas Cain, Pam Mayfield
Anniversary - M/M Forrest Acker, M/M Jim Dick Goodall

March 14

Birthday - Sue Gerardy, Chris Johnson, Brandy Shelton, Buck Tidwell, Steve Cook, Barbara Brown, Reagan Renner, James Ray Barimus, David Terry, Kelly Mills, Curtis Dudley, Mike Wilhelm, Madison Williams
Anniversary - M/M Bill Robertson, Charles & Betty West, M/M Jimmy Bishard

Our Sympathy

AUDELIA "LILLIAN" DELUNA

AMARILLO - Audelia "Lillian" DeLuna, 67, died Thursday, February 23, 2006, at BSA Hospice in Amarillo.

Funeral Mass was at 10 a.m., Monday, February 27, 2006, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Stinnett with Father Arturo Mesa of Amarillo officiating. Burial was at Stinnett Cemetery entrusted to Brown Funeral Directors of Borger. Mrs. DeLuna was born October 30, 1938 in Pandora, TX. She was a resident of Morse from 1968-1991 and Amarillo from 1991-2006. She was a housewife and member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Stinnett.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Juan DeLuna on September 16, 1995.

Survivors include five daughters, Linda Rodriguez of Perryton, Patsy Barrera of Spearman, Nancy Jernberg of Stinnett; Yolanda Jones of Morse and Sophia DeLuna-Pillard of Lubbock; four sons: Ricky DeLuna of Spearman; Eddie DeLuna, Johnny DeLuna and Eric DeLuna all of Amarillo; a brother, Joe Barrera of Stockdale; two sisters, Josie DeLuna of Stinnett and Julia Martinez of Floresville; 16 grandchildren including Andrea Navarrete and Tobi Barrera both of Spearman and 12 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers memorial may be made to BSA Hospice, PO Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Our Sympathy

I.R. "DICK" BYNUM

AMARILLO - I.R. "Dick" Bynum, 80, of Amarillo, died Monday, Feb. 20, 2006.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in First Baptist Church with Dr. Howard Batson, Dr. Winfred Moore and Dr. Chester O'Brien officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount Blvd.

Mr. Bynum was born June 6, 1925, in Wilson, Okla., and was reared in Pampa where he played football. He was recruited by WT, North Texas State University and Oklahoma State University. He attended West Texas State University. He served in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers during World War II in the South Pacific. He was in the invasion of Guam, Okinawa and Iwo Jima. He built airfields on Guam and Okinawa.

He joined Panhandle Trailways in 1947 as a part-time employee, while a student at WTSU, where he lived in Buffalo Courts. He had continuous employment with Trailways, completing 50 years in 1997. He began his tour career driving for Dr. Ples Harper and Margaret Harper taking teachers into Mexico, and opened Trailways Tours in 1963.

Mr. Bynum married Hetty Jo Tucker in September 1951 in Pampa. He was a member of First Baptist Church and Henry Brown's Men's Bible Class, a member of American Bus Association, the Phoenix Club of West Texas State University, the Buffalo Club, Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Highway Committee, Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame Committee, and the Putt Powell Scholarship Committee.

He was past president of the Downtown Amarillo Lions Club, the Greater Southwest Music Festival and the Amarillo Knife and Fork Club, and past chairman of the Salvation Army Advisory Board, the Panhandle Chapter of the Texas Society to Prevent Blindness - Amarillo Chapter, the Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee, serving three terms, Amarillo Chapter of the Texas Motor Transportation - Amarillo Group, serving two terms, Amarillo Chamber of Commerce - Sports Committee, where he was most recently named Honorary Member, serving two terms, past board member of Hi-Plains Eye Bank and High Plains Food Bank and was nominated for the 7 Who Care Award. He received the Melvin Jones Fellow from Lions International.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Isham R. Bynum and Hattie Lee Owens Bynum; three brothers, John, Phillip and Elmer; and a sister, Rose Ellen.

Survivors include his wife, Hetty Jo; a daughter, Bonita Blackstock; a son, Gregg Bynum and wife Liz; four brothers, Eugene Bynum of Heflin, La., Joe Bynum of Spearman, Ralph Bynum of Dumas and Paul Bynum of Silsbee; a sister, Elizabeth Westberry of Lake Park, Ga.; a granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Brian and Heather Bailey; and a sister-in-law, Frankie Herman of Miami.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. The family suggests memorials be to Texas Lions Children's Camp, P.O. Box 290247, Kerrville, TX 79829, Salvation Army, 400 S. Harrison St., Amarillo, TX 79101 or High Plains Food Bank, 815 Ross St., Amarillo, TX 79102.

The Bishop Comes to Perryton Church

by Liz Miser

The Right Reverend C. Wallis Ohl Bishop of the Episcopal Church will celebrate the Eucharist on Sunday, March 5, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. All interested in learning about the Episcopal Church are encouraged to attend. We also encourage Episcopalians who attend other churches in the area to come and renew their experience in our loving church.

Bishop Ohl was elected Bishop of the Diocese of Northwest Texas February 1, 1997. He serves the Texas Panhandle and surrounding area as our leader in faith.

We walk with him in faith through ever-changing times and challenges in our society.

While Bishop Ohl is with us on Sunday he will confirm a new member and celebrate the mass. We look forward to his being here and invite the residents of our local communities to attend.

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by Dorothy Hudson
Out At The Lake



Victor White is pictured with a 21.34-pound Blue Catfish that was caught on Wednesday, February 22, 2006 at Lake Palo Duro.

Lake Level--February 27, 2006--23 feet (-0.11)
Jim reported we had one RV on the office side this week. The campers were from Borger and they had been to the Lake other times. They like to come to fish and just look around.

The 21.34 pound blue catfish that Victor White caught is not a record breaker, but it is good to see a picture of a big fish again.

Nine bald eagles were spotted at the Lake on one of the cold mornings with ice on the water. Five of them were mature. Jim heard Sandhill cranes one night this week

as they were heading north.
Coronado

While wondering if Francisco Coronado traveled along the Palo Duro Creek on his famous journey looking for treasures in the New World, I looked up some of the background to see why he headed our way. (I'll add a few dates and names to help us with our historical time line.) Cortez conquered Mexico in the early 1520s and set up a New World Kingdom for Spain. By 1535 Antonio Mendoza was made viceroy of New Spain, and his friend Francisco Coronado came to Mexico City with him. A young nobleman born in 1510, he suppressed a slave rebellion, pacified the Indians, and married a woman of great wealth, the daughter of the colonial treasurer. Then in 1538 Mendoza made Coronado the governor of New Galicia, a province in western Mexico.

In 1536, Cabeza de Vaca, accompanied by a black slave Esteban and two others made it back to Mexico City after a sojourn with the Indians. They had survived a shipwreck off the Gulf Coast of Texas. They brought back tales the Indians had told them of the great riches in the Seven Golden Cities of Cibola that were somewhere in the northern frontiers of New Spain.

Mendoza became obsessed with the story. This was also the time when Pizarro had conquered Peru with its unbelievable treasures of gold. The Spaniards were greedy for the gold and the status it would bring.

First Mendoza sent a very small expedition headed by Esteban and two friars to look for the Seven Cities. Esteban was killed by Indians on the trip but Fray Marcos claimed he had seen the cities at a distance. They were gold, he said.

This was enough for Mendoza to set up a major expedition. Cortez wanted to lead the expedition, but Mendoza chose his friend Coronado instead. It may have helped that Coronado could put 50,000 ducats of his wife's money in on expenses. Mendoza invested 60,000 ducats of his money, also.

In February, 1540, Coronado, with 300 Spaniards and over a 1000 Indians plus 1,500 head of livestock set out on their grand adventure.

To be continued.

Who's Who Among America's Teachers

The following teachers from our area will be featured in the 9th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers: Gruver ISD- Gruver High School Teacher- Amy TeBeest; Spearman ISD- Gus Birdwell Elementary- Joan L. Brown; Spearman High School- Mandy H. Derington; Spearman Junior High- Debbie K. Dodd, Sandy Haney, Sandra L. Smith; Jan M. Howard- Kindergarten; Spearman ISD- Jennifer M. Nollner and Glen Robinson

Who's Who Among American High School Students

The following list of students from our area are featured in the 39th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2004-2005: Gruver ISD- Patricia Gaspar, Diana J. Lopez of Gruver and Jessica S. Schmidt of Morse; Spearman ISD- Crystal Alvarado, Katie L. Baehler, Kaley D. Barnes, Sara E. Barnes, Brittany I. Bradley, Jeffrey M. Brock, Homar Flores, Trudy K. Hart, Emily D. Hood, Jarick L. Howard, Kylee R. Howard, Lorena Lopez, Aaron E. Maestas, Stuart J. Martin, Maribel Moreno, Mark Navarette, Colby D. Odegaard, Veronica Natalie Quintero, Kyla S. Reed, Anthony L. Renteria, Kelcee A. Rex, Alejandro Rios, Cayla L. Smith, Clayton Smith, Si Li Tang, Britta M. Vanderburg, Clete B. Vanderburg, Steven A. Vaquero and Abby Winegamer

Who's Who Among America's High Students Sports Edition

The following is a list of students from our area who are featured in the 4th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, Sports Edition, 2004-2005: Spearman ISD- Brittney Bradley, Jeff M. Brock and Kelcee Rex.

The National Dean's List

The following is a list of students from our area who are featured in the 28th Annual Edition of The National Dean's List, 2004-2005: Gruver-Kade Carthel, Abilene Christian University; Dusty Desmond, Frank Phillips College, Diana Lopez, Frank Phillips College and Luis U. Ramirez, Frank Phillips College; Spearman- Katie D. Clyburn, Texas Women's University and Mindee Gillaspie, Hardin Simmons University.

The Chancellor's List

The following is a list of students from our area who are featured in the 1st Annual Edition of The Chancellor's List, 2004-2005: Gruver- Amy TeBeest, Texas Tech University.

Texas crop and weather report

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Temperatures were highly variable during the week. Both wheat and rangeland conditions are mostly poor to very poor. Fire danger is high. Cattle are in fair to good condition, and supplemental feeding continues.

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Engagement Announced

Jerry and Sue Bowling and Jolynda Vasquez of Spearman wish to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Stephanie Rhnea Bowling of Kansas City, KS to Adam Lee Wilson also of Kansas City, KS. The groom is the son of Lawrence and Penny Wilson of Amarillo.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wilson of Kansas City, KS and Mr. and Mrs. John Riedinger of Amarillo.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Spearman High School and is employed as a pet stylist in Kansas City, KS.

The groom is a 2000 graduate of Randall High School. He the owner of Green Grass Lawn and Landscape in Kansas City, KS.

The wedding is set for June 3, 2006 in Amarillo in the Wilson's backyard.

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KACV-TV holds March Membership Drive



Andrea Bocelli will perform "Amore Under the Desert Sky" in the Great Performances series to air, Tuesday, March 7 at 8:30 p.m.

The KACV-TV March Membership Drive is scheduled for March 4-12 and 25-28. During the on-air campaign, the region's public television affiliate will feature a variety of special programming and thank you gifts to encourage viewer contributions.

Highlights include: "Great Performances: Andrea Bocelli: Amore Under the Desert Sky", "Barry Manilow: Music and Passion", "The Lawrence Welk Show", "Nature: A Conversation with Koko", "Jim Wilson: A Place in My Heart", "Daniel O'Donnell: The Rock 'N' Roll Show", and "Antiques Roadshow".

"The March Drive is a significant element in KACV's membership fundraising efforts," said Missy Macon, Membership Coordinator. "Individual contributions account for over a third of the local funding necessary to operate the Station. Public television depends on public support and we hope the entire Panhandle community will continue their generosity during this drive," she added.

During the pledge period, KACV asks viewers to make contributions to offset national and local programming costs and outreach services for preschool literacy. Contributors are eligible for

special "thank you" gifts for their pledges.

"All of the money we raise stays right here," Macon explained. "Many of our programming decisions are informed by the number of pledges we receive for the different program categories," she said. "Historically, performance and local productions have been some of the most popular pledge shows."

Sponsors for the March Membership Drive are the KACV Advisory Council, Amarillo National Bank, Chase Bank, Education Credit Union, Park Central Retirement Community, Mr. Bill Quackenbush, the Josephine Anderson Charitable Trust, and Happy State Bank. Kids Incorporated and St. Andrew's Episcopal School are providing additional support for the drive.

Amarillo Coca-Cola Bottling Co. and Arctic Glacier are providing support during the drive, as well as On the Border, Popeye's, La Fiesta, Macaroni Joe's, Texas Roadhouse, Braum's, Schlitzsky's, and Papa John's.

Licensed to Amarillo College, KACV broadcasts 24 hours a day on Channel 2 and is carried as Channel 3 on the cable system. The station serves the entire Texas Panhandle; area communities should check local listings for cable and translator channels.

For more information about the Drive, contact Macon at 371-5479 or the KACV website www.kacv.org.

Parent, Community Gang Awareness Seminar

The Spearman Police Department and the Spearman Independent School District will host a **Parent/Community Gang Awareness Seminar** on Monday, March 6, 2006 from 6:30 until 8:00 pm at the Spearman High School Auditorium. Corporal Steve Powers will present the program.

Corporal Powers has been with the Amarillo Police Department for 23 years, Amarillo Police Department Uniform Division Crime Analyst since 1991 and Street Gang Officer assigned to Drive by Response Team since August of 1998. Corporal Powers holds a TCLOSE Master Certificate, Instructor Certificate and is a member of Texas Gang Investigators Association since 1995. He has taught over 500 seminars on gang activity since 1992 in over 40 cities across Texas, Oklahoma and Canada for various civic, church, public school teacher in-service, PTA groups, mental health professional facilities, Law Enforcement groups, District Attorney/ Grand Jury Trainings and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).

Powers is an instructor for the Amarillo College Law Enforcement Academy on Gang Activity. He regularly guest lectures for Criminology, Education and Sociology Department classes at WTAMU in Canyon, Texas and at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene. He is a member of Josh McDowell right and wrong committee working with youth ministry outreach in the Amarillo area. He is aboard member of Special Olympics region 16 sports games committee.

NO SPEARMAN ISD STUDENTS OR ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND.

Texas Public Schools Week Spearman ISD-- March 2-10

Spearman ISD will be celebrating Texas Public Schools Week with numerous activities designed to showcase our campuses and students.

The following is a list of planned activities:

March 2-3: Shattered Dreams (school- and community-based program addressing underage drinking and drinking and driving)

March 6: Gang 24/7/365 Public Presentation, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Auditorium

March 9: Campus Open House: Elementary, 5-6 p.m.; Junior High, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; High School, 6-7 p.m.

March 9: First grade play, 5:30 p.m., Elementary, Music Room- repeat performance on the 10th at 8:30 a.m.

March 10 & 11: Spearman Invitational Track Meet

Parents, grandparents, and the public are always welcome at our school; however, during this very special week, we open our doors and roll out the red carpet to showcase that we are proud of our schools, teachers and students!

College Corner

Honor Roll

Texas Tech University

Texas Tech University in Lubbock recently announced the honor roll list for the Fall 2005 semester.

Named to the President's List were: Spearman - Jessica Crossland, a junior majoring in Social Work; Jentry Edwards, a junior majoring in Exercise & Sport Sciences; Brodie Savage, a freshman majoring in Engineering (undeclared); and Gruver - Ben Williams, a freshman majoring in Journalism/Broadcasting.

Included on the Dean's List were: Spearman - Rossilyn Bulls, a freshman majoring in Early Childhood; Haley Lombard, a senior majoring in Marketing; Phillip Lozano, a sophomore majoring in Exercise & Sport Sciences; Art Maestas, a senior majoring in Exercise & Sport Sciences; Cayla Smith, a freshman majoring in Business Administration; and Samantha Johnson, a junior majoring in Human Development & Family Studies.

Texas A&M University

Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the 2005 fall semester, recognizing students for outstanding academic performance. The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours or first semester students taking least 12 semester hours who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ratio (GPR) out of a possible 4.0 during the most recent grading period.

The Distinguished Student designation recognizes students who earned a 3.25 to 3.75 GPR while taking at least 15 hours or 12 hours for first semester students.

Among those recognized as a Distinguished Student was Sarah Beth Moore, Senior of Gruver. She is seeking a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Student Teachers report Monday

Fourteen Oklahoma Panhandle State University students reported to area schools on Monday, February 13 to complete the final requirement of their degrees. Each student teacher has been assigned a school and a cooperating teacher, and the teacher candidates have the opportunity to practice what they have spent the last four years studying.

Those completing their internship this spring include: Elementary - Tara Aistrup of Dumas, Brandea Allen of Spearman, Mandy Barrett of Borger, Ronda Canada of Perryton, Teresa Craiker of Keyes, OK, Brandy Felix of Perryton, Rasonya Flynt of Turpin, OK, Jammie Herron of Manter, KS, and Veronica Prieto of Guymon, OK; English - Blanca Arenivar of Perryton, Penny Forbes of Elkhart, KS, and Rajeanna Manross of Perryton; Vocational Agriculture - Bradley Magby of Goodwell, OK; and Health, Physical Education & Recreation - Melissa Meikle of Pickering, Ontario, CAN

The interns return to campus March 27 for the mid-term seminar, and their cooperating teachers will visit campus the following day, March 28. Both groups will attend professional development activities, undergo an assessment in regard to the internship program, and be provided with lunch.

Special thanks to the following school districts and teachers for sharing their experience in the classroom: Susan Smith, Dumas, Texas; Hope Kemp, Spearman, Texas; Starla Whitely, Billie Riggs, Tina Laurie, and Darrie Francis all of Booker, Texas; Jane Herdon, Fritch, Texas; Ella Durham, Keyes, Okla.; Tisha Ralston, Perryton, Texas; Glenda Friesen, Hooker, Okla.; Paula Leffingwell, Elkhart, Kan.; Susan Clark and Tracy Kincannon, both of Texhoma, Okla.; Tim Hofferber, Mike Taylor and Rod Brown of Guymon, Okla.; and Earl Chiddix of the Yarbrough School District, Goodwell, Okla.

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City of Gruver News

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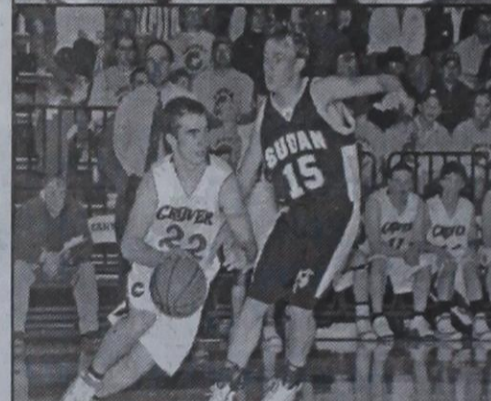
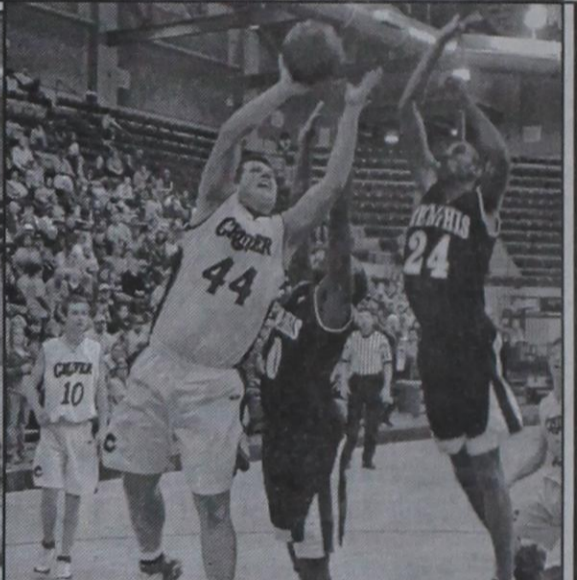
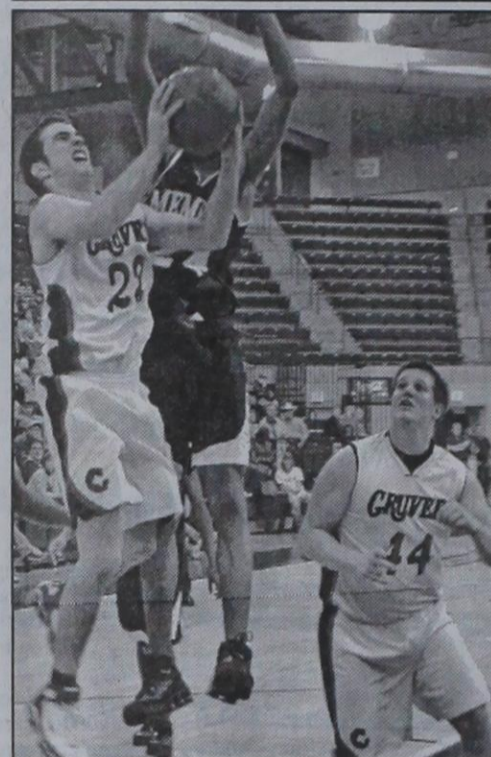
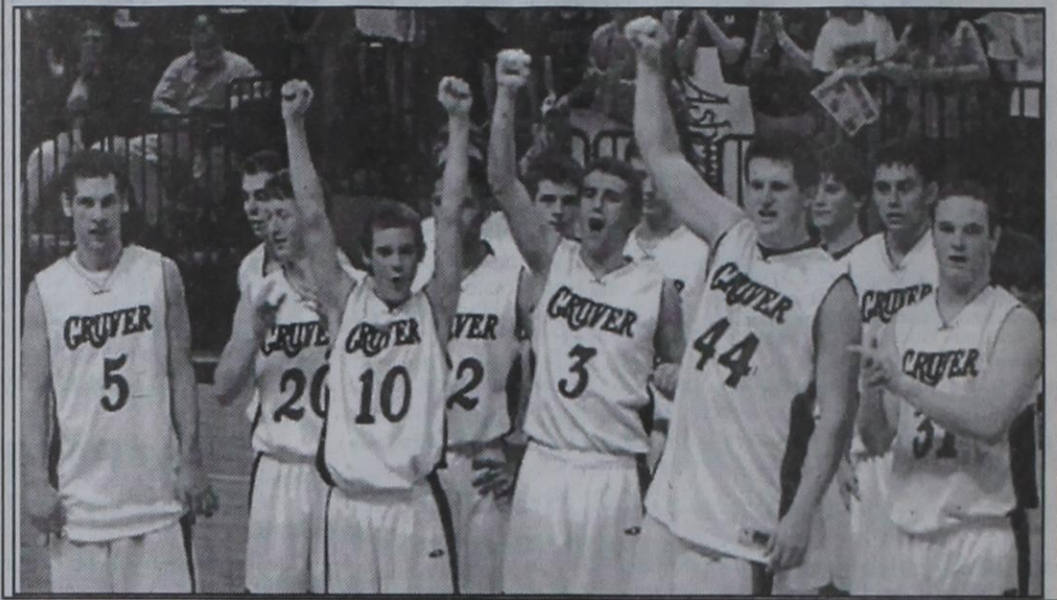


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Disease Damages Wheat Roots

Alterations in irrigation schedules may be needed when wheat streak mosaic infection is suspected in winter wheat crops, according to a Texas Agricultural Experiment Station researcher in Amarillo.

Drought this winter has prompted more irrigation of wheat than normal; however, wheat streak mosaic is also being detected, said Jacob Price, a graduate student and diagnostic technician for the Experiment Station's plant pathology department.

Wheat streak mosaic, the most common wheat disease in the Texas Panhandle, is a problem throughout many wheat production areas, Price said. The disease is spread by the wheat curl mite and currently no pesticides can control the mite, he said.

In the High Plains, wheat is frequently irrigated and grown for both grazing and grain production, he said. It is already known the disease has a negative impact on plant development and forage yield.

Now Price is trying to get to the "root" of the problem. He wants to determine what effect the stunted root systems of infected plants have on their uptake of irrigation water and whether different levels of irrigation make a difference on the plants' growth and yields.

"We're trying to determine if it is worth irrigating at all," he said. "I hope this research will develop recommendations on irrigation for infected wheat plants."

Samples are already being submitted this year with the yellowing, stunted symptoms of wheat streak mosaic to Jacobs. After making a diagnosis, he sends the information to the Plant Diagnostic Information System, a wide-scale information system used by many agricultural centers.

"What I've seen in my experiments so far is it (the disease) damages root growth," he said. "Once infected, the roots don't grow anymore. If they don't develop, they can't take up water efficiently and expensive irrigation water would be wasted."

Producers normally irrigate using the guidance of the Texas High Plains Evapotranspiration network, Price said. The network collects weather data from various stations and uses it to estimate the daily water use of a crop.

By determining how much water the infected plants are actually taking up, he said he hopes to help producers save water and money and still maintain the best possible yields under the diseased scenario.

His study is only a year old, but Price intends to replicate it two more years both in the greenhouse and in the field. The greenhouse study looks primarily at root mass, while the field study tests plant production and yield, he said. He is using a neutron depth moisture gauge to monitor water uptake.

"When it starts warming up and the wheat starts growing, that's when we'll see more yellowing and we'll get a lot more samples to test," he said.

"I'm concerned since we've had so much drought and it's so expensive to irrigate this year," Price said. "Water-use efficiency is going to be key."

by Rodney Sumner, Spearman ISD Superintendent

This past week progress appeared to be a little slow; however, work is proceeding on schedule. In fact, since the weather is cooperating, the status of the project may be a little ahead of schedule. The main work done this past week was finishing up the piers for the cafeteria and completion of the pad (dirt work on the foundation) work. The only glitch came on Tuesday when two cement trucks showed up and were finishing pouring concrete on the last piers. It just so happens this was a TAKS day, and according to our agreement, there would not be any work done on TAKS day to avoid any distractions. According to the construction superintendent, he just overlooked it. We are sending a formal letter to remind them of the other testing dates to make sure that we don't have a repeat of this incident.

During the week of February 27 - March 3 the following activities are planned: (1) finish the footings of the building including the reinforced steel, (2) pouring the concrete to the fittings, and (3) begin the plumbing work on the building. According to Jimmy Givins, Construction Superintendent, the plumbing work should take two or three weeks. Once this is complete, the next phase will be pouring the cement for the slab of the building. He added that he hopes to pour concrete during Spring Break.

With the piers drilled, the next phase of the project is to ditch for the footings of the building (what the walls set on). Once the ditching

is done and framed in, concrete will then be poured. The really slow process will then start with the plumber starting to work on the plumbing. It is estimated that this will take at least two to three weeks. Laying the plumbing is a very tedious process, and you should see a lot of PVC pipe being put in place. Once the plumber is finished, the slab of the building will be poured. According to Jimmy Givins (Construction Superintendent), he is aiming for sometime around Spring Break to pour the concrete for the slab of the cafeteria. If everything works as planned, we should be able to see the slab of the new building when we come back from Spring Break.

Another exciting thing that happened this past week was that the School Board approved the "color board" for the new building at a called meeting on Tuesday, February 21. The architect brought an interior designer that made a presentation of the colors that they were recommending for the interior and exterior of the buildings. One thing certain is that our new buildings will not be mundane and will have plenty of colors throughout the halls, cafeteria, and classrooms.

The final product will look nothing like our current buildings, and I believe will add to the overall learning climate! Once this "color board" is put together in a more presentable display, I will bring it to your campus to let you look at

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