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**Food Manager Training
Offered June 26-27**

Texas restaurants are required by law to have certified food managers. To train these service professionals, Texas Cooperative Extension of Hansford county will offer a manager certification course called "Food Safety: It's Our Business" on June 26-27.

The event will be at the Fellowship Hall of Spearman Church of Christ, 121 S. Haney in Spearman. The deadline for registration is June 15.

"This hands-on learning experience equips participants with the latest food safety principles and practices to prepare for the examination," said Peggy Winegamer, Extension Agent Family and Consumer Science in Spearman.

The course fee of \$89 includes training, materials and the state food manager certification examination. A test-only option is available but recommended only for those with a strong food safety background. Cost for the test without the training is \$50. New food manager certificates are valid for five years.

On average, one in four Americans become sick each year from a food borne illness. One in 1,000 people are hospitalized and 5,000 die from ingesting unsafe food.

Course instructors will teach ways to identify potential hazardous foods, prevent common errors in food handling, and methods preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food. Other topics will include personal hygiene for employees, compliance with governmental regulations, clean work area, utensil and equipment maintenance in addition to safe pest control methods.

Dates, locations and contact information for the certification opportunities across the Panhandle is available online at <http://foodsafety.tamu.edu>.

For details about the course in Spearman, contact Winegamer at (806) 659-4131.

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s. Northwest winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

FRIDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Light and variable winds becoming southeast 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.

SATURDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.

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

SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

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

MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

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

Early Deadline

The deadline for the June 28th issue of the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman will be 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20th.

**Stuart Martin Ties for 2nd
in EDS Byron Nelson
Junior Golf Championship**

**Claims four-year
medalist trophy at Jim
Hitch Tournament**

Stuart Martin tied for 2nd place in the EDS Byron Nelson Junior Championship on May 30-31 at Lakewood Country Club in Dallas. The competition is an invitation only tournament.

Stuart shot a 71, even par, on day one, and came in -3 on day two with a 68, giving him a tournament total of 139, the lowest round for him to date. He tied for 2nd place overall and ended with a scorecard playoff for trophies which resulted in a 3rd place finish.

Stuart's 2nd place finish earned him two AJCA exemptions and an exemption to play in the Texas State Amateur Tournament on June 6-9 at the Whispering Pines Golf Club in Trinity. There will be a field of 144 amateurs and a cut after the 2nd day of the top 54 and ties.

Stuart claimed the four-year medalist trophy for the lowest accumulated score during four consecutive tournaments at the Jim Hitch Tournament on Friday and Saturday, June 1st and 2nd. Martin played in the medalist threesome with Cameron Swarb of White Deer, TX and Dodge City (Kan.) golfer Aaron Mapel at the par-70, 6,049-yard Sunset Hills Golf Course in Guymon.

Martin, who will play on the Texas Wesleyan University (Fort Worth) golf team this fall, recorded an eight-round total of 600, which was 23 strokes better than Tyler Joe Paige of Borger, Texas.

"The first two years here, the competition was really hard," said Martin, who was consistent in recording 74s on back-to-back days. "But, last year, it was going to come down to me and Tyler Joe. I played all right. But, I didn't putt as well as I should have."

Swarb, a five-sport athlete at White Deer, added his name to a storied list of Hitch champions ranging from first-ever titleholder Jim Flanagan to current PGA Tour golfer Bob Estes and Guymon's own Chase Cooper, who will be competing in a PGA qualifier today in Columbus, Ohio. Swarb was recently honored as Happy State Bank boys' golfer of the year by Amarillo Globe-News.

Guymonite Dakota Wilson earned the James Tuttle Sportsmanship Award.

Wilson, who put together back-to-back 89s, was surprised about getting the honor.

In addition to Wilson, Caleb McMurry and Ethan Novak represented the Tigers. McMurry had a 103 on Saturday, 17 strokes off his wonderful 86 Friday, for a composite of 189. Novak posted a second-day 115 and a composite of 221.

Derek Manross of Perryton, Texas, had the lowest score among freshmen with a 150. Parker Noel from Canyon, Texas, carded the best sophomore score (157). Stuart was the team captain of the Spearman Golf Team his junior and senior years. He won District in golf all four years of high school.

Stuart has played in several junior tours at the local, state and national levels (including the Northern Texas Junior Golf Association, Texas Junior Golfers Tour, Texas Legends Jr. Tour, and American Junior Golfers Association).

He is the son of Dr. Scot and Julie Martin of Spearman.



Stuart Martin claims Four-Year Medalist Trophy at Jim Hitch Memorial Tournament
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PK-3 Programs Can Provide a Jump Start for Texas' Hispanic Children

By Fernando Guerra

In 2000, half of all young Hispanic children lived in two states: Texas and California. Expanding and improving the quality of early education for Texas' Hispanic population should be among our highest educational priorities. One way to give our children the best possible start is to provide them with greater opportunities in the early childhood years through the PK-3 approach.

What is PK-3? PK-3 programs raise achievement among children by offering quality early education programs that align the curriculum and instruction for children from prekindergarten through the third grade. Research has shown that the PK-3 years are the crucial years that provide the foundation for life-long learning. Aligning the curriculum and instruction for children from prekindergarten through the third grade contributes substantially to meaningful higher levels of school readiness and achievement.

PK-3 is especially important for Hispanic children. Hispanic children lag well behind their non-Hispanic White counterparts on measures of school readiness when they start kindergarten and subsequently achieve at much lower levels in the primary grades. This pattern of lower academic achievement persists through high school and college.

In the short term, school districts that use the PK-3 approach will experience reduced special education and grade retention costs. In the long term, we will see decreased dropout rates, savings to the juvenile and adult justice systems, and increased earnings from participants.

Moreover, increased investments in PK-3 programs, which are proven to prepare our young chil-

dren for school success, also strengthen the state's economy. Better education equals better jobs and a stronger local economy.

The good news is that strengthening PK-3 education is gaining strong support. A recent report by the National Task Force on Early Childhood Education for Hispanics recommended greatly expanded and improved early childhood education opportunities for the growing Hispanic populations.

While PK-3 programs raise achievement among Hispanic children and provide better educational opportunities in the early childhood years, there is an inadequate capacity to meet demand in many Hispanic communities. Other problems exist, such as a lack of knowledge about program availability among Hispanic parents and the inability to afford prekindergarten. Lack of English also affects the ability of Hispanic parents to get information.

Studies show that PK-3 programs can improve the literacy and math skills of all children, and especially English language learners and low-income children. PK-3 strengthens children's skills to help them succeed. The PK-3 approach creates the continuity in teaching and curriculum that makes it more successful for Hispanic children to learn English. We must also encourage Hispanic college students to choose PK-3 education as a career. We must do our best to improve access to programs for Hispanic children by providing information to Hispanic parents and locating programs in neighborhoods with large concentrations of Hispanic families.

We need to ensure that all children have greater access to high quality early learning programs

like PK-3. Greater opportunity needs to exist for Hispanic children from low income families, especially those who are English language learners.

It goes without saying that the early learning of a child is often affected by a wide range of complex circumstances in the family home as well. The elements of a loving, nurturing family, coupled with safe housing and ample nutrition play a role. All children deserve and need that familial support to enhance their chances of educational success.

Likewise, all children deserve and need access to programs like PK-3. We can make a difference in bringing all children up to academic standards. We must also continue to expand state-funded prekindergarten programs with the objective of creating voluntary universal prekindergarten and eventually move to a PK-3 curriculum.

Texas' Hispanic children should be fully prepared to participate in today's society. We can get them there by starting them off right with a quality PK-3 education.

Dr. Guerra is a pediatrician and director for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District.

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State Capital



by Ed Sterling

GOVERNOR SIGNS BORDER SECURITY LEGISLATION

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry signed SB 11 into law on June 6, creating a border security council to advise him on how to allocate funds along the Texas-Mexico border.

Perry will appoint all of the members of the council, and among its many duties, the council is to:

- Define the role of emergency management directors;
- Create disaster districts, outline the process for political subdivisions to request and provide mutual aid assistance; and
- Provide for reimbursement of costs.

The legislation, which takes effect Sept. 1, was authored by Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, and sponsored in the House by Rep. Frank Corte, R-San Antonio. SB 11 also does things such as:

- Allow up to 350 amateur radio operators who are state employees to be granted leave from their jobs so they can participate in emergency management activities;
- Expand wiretapping to catch kidnappers, human traffickers and money launderers;
- Authorize the Health and Human Services Commission to maintain a registry of immunization

and medication administered during a disaster; and

- Expand information the state can collect about criminal street gangs.

Perry lauded the bill, saying it "removes bureaucratic hurdles when seconds count and lives are in jeopardy."

"If a city has been hit by a wildfire, a chemical spill, a biological threat, or an act of terrorism, bureaucracy should not impede compassion," he said.

Bill targets funeral disrupters

Gov. Perry on June 4 signed HB 1093 by Rep. Charlie Geren, R-Fort Worth.

Geren's bill, which took effect as soon as the governor signed it, makes it illegal to disrupt the funeral service of a fallen member of the U.S. military.

The bill increases the distance barrier for individuals picketing from 500 feet to 1,000 feet of a facility or cemetery being used for a funeral service, beginning one hour before the service and ending one hour after the service is completed.

School food study to be done

The Texas Department of Agriculture wants to find out what schoolchildren are eating.

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples appointed a committee of 12 people to conduct a study of school breakfast, lunch and after-school snack programs.

The study, due before the next school term starts, should help to:

- Determine if there are barriers to participation in school meal programs;
- Identify changes in the nutritional policy that would increase

student wellness, increase meal participation and decrease obesity; and

- Examine availability of processed or prepackaged foods in meal programs and note the trans fat content of those foods.

Gov. Perry signed smog control bill

Gov. Perry signed SB 12 into law on June 8, in support of the state's clean air incentive grant programs TERP (Texas Emissions Reduction Plan) and LIRAP (Low-Income Vehicle Repair Assistance, Retrofit, and Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program).

SB 12 extends TERP to 2013 and raises the cap on amount of grant dollars allowed per ton of nitrogen oxide emission reduction from \$13,000 to \$15,000 per ton.

LIRAP, now tiered to allow vehicles up to two years old to qualify as replacement vehicles, also expands eligible participants to those who earn up to 300 percent of the federal poverty level.

Bill to attract TV, film jobs

Gov. Perry signed HB 1934, the film incentive bill, a \$22 million package to help Texas attract jobs in television and film production.

The bill provides filmmakers with grants equal to 5 percent of what they spend in Texas. To qualify, they must spend at least \$1 million in Texas, shoot at least 80 percent of the project within state borders and hire at least 70 percent of actors, crew and extras in Texas.

The Texas Film Commission reports there were 32 film projects in the last four years that researched Texas for their production location but instead chose other states that offered incentives.

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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

June 14
Birthday - Shelly Dunnihoo, Jovita Ochoa, Keith Hutton, John Trindle, Ron Dunnaway, Eva McCammond, John Delarosa, Jerry Hart, Teresa Weldon, Salee Flowers, Sally Thomas, Jeremy Sutterfield, Caleb Odegaard

Anniversary - M/M Neal Williams, M/M Cap Benson, M/M Paul Reimer, M/M Joe Garcia, Henry & Christina Babitzke

June 15
Birthday - Glen Harris, E.A. Williams, Beth Yanke, Roy Gene Boyd, Jimmy Shieldknight, Everette Tracy, Tony Berrera, Gina Gillispie, Frank Salgado, Candice Pipkin, Jeff Fox, Devin Wells
Anniversary - M/M Bob Rylant

June 16
Birthday - Timber Lewis, Laci Osborne, Tisha Ralston, Davin Winger, Jo Lynn Griffin, Jodie Overton, Michael Wayne Owens, Chris Roach, Randy Brogdon, Odell Genn, Suzanne Gillispie, Ida Mendoza, Ivy Kincaid Bravo
Anniversary - Kathy & Wayne Biggs, Bobby & Dixie Smith

June 17
Birthday - Sara Jones, Jill Odum, Iris Wood, Valerie McLain, Manuel Nunez, Roy Lee McClellan, Janna Harris, Ann Rook, Lee Schubert, Rex Burgess, Dallas Burgess, Elvia Huerta

June 18
Birthday - Ada Joyce Stedje, Doug Lackey, Phil Windom, Jimmy Jackson, Doug Cummings, Susan Pearson, George Martin, Christopher Cummings, Eddie LaFarr, Amy Boyd, Len Simpson, Roberta Cole, Chuck Newcomb
Anniversary - Hershel & Wanda Jones, M/M Leon Red, Don & Faye Schmehr

June 19
Birthday - John Williams, Alan Beeson, Christina West, Jan Hunter, Phyllis Smith, Nathan Steger, Randy Coombs, Stanley Gruver, Marlene Miller
Anniversary - M/M Barry Barkley

June 20
Birthday - Mica Been, Pat Irwin, Neal Williams, Terry Patterson, Pete Vera, Brady Chase Brown, Skyler Jordan, Christen Grimsley, Ermal Pond
June 21
Birthday - Lynn Boyd, Rod Karlin, April Hall, Patrick Meek, Harry Stumph, Rosa Baker, Rhonda Valdez, Steve Slater,

Josh Kunsleman, Robert Breedon, Christi Black, Linda Town, Anita Sumner, Clint Lilly, Cody Mike Ivey, Amanda Thompson, Britani Vasquez, Clayton Acker, Jennifer Nollner
Anniversary - M/M Jim Kuykendall

June 22
Birthday - Tim Tunnell, Melissa Stewart, Ricky Jones, Benny Puentes Jr., Paul Lopez Jr., Tom Haden Hart, Presley Baker
Anniversary - M/M Stanley Gruver, M/M Norman Brack, M/M Dell Cluck

June 23
Birthday - Myriam Alvarez, Robert Blevins, Rob Murrell, Brad Spivey, Andres Benavides, Joan Brown, Shannon Groves, Kali Shields, Amanda Apodaca
Anniversary - M/M Mitch Fedrick, M/M T.J. Been, M/M Mike McLain

June 24
Birthday - Patricia Miner, Ellen Graham, Denise Holliday, Allen Davis, Lee Bob Harper, C.T. Collier, Ed West, Margie Davis, Harold Frost, David Pipkin, Nathan Kirk, Patricia Miner
Anniversary - Mary & Julio Vasquez, M/M Bobbie Archer

June 25
Birthday - Betty Womble, Nita Bynum, Pete Stafford, Vickie Stewart, Jennifer Umphress, Joey Woolley, Curtis Wayne Porter, Candice Janzen, Lisa LaFarr, Billie Jo Moore Pierson, Oneida Bynum
Anniversary - M/M B.J. Renner, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Williams, M/M Dennis Quimby, Terry & Sherry Moore, M/M Richard Marris

June 26
Birthday - Paula Kelly, Mike Blanton, Bill McClellan, Omar Sutton, Carla Harper, Doris Pinkerton, Teresa Bennett, Ann Vela, Ronnie Ring, Ashley Baker, Vanessa Cease, Paul Bynum, Joe Ruthlin, Chelsea Nollner, Trevor Shields
Anniversary - Will & Tiffany Crane, M/M Garry Hathaway, M/M Joe Lopez, M/M Verlin Beck

June 27
Birthday - Max Frick, Clint Irwin, Steve Baggerly, Elden Allen, Allen Cook, Tyler Scott, Charlie Lopez, Karen Johnson, Bob Meek
Anniversary - M/M Bill Turner, M/M Randy Coombs, Judy & Darl Hergert

June 28
Birthday - Carson Womble, Linda Rowland, Don Allen, Ernie Vanderberg, Terri Brummet, Helen Hand, Mrs. A.F. Loftin, Sue Tindell, Trent England, Meghan Jade Snider
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Our Sympathy

LARRY LEN BONHAM

Larry Len Bonham died June 9, 2007. Graveside services were at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 12, 2007 in Gruver Cemetery with Mike Wilhelm officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Bonham was born July 11, 1957, to Jimmy Joe and a Member of Gruver Church of Christ. As a young man, Mr. Bonham worked at the Holt Farm and then as a gas attendant for Darrel Shelton. Later he worked for Mr. Shelton in the oil field.

Survivors include his parents of Gruver; two brothers, Jimmy Keith Bonham of Corpus Christi and Jeff Bonham of Gruver; a sister, Mary Nail of Amarillo; his nieces and nephews, Prissi, Jerry Don, and Austin Ingram, all of Borger, and Chelcie and Brice Bonham of Canyon.

FENA JOYCE FROST

Spearman -- Fena Joyce Frost, 73, died Friday, June 8, 2007.

Services were at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 10, 2007 in the First United Methodist Church, Spearman, with the Rev. Ken Cole, St. Stephen Methodist Church, Amarillo, and the Rev. Neely Landrum, First United Methodist Church and John Scott officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Funeral Home.

Joyce was born September 9, 1933, to Harry Samuel and Grace Viola Bruner in Shamrock, Texas. She graduated from McLean High School in 1953 and moved to Amarillo to work and play professional basketball for Bob Dowell and the "Dowell's Dolls." Joyce along with her mother operated Wade's Diner in Spearman for many years until Grace's retirement in 1975. Many people in Spearman still remember their wonderful cooking. Joyce also worked for many years in the produce department at Lowes Grocery Store always having a smile on her face and willingness to help anyone. Joyce loved to bowl and participated in several bowling leagues along with some of her good friends. She was a member of the Church of Christ of Spearman. Joyce will be remembered for her great cooking and her sweet spirit.

Joyce married Gordon Keetch on July 21, 1956 and later married Harold J. Frost on April 15, 1972. Harold died April 20, 2000. She is also preceded in death by her parents, Samuel and Grace Bruner, a brother, Bob Bruner, a sister, Betty Stephens and an infant daughter, Rhonda Joyce.

Survivors include: son Robbin Keetch and wife Lisa of Perryton and one daughter Tracie Burcham and husband Joey of Sublette, Kansas, four grandchildren, Brittany Yeary and husband Tyler, Lubbock, Laci Keetch, Perryton, Robyn Burcham and Weston Burcham both of Sublette, Kansas, two great-grandchildren, Jayden Rodriguez and Wyatt Yeary, one sister, Helen Melton and husband, Richard Melton, Spearman, one brother W.A. Bruner and wife Faye, Abilene and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 Roland, Spearman, Texas, 79081.



Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

In the third week after Pentecost, we study 2 Samuel 11:26-12:15. Psalm 32, Galatians 2:11-21, and Luke 7:36-8:3.

In 2 Samuel, we see the familiar story of the Prophet Nathan confronting King David over his sin in killing Uriah the Hittite and taking Uriah's wife, Bath Sheba. Nathan tells a parable about a rich man who steals a poor man's lamb, King David is outraged and orders the execution of the rich man and a requirement for four-fold restitution. Nathan tells King David, "You are the man." David becomes repentant and Nathan pronounces God's forgiveness; yet, David must bear the consequences of his sin.

The Psalmist sings of the happiness of the forgiven sinner. When the sinner makes confession to God, he is forgiven and God teaches him the way he should go. These lessons show us that forgiveness is a way-of-life rather than an "I'm sorry" which makes our guilt feel better to us. Forgiveness in God's word is linked to repentance and a changed way of life.

Paul and Peter come to disagreement over the necessity of Gentile converts abiding by the Mosaic Law. The problem arose in the first century church practice of the agape feast where the entire congregation, Jew and Gentile, would gather to eat together and pray. It was necessary that the Church be one in fellowship. In the Jerusalem compromise, it was agreed that the Jewish Christians would continue to live as Jews, but that Gentile Christians need not obey the law but would avoid meat sacrificed to idols and blood, so as not to offend the Jews. Peter ate with the gentiles until certain Jewish Christians who followed James, arrived.

Dear Christian, one of the dangers of being a devout Christian is falling into the trap of thinking that we must earn God's favor, and that we must use the righteousness we gain by living this good life to be better than our sinful neighbors. Luther, like Paul, was blunt in his assessment of this problem, "Anyone who wants to act in such a way that he is justified through the Law, is a sinner and remains a sinner; therefore, he is dead and damned." We are righteous only through our faith in Jesus Christ by God's grace.

Luke shows us the depth of Christ's forgiveness. Simon the law-abiding Pharisee invites Jesus to dinner. Simon does not show Jesus the common courtesies of the day. Jesus receives no kiss in greeting, no water to wash his feet, and no anointment with a fragrant substance. A wicked woman comes in to hear Jesus, she bathes his feet with her tears, takes down her hair in public (for shame!), and wipes Jesus feet with her hair and then anoints His feet with costly perfume. Jesus responds to Simon who considers the woman as a sinner that she has been forgiven of her sins which were many, because of her faith. In this manner Jesus is telling Simon that the penitent sinner is forgiven by God, but in order to be forgiven, one must first acknowledge his sin. Simon being a devout Pharisee did not consider himself a sinner! Luke then tells us of other women who followed Jesus and the positive responses they gave to him.

May the Holy Spirit allow you to perceive and confess your sin that you may receive true forgiveness through your faith and God's grace.

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

Spearhead AA Group

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

Al-Anon

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

Panhandle Crisis Center Outreach Office

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

Tuesday Night Golf Scrambles

The Spearman Golf Course has begun their Tuesday Night Scrambles. Tee-time will be at 6 p.m. sharp. For more information, or to sign up, call 270-0157 or 659-2233.

Food Manager Training Offered June 26-27

Texas restaurants are required by law to have certified food managers. To train these service professionals, Texas Cooperative Extension of Hansford county will offer a manager certification course called "Food Safety: It's Our Business" on June 26-27. The event will be at the Fellowship Hall of Spearman Church of Christ, 121 S. Haney in Spearman. The deadline for registration is June 15. The course fee of \$89 includes training, materials and the state food manager certification examination. A test-only option is available but recommended only for those with a strong food safety background. Cost for the test without the training is \$50. New food manager certificates are valid for five years. For details about the course in Spearman, contact Winegarner at (806) 659-4131.

Ladies Water Aerobics

Ladies water aerobics began June 4, 2007, and will be held from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday at the Spearman Municipal Swimming Pool. The cost is \$1.50 per session. This is LADIES HOUR ONLY. If small children must accompany the participant, then they will have to stay in kiddie pool area and will be charged admission. No older children allowed.

Spearman Little League - Raffle Tickets, Swim Party

The Spearman Little League end of season picnic and swim party will be held Tuesday, June 19th. The picnic will be from 6-7:30, with swimming from 7:30- 9 p.m. Spearman Little League is selling Raffle tickets for a \$250 shopping spree. Tickets are due June 16th. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Sharon Swan at 659-1734, or stop by 805 S. Archer after 6 p.m. Tickets are also available from Sandy White at 659-3911 days, or 659-2817 after 5 p.m., or Sally Swan 659-5594, or from any board member or little league player.

PTCI Spearman Upgrade Continues Through June

Construction continues in the upgrade of Spearman's current CATV/Telephone system to provide over 100 channels of Digital TV and upgrade PTCI's High Speed Internet and Voice Services. During this upgrade process some extended disruptions in Telephone, Internet and Television service may be experienced. PTCI will work to minimize the length of these disruptions and appreciates customer patience during this process. Upon completion, this upgrade will enable PTCI to expand its present high-quality, state-of-the-art telecommunications services and features throughout Spearman. PTCI expects this upgrade to be complete by July 1.

ON THE AGENDA

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



Engagement Announcement

Pat L. and Pam Harris of Gruver, Texas announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Bethany Grace Harris to Nicholas Peterson of League City, Texas.

Bethany, the granddaughter of Glen and Faye Harris of Gruver, is currently a sophomore Music Major at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas.

Nicholas is the son of Sandy McNamara of League City, Texas and Philip Peterson of Lockney, Texas. He is the grandson of Taylor and Shalmir Nichols of Boerne, Texas and George and Celeste Hinds of Fairhope, Alabama. A graduate of Clear Creek High School, Nicholas currently attends Wayland as a senior Business Administration Major.

Bethany and Nicholas have set the date of their wedding for Saturday, August 4, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Gruver, Texas. They would be honored by your presence.

To help them celebrate, a dinner reception will be held immediately following the ceremony in the FBC Fellowship Hall, 402 E. Broadway, in Gruver.



Wedding Announcement

Ronna ReNea Eckhardt and Shan Dean Wilson, both of Perryton, TX, were married on April 27, 2007 in Canadian, TX.

Ronna is the daughter of Shannon Eckhardt of Wheeler, TX and Chip Eckhardt of Lander, WY. She is the granddaughter of Janis and Nolan Maupin of Morse, TX and the late Bill Shipley of Wheeler, TX.

Shan is the son of Randy Wilson of Freedom, OK and the grandson of Dean Wilson and the late Betty Wilson, also of Freedom, OK.

The couple resides on the Lesley Ranch where Shan is the ranch manager.

Ronna is employed as a Certified Nursing Assistant at the Edward Abraham Memorial Home in Canadian, TX.

You are invited to a Wedding Shower honoring Amy Boorigie

(bride-elect of Doran Schoenhals)
on Saturday, June 23, 2007
from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the
home of Judy Nelson

130 Nelson Road Spearman

You are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Charlotte Procter

(bride-elect of Tim Bynum)
on Saturday, June 23, 2007
from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in the
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- Nikki Stewart & Brady Hart - 7/14
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- Kristi Carbajal & David Valdez
- Daniele Catron & Randy Duffy

Baby Registry

- Taos & Marcy Weldon - 6/16
- Eric & Tisha Cudd - 6/16
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- Nikki Stewart & Brady Hart - 7/14
- Misha Davis & Duane Dorsey - 8/11
- Rowena Apacible & Dustin Parks
- Jenni Beck & Josh Winegarner
- Mindee Gillaspie & Frampus Woodward
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- Dana Sharp
- Linzi McCubbin
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Library Vittles

On Thursday, June 7th, the Hansford County Library kicked off a two-month showcase featuring recipes from its cookbook, Library Vittles.

Each Thursday, through July 26th, a published recipe, prepared by ladies of the community, will be shared with library patrons.

The library staff has organized this fun summertime activity to promote sales of the cookbook created a few years ago. For an extended time, the cookbooks, regularly priced at \$5, will sell for \$3 each, two for \$5, or 5 for \$10.

The public is invited to join in this unusual fundraiser and encouraged to stock up for wedding or birthday gifts.

It's A Girl!

Julie and Kent Hendrix of Southlake, Texas are the proud parents of a new baby girl. Landrie Elise Hendrix was born at Baylor Hospital in Grapevine, Texas on April 22, 2007 at 5:56 a.m. Landrie weighed 4 pounds, 12 ounces and was 18 inches long.

Landrie was welcomed home by her big brother Kole Hendrix. Maternal Grandparents are Donnie and Jeannie Jones of Winston, N.M. Paternal Grandparents are Irene Hendrix of Van Alstyne, Texas and Foy and Joann Hendrix of Denison, Texas.

Landrie is the 13th great grandchild of Ira and Ouida Harbour of Stinnett.

You are invited to a Baby Shower honoring

Tisha & Eric Cudd

on Saturday, June 16, 2007

from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon

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We wish to thank the community for all the ways you have demonstrated God's love to us during the past few weeks. Through the experience of L.A.'s illness and death, we have been able to understand and live in the truth of John 11:25-26. We thank Him for His promise, and we thank you for your love and concern.

The L.A. Williams Family

A Tribute to L.A. Williams

October 3, 1925 - May 27, 2007

L.A., ABE, The Governor - whatever you called him, he was one of a kind. His life was characterized by simplicity... you saw the pickup truck he drove. Even when he bought a new one for Mom, he didn't want it to have a fur rug (that means carpet).

The things that were important to him were: Mom, his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, all his friends and Dog. I know what you are thinking - we aren't sure of the order either. He and Mom were married for almost 61 years. Dad had a great sense of humor - when he was 40, he joked about trading Mom in for 2 twenties. We noticed when he was eighty that he didn't mention 2 forties!

Becoming a grandfather brought out a more sensitive side. Dad endured examinations with Fischer Price medical kits. He allowed his hair to be rolled in pink rollers (of course, he had more hair then). He loved for his children and grandchildren to come visit... maybe because Mom let him have dessert then. When we left town, he always bought us all a tank of gas. Makes you wonder if he was glad to see us go.

Dad's friends were important to him, too. He had a lot of friends and would do anything to help them. This morning the funeral procession took Dad by the Dairy Queen to say a last goodbye. And Dog, he and Dad were inseparable. Dad always wanted to have his picture made with Dog, but we never got a good one. When we aimed the camera, Dog thought it was a weapon and ran.

Dad had a variety of interests and a good mind. One of his newer interests was wind-chargers and he took us all one by one to see Big Bertha north of town. Dad studied the stock market daily and it kept his mind active. He stressed the importance of education to his children and grandchildren, but he was the exception. He did what he did with seven years of education... and Mom.

We always knew that Dad was proud of us and our accomplishments but we were proud of him, too. Hard work and integrity and generosity - these were the qualities that defined him. He taught us about honesty and fairness... he taught us by his example.

The family thanks all of you for coming to Dad's memorial service... he would have been honored by your presence.

Gladiola Flower Club

The Gladiola Flower Club met in the home of Helen Holt on May 17, 2007.

Chairman Muriel Boyd called the meeting to order. The program "Pests in Your Pantry" was presented by Patty Sheppard.

The 2007-2008 medical scholarship was voted on.

Roll call, "A Costly Mistake I Have Made," was answered by Muriel Boyd, Dorothy Buzzard, Betty Davis, Margarette Evans, Ann Flowers, Helen Holt, Estelle Jackson, Norma Jean Mackie, Eloise Renner, Pam Schnell, Gwen Smith, Virginia Trindle and Ann Allen.

The next meeting will be a field trip to Amarillo.

The Gladiola Flower Club met on June 7, 2007 at the home of Dorothy Buzzard, then drove to the Amarillo Botanical Gardens. This was very impressive and informative. After the tour, they met for lunch at the Back Porch.

Those enjoying the trip were Dorothy Buzzard, Eloise Renner, Sabrina Landrum, Betty Davis, Norma Jean Mackie and Margarette Evans.

Judy Yarbrough will be hostess for the next meeting on June 21, 2007.



Golden Anniversary

Don and Faye Schmehr of Spearman will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on June 18, 2007. They are the parents of a son, Ron and wife April of Amarillo, and a daughter, Donna Darling and husband Pat of Pampa. They are the grandparents of Chris Schmehr of Dallas, TX, Caleb Darling of Orlando, FL, Katie, Sara and Moll Darling, all of Pampa, and a deceased son, Dennis.

Don worked for Northern Natural Gas Co. in Hugoton, Kansas from 1954-1959, when they moved to Spearman. Northern changed their name to Enron and he worked for them until he retired in June of 1993.

The Schmehrs enjoy traveling with their Allegro friends in their Allegro bus.

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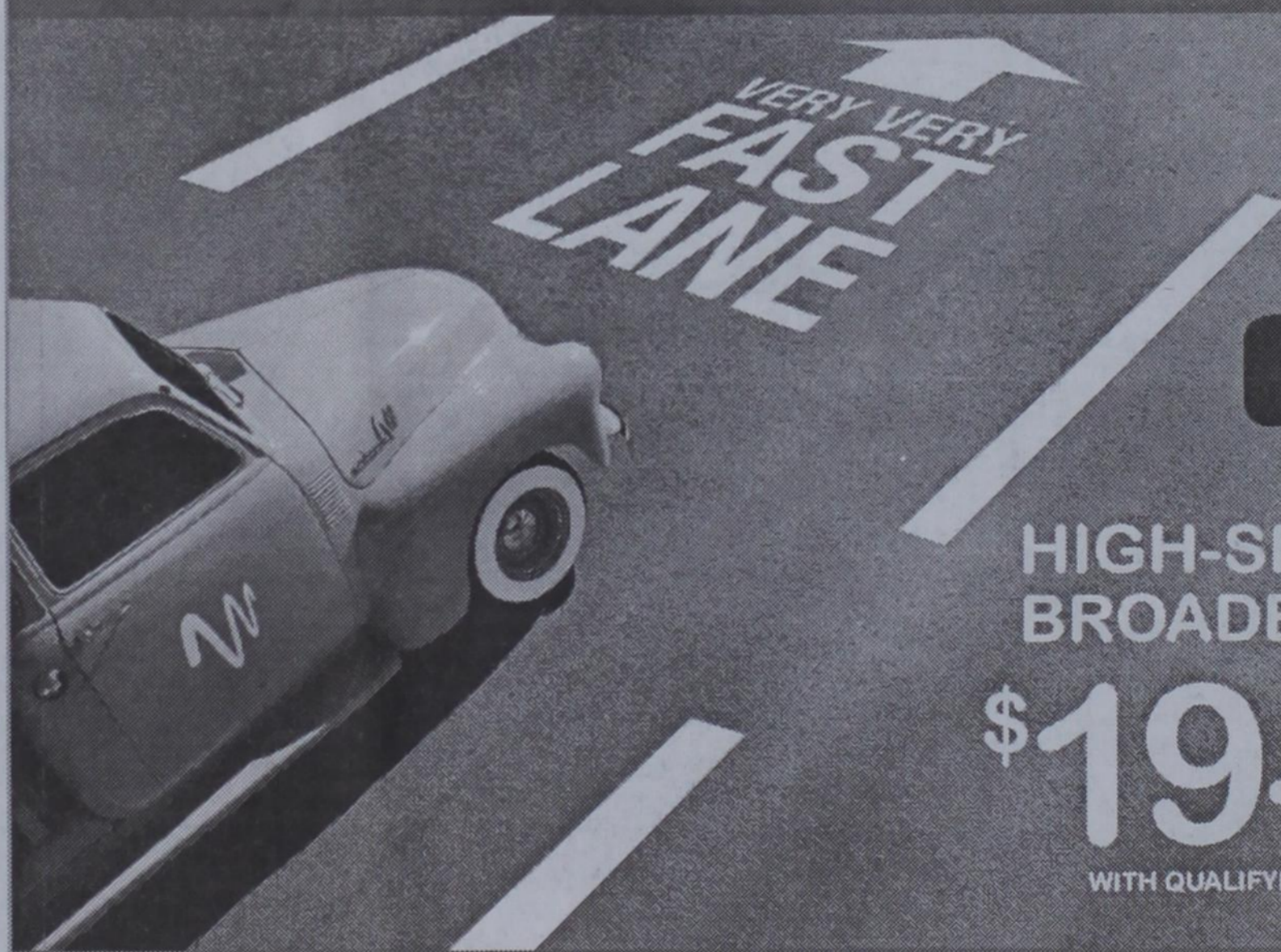
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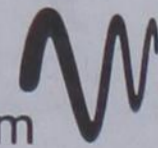
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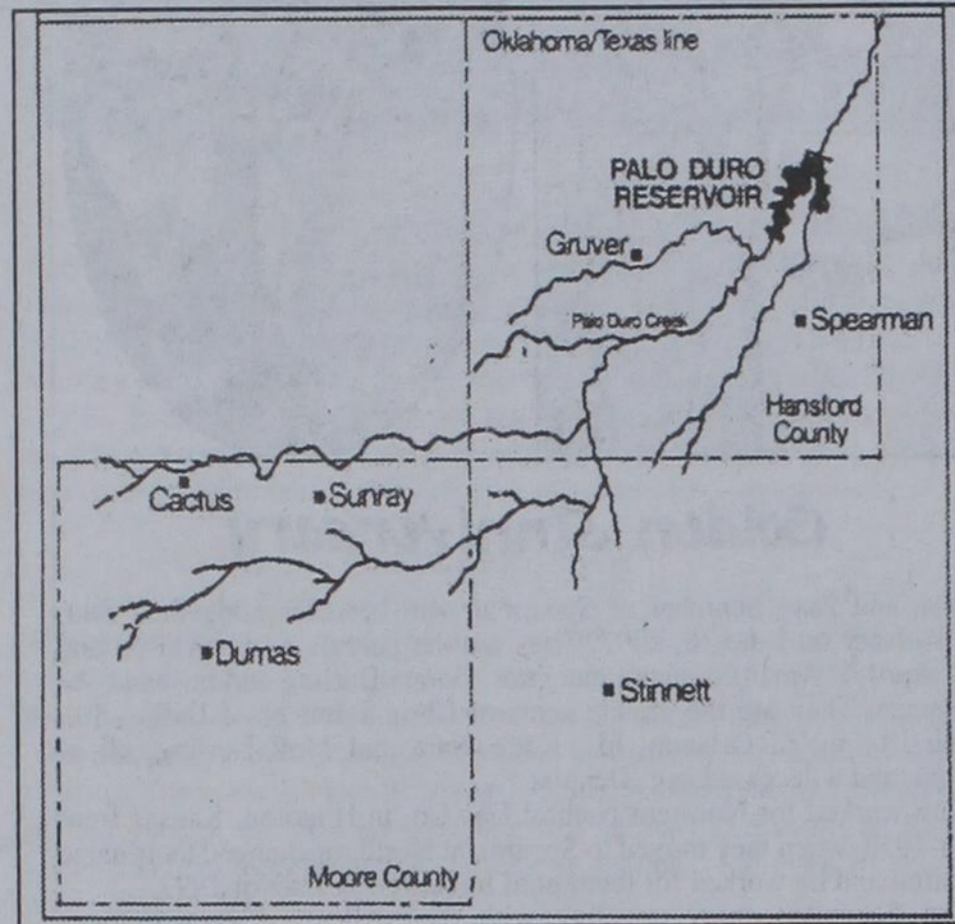


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Playa Management for Wildlife Meetings Planned in June



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

Wildlife-friendly management of playa lakes promises to be significant in Texas due to the unique functions these wetlands provide, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

To help promote management planning, two Playa Appreciation Days will be held this month, said Ken Cearley, Extension wildlife specialist in Canyon.

Both meetings will begin at 8:30 a.m. The first is scheduled for June 25 at the Home Mercantile Building in Nazareth, and the second on June 27 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center in Muncy.

The meetings will include sessions on the identification of important playa plants, form and function of playas, ways to manage playas for pheasants and waterfowl, and available assistance programs, Cearley said.

Special programs will be presented on the Mossy Oak / Ducks Unlimited Ochiltree County playa restoration project and the Ogallala Commons, he said. Other programs will cover hunting, leasing and other recreational opportunities, as well as agencies that offer management assistance.

A field tour at each site will show nearby contrasting playa management scenarios, such as heavily grazed vs. lightly grazed or ungrazed, cropland playa with buffer vs. without, fenced vs. unfenced, Cearley said.

Playas make up 400,000 acres in the High Plains, or about 2 percent of the land area, he said. Texas has the largest number of playas, an estimated 20,000. Another 10,000 playas can be found in New Mexico, Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma.

Playas are an important landscape feature, Cearley said.

"These small wetland areas hold enormous capability for ecosystem contribution, yet often fall short of



Playas such as this one found in Swisher County offer food and cover for many wildlife and waterfowl. (Texas Cooperative Extension photo)

their productive potential due to lack of management," he said. "In many cases, playas are ignored, unnoticed or over-utilized."

Ranging from less than an acre to several hundred acres, playas serve as a source of Ogallala Aquifer replenishment and provide habitat for numerous wildlife species, Cearley said.

Several million migrating waterfowl and 400,000 sandhill cranes use these wetlands each year, he said. As many as 250,000 ducks are reared each year on Texas playas, and pheasants use the wetlands for year-round habitat, especially for winter cover.

The primary uses for playa lakes are crop production, grazing, wildlife production and wintering habitat, urban and other runoff containment, Cearley said.

A \$10 fee will cover the cost of a noon meal at each meeting.

Reservations are requested by June 20 for the Nazareth meeting. Call Steve Young, Extension agent in Castro County, at 806-647-3218.

Reservations are needed by June 22 for the Muncy meeting. Call J.D. Ragland, Extension agent in Floyd County, at 806-983-4912.

Lake Level--June 11, 2007--27.42 feet (-0.84)

Since Jim's column of last week, the lake level is down almost a foot, despite a quarter inch of rain on Saturday night.

This week there were six campers on the south side and four behind the dam. The Spearman Baptist Church had the shelter on Sunday evening.

Next weekend the Panhandle Moose District has reserved all the RV spaces back of the dam, as well as the shelter. These campers, who come mainly from Spearman, Pampa, and Amarillo, start coming in on Thursday. Many of them make a long weekend of it.

For those of you who have been eagerly awaiting the arrival of the first fawns, both Jim and Ramon have each seen at least one.

Paul Stavlo of Gruver has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the PDRA board left by the recent death of his father-in-law C. A. Davis. He is to be sworn in at the monthly meeting this week on June 12. The son of Joel and Leona Knutson Stavlo, Paul has grown up in the county. He now farms and ranches here.

Plant Life

I had noticed that the the yucca bloom stalks were longer than usual, but I hadn't seen any cattle or deer eating them. Juanita Logsdon told me that the stalks on the way to Amarillo were so tall that the cattle were having to really stretch their necks to get to the top blossoms.

A fun part of moving cattle to fresh pasture in June was seeing the cattle run to the fresh, untouched yucca stalks. We thought they were like kids in a candy store.

In a recent column I wrote of seeing the purple loco and the purple scurfy peas at the Park on the office side. Since then, with granddaughter Amy Harris' help, I learned that the scurfy peas were actually a purple flower named skullcap.

For the computer literate, daughter Jackie has shown me a web site from Goodwell that has excellent pictures of flowering plants, grasses, and grasshoppers. (www.opsu.edu/UnivSchools/Science/MathNurs/PlantsGrassh/index.html) The pictures were taken by Kurt Schaefer around Texas County, Oklahoma. His pictures of the grasshoppers brought back memories of the variety of these winged hoppers that abound in this area.

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Library Story Hour program ends for 2006-2007

The Hansford County Library Story Hour program has ended for the 2006-2007 school year. The purpose of story hour is to provide preschool aged children of Hansford County a free program that will help their young minds gain a life-long love of reading.

The program could not be possible without the great participants, special guest readers and support from a community that loves children.

Program Coordinator Karen Hartgraves would like to express a special thank you to the following guest readers: Missie Bates, Cindy Blackman, Jason Cantrell, Tisha Cudd, Mary Dixon, Gwen Gibson, Brian Gillispie, Gina Gillispie, Kay Hobbs, Mary Ann Lasater, Judy Martin, Sheryl Meek, Judy Nelson, Carol Pack, Kristi Ramon, Carol Sell, Cathy Smith, Gary Smith, Verna Strawn, Peggy Winegamer, and Verlan Winegamer.

"Every week it was so much fun to watch the children listening to the reader and seeing their interest, laughs, gasps, and then listening to the hilarious comments they make," commented Hartgraves. "The readers went the extra mile to

prepare, dress-up in costumes, read with animation and use puppets and props. The children loved it!"

At the end of each story hour session, the children selected a prize from the treasure box. Donations were made by the following: Ed and Pat Dear, Gina Gillispie, Robert and JoAnn Graham (Karen Hartgraves' parents), Steve Hartgraves, Keith and Jodie Hight, Penny Ralston, Beta Sigma Phi-Gamma Gamma Chapter, First State Bank, Spearman Lion's Club, Spearman Rotary Club, Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, and several anonymous donors who asked not to be named.

Special thanks is extended to the Hansford County Library and staff, the High Plains Observer, the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department; Musical Talents and Finger Plays & Puppets - KC Garnett, Gary Smith, Kay Hobbs and Sheryl Meek; Transportation Staff - moms, dads, grandparents, aunts and babysitters who brought children every week; and most of all the 50+ precious participants

(Hansford County toddlers/preschoolers) who made this so much fun! They listened, laughed, clapped, sang, begged "read it again, read it again," asked questions, and reminded us that using your mind and imagination makes the world a wonderful place to be.

"The citizens of Hansford County should be proud for providing such a great place for children to grow and learn," stated Hartgraves. "Thank you, too, for investing your personal time and taking an interest in the children of our community."

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3-on-3 Streetball



Amarillo's original 3-on-3 streetball event returns for the 16th consecutive year as Kids, Incorporated brings the ultimate in streetball back for a third year at the AIG parking lot located at 27th and Osage, behind the Kids, Incorporated Warehouse. The 2007 event, sponsored by Street Scion of Amarillo, will tip-off on Saturday, July 14 and Sunday, July 15.

The tournament is open to male and female players. Divisions begin at the 10 and under age group and progress through the adult Supreme Court division. Teams will be grouped into divisions with teams of similar age and playing ability. Last year's event consisted of 179 teams competing

in 38 divisions. Entry fees are set at \$100 per team with an entry deadline of Wednesday, July 11, at 5 p.m. Entry forms are to be turned in to Kids, Incorporated located at 27th and Osage. Each player will receive an official event t-shirt, and each team is guaranteed a minimum of three games. Prizes will be awarded to the first and second place winners in each division. All proceeds from the 2007 Streetball Challenge will support the athletic programs offered by Kids, Incorporated, over 18,000 individuals participated in Kids, Incorporated sports activities in 2006.

Special events for this year's events include the traditional 10' Slam Dunk contest and 3-Point

contests sponsored by Buick's Sporting Goods. The 10' Slam Dunk contest will be held on Saturday, July 14, at 1:15 p.m.; the Men and Women's 3-Point contest is held all day Saturday and Sunday, July 14 and 15. In addition, the popular 9' Slam Dunk contest returns, courtesy of the Ambassador Hotel. The 9' Slam Dunk will be held Saturday, July 14, at 12:30 p.m. Tickets for all these special events will be \$1.

Entry forms will be available at the following sponsoring locations: Buck's Sporting Goods; all Toot 'n Totum locations; Academy Outdoors & Sports; and the Kids, Incorporated Warehouse.

An entry form for the 2007 Street Scion Streetball Challenge is also available online at www.kidsinc.org. Those interested in volunteering for the event to serve as court monitors should contact Barbara Palmer at 806-376-5936. All two-day volunteers will receive event staff t-shirts, lunch, water and soft drinks for each day, along with lots of other goodies.

For more information regarding the 2007 Streetball Challenge, or to request an entry form, please contact Kids, Incorporated at 376-5936

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