

City of Spearman to Receive \$11,780 Firefighter Grant

Funding will be used to support firefighters and their work as first responders

The City of Spearman will receive a grant of \$11,780 to support firefighters and their work as first responders, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn announced Wednesday. The funding can be used for training and support operations and to purchase firefighter safety and rescue equipment. It comes through the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Office of Grants and Training as part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program.

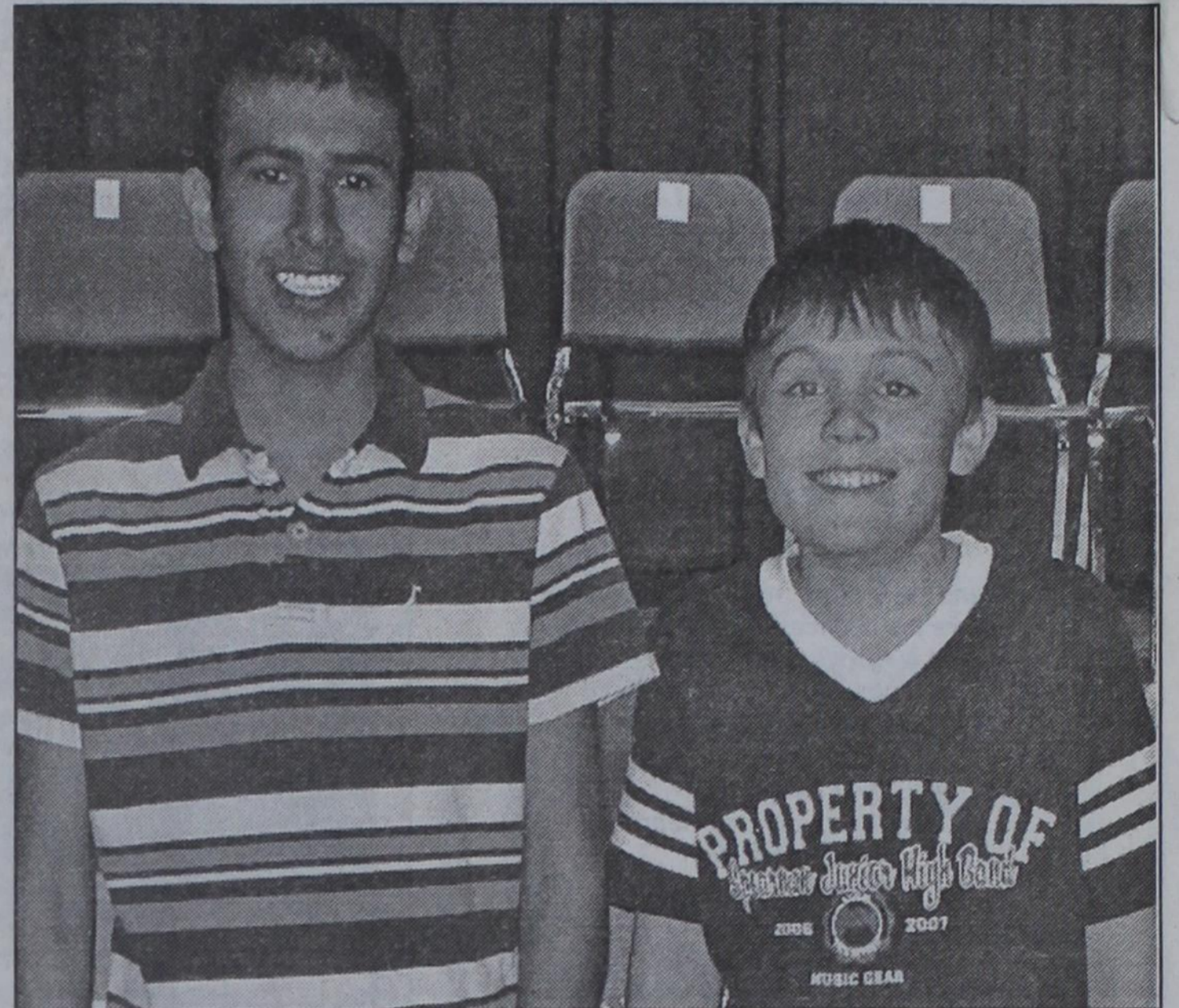
"This funding will help ensure that Texas firefighters remain well trained and equipped for their important work of protecting our homes, families and communities," said Sen. Cornyn. "The men and women on the front lines of emergency response need more support than ever, and I applaud the local first responders and area leaders for their work to obtain this important assistance."

Sen. Cornyn has held roundtables with emergency first responders across the state as part of his ongoing effort to highlight security needs in Texas hometowns. The events provide the community the opportunity to express their needs and concerns directly to Sen. Cornyn.

"The safety of our cities and towns is among my highest priorities," Cornyn added. "So I'm encouraged that some of the tax money Texans send to Washington is being returned to help save lives among firefighters and the people they serve."

The Office of Grants and Training, a component of the DHS Preparedness Directorate, partners with state and local officials to strengthen the capabilities of first responders in addressing emergencies and catastrophic incidents. The program provides a broad array of assistance to America's emergency responders through funding, coordinated training, exercises, equipment acquisition, and technical assistance.

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Armed Services, Judiciary and Budget Committees. In addition, he is Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Refugees and Border Security subcommittee and the Armed Services Committee's Airland subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.



Jake Willimon (right) won the Hansford County Spelling Bee, and Jesus Lopez (left) was the runner up.

Willimon and the Bee

The Annual Hansford County Spelling Bee was held on Thursday, March 1, in the Spearman High School Auditorium.

Jake Willimon, representing Spearman Jr. High, was the winner of the competition, with Jesus Lopez, representing Pringle-Morse Jr. High, coming in second.

Those participating in the

Spelling Bee are as follows:

Spearman ISD: Jake Willimon, Crystal Cantu, Jozlyn Hagerman, Katelyn Kizziar

Pringle-Morse CJSD: Kathrine Soliz, Gena Hargrove, Shelby Hull, Hannah Speck, Kaysha Allen, Paige Pierson, Halli Mans, Jesus Lopez, Haden Hart, and Maci Forrest

Gruver ISD: Maggie Key,

Damian Pierce, and Zoe Cantrell. Judges were Carol Forrest, Pringle/Morse teacher and Kevin Black, Gruver Jr. High principal. Sandra Blankenship served as pronouncer.

Jake will now compete in Canyon at the Regional Spelling Bee on March 24th in the Branding Iron Theater at West Texas A&M University.

Frank Phillips College Allen Campus Perryton, Texas Continuing Education and Community Service Classes

I Witness News-Four Gospels - Terry Danley - \$40 - T,Th - April 10,12, 17, 19, 24, 26 - 7:00-9:15 p.m.

Driving Classes - Driver's Ed., DWI, Defensive Driving, MIP - For Information call Ronnie Watson at 435-4643 or 202-0280

Spring Floral Design - Denise Wilmoth - \$80 - Thurs. - March 8-29 - 6:00-9:00 p.m.

DWI - Ronnie Watson - \$250 - Mon-Wed - March 5-7 - 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Master Gardener, or Individual topics - Call or email for topics bdoerrie@fpctx.edu or check Chamber website www.Perryton.org - Coordinator: Tom Benton, Hutchinson Co. CEA-Ag - \$75 M.G., \$5/indiv. session - Tues, Th - Feb. 20-Apr.19, every Tuesday and Thursday night - 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Basic Crochet - Myrtle Ware - \$45 - Monday - March 19, 6, April 2, 16 - 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Basic Leathercraft - John Kasparie - TBA, WITH/WITHOUT TOOLS - Monday - Apr. 16-May 21 - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Microsoft Word - Kim Herring - \$150 - Tues, Thurs - April 10-26 - 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Storm Spotter Training and Severe Weather Awareness - Steve Drilleite, Anarillo NWS - No cost - Monday - April 2 - 7-9 p.m.

Astronomy Night! - 3 Rivers Foundation - No cost - Wed. - April 11 - 8-10 p.m.

Coming attractions: Stepping Stones, Woodworking, painting, ponds (including in Master Gardener).

Suggestions for classes are welcome! Six interested people and an instructor with a special skill are all that are needed for a class to be held.

Call 648-1450 or register at the Allen Campus, 2314 S. Jefferson.

Frank Phillips College is an equal opportunity community college.

Murphy completes CTSBS training

Larry Murphy, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance, recently completed the requirements to earn the designation of Certified Texas School Business Specialist (CTSBS).

Larry, a native of Childress, Texas, graduated from Childress High School, and he attended West Texas State University where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration (BBA). Larry moved to Spearman in 1976 and worked as an accountant in private practice and at B&B Farm Industries until 1999. He then started to work at Spearman Independent School District as the Business Manager. Larry has served in his current position for the past eight years.

Larry is an active member of the Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO). This organization is involved in professional development and other activities related to the operation of school business. Through this organization, additional certifications are offered specializing in recognized professional competencies aimed at providing additional education and support.

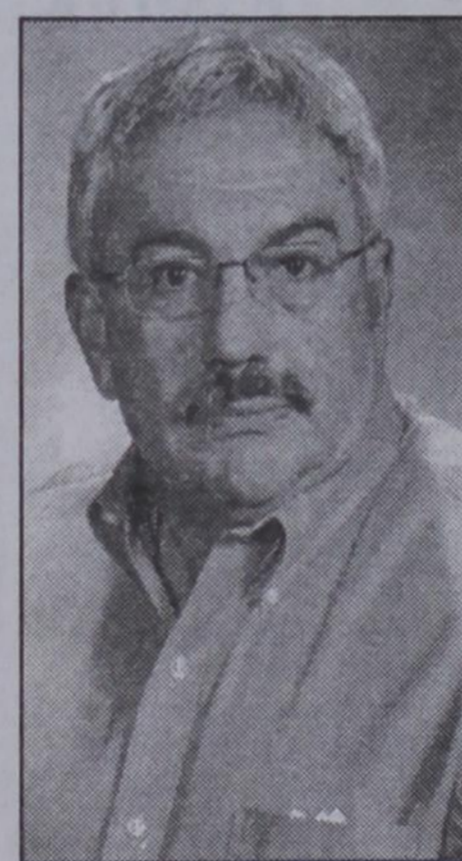
To earn the CTSBS, the individuals must have at least two years of

school business experience and complete course requirements from the TASBO curriculum. Specific certification courses are based on several areas of specialization: accounting, distribution & inventory, maintenance and operation, Management Information Systems, payroll, PEIMS, personnel, purchasing and supply management, risk management, safe schools, school nutrition, textbooks, and transportation. In addition to the requirements listed above, the applicant must have a letter of recommendation from the Superintendent and President of the Board of Trustees regarding the applicant's integrity, character, ethical behavior and efficiency and competency on the job.

The certificate of CTSBS is valid for three years and can be renewed upon completion of 60 hours of continuing education credits.

Larry's goal is to obtain the highest certification level from TASBO, and that is the Registered Texas School Business Administrator (RTSBA).

According to Superintendent Rodney Sumner, Larry's desire to expand his field of expertise is a great benefit to the school district.



Larry Murphy

He added that under Larry's leadership that the school district has received the highest ranking from the State of Texas in the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST), and that the school district is fortunate to have someone with Larry's background and knowledge as their Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the west after midnight.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs around 70. North winds 10 to 20 mph.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Northeast winds around 5 mph shifting to the southeast after midnight.

SATURDAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s.

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows around 40.

TUESDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s.

TUESDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s.

WEDNESDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s.

Save A Life Tour Coming to OPSU

The nationally recognized Save A Life tour will bring their simulator to Oklahoma Panhandle State University on Monday, March 12 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. The simulator is designed to educate people about the dangerous effects of alcohol impairment on driving skills. Participants will be offered a hands-on feel on how impaired driving truly becomes even after one drink.

The high tech simulator utilizes virtual reality to mimic real driving conditions including a 50 square mile virtual landscape with over 87 miles of roadway in urban and rural settings in a variety of weather conditions. The driver has full control over the "vehicle" and can even hear the engine noise, and feel bumps in the road and the pull of the steering wheel. The computer adjusts the "driver's" blood-alcohol level and forces the person behind the wheel to feel the effect it has on driving.

The event is open and free to anyone who would like to participate. Special invitations have been issued to driver education students in Texhoma, Goodwell and Guymon public schools.

The Save A Life tour at OPSU is made possible through the generosity of Texas County Turning Point; KGYN; OPSU Student Senate; OPSU Student Activities and includes the following Guymon businesses, Max Whipple of Farm Bureau; Brown and Associates; Garrison Agency; and Next Step Network.

Publisher's Note

Last week, one of our local "gentlemen" asked me the following question, "Why are you making such a big deal out of a little drinking and driving while there is real corruption in our community?"

Friend, I will preserve your dignity by not printing your name, but you deserve an answer.

Driving under the influence kills people. It is as simple as that.

In December, two of my friends were killed by a drunk driver. These were not the first of my friends who were needlessly killed. People's actions make a difference in other people's lives.

Sincerely,
Gary Smith, Publisher

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

Lullabies Legends and Lies

by Parson Smith, The Prime Minister of Laughter

One of my favorite songwriters is John Flynn. This song entitled "Only One," is one of my favorites. I hope you enjoy.

Only One by John Flynn

One night I had the strangest dream ...
a young man came to me
and asked what I had done that day
to end the misery
I asked What difference does it make?
What good could I have done?
There are too many people ... He said
No, there's only one

One hungry child
- the one you did not feed
One lonely soul
- the one you did not need
One dying heart
- the heart that did not bleed
For all the things the day has left undone
You can change the world with only one

Now lately I'd begun to fear
the turning of the earth
With every lap
around the solar system since my birth
I'd see my chances to change my life
go from slim to none
How many days are left? I asked
He said You need just one

One single day
- lived with all your heart
One single step
- is enough to start
Wonderful things
- stuff that's off the chart
happen on the journey once begun
You can change your world with only one

He said Though they mesmerize you
like a gold watch on a chain
you're more than the boundaries you embrace
Reason, thin as angel's skin,
will fly to some high shelf when
light that searches through the
endless darkness finds itself...

One hungry child
won't be denied bread
One lonely soul
won't be neglected...
One by
one dying hearts
will heal when they've bled
for all the things that they had left undone
You can change the world with only one

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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling



PERRY NAMES SPECIAL MASTER TO INVESTIGATE YOUTH COMMISSION

AUSTIN - Rather than place the troubled Texas Youth Commission in conservatorship at the urging of the lieutenant governor and a committee of lawmakers, Gov. Rick Perry appointed Jay Kimbrough as special master to get the agency back in line.

Kimbrough's job will be to investigate sexual abuse of detainees reported at facilities in Giddings, Brownwood and Pyote.

Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, the state's ethics prosecutor, is conducting his own investigation into allegations that reports of sexual abuse in TYC facilities were altered by state officials.

A former assistant Texas attorney general, Kimbrough also is a former chief of staff for Perry and formerly served as the state's director of homeland security.

AG abates opinion on documents

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott took action to help prevent identity theft on Feb. 21 by issuing an opinion saying that county clerks should remove Social Security numbers from copies of documents on file before releasing them to the public.

Abbott's opinion said failure to comply would result in criminal charges. So clerks found themselves in a tough spot when citizens showed up the next day to get courthouse records needed to conduct routine business.

County clerks across Texas had to slow down or shut down all or part of their public information operations, because so many types of documents contain Social Security numbers.

Complaints from far and wide flew in, prompting Abbott to abate his opinion for 60 days - supposedly enough time for counties to adjust to the practice of redacting Social Security numbers.

House slows down Jessica's Law

The Texas House on Feb. 28 postponed further deliberation on House Bill 8, a "Jessica's Law" bill by Rep. Debbie Riddle, R-Houston.

After salty debate mainly over the bill's death penalty component and costs of implementation, the House voted 131-10 to wait until March 5 to continue consideration by the full House.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst on Feb. 14 announced the filing of SB 5, the Senate version of Jessica's Law.

Differences between the two bills would have to be reconciled in a final version, but as presently written, the legislation would do the following:

- Require mandatory 25 years to life sentences for a first-time violent sexual offense against a child under age 14;
- Require lifetime GPS monitoring for child sex offenders;
- Allow prosecutors to seek the death penalty for a second sexually violent offense against a child under age 14; and
- Double the statute of limitations on sexual crimes against children from 10 to 20 years.

Jessica's Law is named for 9-year-old Floridian Jessica Lunsford. In March 2005, the child was abducted from her Florida home, raped and murdered by a convicted sex offender. Since then, more than two dozen states have enacted toughened sex offender laws.

Organic farming bills are filed

Rep. Doc Anderson, R-Waco, and Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, filed House and Senate versions of legislation to create an 11-member Texas Organic Agricultural Advisory Board.

- The board would:
- meet at least once a year;
 - assist the Texas Department of Agriculture in assessing the organic produce industry;
 - find ways to promote and expand the industry;
 - work on getting grants and gifts to nurture the industry;
 - help to develop an organic agricultural products education and awareness campaign.

Agency would redraw districts

Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, filed SB 1068, legislation to create a Texas Congressional Redistricting Commission.

The highly politicized task of redrawing U.S. congressional district boundaries is normally done by the Texas Senate every 10 years.

Wentworth's bill would give the job to a nine-member, balanced, bipartisan commission of Texas residents. Eight members (four from each major party) would elect a nonvoting member to preside.

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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 8
Birthday - Patty Cator, Drew Grotegut, Mike McLain, Bill Harnish, 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 Hannon, 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

March 15
Birthday - Trina Horton, Jerry Bowling, Randy Stafford, Darlene Schick, Parrish Larson, Gary Osborne, Mona Rivera, Richard Varnon, Trent Seagler, Ora Fay Watkins, Krista Dement, Araceli Briones, Trenton Finley
Anniversary - M/M Bill Robertson, M/M Joe Bynum, M/M Joe T. Venneman

March 16
Birthday - Ted Harbour, Tonya Woodington, Janice Mayfield, Gary Davis, Missy Bates, Dan McCloy, Michael Gruver, Payton Thoreson, Suzanne Schad, Hadley Spivey, Jessica Brown
Anniversary - Carey & Denise Bridges, M/M Robert Womble

March 17
Birthday - Dala Cathey, J.P. TeBeest, Eivana Davis, Kathy Slater, Carrol VanBuskirk, Tony Barrera Jr., Tony Miller III, Jamie Thomas, Terry Latham, Jason Genn, Anna Soto, Kathy Brown, Makayla Wheelock, Rachel Cook
Anniversary - M/M Richard Ooley, M/M Chris Christy

March 18
Birthday - Danny Henson, Tony Harper, Charles Friday, Cody McLeod, Kenny Virden, Laura Garcia, Tobe Shields, Connie Hobbs, Kelsey Henton, Matthew Bain
Anniversary - M/M Edwin Percy, M/M Ken Bullard

March 19
Birthday - Barry Haenisch, Melinda McCullough, Kerri Minter, Ron Gibson, Altha Groves, Pete Garcia Jr., Jesse Ruth Gerrard, Rose Marie Bruning, Cathy Davis, April Knight
Anniversary - M/M Michael Wilson

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

In this third week of self-examination we consider what it is when we consider ourselves "special" or "chosen". We study Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8, I Corinthians 10:1-17, and Luke 13:1-9. Isaiah invites all to repent, to return to God and be forgiven. He speaks the abundance of God's New Age to a banquet, free for all who will listen to the Word of God. Isaiah announces that all of repentant Israel is now in a special relationship (covenant) with God, not just the descendants of David. The words of the Lord are like rain which falling on the ground, brings forth life in abundance. The Psalmist sings that his soul thirsts for the Lord; he praises the Lord; his soul is satisfied as with a rich feast because of his relationship with the Lord.

Paul warns the Corinthians that even those who are "chosen" by the Lord, even those who have seen the mighty works of God, are likely to sin and fall away from true faith. He cites a rabbinic tradition about the rock following Israel in the wilderness so that they could have water; yet, many of these "chosen" departed from the Lord. Paul reminds us that we are all tested; yet, none are tested beyond their ability to resist and a way is provided to resist the test. Yet, when it comes to sin, sometimes we just want to! So dear Christian if the angels sing as you enter the doors of your church and lesser people acknowledge your piety, be very, very, very careful, you are not far from Satan.

Paul has been warning the Corinthians not to eat meat sacrificed to idols, for even though the Corinthians were mature Christians and understood that idols are not gods, Paul warns that many of the new Greek converts were not so mature. Therefore, it is better to avoid something that is lawful if it undermines the faith of a weaker brother or sister. Be careful Christian, you are the example of Christ to someone.

Jesus talks to those around him about two events which cost the lives of innocent people. Jesus explains that those who died were no worse people than others in Jerusalem. He counters a tradition that held that bad things only happen to bad people. Jesus then cites a parable of a fig tree. Trees are precious in Palestine; landowners cultivate and tend them carefully. Yet a fig tree should bear fruit in its third year. This three year old tree had no fruit. The owner tells his gardener to chop it down; the gardener intercedes and asks for one more year of careful attention to the tree so that it may produce. Jesus is warning that we will be judged by how we utilize the opportunities we have. We like the fig tree, are in a favored position, and therefore much is expected of us. Consider that in Christ's Kingdom nothing that only "takes" can survive.

May the Holy Spirit enable you to recognize that you are "special", that you are "chosen", and that this "chosen-ness" is for service to our Lord.

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Our Sympathy

CLARENCE "BUD" HENRY HENLEY
 DALHART - Clarence "Bud" Henry Henley, 37, died Sunday, February 11, 2007, in Hardesty, Okla.

Memorial services were at 2 p.m. on February 17, 2007 in Lincoln Street Baptist Church with Rusty Hancock, pastor of the church, officiating. Arrangements were by Horizon Funeral Home.

Mr. Henley was born February 17, 1969, in Ruidoso, N.M., to John Henry "Donnie Red" and Helen Kay Hall Henley. At the time of his death, from the single car accident near Hardesty, he was employed by Gruver Redi-Mix, where he drove a cement truck.

Survivors include his wife, Tanya Henley; two daughters, Kirsti and Carly Henley of Tularosa, N.M.; three sisters, Nancy Brown of Dalhart and Patsy Parsons and Joyce Henley, both of Tularosa; a brother, William Henley of Dalhart; two stepchildren, KerriAnn Anderson of Dalhart and Cpl. Daniel Anderson of 29 Palms, Calif.; and two granddaughters.

THANK YOU

The family of Clarence "Bud" Henley would like to Thank the following for their services, help, food, cards, flowers, prayers and friendship through the loss of our loved one. Oklahoma State Police, Dalhart Police, Bobby and Howard Thompson and the employees of Gruver Redi-Mix, Bunch - Roberts Funeral Home, Horizon Funeral Home, Rusty Hancock and the Lincoln Street Baptist Church, Navy / Marine Corp Relief Society, American Red Cross and Marine Platoon Sgt. Quinonas.

Thank you so very much

Tanya, Nancy, Patsy, Joyce, Will, Kerri, Mark, Danny, Patty, Michaela, Mattie and other family members.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
No one is above the law, especially those who are sworn to uphold it. Those sworn in to enforce the laws of the State of Texas must themselves scrupulously obey the law. They must lead by example, and that example must be held based on principles of honesty, integrity, credibility and accountability.

I was shocked reading "A Potter County Deputy who was arrested for driving under the influence last month will not be prosecuted," in the 1-09-07 Amarillo Globe News. But I wasn't surprised after reading the prosecuting district attorney was Kent Birdsong from Vega. I guess he did a favor for the good old boys in Potter County like he did for those in Hutchinson County.

When judges, attorneys, police officers and others working in the justice system break the law, they must be held accountable for their action. "Criminal misconduct" includes conduct directly attributable to his or her official duties, or any conduct outside of those duties. This includes felony and misdemeanor violations of the law.

Kent Birdsong, the Vega district attorney failed to enact the Texas government code and remove Hutchinson County Clay Ballman from office for his criminal misconduct following his DUI conviction. Now Mr. Birdsong decides not to prosecute Corporal Pace because there was lack of evidence. PACE REFUSED TO PERFORM ANY FIELD SOBRIETY TESTS, THEREFORE HE WAS ARRESTED. ORDINARY PEOPLE WHO REFUSE TO TAKE THE SOBRIETY TESTS DO NOT ESCAPE PROSECUTION SO EASILY.

In 2004, Corporal Price was pictured in the Amarillo Globe News with an 11th-grader at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, simulating Impaired Driving Experience, which mimics how alcohol and drugs affect driving skills during an alcohol awareness program. This fine example of judicial hypocrisy should slap every law abiding citizen squarely in the face and outrage them to act.

I and 800 citizens in Hutchinson County acted by petitioning to remove district attorney Clay Ballman from office. The petition sits in a judge's office in Odessa and after months we have heard nothing. The Odessa judge will not return my phone calls.

If district attorneys and a peace officers do not have to follow the law when it comes to their freedom, why should anyone else? Who do "we the people" turn to fight this corruption and restore public confidence in the criminal justice system in the adjoining Panhandle counties.

Betty Holland - Borger, Texas

Coop Injects \$3.35M into Local Economy

Panhandle-Plains Land Bank, FLCA, CEO Robert R. Williams Jr. announced the mail out of the 2007 cash patronage approved by the board of directors at their January meeting. The cash payment will arrive at a time when Panhandle and South Plains operators find more bills than checks in the mailbox.

The Association board met January 18, 2007 in Amarillo to review end of year numbers from 2006 and approve the 2007 business plan that includes the cash patronage payment. Association Board Chairman Wayne Garrett explained, "the 2007 cash patronage of \$3.35 million will return \$.25 of every dollar our customers paid in interest during 2006. This year's payment will again be 100% cash, and in our stockholders' hands before tax time" said Garrett. "For example, a loan with a \$100,000 balance, paying interest at 7.25% during 2006, paid about \$7,250 interest. Their cash patronage will be \$1,812.00."

CEO Williams elaborated on the cash patronage. "This association is continuing our philosophy of Providing Value to Membership with the best possible service at the lowest possible cost. Interest rates remain steady as we move into 2007 with our variable product still 1% under the Prime Rate. Competitive fixed rates are available as well." Williams explained that excellent portfolio performance, strong new loan growth, and efficient operations must come together for a return of this magnitude to happen. "We are committed to being the best choice for long-term real estate mortgages on farm and ranch land, rural recreational tracts, rural homes, and agribusiness."

Panhandle-Plains FLBA provides long-term credit to farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness in 17 counties of the Panhandle and South Plains. Offices are located in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton, and Plainview. It is under the direction of a stockholder-elected board of directors. Members include Larry E. Fairchild of Adrian; Dennis Babcock of Groom; Randy Darnell of Amarillo; Ronnie N. Hopper of Petersburg; Don James of Plainview; Rusty Henson of Quitaque; Daniel Krienke of Perryton; Wayne Garrett of Gruver; Steve Rader of Canadian; and Steve Brown of Floydada.



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

Spearhead AA Group
Spearhead AA Group meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Pittman-Knight 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.

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, please call 659-3391 to leave a message, or call the hotline number above. Panhandle Crisis Center serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Please 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.

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 26, 2007. 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.

Project Graduation
The parents of the Spearman High School Senior Class of 2007 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement exercises Friday, May 25th. Graduates will be provided with food, games, activities, and fun! In addition, to encourage the graduates to stay the entire night, door prizes are awarded throughout the evening. The graduation party will culminate with the distribution of grand prizes. Prizes, gift certificates, and cash are needed for the evening's gifts. If you, the community, who supported and encouraged these seniors these past 13 years of school, would be willing to share in the final "Class of 2007" memory, making this project special, please contact Teresa Maestas, 659-1025, or Lynna Renner, 659-3587. Contributions can be mailed to: Teresa Maestas, PO Box 337, Spearman, TX. 79081. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Blood Drive
The Coffee Memorial Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in Gruver on Tuesday, March 13th, from 2-7 p.m. at the Gruver State Bank La Casita Room, 3 Main Plaza. A blood drive will also be held in Spearman on Monday, March 19th, from 1-7 p.m. at The O'Loughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt. Every donor who presents to donate will receive a T-shirt and a stress basketball. In addition, they will be entered into a drawing to win a 42" flat screen TV. (Drawing will be March 31st.) To schedule an appointment, call 1-877-574-8800.

Gruver College Fund
The Gruver Lion's Club is in charge of the Gruver College Fund, which raises money for scholarships for Gruver graduates. The gifts are tax-deductible and no amount is turned away. The committee will try to contact every potential donor by phone, but some will be missed. So don't wait if you would like to make a contribution send your check today to: Gruver Lion's Club, PO Box 566, Gruver, Texas 79040 or see one of the committee members: Benny Wilson, Terry Sherrill, Kermit McKee or Bob Gillispie.

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community
Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet on Saturday, March 10, at the Waka Christian Center. A potluck meal will be served at 6 p.m. followed by a praise and worship service. Families and friends are invited to attend and a nursery will be provided.

Cowboy Poetry Breakfast
Saturday, March 10, another monthly Cowboy Poetry Breakfast starts at the Big Texan at 8:00. Members are sharing the spotlight, so each entertainer will be on stage a little longer than usual, and the audience will be able to enjoy their material that much longer. Reservations for over 8 are helpful. Chuck wagon deluxe breakfast features omelets, scrambled eggs, bacon and sausage, pan-fried potatoes, white gravy, biscuits and honey, waffles, plus breakfast rolls, fresh fruit and slices of luscious breakfast breads. Cowboy poets, singers and musicians in the audience are invited to perform, and, as always, the public is welcome is invited to attend these wonderful family-oriented programs.

The Florida Boys
Jerry Smith presents in concert The Florida Boys on Monday, March 12, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Borger High School Auditorium. Admission is free.

Knights of Columbus Annual Fish Fry
The Spearman Council of the Knights of Columbus (#5552) will host their annual fish fry on Friday, March 9 and again on Friday, March 23 from 6-8 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 905 S. Roland, in Spearman. Plates will be \$6 each, with no charge for children under 9. Carry-outs will be available.

You are invited to a
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Big Brothers Big Sisters Walk For Kids' Sake



Big Sister Nita Carter and her Little Sister Jo.

Walk for Kids' Sake, the annual fundraiser benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters held Feb. 24th, raised over \$55,000. Pledges collected by 34 teams of walkers combined with sponsorships from area businesses and organizations to make this event the most successful in the local agency's history.

The money will be used to make and nurture matches in Perryton, Spearman and Booker; this involves recruiting, screening, training and supervising volunteers. The money raised also underwrites match activities and scholarships for high school mentors as well as provides games and other activities for Bigs in Schools matches. The satellite office receives no funds from the national organization or hub agency in Amarillo and all of the money is used to support the local program.

"This year we celebrate our tenth anniversary and we are serving more kids than ever before. Our theme is "Be Part of Something Big" - and big is what this little satellite office has become! Almost 100 children are being served today," Kimberley Lopez, local agency case manager, said. "And there are more kids ready to be matched."

The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters is to create special friendships between children and caring adult mentors. These relationships, or matches, help children develop positive life skills and social values.

"We have just hired a part time office manager. We began publishing a newsletter this year and have a website under construction," Lopez added. "All of this is possible because of such generous support from our community."

The top six individual money raisers won grand prizes. Frank Rhoden was the top money raiser bringing in \$1320. He won a side of beef donated by Perryton Feeders and Big 4 Packing. Phyllis Laird won a "Trip to Amarillo" which includes an overnight stay at the Ambassador Inn, dinner at the Olive Garden and tickets to the Gorillas. Vickie Barby won a digital camera bundle donated by Perryton Office Supply/Radio Shack. Nita Carter won a Day of Beauty donated by Kevin Harrison and the gang at Blades. Teresa Dodson won a necklace donated by Graham Brothers Jewelers. Elvia Rasam won Zoom Whitening donated by Annette Garcia, DDS.

Walkers who raised at least \$100

won a Heartstone photo frame supplied by Taylor's Old Times Shoppe: They were: Lee Schultz, Paige Burgin, Michelle Uptergrove, Kay Stamps, Trish Carroll, Janelle Cochran, Candy Butler, Roxanne Schaefer, Joy Bobbitt, Amber Leicht, Steve Waide, Tara Leicht, Emily Hood, Rosalee Bueno, Joann Schneider, Cheryl Hill, Suzanne Sooter, Roxanne Felts, Nita Carter, Vicki Lilly, Shauna Cowan, Sydney Elston, Dal Foster, Anne Wilkerson, Teresa Dodson, Elena Borunda, Glenna Pool, Vickie Barby, Pam Chisum, Farrah Kesler, Bobby Dear, Frank Rhoden, Tom Slaughter, Melissa Thomas, Phyllis Bailey, Verina Ahrends, Shannon Richardson, Mabel Mills, Elvia Rascon, Tod Keeth, Rita Tregellas, Tony Brown, Phyllis Laird, Teresa Cresswell, Stacey Brown, Sunny Brown, Dee Elliot and Tammy Garton.

Walkers who raised at least \$200 also won a \$20 Sonic Card donated by Sonic Drive-In. They were: Burgin, Cochran, Butler, Brown, Carroll, Carter, Lilly, Cowan, Wilkerson, Foster, Dodson, Barby, Chisum, Kesler, Dear, Rhoden, Leicht, Waide, Bailey, Mills, Rascon, Laird, and Brown.

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A raffle was held in conjunction with the event. The prize was tickets to a Texas Ranger Baseball game donated by Anvil International, two nights at the Hilton Arlington, \$50 gift certificate to Shady Oaks Barbeque and \$40 gift certificate to Joe's Crab Shack. Rob McGarraugh was the winner. The raffle raised \$2090 for the event.

Walkers received T-shirts printed by sponsor, dsDesign, featuring a design by Scott Trotter of Vector Studio.

The walkers also enjoyed food and beverages during their shifts. The food court was supplied by Pizza Hut (Perryton), Subway, Frito-Lay-Mike Plank, Perryton Printing, Booker Grocery, and Lowe's Supermarkets (Perryton and Spearman). Music and entertainment were provided by Terry Peak and Brad Herring.

In-kind contributions were made by Perryton Printing, Perryton Chamber of Commerce, DBP Exploration, and Perryton ISD.

Anyone interested in learning more about the BBBS program is encouraged to call 434-0016.

TO ALL PANHANDLE COTTON GROWERS

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Thanks to all of our customers for your support in our first year of ginning. You have allowed us to gin over 50,000 bales of cotton and now we have a proven, quality, state-of-the-art gin capable of ginning all qualities of cotton in a timely fashion.

We would like to express special thanks to the great support received from the Spearman, Perryton and Economic Development Groups, Hansford County Judge Benny Wilson and County Commissioners (especially Commissioner Butch Reed). Their financial assistance and genuine support contributed greatly to our success.

Also a big thank you to Keith Hight and Sheryl Hardy for your work and encouragement.

We are proud of our management who performed admirably in a difficult first year. Jerrell Key, manager, led a dedicated staff headed by Frank Devin and Malcom Jones in the successful accomplishment of all our key first year goals:

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We look forward to providing quality cotton ginning and marketing in addition to being a source of timely and important information to area cotton producers in the years ahead.

The Texas Department of Transportation will host two Informational Meetings on March 26 & 27, 2007 concerning the planning of future projects.

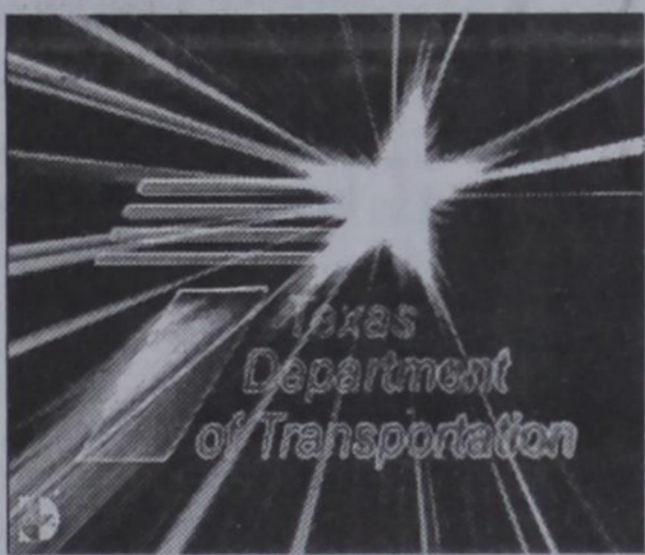
The informational meetings are held to explain how the department plans transportation projects. We would like to receive the public's input regarding the current Transportation Improvement Plan for the district.

On March 26, 2007, (Monday) the meeting will be between 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. at TxDOT's Dumas North Office. The meeting is located at 1249 North Maddox, Dumas, Texas. On March 27, 2007 (Tuesday), the meeting will be between 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. at the Conference Center for TxDOT in Amarillo. The Conference Center is located at 5715 Canyon Drive, Building H.

The come and go meetings will cover transportation plans for all areas of the Panhandle and the city of Amarillo. A short video of current and proposed projects will be shown. The Area Engineers will be available to answer any questions to discuss future and current projects. Draft versions of written transportation plans will be presented at the meeting for public comment.

Written statements and other exhibits may be submitted to the District Office at 5715 Canyon Drive (PO Box 7368) Amarillo TX 79114-7368. Comments must be received no later than April 9, 2007.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Persons interested in attending the meeting whom have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Cheryl Luther at 806.356.3249. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.



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2007 Severe Weather Workshop Slated for March 17th

The Amarillo National Weather Service (NWS), Amarillo Department of Emergency Management and BWXT Pantex will host a Severe Weather Workshop on Saturday, March 17, 2007. Local television stations KVII-TV, KFDD-TV, KAMR-TV, KGNC radio and Wal-Mart will sponsor the event. The workshop

will be held at the Civic Center Heritage Room in downtown Amarillo and is open to the public, FREE of charge. Doors open at 9 a.m. Numerous booths related to weather or emergency operations will be staffed from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Presentations begin at 12:30 p.m. and will end by 5 p.m.

The day will begin at 900 AM with numerous weather or emergency-related booths staffed by local and regional vendors and non-profit organizations until 1230 PM. For those who wish to become Storm Spotters, the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandle Skywarn Cellular Area Network

(TOPSCAN) will be recruiting new spotters. As many as 30 other organizations are expected to staff booths, including the Amarillo NWS, Amarillo Emergency Management, Amateur Radio Operators, Pantex, KFDD-TV, KAMR-TV, KVII-TV, weather vendors, & many more! Staff from KVII-TV and the NWS will be on hand to assist in programming NOAA Weather Radios.

The General Session will begin at 1230 PM. Topics and Speakers for this session include:

- "Fire in the Plains: Lessons Learned from the 2006 Panhandle Wildfires" - Jason Jordan, Amarillo NWS Forecaster
- "The June 11th, 2005 Tornado Outbreak" - Doppler Dave Oliver & Staff - KFDD-TV Meteorologists
- "A Look Back at the 2006 Childress Tornado" - Matt Hines & Staff - KAMR-TV Meteorologists
- "The Forecast Funnel: A Press Box View of Severe Weather Forecasting" - Dr. Kevin Kloesel - OU Dept of Geosciences
- "The Rating of Tornadoes: The New Enhanced Fujita Scale" - Mr. Larry Vannozi - Meteorologist-In-Charge, NWS Nashville, TN

For additional info, please call the Amarillo NWS at 806 335-1121 or visit our website at www.srh.noaa.gov/ama

Bayer CropScience Announces 2007 Shared Risk Programs For FiberMax, AFD Varieties

Programs allow growers to manage risks and access to high-quality cotton varieties carrying the newest technology traits.

Bayer CropScience has announced the 2007 Shared Risk Programs for FiberMax® and AFD™ cotton seed varieties for West Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas.

The Replant and Crop Destruct Program will cover 100 percent of the grower-suggested price for the first replant of FiberMax and AFD cotton seed varieties, including those carrying the LibertyLink® technology. The program also allows for re-applications of Temik® insecticide/nematicide, AERIS™ Seed-Applied System or Gaucho® Grande seed-applied insecticide in replant situations.

In addition, the 150 lb Drought Program will provide refunds when the qualifying varieties yield less than 150 lbs of lint per land acre. FiberMax and AFD varieties with stacked Bollgard II®/Roundup Ready® Flex, LibertyLink/Bollgard II and Roundup Ready Flex will be eligible for a \$50 per bag refund. FiberMax and AFD varieties with LibertyLink, Roundup Ready, Bollgard II/Roundup Ready, Bollgard® and Bollgard II will be eligible for a \$40 per bag refund.

Jeff Brehmer, Bayer CropScience U.S. Marketing Manager for FiberMax and AFD, said: "We are partnering with growers so they have access to varieties with the latest technology traits to produce the best quality cotton as conveniently and efficiently as possible. At the same time, we want growers to know we are behind them with Shared Risk Programs if environmental conditions lead to crop disasters."

Anton, Texas grower Monte Ayers planted approximately 600 of his 1,000 acres of dryland cotton to FM 960B2R in 2006 and noted the importance of Shared Risk Programs like those which will be offered in 2007.

"FM 960B2R was the best cotton we had planted on our dryland acreage in 2006," Ayers said. "I definitely believe Shared Risk Programs are important. If you have a disaster due to conditions, you really need replant and crop destruct programs to make it work. It makes our decision to plant varieties with technology traits on dryland much easier."

In addition, FiberMax and AFD varieties with the LibertyLink Cotton System will be eligible for reimbursements for the technology costs of seed and Ignite® 280 herbicide applications in crop destruction situations. The end date for this crop-destruct program is August 31, 2007.

For refund information on Monsanto technology fees, growers should contact Monsanto for information regarding the 2007 Roundup Rewards® Program.

For complete information on Shared Risk Programs, contact your local Bayer CropScience representative. Or visit us on the web at www.cottonexperts.com.

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SAM School April 18-20

by Blair Fannin, 979-845-2259, b-fannin@tamu.edu

The Successful Agricultural Management School is scheduled for April 18-20. The school caters to those new to ranching and wanting to learn more about the basics of livestock production.

"The workshop is designed for new or inexperienced ranchers and covers the basics of forage establishment, management and utilization as well as basic livestock management and production," said Dr. Larry Redmon, Texas Cooperative Extension state forage specialist.

Topics include planting methods, calibrating sprayers, inoculating legume seed, castrating, vaccinating and de-horning calves, and managing pastures and livestock. Due to limited enrollment, workshop attendees will visit with Sam Houston State University staff members and Extension specialists to discuss aspects of forage production and livestock management.

Workshop sponsors are Extension and Sam Houston State University. Cost is \$350 per participant.

To register, visit <http://www.shsu.edu/agr> and click on "SAM School Registration" or call 936-294-1216.

Personnel Management Seminar Scheduled for April 3-4

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

A two-day conference designed to help agriculture human resource managers will be held April 3-4 at the Ashmore Inn in Lubbock, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

The conference, Effective Employee Management in Agribusiness, will feature experts from around the country who will address problems of hiring, retaining and disciplining employees, said Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension economist in Amarillo. The experts also will discuss the paperwork involved in dealing with a multi-cultural workforce.

"We held a similar conference in Amarillo with the same speakers," Amosson said. "We received a number of comments from participants saying how great and knowledgeable the speakers were and how this was the best conference on personnel management they ever attended."

"In fact, a six-month post meeting survey of participants revealed that 91 percent of respondents had changed their personnel management practices based on what they learned in the conference," he said. "All I can say is that if you have any problems with personnel management, attending this conference is a must."

Dr. Bernie Erven, with Ohio State University's department of agricultural, environmental and development economics, will open the general session with "Cultivating Culture," focusing on creating an environment where people can succeed, Amosson said. Erven also will talk about transformational leadership and conduct a break-out session, "Being a Boss vs. Being a Friend."

Other speakers are Dr. Tom Fuhrmann, owner and operator of Dairy Works in Phoenix, Ariz.; Dr. Gregory Billikopf, a labor management farm advisor with the University of California Agricultural Extension; Shawn Twing, a labor and employment lawyer in Amarillo; and Sarah Fogleman, Kansas State University Extension agricultural economist.

Registration is \$125 per person, and \$100 for each additional registrant from the same operation if postmarked by March 19. After March 19, the registration fee is \$150 per person.

The conference is open to any interested individuals and is sponsored by Plains Cotton Growers Inc., Purina Mills LLC, Select Milk Producers Inc., Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Texas Cotton Ginner's Association, Extension and Texas Extension Education Foundation.

Partial funding for the conference is provided by the Southern Risk Management Education Center.

For a registration form, go to <http://mastermarketer.tamu.edu>. Make checks payable to: TEEF Acct. # 8200 and mail to Personnel Management Conference, Box 946, College Station, TX 77841-0946. For more information, contact Margaret Freeman at 806-677-5600

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Said Plaintiff's First Amended Original Petition was filed in said court, by Kristi Weaber, whose address is 320 S. Polk, Ste. 400, Amarillo TX 79101 on 02-15-2007, in this case, numbered 11,589 on the docket of said court, and styled, RHONDA GARTON, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF GARY GARTON, SHELLEY GARTON, SHANNON GARTON AND SHEA GARTON, PLAINTIFFS, the nature of which suit is a request to RECOVER DAMAGES.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

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NOTICE
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Manna Ministries "Food From Heaven"

First Christian Church, Spearman, would like to thank everyone for their response to the Angel Food Ministries food program. In October 2006, we placed 11 orders through Cornerstone Ministries in Amarillo who is the Angel Food Distribution site for the Panhandle. Our orders joined thousands of others throughout the United States when they were placed at the headquarters in Monroe, Ga. In a couple of weeks our food arrived and was distributed to those who had placed orders. In February 2007, we placed 63 orders, food was delivered to Amarillo and was picked up for distribution in Spearman.

Cornerstone Ministries has announced that beginning this month the food program will be handled locally instead of having the food trucked in from Georgia. Companies and producers in the Panhandle will fill the orders and deliver the food to Cornerstone. We will pick the food up in Amarillo and bring it back to First Christian Church here in Spearman. Order forms and menu forms will be available at the Hansford County Extension Office, local churches, the Panhandle Crisis Center and by calling Sandy Russell 806-659-2497 or Bonnie Funk 330-0345.

As before, the orders MUST BE PAID FOR AS THEY ARE ORDERED. A receipt will be given. Method of payments: cash, money order or food stamps. Payments must be payable to First Christian Church.

The March orders must be placed by Saturday March 17. Distribution Day will be March 31, from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

by Jim Derington

Out At The Lake

March 5, 2007 - Lake level - 21.04 feet

The cold weather and ice on the lake are finally gone. I know, it is certainly not too late for more winter weather, but the sunshine and warmer weather make it feel like spring.

The bald eagles are still here, but mid March is when they move north. I saw two this morning. The fisherman will be sorry to hear that

the Cormorants are back. These are the black birds that nest in the trees on the lake, and dive for fish. I have also seen several Great Blue Herons, who also nest and raise their young, here at Lake Palo Duro. I have seen several sparrow hawks lately. Sunday, Mandy and I, saw two mountain bluebirds. They are usually seen in flocks, so there may be more.

I have not heard of any big catches of catfish yet. Usually, by

the end of February, the big blue cats are feeding some. I expect some good catfish reports soon.

The new annual permits are now available at the P.D.R.A. office. Reservations are being made for R.V. camping, and for the group shelter.

Some of you may have seen an article in the Amarillo paper recently, about the low lake levels in Palo Duro, Meredith, and McKenzie. It was fairly accurate about Lake Palo Duro. We are just over two percent full, and the lake covers approximately 175 surface acres. Today, the lake is four feet higher than it was in mid December. Lake Meredith is 22 percent full, and Lake Mackenzie is 19 percent.

I will be attending the Canadian River Compact Commission Meeting this week, in Oklahoma City, Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma representatives meet annually, to discuss Canadian River Basin issues. Later in the week, I will attend the Texas Water Conservation Association annual meeting, in Austin.

Gwin completes service in Navy

Eric Gwin will soon finish nearly six years of service in the U.S. Navy. Eric enlisted in May of 2001, right after graduation from Spearman High School.

Following Boot Camp in Great Lakes, he stayed in Great Lakes for almost a year, attending A School, then C School for Mark 26. He was then stationed in Pascagoula Mississippi with the USS Ticonderoga Cruiser where he was a Gunners Mate on the Guided Missile Launcher System and also the Mach 45 VBSS Team.

In September 2004, he was sent to Norfolk to attend the Mach 45 54 Caliber C School. In January 2005, he was stationed in San Diego aboard the USS Princeton, which is part of the USS Metitz Carrier Group. He attended a Non Coomplaint VBSS school there and was part of a team while deployed to the Gulf. In June 2007,

he became a Petty Officer 1st Class.

While in the Navy, Eric has been to Puerto Rico, Columbia, Cuba, Guam, Astralia, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Bahrain, Dubai, Cartahenya, Hawaii and Panama.

Eric is the son of Dennis and Sherrie Gwin of Spearman. he will be returning to Spearman in mid-March.



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