

IN THE NEWS

Abbas and Hamas try to ease fears of civil war
 Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh agreed in principle on Wednesday to integrate a Hamas militia into the security forces, in a move intended to end clashes that have fanned fears of civil war.

Mexican leftist candidate ahead in home stretch
 With labor violence boiling over, a leftist candidate has pulled ahead going into the home stretch for Mexico's presidential election after turning the tables on his conservative rival.

Funds for Iraq run low
 Time and money are running out on the US-directed reconstruction effort in Iraq. The \$20 billion the US gave for reconstruction will be exhausted within months.

Bush sees progress but not "zero violence" in Iraq
 Americans can expect steady progress in Iraq but it would be unrealistic to hope for "zero violence," President George W. Bush said on Wednesday after a surprise trip to Baghdad to bolster the new Iraqi government.

T-shirt mask could help in flu pandemic: experts
 The world may be unprepared for a bird flu pandemic, but U.S. researchers said on Wednesday they had come up with one low-tech answer to widespread shortages of medical equipment -- a mask made out of a T-shirt.

Senate rebuffs Bush on war budgeting
 The U.S. Senate voted unanimously on Wednesday to force President George W. Bush to submit a budget for the Iraq and Afghanistan wars instead of financing them in emergency bills that are pushed through Congress with minimal scrutiny.

White House: "Bad idea" if N. Korea tests missile
 It would be a "bad idea" for North Korea to test a long-range missile, and Pyongyang should return to six-party talks on its nuclear program, White House national security adviser Stephen Hadley said on Wednesday.

Calif. to miss budget deadline, top lawmaker says
 California lawmakers are once again unlikely to meet the state's constitutional deadline for passing a state budget, state Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez said on Wednesday.

Fewer shoppers hit the mall for the heck of it: survey
 Despite a reputation for big spending and lots of available cash, fewer Americans shop just for the fun of it than do consumers in the Asia-Pacific region, according to a new online survey to be released on Thursday.

Monster is asked to preserve options information
 Monster Worldwide Inc. said on Wednesday that regulators had asked it to preserve all relevant information as they prepare to investigate the job Web site's stock option grants.

Stocks rise with Boeing, semiconductors
 Stocks rose on Wednesday and the Nasdaq snapped an eight-day losing streak as investors bought up recently beaten-down shares, and a wave of good news boosted shares of airplane manufacturer Boeing Co.

New leukemia drugs show early promise
 Two new drugs may help treat some adult cases of leukemia that fail to respond to Novartis AG's Gleevec, two studies showed on Wednesday.

Scientists urge G8 not to ignore global warming
 World leaders must not allow concern for energy security to distract them from taking promised action on global warming, top world scientists said on Wednesday.

Germany seals last-minute win over Poland
 Germany scored a dramatic goal in stoppage time to beat historic rivals Poland 1-0 on Wednesday in a match marred by the worst fan trouble since the start of the World Cup.



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Xcel Energy seeks increase in Texas base rates

For the first time since 1986, Xcel Energy's Texas-based operating company, Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS), is proposing to raise its base rates for electric service in Texas to help offset the higher cost of doing business.

The overall rate increase proposal will raise revenues by \$47.1 million a year, or 6 percent. The company is also proposing changes in how it collects certain fuel costs and is proposing to reconcile its past actual fuel costs for the years 2004 and 2005.

The residential rate would rise by 7.4 percent, or \$5.18 more per month for an average household using 800 kilowatt-hours (kWh). Other rate classes would see different percentage increases, but the overall increase for all customer classes, including residential, commercial and industrial, is 6 percent.

The proposals were filed today with the 81 Texas municipalities that Xcel Energy serves and with the Public Utility Commission of Texas. If approved, new base rates - the rates the company charges for depreciation, operations and maintenance expenses of electrical generation, transmission and distribution systems - could take effect in July.

Between 1986 and 2005, the only changes in pricing have been two decreases in the base rates, plus many changes both up and down in the cost of fuel used to generate power in area generating facilities. The fuel costs are not figured into the base rate, and are passed from the suppliers through to customers without any markup for the company. Xcel Energy makes no profit on fuel expense. The most recent adjustment in fuel costs occurred at the beginning of May, when fuel costs were reduced 17.5 percent to reflect lower natural gas prices.

Consumer prices over the past 20 years have risen almost 80 percent, even as Xcel Energy lowered base rates twice. Accounting for the increases in fuel prices, the total amount customers pay has risen only about 8 percent since 1986. Adjusted for inflation, today's total electric bill is about 40 percent lower than it was in 1986.

"We have worked hard to keep prices down, in spite of inflation, because our low costs are a chief economic driver in this region," said Gary Gibson, president and CEO of Southwestern Public Service Company. "But in order to fund capital improvements to our system, we must take a step toward offsetting increased costs and focus on the needs of a growing customer base."

Electric usage in the Texas and New Mexico territory Xcel Energy serves has risen by more than 50 percent since 1986, Gibson pointed out, and the company must keep up with this growth by investing in power generation, transmission capacity and a host of other system-wide improvements.

Although Xcel Energy is requesting an increase in base rates, it will remain one of the state's lowest-cost suppliers of electricity, Gibson said. The current Xcel Energy price per kilowatt-hour in Texas is around 8.45 cents, including fuel costs. Electric customers in the Houston area pay as much as 15.8 cents per kilowatt-hour.

Another aspect of the upcoming rate filing is the simplification and consolidation of more than 40 rate structures into eight well-defined classes of service that include only one residential rate.

To help customers manage costs, Xcel Energy is publicizing energy saving tips through a brochure called "60 Simple Ways" that details simple and mostly inexpensive steps customers can take to reduce home energy consumption. The brochure can be downloaded at www.xcelenergy.com, or customers may request copies by contacting customer service at 1-800-895-4999.

"While we're proposing a little more than \$5 in increased costs to residential customers, it is possible for customers to save that much and more by taking steps to conserve power in the home," Gibson said.

Xcel Energy will continue to work with customers who need extra time in paying bills, and also will continue working with area nonprofit agencies in finding assistance for customers who cannot pay their bills. In October 2005 the company donated \$250,000 to relief groups in Texas who help pay utility bills for customers needing financial assistance. Customers who need payment arrangements or help in paying bills should contact Xcel Energy at 1-800-895-4999.

Xcel Energy (NYSE: XEL) is a major U.S. electricity and natural gas company with regulated operations in 10 Western and Midwestern states. Xcel Energy provides a comprehensive portfolio of energy-related products and services to 3.3 million electricity customers and 1.8 million natural gas customers through its regulated operating companies. Company headquarters are located in Minneapolis. More information is available at www.xcelenergy.com.

This news release includes forward-looking statements that are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Such forward-looking statements are intended to be identified in this document by the words "anticipate," "estimate," "expect," "projected," "objective," "outlook," "possible," "potential" and similar expressions. Actual results may vary materially. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include, but are not limited to: general economic conditions, including their impact on capital expenditures; business conditions in the energy industry; competitive factors; unusual weather; changes in federal or state legislation; regulation; risks associated with the California power market; currency translation and transaction adjustments; the higher degree of risk associated with Xcel Energy's non-regulated businesses compared with Xcel Energy's regulated business; and the other risk factors listed from time to time by Xcel Energy in reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.



Pictured above are the Miss Hansford winners of the 2006 Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant. They are: (Back, L-R) Morgan Ashmore, 2006 Miss Preteen; Cara Gwin, 2006 Miss Hansford; Nikki Boyd, 2006 Miss Teen; (Front, L-R) Payton Harrell, 2006 Junior Miss Hansford; and Ariha Vaquera, Little Miss Hansford.



Pictured above are the Miss Hansford runner-ups of the 2006 Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant. They are: (Back, L-R) Malory Martin, 2006 Miss Preteen Runner-Up; Jessica Jarvis, 2006 Miss Hansford 2nd Runner-Up; Aleisha Sweat, 2006 Miss Hansford 1st Runner-Up; Whitney Moffett, 2006 Miss Teen Runner-Up; (Front) Haylee Miesner, 2006 Junior Miss Hansford Runner-Up; not pictured is Carlee Johnson, Little Miss Hansford Runner-Up.



Pictured at right is Georgia McLeod, the 2006 Heritage Days Queen (center).

Pringle-Morse CISD employees recognized
 Pringle-Morse CISD recognized six employees during eight grade commencement exercises on Tuesday, May 23, 2006 with Teacher Service Awards.
 Awards were given to the following: 5 Years - Dale Jones, Isabel Vasquez and Carol Forrest, 10 Years - Rosie Crowl, 15 Years - Paige Speck, and 20 Years - Monica Schmidt.

Spearman Housing Authority Opens Playground
 Spearman Housing Authority wishes to announce to the community the formal opening of the playground located on its premises. Construction of the playground was begun in September, 2004; though children have been using it since just about as soon as the workmen put down their tools.
 After due consideration and experience, we now have policies in place and rules posted which are intended to make the playground as safe and welcoming a place as it is fun for all children under the age of 10 and for one or more supervising parents or other adults designated by the children's parents or other responsible adults. Any adult responsible for the care of a child wishing to use this playground may call or come by the Housing Authority office during office hours and register for its use. Residents of the housing Authority are already considered "registered" and may "host" a non residential child at their discretion. Our main objective is to provide a safe environment for young children to enjoy; and for children under the age of 10, such an environment is understood to include and require responsible adult supervision- supervision that is close enough and attentive enough to act appropriately and swiftly, as needed.
 The playground may be reached from either the south side of the 500 block of East 2nd Ave. or from the west side of the block of James street. If parking is necessary, please park along the west side of James Street.

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST
 THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Windy. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 20 to 30 mph.
 FRIDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy. Highs in the lower 90s. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph.
 FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the northeast after midnight.
 SATURDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 90.
 SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.
 SUNDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.
 SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.
 MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.
 MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.
 TUESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.
 TUESDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.
 WEDNESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

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

Live,
Laugh &
Love



by Catherine R. Smith
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My friend Leslie Reynolds sent me the following entitled "The Price of a Child." It is very touching - I hope you enjoy it.

The Price of a Child

This is just too good not to pass on to all. Something absolutely positive for a change. I have repeatedly seen the breakdown of the cost of raising a child, but this is the first time I have seen the rewards listed this way. It's nice.

The government recently calculated the cost of raising a child from birth to 18 and came up with \$160,140 for a middle income family. Talk about sticker shock! That doesn't even touch college tuition.

But \$160,140 isn't so bad if you break it down. It translates into:

- * \$8,896.66 a year,
- * \$741.38 a month, or
- * \$171.08 a week.
- * That's a mere \$24.24 a day!
- * Just over a dollar an hour.

Still, you might think the best financial advice is don't have children if you want to be "rich." Actually, it is just the opposite. What do you get for your \$160,140?

- * Naming rights. First, middle, and last!
- * Glimpses of God every day.
- * Giggles under the covers every night.
- * More love than your heart can hold.
- * Butterfly kisses and Velcro hugs.
- * Endless wonder over rocks, ants, clouds, and warm cookies.

* A hand to hold, usually covered with jelly or chocolate.

- * A partner for blowing bubbles, flying kites
- * Someone to laugh yourself silly with, no matter what the boss said or how your stocks performed that day.

For \$160,140, you never have to grow up. You get to:

- * finger-paint,
- * carve pumpkins,
- * play hide-and-seek,
- * catch lightning bugs, and
- * never stop believing in Santa Claus.

You have an excuse to:

- * keep reading the Adventures of Piglet and Pooh,
- * watching Saturday morning cartoons,
- * going to Disney movies, and
- * wishing on stars.

* You get to frame rainbows, hearts, and flowers under refrigerator magnets and collect spray painted noodle wreaths for Christmas, hand prints set in clay or Mother's Day, and cards with backward letters for Father's Day.

For \$160,140, there is no greater bang for your buck. You get to be a hero just for:

- * retrieving a Frisbee off the garage roof,
- * taking the training wheels off a bike,
- * removing a splinter,
- * filling a wading pool,
- * coaxing a wad of gum out of bangs, and coaching a baseball team that never wins but always gets treated to ice cream regardless.

You get a front row seat to history to witness the:

- * first step,
- * first word,
- * first bra,
- * first date, and
- * first time behind the wheel.

You get to be immortal. You get another branch added to your family tree, and if you're lucky, a long list of limbs in your obituary called grandchildren and great grandchildren. You get an education in psychology, nursing, criminal justice, communications, and human sexuality that no college can match.

In the eyes of a child, you rank right up there under God. You have all the power to heal a boo-boo, scare away the monsters under the bed, patch a broken heart, police a slumber party, ground them forever, and love them without limits. So one day they will, like you, love without counting the cost. That is quite a deal for the price!

Love & enjoy your children & grandchildren!

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

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Catherine :)

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Spearman Stingrays Swim Club

drawing will be held on June 14. See a swimmer to buy your ticket! The Spearman Swim Meet will be held on June 24. Businesses and individuals that have helped in the past will be contacted soon to buy an ad for the Swim Meet Program.

BBBS Night at the Dilla Villa

Tuesday, July 18th is BBBS Night at the Dilla Villa. The game between the Amarillo Dillas and the Laredo Broncos starts at 7 pm. Tickets are available from the Big Brothers Big Sisters office or board members and cost \$5.00 each. The tickets are good for any home game this season. BBBS keeps half the proceeds from the tickets.

Gruver Cemetery Seeking Donations for Improvements

In the near future, the Gruver Cemetery Association will be adding roads and driveways to allow access and expansion in the new section of the cemetery. We are asking area citizens and those with loved one interred in the Gruver Cemetery to make donations and memorials to help the committee complete the work that is needed and to maintain the cemetery in such a way that reflects the honor and respect our loved ones deserve. For more information, contact Rick Barkley, President of the Gruver Cemetery Association, at (806) 733-2500. Please make all donations and memorials payable to the Gruver Cemetery Association, and mail them to Margaret Ralston, Treasurer of the Gruver Cemetery Association, at P.O. Box 629, Gruver, Texas 79040. Your generosity and consideration will be greatly appreciated.

Pringle-Morse & Campbell's Team Up

Over the past 32 years, Campbell's Labels for Education program has delivered over \$105 million in free merchandise to schools nationwide. To kick-off this year's label collection drive, Pringle-Morse CISD School is asking parents, teachers and friends in the community to collect Campbell product labels that can be redeemed for free educational merchandise such as computers, audio/visual equipment, sports equipment, reference books, musical instruments and even a mini-van. Simply save labels or clip proofs of purchase from any of the following eligible Campbell products and send them to Pringle-Morse CISD School: Campbell's soups, Campbell's Supper Bakes meal kits, Campbell's or Franco-American Spaghetti-Os pasta, Campbell's beans, gravies, and canned pasta, Prego pasta sauces, Swanson broths and canned poultry, Pace salsa and picante sauces, V8 vegetable juices and V8 Splash juice drinks, Campbell's tomato juice, Pepperidge Farms breads, cookies, crackers, and frozen products, Pepperidge Farms Goldfish crackers, and Campbell's Foodservice products. For more information on how to be a part of Pringle-Morse CISD School's Labels for Education contact VeAnn Clark, at 806-733-2507 or mail labels to Pringle-Morse CISD, Box 109, Morse, Texas 79062. The program will 2006-2007 starts June 1, 2006. Pringle-Morse School appreciates your continued support.

Benefit Fund Established for Shelley Jean Pledger

An account has been set up at First State Bank in Spearman to help the family of Shelley Jean Smith Pledger. Donations may be made at First State Bank.

Medical Fund Established for William Bettis

A medical fund has been established at Gruver State Bank in Gruver for the William Bettis family. William was seriously injured in an automobile accident. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Panhandle Crisis Center offers new Online Hotline

The Panhandle Crisis Center is joining a new Online Hotline, where individuals seeking help due to sexual assault can chat live with trained volunteers giving secure crisis support to victims, their families and friends. The Panhandle Crisis Center is seeking volunteers for this Online Hotline. For more information, call Janice at 435-5008 or 1-800-753-5308.



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Bynum named BBBS Volunteer of the Month



Big Sister Ronda Bynum (right) with her Little Sister, Sydney.

Ronda Bynum has been selected May Volunteer of the Month by Big Brothers Big Sisters. Bynum has been matched with her Little Sister, Sydney, through the school based mentoring program, Bigs in Schools, since September 26, 2005. The match transitioned to the community based program on May 30th.

The organization has initiated this award as part of their volunteer appreciation program. The honor is based on the quality of the relationship that has been established, the effort the "Big" has made to connect with the "Little" and the impact the friendship has had on the child. Bynum is the first recipient.

Through the Bigs in Schools program, Bynum met with her Little Sister weekly throughout the school year. They enjoyed playing games, doing craft projects and talking together. "Every Monday afternoon, you can find the two of them huddled together in the library - giggling," commented Kimberley Lopez, local agency director. "They bring a smile to everyone's face!"

"She is a really good Big Sister," Sydney said. "I love really her and I know she loves me."

"I'm having fun doing this, I really like her a lot. She is pretty special," Bynum said. "She is a smart girl."

One class assignment was to write an essay entitled "My Favorite Person." Sydney wrote about Bynum. "My favorite person is Ronda because she is my Big Sister for the Bigs program. Not only that but she is kind, caring and loving! I really enjoy spending time with her. I can tell you five things about her using the letters of her name."

The R stands for really smart. The O stands for obedient. The N stands for neat. The D stands for different. And the A stands for adult. Those are some pretty neat words, huh!

I really think Ronda is a good person. I bet other people think the same thing about her. I love Ronda and she loves me! On a scale from one to ten Ronda is definitely a ten! She is my favorite person...I love Ronda very much and I'm sure she feels the same way about me! She has a disease called MS. It caused her to be in a wheelchair but that doesn't stop her from doing what she wants to do! She has so much confidence in herself and a lot of people look up to her. She is really an inspiration to this town! I love her so much!"

Bigs in Schools allows caring volunteers to meet with students on the school campus during the school day. The relationships formed help children feel more positive about themselves and about school and studies show that attendance, grades and attitudes can improve as well. There is no contact outside of school permitted, however, Bynum and her Little Sister decided that they wanted to spend more time together so they transferred their match to the community program. Now they will spend a few hours a week together doing the activities they enjoy.

"I did this to be a blessing to a child," Bynum said. "She has become a blessing to me."

Those interested in more information about the program are invited to contact Kimberly Lopez at 434-0016.

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Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

We have had a great start with summer. The last day of school we were blessed to have the kindergarten classes of Spearman along with teachers and their families for a hot dog cookout out in the Resident courtyard. It was fast and furious. All of the children and families were excited about school being out. The Residents enjoyed watching the children eat and play with such energy and excitement.

Many thanks go out to the First Christian Church for hosting bingo the last two weeks of May. We really appreciate you.

The birthday party was hosted by the auxiliary on the 26th. They brought in pie after pie after pie as well as helping serve. Many thanks go out to the auxiliary for their faithfulness and their service to the elders of our community. We appreciate you all. After celebrating the birthdays for May and feasting on delicious pies, Alyssa Holt sang for the Residents. She has the voice of an angel and it was just beautiful to listen to her sing. Many thanks to you. Later in the evening, the Texoma Menonite Youth Group Choir performed for the Residents in the living room. They sing a capella and are very,

very good. Thank you one and all for the blessings.

Many thanks go out to all of the volunteers that help with church on Sundays also. Melba Rook jumped right in to save the day on the 28th of May and again on the 11th of June with her guitar in hand and her wonderful singing. Many thanks also to the Church of Christ of Spearman for providing services on June 4th. I know that you will be rewarded for your service to the Lord.

On the 30th of May we had a great, great time on a cake walk. We had volunteers all over the place to push Residents in the large circle around the living room and dining room to the music. Every time the music stopped a number was drawn and whoever was stopped on that number that was pasted on the floor won a prize. Needless to say we have great participation during cake walks.

The Residents have started working on some mobiles to hang on their doors during July for the 4th of July. They are coming along very nicely and are going to look really festive to celebrate our Independence.

Charles Brillhart was on hand for Name That Tune on the 2nd of June. The Residents love him to come play for them. Thank you Charles!! The auxiliary also has been hosting Thursday afternoon bingo and Rho Rho Sorority will be hosting bingo on Monday nights the rest of June. Thank you all.

We also have been going outside quite a bit in the mornings before it gets so very hot and enjoying the courtyard and the many beautiful flowers. We have also had cooking club, where we made cookies for dessert after bingo on the 8th, Newscurrents, Front Porch Travels, exercise, gardening, dominoes, table games and coffee club. All staff on hand and all volunteers that we could nab helped take the Residents outside and lined up on the sidewalks so that they could watch the Heritage Days parade. Thank you to everyone who helped and thank you to the com-

munity for making it a priority to bring the parade down the street that runs in front of the Manor. We appreciate you all.

Attached are a couple of pictures of Residents enjoying the courtyard that Empty Stocking dollars help to maintain. We appreciate all of your donations to the Empty Stocking Fund. It directly impacts the lives of all Residents.



by Dorothy Hudson

Out At The Lake

Lake Level--June 12, 2006--20.08feet (-0.28)

The drought continues and that means the Lake level continues to drop. The edges of the Lake are a little tricky for drivers. Jim was up until 1:15 Sunday night helping some visitors get unstuck from a sand spit that goes out into the Lake.

Jim said the weekend was slow with only 2 campers on Saturday night--one on each side. The fishing is a maybe proposition, but he sees enough lights around the water at night to know several are trying.

Random Bird Notes

This year I am hearing more bird stories in Gruver. AnnaBeth Wood told me of seeing a very small blue bird on the ground in her backyard. She looked at the picture of a Black-throated Blue Warbler and decided that was most likely the bird. When I consulted Kenneth Seyffert's Birds of the Texas Panhandle I found that he had only found 6 recordings of this bird being found in the Panhandle.

Charlotte Bergin has a Mockingbird nest in a tree in her front yard. She has been able to watch from a window as the nestlings are being fed.

Leona Stavlo noticed a small dove on a pine needle nest in a

backyard pine tree. Later she noticed a larger dove on the nest and was able to tell she had a pair of mourning doves. They both incubate the eggs with the male taking the day shift and the female the night one. The 2 eggs usually hatch in 2 weeks. For three weeks the babies are fed "pigeon's milk."

At 5 days, seeds are also added. Probably most of you readers are familiar with pigeon's milk, but I was not. The first thing I learned was that since pigeons and doves are in the same family, pigeon's milk is the name used for this phenomena in both birds. Then I found it was a mistake to think it was something to do with the female bird. No, both parents provide the young with this "milk." The little ones stick their beaks down the adults' throats and suck it out. It is formed in the specialized double-compartment crops of pigeons and doves. (For those who have never cleaned birds for eating, the crop and crop are the same name for an enlargement used to store food on the bird's esophagus.) During feeding season both parents are able to process the stored food in a manner that resembles milk.

Perhaps Leona will be able to observe this strange method of feeding young doves.

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Patricia Cluck Burleson
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You are invited to attend a
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honoring
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on Saturday, June 17th
from 10:00-11:30 a.m.
in the home of Stephanie Brock
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You are invited to attend a
Bridal Shower
honoring
LaDonna Campbell
(bride-elect of Chris Parks)
on Sunday, June 25th at 2:30 p.m.
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200 N Main Stinnett

You are invited to attend a
Bridal Shower
honoring
Brianne Burkhammer
(bride-elect of Eric Eslick)
on Saturday, June 24th
from 10:00-11:30 a.m.
in the home of Shelly Beedy
1103 Archer Spearman

You are invited to attend a
Bridal Shower
honoring
Hillary Holmes
(bride-elect of Matt Archer)
on Saturday, June 24th
from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 a.m.
in the home of Mary Ann Lasater
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Students in Free Enterprise named Second Runner-up

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) at West Texas A&M University were named second runner-up May 22 in the first-round judging league at the SIFE USA National Exposition in Kansas City, Mo.

WTAMU's SIFE team advanced to national competition by capturing a regional championship for the 12th year in a row. The team returned from Kansas City with a trophy and \$750 in prize money.

Team members also attended a career fair hosted by 59 companies that specifically recruit from SIFE. More than 100 CEOs from corporations like Wal-Mart and RadioShack joined 100 students—two from West Texas A&M—in a roundtable discussion on "How can business leaders make a meaningful contribution toward creating a better world?"

WTAMU's Andrew Contreras, a senior economics and marketing

major from Amarillo, and Tony Sanchez, a senior management major from Albuquerque, N.M., participated in the discussion.

Jean Walker, instructor of finance who holds the Sam M. Walton Fellowship as WTAMU's SIFE adviser, accompanied the team.

SIFE teams on college campuses in 40 countries work to make a difference in their communities by organizing service projects that teach market economics, success

skills, entrepreneurship, financial literacy and business ethics. Their projects are judged at competition on creativity, innovation and effectiveness.

Members of the team from Gruver are: Misael Rosales, a junior accounting/computer information systems major and Dan Villegas, a sophomore graphic design major.



Haley Pletcher was the salutatorian for the Perryton High School 2006 graduating class.

She was also named to Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2006 Outstanding Social Studies Student (\$200 cash award from Interstate) and was a Big Brothers Big Sisters volunteer. She received the FirstBank Southwest \$100 Salutatorian award, NHS scholarship award of \$500; BBBS scholarship award of \$300; and a Brown University Scholarship. She will attend Brown University in the fall as cognitive neuroscience major.

Haley is the daughter of Kayla Coutts and Johnny Pletcher, both of Perryton. She is the granddaughter of Tommy and Sandy Russell of Spearman.

Stingrays Swim Meet Results

The Spearman Stingrays Swim Club had their first meet on Saturday, June 3 in Scott City, Kansas. We swam against teams from Scott City, Leoti, Lakin, Colby, and Guyton. Spearman placed fourth overall. These are the results for the Spearman kids:

- 8 & Under Girls**
- 25 Freestyle - Taylor Varon - 1st, Payton Harrell - 2nd, Brantly Shields - 8th, Lily Patterson - 16th
 - 25 Butterfly - Payton Harrell - 1st, Taylor Varon - 2nd
 - 25 Backstroke - Taylor Varon - 1st, Payton Harrell - 4th, Brantly Shields - 8th, Lily Patterson - 19th
 - 25 Breaststroke - Taylor Varon - 1st, Payton Harrell - 2nd, Brantly Shields - 7th
 - 100 Free - Taylor Varon - 1st, Payton Harrell - 3rd
 - 100 Free Relay - Spearman - 1st, Payton Harrell, Lily Patterson, Brantly Shields, Taylor Varon
 - 100 Medley Relay - Spearman - 1st - Payton Harrell, Brantly Shields, Taylor Varon, Lily Patterson

- 8 & Under Boys**
- 25 Free - Dylan Kemp - 3rd, Reece Shields - 15th
 - 25 Back - Dylan Kemp - 1st
 - 25 Breast - Dylan Kemp - 1st
 - 100 Free - Dylan Kemp - 1st
 - 100 Free Relay - Spearman - 4th - Slade Knowlton, Reid Harrell, Reece Shields, Dylan Kemp
- 9 & 10 Girls**
- 50 Free - Hannah Patterson - 10th
 - 50 Back - Hannah Patterson - 12th
 - 50 Breast - Hannah Patterson - 5th
 - 100 Free - Hannah Patterson - 9th
- 9 & 10 Boys**
- 50 Free - Zane Hughes - 3rd, Dawson Riethmeyer - 11th

Davis named HOBY Ambassador

Mattie Davis recently attended the North Texas Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Seminar held in May in Ft. Worth, on the campus of Texas Christian University. Mattie joined other young leaders representing many high schools from throughout Texas.

Selected to represent Spearman High School, Mattie is the daughter of Jerry Pat and Christy David and Brian and Gina Gillispie. The Spearman Lion's Club was the local HOBY sponsor. HOBY Leadership Seminars bring together a select group of high school sophomores to interact with groups of distinguished leaders in business, government, and education to discuss present and future issues. The goal is to provide the youths a stimulating forum for learning about the free market and democratic process while broadening their understanding of their leadership potential and quest for self-development. HOBY leaders are also challenged to return to their communities to perform at least 100 hours of community service within 12 months following the SEMinar.

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership was established in 1958 by the popular actor Hug O'Brian following a visit to Africa where he was inspired by a meeting with Dr. Albert Schweitzer. "One of the things Schweitzer said to me was that the most important thing in education was to teach young people to think for themselves," O'Brian said. "From that inspiration, and with the support of others who believe in youth and the American dream, I started HOBY to seek out, recognize, and develop outstanding leadership potential among our nation's youth."

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Slaid and Julie Jones of Issaquah, Washington announce the birth of their first born daughter!

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She is the fourth grandchild of Donnie and Jeannie Jones of Morse and Datil, NM. Jeannie just returned from an 8 day visit with the family and reports that she is PERFECT!

Maternal grandmother is Jan Bolin of Frisco, Texas. Caroline is Ira and Ouida Harbour's tenth great-grandchild! Other great-grandparents are Dexter and Mary Jo Elliot of Frisco as well as Ernestine Bolin and Sonny Harris of Gainsville.

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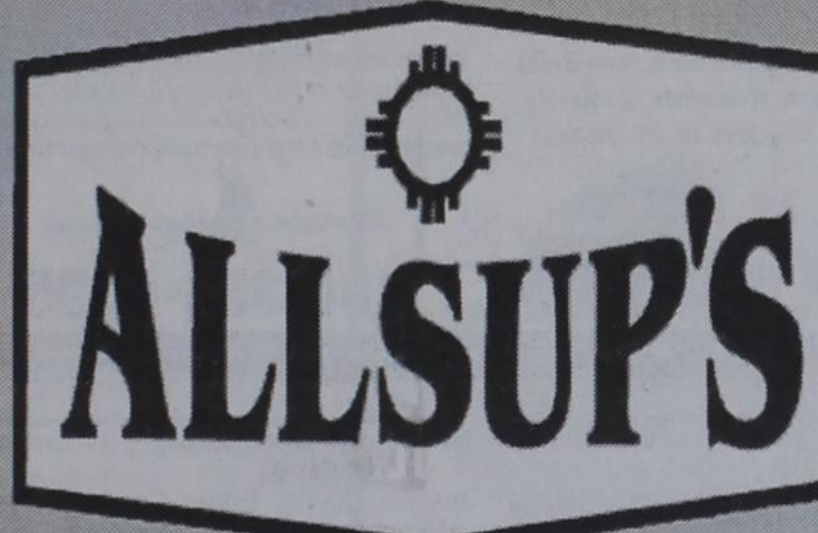



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Hansford County Students of the Month



Aleisha Sweat and Cesar Macias

The May Students of the Month for Spearman are Aleisha Sweat and Cesar Macias.

Aleisha is the daughter of Anne and Marvin Wilkerson and Devin Sweat. She has three brothers: Jordan, Derrick and Clayton.

We asked Aleisha what teacher had influenced her the most and she gave us two instead. Those are Ms. Blankenship and Mr. Murdock. We also, asked her what she liked best about Spearman and what she liked best about Spearman High School. She responded, "It's a small town, so everybody knows you, which makes it feel like an extremely large family. The teachers here are very caring."

During the time she has spent at SHS Aleisha has been in band and the National Honor Society plus she has participated in in track and cross country. She's had a poem published, was "Best Clarinet" - 2006; Outstanding Sophomore and Senior in band; Outstanding Band Member in 2006; Best Team Member, 2004-2005; State Qualifier-Sophomore and Senior years for Solo Ensemble; Best Attitude in band-2005; Drum Major-2005-06; Band President-2006; and Band secretary, 2005.

When not doing school activities Aleisha likes hanging out with friends, reading and spending time with her little brother, Derrick, and her family.

Aleisha plans to attend Oklahoma State University.

Cesar Macias is in the eleventh grade and is the son of Jose and Wilhna Macias. He has a brother, Jesus and a sister, Wilhna.

During his high school years Cesar has played football, ran track, played in the band and is a member of FCCLA. He was voted class favorite.

We asked Cesar what he liked about Spearman, Spearman High School and what teacher had most influenced him. His answers were very short and simple, "It's a small town and everybody knows each other. I like the teachers. And Coach Bows."

When not in school he likes playing sports with friends and working. Cesar's plans for the future are to attend West Texas A&M University.



Laci Fitzgearld

Curt and Trisha Fitzgearld are the proud parents of the Gruver's May Student of the Month, Laci Fitzgearld. Laci is a senior and she has one brother, Blake.

We asked Laci what she liked most about GHS? She told us, "I like the family-like atmosphere. I like how the teachers are dedicated to their work but at the same time are our friends." Mrs. Miller has been the teacher that has most influenced Laci.

When asked about what she liked most about the City of Gruver Laci responded, "I like the small town atmosphere and the closeness of the community."

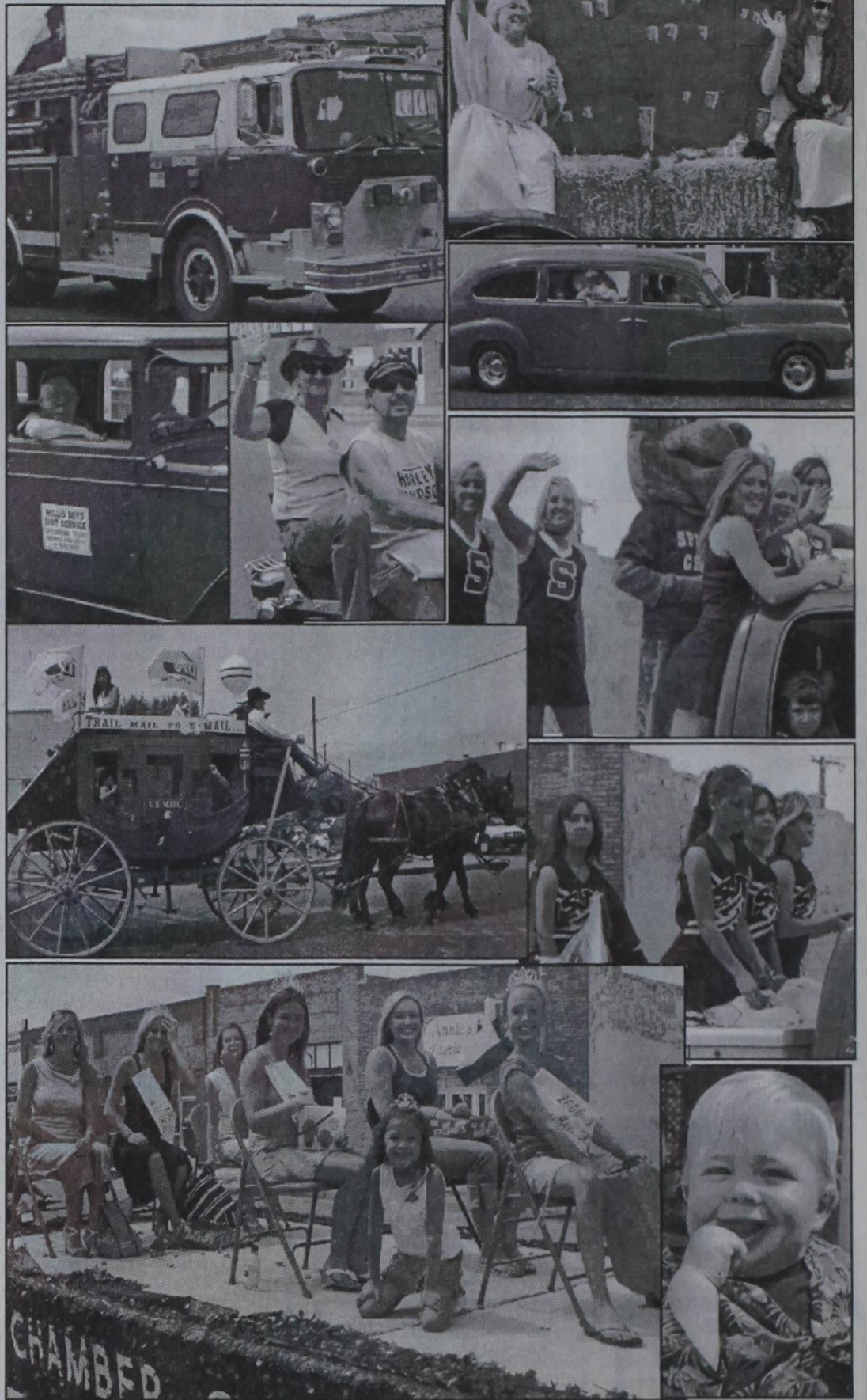
During her high school years Laci has participated in cross country, basketball, tennis, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society and church.

Laci has accomplished a lot during high school including the Tennis Award, All-Around Athlete, Academic All-District Cross Country, Academic All-District Basketball, 2nd All-District Basketball and May Student of the Month. Laci recently won the State Championship in tennis.

When Laci is not going all out she enjoys playing tennis, going to the movies and hanging out with her friends.

Laci plans to play tennis at Howard Payne University and majoring in Biology.

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