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Top of Texas Quilt Shop Hop County Fair July 24-26, 2008

Ten quilt shops in our regional area have joined together for the 6th Annual Top of Texas Quilt Shop Hop, providing a funfilled weekend for everyone who enjoys quilting and fabric arts. Door prizes, refreshments, as well as special free gifts for customers will be given to all who visit the quilt shops, Thursday, July 24th through Saturday, July 26th. Hours of business are: Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (CST)

Customers will receive a passport at the first stop visited. Completed passports with a stamp from each shop will be turned in at the last shop. Quilters going to all ten shops will be eligible for special prizes including a basket with 100 quilter's fat quarters, a \$75 gift certificate from each of the ten shops, and a basket filled with sewing and quilting notions. Total value for these prizes is over \$1,000.

In addition there will be a grand prize of a special quilt designed by the participating quilt shops. There will be a picture of this Round Robin Quilt at each shop. Patterns for a Mystery Quilt by Debbye Caffrey will be available at each quilt shop. Drawings for the grand prizes will be held on Sunday, July 27th.

Participating shops are: Fabric Dreams, Pam's Quilting Corner, R&R Quilts and More, Sister's Scraps - all of Amarillo; Cheryl's Quilt Corner - Guymon, OK; Down Home Quilts - Dumas; Jo's This 'n That Spearman; Malouf's Fabrics - Friona; Sands' Fabrics - Pampa; and The Patchwork House - Clovis, NM.

For more information, contact Jo's This n That (ask for Jo) at 300 Main Street, Spearman TX 79081, or call 806-659-

Weather Forecast

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds around 10 mph. FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.

SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows

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upper 90s. MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

TUESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the

Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Temperatures were slightly below average. Soil moisture was adequate to very short with most areas reporting adequate. Corn varied from very poor to good with most areas reporting fair to good. Most areas reported corn tasseling, with a few fields entering the dough stage. Cotton varied from very poor to excellent with most areas reporting fair; the crop was squaring with a few reports of setting bolls. Peanuts were rated fair to good with most fields pegging. Sorghum varied in from very poor to excellent with most areas reporting fair to good. Soybeans were rated fair to good. Wheat varied from very poor to good with most areas reporting fair. The wheat harvest was nearly complete. Range conditions were mostly fair, with weed problems in some areas. Cattle were in good condition, though horn flies continued to pester some herds.

Norlan Winegarner 821 Haney Rosa Ortiz 404 Hazelwood **Hansford County Courthouse** 1 NE Court If you have a yard you would like to nominate, please contact the Spearman Chamber of Commerce at 659-5555.

Rosa Lee Butt Memorial Auction to Benefit The Golden Spread Center

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The Golden Spread Center and The the Spearman area. O'Loughlin Center Boards are thrilled to be Auction. The 2008 Auction, The Rosa Lee Butt Memorial Radio Auction to

benefit the Golden Spread Center, will be held on Saturday, August 2nd and Saturday, August 9th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Perryton radio, KXDJ-FM. Chris Samples Broadcasting has generously donated these 8 hours of radio broadcasting for this event.

Rosa Lee Butt was involved in the early days of The Golden Spread Center, as early as 1978. Our community has benefitted from the efforts of the organizers of Golden Spread Center for 30 years. This auction celebrates this 30year milestone as we recognize Rosa Lee Butt, who gave of her time and her resources to perpetuate this organization for the benefit of senior citizens in

Please mark your calendars as this auchonoring the memory of Rosa Lee Butt as tion will be "live" on KXDJ-FM, on consecuthey host the Annual Golden Spread tive Saturdays, August 2nd and August 9th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

> please call The O'Loughlin Center, 806-659-3030, or contact any board member. We will be able to receive your donations beginning Friday, July 25th, at the center, 508 S. Brandt, in Spearman. Your generous donations will be greatly appreciated!!

If you have anything you would

like to donate to this event,

In the past, we have had great response to those creative donations, like "dinners, trips, events or anything special" or any car, boat, RV or golf cart. This event promises to be a fun-filled time that benefits the senior citizens of the Spearman area. Lookaround, you might have just the item we need for this special

HC Livestock Judging Team Competes at Texas State Competition

The Hansford County 4-H Livestock Judging Team competed at the Texas State Competition June 11 at College Station. Team members Brenna Reid, Dakota Cator, and Jacob Lieb combined scores to place 21st overall. The team had a solid day in swine judging with a 13th place finish. A steer class ambushed the Hansford County group and disrupted a solid placing day. All three team members were stacked very tightly at the end of the day with only 3 points out of a possible 600 separating them from each other.

The Hansford County livestock judging program was started 18 years ago by coaches Bret Burgin and Burt Williams. This was the 13th team to qualify for state competition in that time frame. This was the youngest team to ever qualify from Hansford County and the only team thus far without at least one upperclassman (Junior or Senior) on it.

The experience and education gained by these judges will hopefully pay big divi-dends in the years to come. Tryouts for the 2009 team will begin in August. Interested youth should contact the AgriLife Extension office for details.

Spearman Stingrays Win Swim Meet

Spearman Stingrays Swim Team hosted their WKSC home meet on Saturday, July 12th at the City Pool. More than 240 swimmers from five teams were entered, with each swimmer competing in 5-7 individual and relay events.

Final team totals for the meet were: 1st place team - Spearman - 862 points 2nd place team - Guymon - 673 points 3rd place team - Liberal - 299 points 4th place team - Garden City - 178 points 5th place team - Ulysses - 146 points

Congratulations, Stingray swimmers and coaches, for a job well done! Individual placings for events will follow soon.

Football 2-A-Days

Spearman High School football 2-A-Days begin Monday, August 4th at 4:30 p.m. for all boys in grades 9-12 who wish to play

Gruver High School football 2-A-Days begin Monday, August 4th at 8 a.m., and again at 12 noon for all boys in grades 9-12 who wish to play football.



Art Vargas, Maintenance man for Hansford County stands next to "Yard of the Week" sign placed in the County Courthouse yard. Art works hard and does an excellent job in keeping the yard looking nice.

Go Shopping & Save in Texas This Summer! Texas' Tax-Free Weekend Offers Shoppers Back-To-School Savings, August 15-17

visitors to the Lone Star State, Texas' annual tax-free weekend is scheduled for August State of Texas grants shoppers a break from state and local sales tax, allowing lower prices on back-to-school shopping.

The savings begin at 12:01 a.m., Friday, August 15, and end at midnight on Sunday. August 17. Savings apply to individual clothathletic shoes, hiking boots, dresses, shirts, jeans, pajamas, sports jerseys, and school uniforms. Shoppers can save approximately

In what has become a Texas tradition for be used again this year to take advantage of help visitors offset the cost of gas. Specials the sales tax holiday.

"Tax-free weekend is an opportunity for 15-17, 2008. During tax-free weekend, the Texans and visitors alike to experience significant savings," said Julie Chase, Chief Marketing Officer, Office of the Governor, Economic Development & Tourism. "In addition to the excellent shopping opportunities, travelers can take advantage of the weekend by treating their families to fun-filled activiing items costing less than \$100, including ties that our Texas cities offer - from rivers and dude ranches to theme parks and muse-

Attractions and hotels across the state are

range from free hotel nights to discounts on admissions in such cities as Houston, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Austin and the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. For more information on travel discounts in Texas this summer, visit http://www.TravelTex.com and click on Travel Packages.

And for a complete list of tax-free items available during Tax-Free Weekend, August http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/tax

pubs/tx98 490/tx98 490.html.

\$8 for every \$100 spent. Lay-away plans can also offering special deals this summer to

GISD JH/HS Boys Athletic Physicals Wednesday, July 30th

Time(s): 9:00 a.m. Seniors Juniors Sophomores 10:00 a.m. Freshman 10:30 a.m. 6th, 7th & 8th Grade 10:30 a.m.

Instructions: Parents will need to attend the physicals with the athletes to sign appropriate forms. If you have any questions, you can contact Fred Tucker at (806) 733-0203.

First Annual Big Fun Run 5K Race and Family Fun Walk Benefits Big Brothers Big Sisters

The Wheatheart Satellite of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Texas Panhandle will hold a 5K race and Family Fun Walk in conjunction with Perryton's Wheatheart Celebration on Saturday, August 23rd. All of the proceeds will benefit the local program.

The race, dubbed The First Annual Big Fun Run, will start at 8 am at Perryton High School; a one mile walk will begin at 8:30.

There will be five divisions for the race: 18 and under, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49 and 50+. Prizes will be awarded to male and female first and second place winners in each division. The deadline to pre-register is August 8th but registration will be available the morning of the event. The entry fee for individual runners is \$25; members of the Lone Star Runners

Club or SWFTR pay only \$20. Individual walkers pay \$25. Entry fees include a t-shirt. The 5K route will begin in front of the high school on Jefferson and follow a course up 9th Street, along several blocks of Main Street, down 19th Street with a detour on Eton and around Stark Park. The race continues on Grinnell in front of Wright Elementary and joins 19th Street again to pass Williams Intermediate School and concludes back at the high school. The community is encouraged to come out and cheer on the racers.

The Family Fun Walker Package is 890 and includes four t-shirts. Pre-registration is required to guarantee youth size shirts. The route will follow the perimeter of the high school grounds. Some special fun is planned for these participants. Additional shirts may be purchased at the event for \$15 each.

Event sponsors are Weatherford, Lemon Law Office and Caprock Supply. The local Big Brothers Big Sisters' office serves Ochiltree and Hansford counties and the city of Booker. Over 110 children have been matched with caring mentors in school and community based programs this year. For more information about the program or to register call BBBS at 806-434-0016 or email bigsmagic@windstream.net for a registration



Lullabies, Legends & Lies

by Parson Smith, the Prime Minister of Laughter

After my duck hunting story of a few weeks past, a friend sent me this little tale. I hope you enjoy...

A man is driving a pick-up them anymore. truck down the road with a pulls over the driver, informs should take them." him that he is speeding and

then asks him where he's going with all those ducks. The driver says that he doesn't know what to do with

The officer says, "Look, bunch of ducks standing in there's a zoo not far from the back. A police officer here and that's where you

The man thanks the officer

and drives off with his

The next day the officer again sees the same pick-up truck barreling down the road. This time, though, all the ducks in the back are wearing sunglasses. The officer pulls the driver over and says, "I thought I told you to

take those ducks to the zoo!" "I did," said the driver, "but now they want to go to the

> Until the next time, May God Bless.



UTILITY COMMISSION **OKS MASSIVE WIND ENERGY** TRANSMISSION PLAN



by Ed Sterling

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS Ed and I escaped for four history of the family. days to explore the towns and museums around us. We choose to go north on 183 up to Nebraska, the over to the west and down 83 to home. There are a lot of pretty country, neat museums, and very nice people. I will be recalling some of the history and items that we saw in this column from time to time. In all, we probably only traveled 700 miles, but with all of the sites to see it took four days. So if you are wandering what to do for a vacation, I suggest you visit our area - go north, south, east, or west and you will find

While I was absent, the Museum hosted Elaine Littau for a book signing. Over 50 people signed in for the event with hometowns as far away as San Antonio and Arkansas. I will report more on the event next week after the Ladies fill me in on the August 17, 1920 who was details. From the amount of the daughter of Ida Harl who people present and the volume of book sales, I would say it was a success.

interesting things to do.

For the last several columns, I have mentioned that we have been clearing our backlog of items needing accessing into our collection. In doing this, we always find an item where the paperwork has been lost, that tells us where and when we obtained it.

This Week's Mystery is a photograph of COMPANY "G," SIGNAL SCHOOL, BASIC TRAINING. The photo was taken in April 1951. We have identified some of the men in the photo and have contacted a few with no luck. If you know anything about the photo or a clue as to who donated it to us, please call.

HISTORICAL MUSINGS I have discussed in this

column our projects with the cemeteries, the obituary books, and the newspaper collection. The following pro-

of Higgins is an example of how these projects interact Last week, my husband to create a more complete in Topeka, Kansas. The

> Obituary from a 1910 newspaper reported the death of James Foster, born April 22, 1841 in Morgan County, Ohio and died March 6, 1910 after a lingering illness of more than a year.

married Mr. Foster Elizabeth J. Wilson of Morgan County, Ohio on October 12, 1865. There were born to them seven children, W.S. Foster, F.A. Foster, Mary Joiner, Ora Sutton, Mrs. J.D. Harl and Mrs. L.C. Freeman.

They moved to Missouri then in 1901 moved to Oklahoma, then in March of 1906 they moved to Higgins, Texas. Elizabeth died in 1913. (Page 38 of the Higgins Cemetery Book registered their burial site.)

Newspaper in records the marriage of Ruth Harl to S. J. Gardiner, married J. D. Harl and was old mysteries.

Woman plays piano for

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file of the Foster-Harl Family the daughter of James and Elizabeth.

The couple were married groom was in the service "after the call of Uncle Sam and service for his country across the water, Sam came home and took up life where he had lived for so many years and is presently a cashier of the First National Bank.

In 1929 we learn that Ida attended the Tri-State Fair and visited her daughters and that Ruth has now married L.P. Emerson. and living in Amarillo.

Ida operated a bake shop in Higgins, survived the 1947 Toronado but her home was demolished. She maintained a home at the Higgins Hotel until her age prohibited. She lived in New Mexico until her death in 1960 and is buried in the Higgins Cemetery.

The weaving of these resources lets us see a more complete story of one of our

Have a good week. I will have an answer to one of our

power on new lines from areas of the state.

OPINION

PUC estimated that the new Texas Senate. lines will be in service within four to five years.

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office A. Davis Jr., director of the the seat. Texas Department of Public

Safety announced his resig- resigns nation. months with the Texas tions, announced his resig-

I am retiring on Aug. 31, 2008," he said.

many years of service. Since the June 8 arson fire drownings mansion, has been under Department reported. increasing criticism. The investigation.

On July 14, Texas First to TPWD. Lady Anita Perry held a press conference to solicit private donations to a fund created to restore the fire-gutted Texas Governor's Mansion.

The effort to fix up the 152year-old state-owned building could take years and millions of dollars. Former Gov. Dolph Briscoe donated \$100,000 to the fund.

Comptroller leads trade mission

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs traveled to Spain in mid-July, leading a group of Texas government officials and business leaders on a business recruitment and trade mission.

Combs promoted Texas as a business location for companies and offered the state's assistance in finding oppor-

She cited Texas' "favorable tax environment, tremendous work force, world-class

AUSTIN - The Public Utility universities and leadership Commission of Texas on July in innovation and technolo- extension 17 approved a large-scale gy.'

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idential electric bills. The vacant Dist. 17 seat in the September 2009.

SB 20, passed by the state candidate for governor of hibited in Sen. Hutchison's Legislature in 2005, directed Texas in 2006, on July 13 amendment. the PUC to select the most announced his candidacy for

Republicans DPS chief resigns from Huffman, Austen Furse and eration. Grant Harpold also have On July 11, Col. Thomas declared as candidates for propane use

Robert Black, the gover-"After 43 years and 9 nor's director of communica-Department of Public Safety, nation on July 14.

Black, who had served on fuel. Gov. Perry's staff since 2003, Gov. Perry and Lt. Gov. said he plans to form his own David Dewhurst reacted to consulting business, specialappreciation of Davis and his munications.

Parks agency reports

sion, the Department of in public waters over the draining our personal budg-Public Safety, which main- Fourth of July holiday, the ets," they wrote. tains a security detail at the Texas Parks and Wildlife

Toll moratorium gets

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Bell to run for state Hutchison, R-Texas, announced July 10 that she Sen. Kyle Janek, R- secured her amendment to a West Texas and the Houston, aresigned from federal transportation spend-Panhandle to metropolitan office effective June 2, leav- ing bill that would continue the current ban on placing The \$5 billion plan would A Nov. 4 special election toll booths on interstate add about \$4 a month to res- will decide who will fill the highways in Texas through

> However, efforts to toll Democrat Chris Bell, a for- newly constructed lanes or mer member of Congress and new highways are not pro-

The transportation spending bill, S.3261, moves next Joan to the full Senate for consid-

> Lawmakers promote

Three powerful Texas Perry spokesman Black House committee chairs penned an open letter to all state and local leaders, seeking to promote the conversion of vehicles to plentiful and clean burning propane

Among suggestions offered was replacing retired fleet vehicles such as school Davis's announcement with izing in public affairs and buses and garbage trucks statements expressing their political and strategic com- with ones fueled by propane or natural gas.

"Escalating gasoline and diesel prices are threatening gutted the governor's man- At least 13 people drowned our national economy and

The letter, dated July 14, was signed by Rep. Jim The total number of water- Keffer, R-Eastland, chair of cause of the fire is under related fatalities in Texas is House Ways and Means; 66 so far this year; more Rep. Warren Chism, R-Restoration fund kicks than half of those deaths did Pampa, chair of House not involve boats, according Appropriations; and Rep. Rick Hardcastle, R-Vernon, chair of House Energy Resources.

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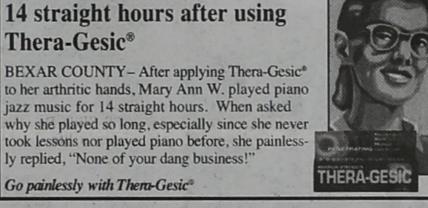
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- crew 47. It's black at a for-
- mal
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Editor's Note: This Happy Birthday list is run as a public service by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. We apologize if any names are misspelled. If you know of a name that needs to be changed, added or deleted, please call 659-3434.

Thank you, Catherine

July 24 Birthday - Kaylee Holt, Christina Sanchez, Neil Pack, Irven Barber, Tammy Freeman, Glen Ray Mackie, Maria Arjona, Ray Gressett, Sophia Salgado, Mary McIntyer, Nathan Pipkin, Martinez, Aaron Winegarner, Adam Cherry, Shannon Acker, Mattie Yanke, Taylor Tice

Anniversary - M/M Lynn Boyd July 25 Birthday - Robbie Butts, Brooke Lesly, Rhonda Baker

July 26 Birthday - Raquel Matthews Whitehead, George P. Odom, Jolain Ball, Jerry Long, Nell Benton, Ronnie Bullard, Rubyjo Wilbanks, Tammi Holmes, Traci Lane, Misty Payne, Cayla Smith, Oscar Valdez, Mini Largent, DeeDee DeLaRosa, Jennifer Covington

Anniversary - M/M Sergio Vaguera, M/M Danny Henson July 27

Birthday - Tracy Bevill, Misty Kauffman, Marvin Jones, Bobby Don Smith, Nancy McIntyre, Kay Beeson, Bob Dennis, Frank Salgado Jr., Olivia Renteria, Michael Wayne Ross, Carl Kizzar, Donny McMahan, Josh Lackey, Robin Capps, Ashley Swan, Ryan Phillips, Able Eaton, Valerie Burnum

Anniversary - Bos & Sis Staton, Keith & Jodie Hight, Ed & Tanja Whitefield, Ronald & Elaine Swan, M/M Owen Montgomery, M/M Sonny Patterson, Tom & Beth Dortch, M/M Lonnie Clemmons July 28

Birthday - Letecia Favela, Holly Hart, Jordan Hicks, Wendy Rodriquez, Ray Gibson, Jo Garcia Jr., Lee Shaver, Marlane Taylor, Maria Ochoa, Reagan Karlin, Wendy Reddin, Rodriquez, Patsy Verlin Winegarner

Anniversary - Harry & Hazel Stumph, M/M Alfred Bayless, M/M Ted Vela

July 29 Birthday - Macee Casdorph, Rex Ralston, Brent Stedje, Scott Stedje, Martin Ochoa Jr., Kammy Goodheart, Robert Graham, Christi Close, Tracy Wilson, Kenny Red, Carol Rushing, Valorie Shields, Aaron Witten, Tanner Hand, Kristi Ramón, Jessica Montgomery, Richard Trantham, LoRee Booth, Mae Wofford, Dallas Trosper, Marlee Castillo, Tracy Burk, Pete Vera IV

Anniversary - M/M Jack Sparks, Teddy & Mary Lou Vela, Betty & Ron Dunaway,

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Dahl, Richey & Karen Thompson July 30

Birthday - John Reed, Pat Tucker, Jim Nicholson, Lynn Ann Sanders, Ronda Cook, Pamela Cates, Sandra Cummings, Kara Pipkin, Saldivar, Alec Raquel Ceniceros, Alice Cook, Katie Gibson, Johnny Bennett, Joanne Graves

Anniversary - M/M Davin Winger, M/M Hoyle Holliday July 31

Birthday - Mary Ruth Connelly, Bonnie Jones, Kathy Vanlandingham, Danna Close, Sherry Brand, Jessie Burke, Jody Harnish, Hector Nava, Mike Slater, Ronnie Lusby, Cary Collier, Cecil Biggers, Jennifer Marrs, Cody Reynolds, Nancy Garcia

- Doug & Anniversary Shannon Barnes, Jason & Amber TeBeest

August 1 Birthday - Lisa Link, Kyle Irwin, Frankie Leatherman, Annie Mayhew, Gyene Spivey, Benjamin Williams, Johnnie Williams, Ronnie Williams, Tommy Lovett, Jo Brown, Leann Swan, Yvonda Stokes, Anita Clemmons, Kevin Kirk, Rob Barber, Kelli McWhirter, David Swan, Jim Scarborough, Kiki West, Hershey Martin, Alfonso Crooks, Joyce Ceniceros, Larry Trosper, Patricia Quillin, Gabriel Lopez, Sara Wright, Chance Swan

Anniversary - M/M Mike Minter, M/M Tommy Cathey, Jr. August 2

Birthday - Eadie Clemmons, Mary Brock, Frosty Hickerson, Dirk Umphress, Colby Griffin, Earl Griffin, Daniel Bort, Yuki Bort, Misty Vera, Roland Graeber, Neely Hicks, Ryan Wells, Hanna Bates

Anniversary - M/M Billy Kelly, M/M Larry Hays, M/M Dan Ralston

August 3

Birthday - Clay Gillipsie, Tyson Sparks, Mary Wisinger, Laurie Swenn, Kent Guthrie, Kenneth Coates, Olivia Salgado, Sam Abston, Dibrell Kirk, Racheal Garza, Tencha Cazares, Olivia DeSantiago, Maxine Little

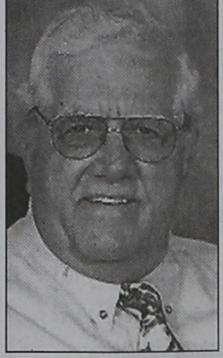
Anniversary - M/M Don Schroder, M/M Shane Reagan August 4

Birthday - Jim Derington, Marjorie Hendricks, Penny Gammil, Mrs. Dick Kilgore, Cindy McGhee, Jeanetta Montgomery, Billy Joe Rhea, Mike Riley, V.L. Williamson, Nikki Swenn, Misty Pointer, Shelly Rook, Ramon Rosales, Renee Allen, Joe Allen Bullard, Bond Grace Pittman, Lee Blevins, Lane Salmans, Rachel Abernathy, Ronnie Cogdill, Karen Hartgraves

Anniversary - M/M Joe Vanderburg, M/M Joe Bravo, M/M E.A. Williams, M/M Ronnie F. Williams

Our Sympathy

REV. DR. J. JOSEPH PODOLAK



The Rev. Dr. J. Joseph Podolak passed away July

He was born August 30, 1941, to Jean Podolak Stein and the late John Podolak. He attended school in Carnegie, graduating in 1959. Following a brief stint in the U.S. Army, both active duty and reserves, he enrolled at Wilmington College in Wilmington, Ohio. In 1965, Joe graduated with honors, earning a B.A. in Science Education. One week later he married his college sweetheart, Christiane. Immediately following graduation. Joe taught high school, later serving as an industrial engineer, working at several locations in the Midwest. During that time

Podolak earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration.

In 1975, Joe enrolled in Trinity Lutheran Seminary to begin four years of study directed at earning a Master's Degree in Divinity. After ordination in the American Lutheran Church he served parishes in Gruver, Sinton, Brenham, and Bay City, before accepting a call to Martin's Ferry, Ohio. In 1991, Joe completed work on his Doctorate in Parish Ministry at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. In 1998, he returned to Texas to accept a call to Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Coletoville. In November 2005, Pastor Joe began serving as a Relief Pastor on the staff of First English Lutheran Church in Victoria.

In early 2006, Joe was blessed to again fall in love, as he met and married his second wife, Sherry. In the years they had together, they enjoyed the challenge of building a new home in Victoria, working on church activities at First English, traveling and spending hours with their four grand-

Dr. Podolak is survived by his wife, Sherry; his mother Jean Podolak Stein of Salem, Ohio; mother-in-law Lee Lubin of Seattle, Washington; his sister Naomi (Jan McPeek) of Leetonia, Ohio; brother Robert (Judy) of Cape Coral, Florida; his brother-in-law, Wayne Lubin (April and son, Schuyler) of Seattle, Washington; his children Rachel Podolak of Austin, Texas, John (Janis) Podolak II, and Mark Podolak of Victoria; and grandchildren Joshua, Brittany, Justin and John Podolak III. He was pre-deceased by his father John; his beloved wife, Christiane in 2004; his sister Lorraine Stafford.

Saturday, July 26, 2008, at First English Lutheran Church remembered for his love of family, love of life, his generosity in Victoria, Rev. Dr. William Hassel officiating. Dr. Podolak and Christian faith. requested that those wishing to send memorials consider a First English Lutheran Church.

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LUCY ALTHA GROVES

Funeral services for Lucy Altha Groves, 101 years old, of Spearman, TX, were held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 22, 2008, at First Baptist Church of Spearman. Pastor Jim Medley officiated, and burial was at Hansford Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Altha was born March 19, 1907, in Terry County, TX, to Edwin Merton and Lucretia Elizabeth Groves. The family moved to Spearman, TX in about 1924, where they bought a farm three miles east of town. Since the death of her mother, Lucretia, in 1949, and her father, Edwin, in 1959, Altha continued to operate the farm through rental until the past year, raising wheat and milo.

Altha raised parakeets, sold Tupperware, served as a telephone operator for Spearman and Gruver, and boarded local teachers. She is perhaps best known in the community for her many years as a nurse's aid at Hansford County Hospital. Being an only child and never marrying, she devoted her life to her extended family as well as to a host of friends, being known affectionately as "Aunt Altha" to several generations.

Altha accepted Christ as her Savior at the age of 12, having been invited by a friend to a Christmas program, and she has been an active member of First Baptist Church until her health precluded her attendance. She participated in several missions to aid an orphanage in Matamoros, MX, and has served as an example of Christ's love through her service to many friends and relatives, especially in times of sickness or

Altha resided in her home in Spearman until a week before her 100th birthday, when she began residence in Hansford Manor. Despite suffering from almost complete blindness, she had managed to live alone in recent years with the help of her care-taker and friend, Pam Harris of Gruver, her cousin Doug Brown, and many other friends.

Altha is preceded in death by her parents, Edwin and Lucrecia Groves, and by two brothers who died in childhood, William Nelson and Emmett Houston Groves. She is survived and lovingly remembered by generations of cousins and many friends.

The family suggests memorials be to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, 123 S. Bernice, Spearman TX

WILLIAM CAREY BRIDGES

William Carey Bridges went to be with our Lord on Tuesday, July 15, 2008.

Carey was born to Clark and Laura Bridges on Aug. 19, 1961, in Lovington, NM. He graduated from Spearman High School in 1979 and continued his education in the School of Pharmacy at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He married Denice Blackburn in 1991. Carey was employed as Services for Rev. Dr. Joe Podolak will be 1:30 pm a pharmacist at Covenant Hospital. He will always be

He is survived by his wife, Denice of 17 years; his daughgift to Lutheran Hunger Appeal, Lutheran Program of the ter, Amy; parents, Clark and Laura Bridges of Spearman; Southwest, the Lutheran Seminary in Austin, or directly to sister, Dawn and her daughter, Katie; in-laws, Ted and Zetha Collins of Dimmitt; Sara and Chris Deuillet of Plano; Adrain and Oscar Rojas of Borger; two nieces; five nephews and a host of relatives and lifelong friends. Carey has left this world a better place. A Celebration of

> at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers, 82nd & Iola Memorial donations may be made to New Horizon Baptist Church, 2805 98th St., Lubbock, TX, 79423 or to Hospice of

> Life ceremony was held at 5:00 p.m. Monday, July 21, 2008

Lubbock, 1102 Slide Rd. Ste 3, Lubbock, TX 79416. To view Carey's life tribute or sign the guest book visit, www.memorialdesigners.net

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To the Spearman and Gruver Communities: The outpouring of love, prayers, visits, cards and concerns deeply touched all our hearts, just as many of you and Kristi touched the hearts and lives of her residents and

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First Assembly of God 401 N. Bernice • 659-2295 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:35 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

Wed. Worship: 7 p.m. Wed. Youth: 7 Pastor - Bob Elder First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 29 S. Bernice • 659-2036 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Worship: 10:50 a.m.

First Baptist Church 123 N. Bernice • 659-5557 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study - Wed., 7 a.m. Children's Choir - Wed, 6 p.m. Adult Choir - Wed. 7 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m. Pastor - Jim Medley

Church of Christ 121 S. Haney • 659-3244 Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church 901 Roland • 659-2792 Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m. Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish 1:30 p.m.. - Gruver - Christo Rendentor Mass - Spanish Rev. Guillermo Morales

First United Methodist 407 S. Haney • 659-5503 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m. Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday High School: 6 p.m., Sunday Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed. Pastor - Neely Landrum

Grace Presbyterian Church (Worships with Faith Lutheran Church) 1101 Bernice • 659-2033 Pastor - Beverly Cool Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1101 Bernice • 659-2252 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. (Worships with Grace Presbyterian Church)

Pastor - Beverly Cook

Union Church 31 S. Endicott • 659-2644 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed. Youth Service: 6 p.m. Wed. Pastor

Fellowship Baptist 1102 S. Archer • 659-2783 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sun. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Youth/Adult Service: 7:30 Wed. Pastor - James Washburn

Primera Mision Bautista 502 E. 7th • 659-3991 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.; Evening: 6 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m. Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m.

Pastor Joe Garcia Jr.

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First Baptist Church

402 E.Broadway • 733-2411 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:50 a.m. Disciple Training: 6 p.m., Sunday Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Pastor - Scott Curry Church of Christ

209 King • 733-2760 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:20 a.m. Evening Worship; 6 p.m. Wed. Worship; 7:00 p.m. Minister - Gaylord Cook First Christian Church

510 King • 733-2960 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Youth: 7:30, Sunday Adult Blble Study: 7:30, Sun. Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m. Pastor - Gary Gumfory

Gruver United Methodist Broadway & Garrett 733-2651 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m. Eve, Worship & UMY: 6 p.m. Pastor - George Price Spanish Cristo Redentor Church Sunday Mass: 1:30 p.m. Friday Evening Mass

Summer - 8:00 p.m.

Fall/Winter - 7:30 p.m.

Oslo

Oslo Lutheran Church (ELCA) 6 Miles West & 12 Miles North of Gruver 339-7646 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.

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Parish Nurse & Health Ministry Program

Basic Parish Nurse Prep Training for RN's and Health Advocate Training for Non-RNs will be held on July 24, 25, 31 and August 1 at Saint Stephen United Methodist Church in Amarillo, Texas. This non-denominational course is for registered nurses interested in training to become parish nurses for their churches. 34 contact hours will be awarded to RNs completing the four-day training. Also welcome are those who would like to nurses for their churches. 34 contact hours will be awarded to RNs completing the four-day training. Also welcome are those who would like to attend for the valuable information and resources as health advocates including retired RNs, LVNs, allie health, clergy and others. Health advocates will receive no contact hours. Parish nursing provides a blending of nursing expertise and spiritual care in congregations as part of the ministry team. Registration fee will be \$350 for registered nurses and \$250 for health advocates/others. The fee will include training materials/books and lunch. The registration deadline is July 11, 2008. For more information, or to register, please contact Sharon Hinton, Rural Nurse Resource at 806-983-8096 or sth.rnr@door.net, or Sandi McGinnis at 806-353-7988 (mcginnis@arn.net) or Sharon Tunnell at 806-355-7271.

Kwahadi Dancers Present Song of the Eagle
The Kwahadi Dancers present Song of the Eagle every Friday and
Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Kwahadi Museum of the American Indian through July 20. A special one hour short performance with discounted tickets will be presented July 4. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. Them museum is located on the north side of I-40 between Lakeside and Airport. For information or reservations, call the museum at 806-335-3175. The Museum is open summer hours 11 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Wed through Sat, and until 10 p.m. on show days, and is open 1 - 5 p.m. on

Sunday afternoons.

Foreign Investors Notification

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture. The Farm Service Agency administers this program for USDA. Foreign persons who have purchased or sold agricultural land in the county are required to report the transaction to FSA with in 90 days of the closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA form could result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the property. County government offices, realtors, attorneys and others involved in real estate transactions are reminded to notify foreign investors of these reporting requirements.

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 July 24, 2008. 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 assis-tance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

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

Spearhead AA Group

The Spearhead AA Group meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Pittman-Shieldknight building. Alcoholics Anonymous® is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other to help 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 achieve sobriety. For information, call 662-1111.

Music in the Gardens

Amarillo Botanical Gardens wraps up another summer of entertainment with the popular Music in the Gardens.

The final month of performances takes place in August every Monday night. The public is invited to come and see what's new in the gardens and then cap their evening off with an amazing outdoor concert in the amphitheater. Weekly performances will feature a wide range of musical styles, including classical, country, jazz, and opera. Visitors should bring their own lawn chairs, blankets and sun-

Gates open at 7 p.m. with performances running from 7:30-8:30. Gates close at 9 p.m. Admission to Music in the Gardens is \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior (60+), \$2 for children ages 2-12, and free for children under 2 years of age. Free admission with a Membership Card.

Scheduled to perform in August: (Schedule subject to

August 4 - Mark Fuller

August 11 - Rebecca Smithee, A Touch of Broadway August 18 - Erma Hun and students, Country and Pop

August 25 - Jenny Richardson, Caberet Singer

Music in the Gardens is held at Amarillo Botanical Gardens, 1400 Streit Drive next door to the Discovery Center in the MediPark area.

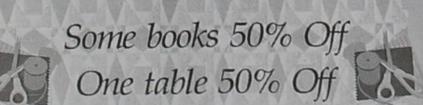
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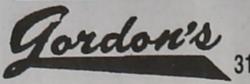


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words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister



What do we expect from our relationship with God? We study 1 Kings 3:5-12, Psalm 119:129-136, Romans 8:26-39 and Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52. Solomon has a dream in and Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52. Solomon has a dream in which God asks, "What should I give you?" Solomon's answer was, "Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil..." Because Solomon wished to serve God as a good ruler of the people, God granted him wisdom and long life and riches. The Psalmist while lying on his couch at night reflects that God remembers him. This thought gives the Psalmist hope and inspires him to ask God's assistance in learning and keeping God's law.

Paul tells the Romans and us what we can expect from God [the Spirit]. "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." Paul then says, "For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family."

order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. Dear Christian some read this scripture as being one of limitation, I submit to you that this is a scripture of inclusion. For God, our past, our present, our future are one. He sees and knows all. And those whom he has called through the Holy Spirit, He has justified, and those He has justified He has also glorified. The emphasis is that God adopts as his children those who hear his voice and obey. Paul then asks eight rhetorical questions, to emphasize our expectations.

1) What shall we say in response to this (God chose us!)?

If God is for us, who is against us?

3) Will god not also, along with Christ, give us all things?

4) Who will bring any charge against God's elect?

5) It is God who justifies, forgives and reconciles us, who then condemns?

6) Is it Christ who condemns?

7) Who will apparate us from the Laws of who condemns? 7) Who will separate us from the Love of Christ? 8) Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or the sword separate us from the Love of Christ. These are rhetorical questions, you know the answers, ponder these on your bed. Paul asserts that "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors, through Him who loved us." Paul concludes that nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus

Jesus puts forth the parable of the mustard seed and the parable of the yeast to explain the Kingdom of God. He compares the Kingdom of Heaven to treasure hidden in a field, to a pearl of great price. Each of these parables is part of a pair, the mustard seed and the yeast, the hidden treasure and the pearl. The Word of God, for the Jew, the Torah, for and the pearl. The Word of God, for the Jew, the Torah, for the Apostle Matthew, Jesus Christ, the living Torah. Through the Holy Spirit the Word of God spread from 12 inner disciples to 1.6 billion people in our world, and it continues to spread and grow. Through grace you are brought to faith and into baptism from whence you emerge a citizen of the Kingdom of God! When the Spirit abides in you and you abide in the Spirit you must share this treasure you have found. What can we expect from our relationship with God? Everything!

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Notice of Regular/Special Meeting of the Hansford **County Commissioners Court**

Posted at 2:15 P.M. on July 22, 2008 By Donna Farris

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioner's Court of Hansford County, Texas, will meet on the 28th day of July, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in the Law Library in the Courthouse in the City of Spearman, Texas. The subjects for discussion and/or action are listed on the agenda, which is attached to and made a part of this notice.

Benny D. Wilson, Hansford County Judge Agenda for July 28, 2008
The following will be presented for action:

1. Approval of minutes. Approval of minutes from the July 14, 2008 Hansford County Commissioners' Court meeting.

2. Approval of Treasurer's report: Approval of expendi-

tures and receipts from previous court date.

3. Payment of claims. Review and approve payment of previous months bills, including any part-time, overtime, or holiday salary payables. 4. Budget workshop.

5. Update from TCDRS (Retirement).

6. Discuss/Approve renewal rates for TAC HEBP

7. Advertise for bids for pickup for Precinct 1.

8. Act on Audit Proposals for Outside Audit. 9. Approve Proposed Budget to be filed with County

The following items will be presented for discussion: 1. Citizen's comment: With prior approval of County

2. County Judge's update: Inform court of day-to-day activities affecting the county.

Texas AgriLife Corn Field Day Scheduled for Aug. 7 at Etter

Researchers will talk about the latest progress in breeding drought-tolerant corn for food, feed and silage at a corn field day on Aug. 7 at the Texas AgriLife Research North Plains Research Field at Etter.

The field day, sponsored by Texas AgriLife Research and the Texas Corn Producers Board, will begin with registration at 9:30 a.m., said Thomas Marek, research field superintendent and AgriLife Research irrigation engineer.

This field day is to show the progress of the AgriLife Research corn breeding program and the Southeast Regional Aflatoxin Testing program, said Dr. Wenwei Xu, AgriLife Research corn breeder in Lubbock.

The program begins with a walking field tour, where researchers from the Amarillo and Lubbock centers will speak on mite, insect and disease management; as well as aflatoxin and silage corn performance.

Seed company representatives also will be present to talk about the new commercial corn hybrids.

Lunch will be sponsored by the North Plains Water District in Dumas. It will be followed by keynote presentations by Dr. David Warner, science fellow and team leader for Monsanto Company. He will discuss development and commercialization of transgenic drought-tolerant corn hybrids.

Other lunchtime speakers will address updates on the new farm bill, local water district conservation policy and the Ogallala Aquifer Initiative.

Additionally, participants interested in research details will have the opportunity to tour other corn, bioenergy crops

and forage grass plots from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Marek said.

Continuing education units for pesticide applicators and certified crop advisors have been applied for and will be given at the field day, he said.

For more information, contact Marek at 806-677-5600 or by e-mail at tmarek@ag.tamu.edu , or Xu at 806-746-6101 or WXu@ag.tamu.edu .

TxDOT Announces Major Restructuring Plan

The Texas Department of Transportation TxDOT announced today a major restructuring of district support activities agency-wide. TxDOT is refining its statewide structure to ensure the department is organized to best meet the transportation needs of a changing and growing state. The objective is to eliminate duplication in job functions and to save money. Consolidating district support functions will result in a cost savings of about \$35 million per year. The restructuring will also improve department efficiency, accountability and transparency.

Regional Support Centers will be established in Fort Worth, Houston/Beaumont, San Antonio and Lubbock. These support centers will consolidate district support services in the areas of accounting and finance, vehicle maintenance, purchasing, automation, right-of-way, envi-ronmental services, and building and grounds. Districts will continue to focus on designing, building, operating and maintaining the transportation system. Divisions and offices in Austin will be restructured in a way that is responsive to the Sunset Review and actions by the upcoming 81st Legislature.

TxDOT implemented the restructuring plan to streamline operations, improve productivity and save money. To do this, the department must trim resources. But with the recent hiring restrictions and normal attrition, TxDOT employee counts are already at the anticipated level needed to complete the first phase of restructuring. The opening of the Regional Support Centers could mean that job locations and functional assignments will change for some

employees in the districts and divisions. TxDOT will work closely with all employees to identify new opportunities including, but not limited to, crosstraining, re-training, and identifying job relocation opportunities. In addition, TxDOT is committed to utilizing available technology to create virtual office assignments that will provide more opportunities for employees directly affected by the restructuring. TxDOT will make every effort to minimize employee impacts. Patience, flexibility, and a willingness to share the responsibility for creating a mod-ern agency structure are keys to success.

TxDOT is not cutting services. The goal is to provide services in a way that is smarter and less expensive. Local offices will continue to operate as usual, concentrating on the core business functions of construction, design and maintenance.

AgriLife Extension To Offer Beef Quality Updates in Abilene, Amarillo in August

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will conduct two regional Texas Beef Quality Producer programs in Abilene and Amarillo on Aug. 15 and Aug. 25, respectively.

Both programs start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 2 p.m., folowing a catered lunch provided by the Texas Beef Council. Program sponsors along with AgriLife Extension are the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and Texas Beef Council. Four beef quality credits will be available at both programs.

The site for the Abilene meeting will be the Taylor County Fair and Expo Center at 1982 Lytle Way.

The Amarillo meeting is slated for the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd. "The Texas Beef Quality Producer Program offers a stan-

dardized way for beef producers to document and be recognized for the quality and management they've put into their cattle," said Dr. Bruce Carpenter, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist at Fort Stockton. "As the industry continues to head toward value-based

marketing and mandatory country of origin (COOL) labeling, part of the value of beef will no doubt be linked to good, reliable records starting at time of breeding through the final processing of the animal," Carpenter said. "Beef enjoys a well-deserved reputation as a tasty and

wholesome product. Nonetheless, quality and food safety remain big issues with consumers, and are driving forces in the industry here and abroad," he said. "By becoming a certified Beef Quality Assurance producer, growers not only help keep consumer confidence

strong, but also position themselves to capture some of the premium dollars which the program will undoubtedly generate along the way." The program is free, but pre-registration two days prior

to each program is requested for an accurate meal count. For more information and to pre-register, contact Stacy Fox at the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association 817-332-7155 sfox@texascattleraisers.org

Also, information can be found by contacting the AgriLife Extension offices in Taylor County at 325-672-9148 or the Amarillo center at 806-677-5600 or by going to www.texasbeefquality.com .

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Awareness Meeting The Mandatory Drug Awareness meeting for incoming 7th Grade through 12th Grade boys and girls will be held on August 12, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Spearman High School Auditorium

This is a manditory meeting for all students who wish to participate in any UIL sanctioned event.

Lynx/Lynxette Booster Club Support

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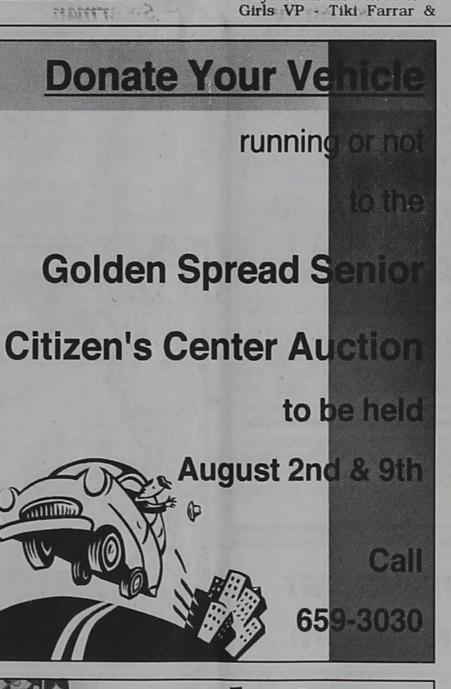


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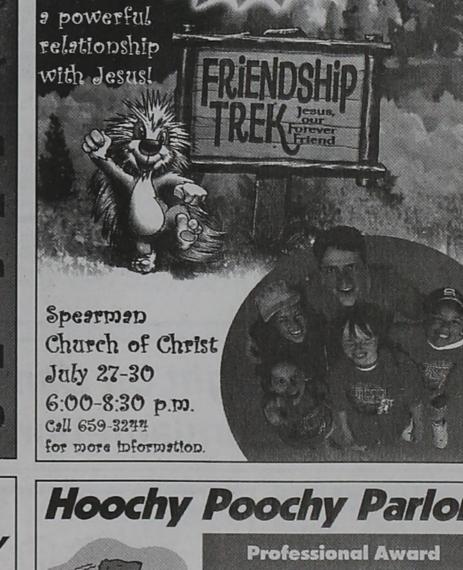
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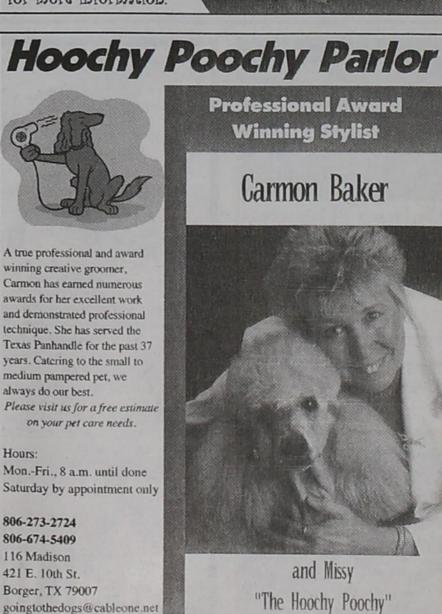
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JACK HART

reprinted from the Aug. 6. 1995 issue of the Amarillo Globe-News; written by David Browser

Morse native Jack Hart was a 21-year-old P-38 pilot when he was introduced to the atomic age from an altitude of 33,000 feet.

It was only his third mission of the war after joining a photo reconnaissance squadron on Okinawa in August 1945. It wasn't until his early morning briefing on August 10th that he knew where he was going and what he was to photograph. His destination was Nagasaki, Japan. His assignment was bomb damage assessment photos of the atomic bomb that had been dropped the day before.

Hart was born on his grandfather's ranch near the com-

munity of Morse. He graduated from Gruver High School and headed for Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, where he enrolled in the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC).

By 1943, the army was calling up advanced ROTC cadets and Hart wa sent to California for training. Delays with orders and schedules brought the Iowa cadets back to campus, where Hart asked for a transfer to the Army Air Corps. He went through preflight and primary training in California then headed for LaJunta, CO, for advanced training in B-25 bombers.

The novice pilots went to Oklahoma City for about two weeks then to Coffeyville, KS, to prepare to go overseas. It was in Coffeyville that he was introduced to the twin-fuselage, twin-engined, single-seat P-38. He was trained as a reconnaissance pilot. Instead of guns, the nose of his fighter held cameras.

The Texas Panhandle native finished first in his class. "They headed me right on overseas," he said. "The rest of the class finished up two weeks to a month later. They never did go over, most of them."

Hart left from San Francisco, few to Hawaii, Wake, the Philippines and joined his new squadron in New Guinea. While at New Guinea, Hart received word that his older brother, a major in the Fifth Calvary, had been killed on Leyte in the Philippines.

About mid-July, Hart arrived on the island where some of the bloodiest fighting in the Pacific had just taken place.

He flew reconnaissance missions over Tokyo and Yokohama, and then, on August 10th, he was told he was to fly over the site of the second atomic bomb blast.

"The way I remember it, all they told me was 'You're going to go up there to Nagasaki, and you're gong to fly in there at 33,000 feet. You're going to take pictures, and then you're going to come back," Hart said. "I can remember what an easy flight it was. I didn't have a bit of trouble. I came right out on those check points there.'

He said he was well trained in the procedures he had to follow. "You can go back to the training we had there at Coffeyville, KS," he said. "I took off there on one mission, flew to Canadian (TX) and shot the railroad yards there and flew out to Clovis, NM and shot the airfield out there. Then I flew back over Gruver (where he had graduated from high school only a couple of years before) and buzzed it pretty good, then went on to Coffeyville. If you can fly all that and it's just a breeze to you, then you're

not gong to have much trouble anywhere.' But Hart still puzzles over why he was chosen for the flight.

"I've never figured out to this day why they picked me to fly up there and photograph that place," he said. "They had more experienced pilots than me, by a whole lot."

He flew from Okinawa to Nagasaki under clear skies. "It was a beautiful day," he said. "You couldn't have asked for a prettier day

Flying up the Ryukyu Islands that separated the Pacific Ocean from the East China Sea and led to Kyushu, he turned, angling along the bays and islands of southwest Japan to

The flight was uneventful as he made land fall, spotting the string of islands he used to check points on his way to his target. What Hart wasn't prepared for was the devastation

he saw below him.

"I didn't have any idea I was going to see anything like the destruction that I saw," he said. "It was a clear day. You could see down there. You could see all those Japanese down there pawing in that stuff. That's something I wondered about for some time. They always talked about all that radioactivity and how it killed people, but they were down there digging in it. All over the place."

Hart had heard about the atomic bomb that had been dropped on Hiroshima only a few days before, and he new another one had been dropped on Nagasaki the day before his flight - the B-29 bomber that had dropped the bomb on Nagasaki returning from its mission - but Hart admitted that he didn't know what an atomic bomb was until he saw below him the rubble of what had been a major city.

"I knew if it didn't end and they kept dropping those, there's no country that could have stood up to that," Hart said. "I think they were ready to keep on dropping them. It took a lot of guts for (President) Truman to make that decision to drop those bombs.'

His thoughts, as well as those of others in his squadron, were of home. The war was over, and they would be going home. Hart's reconnaissance squadron had been brought in to photograph the Japanese shoreline and it appeared such sorties would not be need-

"You can imagine, everybody was sitting there in Okinawa," Hart said. "Everybody

immediately started thinking bout home. The war was going to be over." Japan surrendered unconditionally a few days after Nagasaki.

Many of Hart's squadron went home and resumed their civilian lives.

"All those thoughts of home didn't exactly materialize for me," Hart said. "They sent me

on up there in the Occupational Army.' Hart spent another year in Japan. He now lives in Amarillo, though he still farms and

Editor's Note: Jack and his wife Bobbie continue to live in Amarillo. Hansford County is still the home of most of his family as both his son and his daughter live here. Jerry and Christi Hart with their family have a country home outside of Morse, and Ginger and Bill Pittman reside in Spearman. Bobbie also has a daughter in Spearman, Kitty and

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Buy-In Waiver for Supplemental Agricultural Disaster Assistance Programs Underway in New Farm Bill

Agency (FSA) will allow producers who would otherwise be ineligible for the new disaster assistance programs to become eligible by paying a fee as required by the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (the 2008 Act).

The 2008 Act requires producers who wish to participate in the new disaster programs to have crop insurance or non-insured crop disaster assistance (NAP) coverage for the land for which assistance is being requested, and for all farms in all counties in which they have an interest. Since the 2008 Act was enacted after the application periods had closed for those programs, Program, Livestock Forage producers who did not have Disaster Program (LFP), Tree comply with this requirement in order to be eligible for the new disaster programs. However, the 2008 Act authorizes a waiver that allows producers to pay a fee, called a "buy-in" fee, to be eligible for this new disaster assistance.

Every producer whose crops, including grazing lands, are not fully covered by crop insurance or NAP may take advantage of this one-time opportunity. The buy-in fee is due no later than Sept. 16, 2008, 90 days after the date of enactment, as required by the 2008 Act. assistance. Producers are also reminded that the payment of the applicable buy-in fee does not afford the producer crop insurance or NAP coverage;

The crop insurance and Management will be waived in

did not obtain crop insurance or NAP coverage by the applicable sales closing date, if the producer files an application for waiver and pays a buy-in fee in an amount equal to the 2008 applicable NAP coverage or catastrophic risk protection plan fee for the crop or grazing lands.

Producers who meet the definition of "Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource," or "Beginning Farmer or Rancher," do not have to meet the Risk Management Purchase Requirement, and, therefore, are not required to pay the buy-in fee.

The buy-in fee for 2008 eli-

\$100 per crop, but not more than \$300 per producer per administrative county, or \$900 total per producer for all counties less any previously paid fees for CAT and/or NAP.

Producers can contact their local administrative FSA County Office to file the

application for waiver and pay the applicable fees.

The applicable buy-in form must be completed and applicable fees paid by Sept.

16, 2008. Payment of the applicable fees will allow the applicable fees will allow the producer to be eligible for benefits for losses under Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) such coverage could not Assistance Program (TAP), and Emergency Assistance Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP).

The 2008 Act authorizes funds to be used to make payments to farmers and ranchers incurring eligible production/quality crop losses under the SURE Program, grazing losses under LFP, livestock death losses under LIP, and losses suffered by producers of livestock, honeybees, and farmraised fish under ELAP. The 2008 Act also authorizes

Those who miss this opportant, and ELAP, producers tunity will not be eligible for must meet the Risk Purchase Management Requirement by purchasing at least the CAT level of crop insurance for all insurable crops and/or NAP coverage for non-insurable crops. To or obtaining for the grazing 2008 for producers who land incurring the losses where assistance is being requested, a policy or plan of insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act, including pilot programs such as the Pasture, Rangeland, Forage Program (PRF) or NAP coverage by filing the required paperwork and paying the administrative fee by the applicable State filing deadline. The Management Purchase Requirement does not apply

The SURE program will be available to eligible producers on farms in disaster counties, designated by the Secretary, including contiguous counties that have gibility only for either the incurred crop production catastrophic risk protection losses and/or crop quality

USDA's Farm Service insurance (CAT) or NAP is losses during the crop year. However, Congress determined that payments would not occur until the calculation at the end of the marketing year.

It also will be available to any farm where, during the calendar year, the total loss of production on the farm, because of weather, is greater than 50 percent of the normal production of the

The LFP program will be available to eligible livestock producers who suffered grazing losses for eligible livestock, because of drought on land that is either native or improved pastureland with permanent vegetative cover or planted to a crop specifically for providing grazing. The LFP program will also be available to eligible livestock producers who suffered grazing losses for eligible livestock, because of fire on rangeland managed by a Federal agency, if the eligible livestock producer is prohibited from grazing the normal permitted livestock on the managed rangeland.

The LIP program will be available to eligible livestock producers on farms that have incurred livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality, because of adverse weather, as determined by the Secretary dur-To be eligible for SURE, ing the calendar year, AP, and ELAP, producers including losses because of hurricanes, floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat and extreme cold.

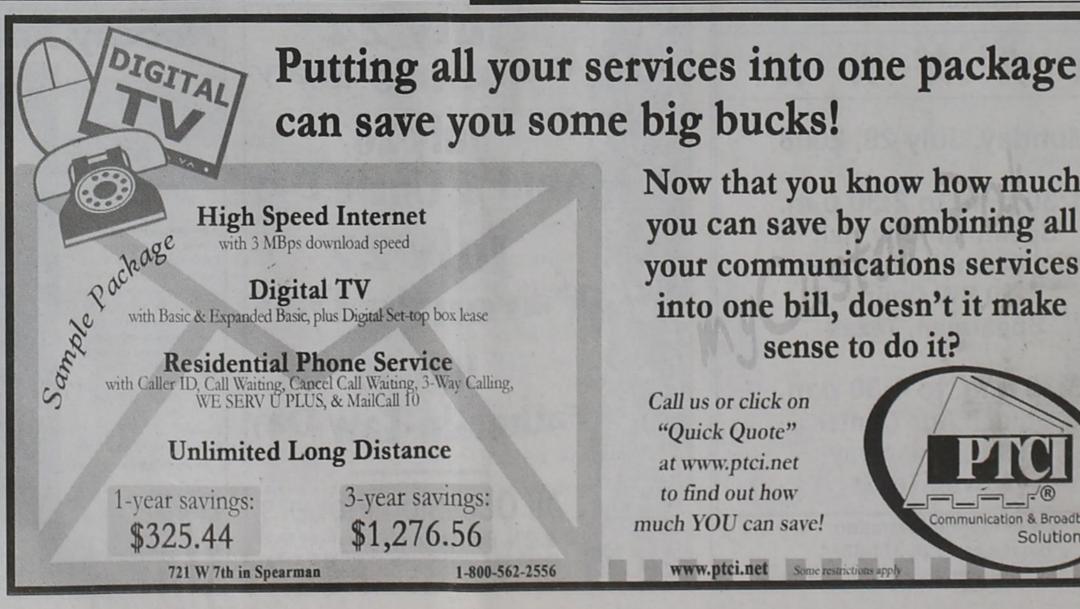
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The ELAP program will provide emergency relief to producers of livestock, honey bees and farm-raised fish, because of losses from adverse weather or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires, as determined by the Secretary.

Because Congress did not provide a rulemaking exception for these programs, FSA must first publish a proposed rule seeking public comment, followed by a final rule. FSA is working to develop detailed regulations and software for these programs. Sign up for these programs is not expected to be held until this winter.







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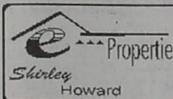
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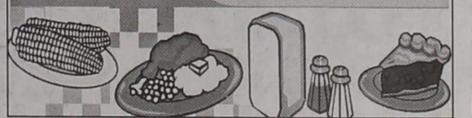
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Kids Safety Bulletin

Safety By: Don C. Keenan

Pet

Pets bring so much joy to our lives. They also become a good way to teach children the importance of giving and receiving love. However not every close encounter of the pet

kind has a happy ending.

The Statistics Show the Importance of being aware of potentially dangerous animals in your neighborhood.

Consider the following:

• Every year, dogs bite 4.7 million Americans, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

 About 42 percent of dog bites occur among children less than 14 years of age (CDC) · Most injuries to children under four years of age are to

the head and neck areas (CDC) To protect your children, teach them what to do in differ-

ent situations:

1. Teach your children how to behave around dogs Emphasize that they should only approach a dog if the dog is leashed and accompanied by an owner. If the dog is not on a leash and/or is not accompanied by an owner (for example, if the dog is leashed to a table outside with no owner in sight) your children should leave the dog alone.

If the dog is on a leash, with an owner holding the leash, teach your child to follow these important steps called the WASP approach. This technique was created by 12 year old Kelly Voight, who was a victim of a dog attack:

W - Wait and watch the dog's body language. Understand how to tell the difference between angry, afraid, and happy dogs. Dogs show what they are feeling.

A - Ask the owner for permission to pet the animal.

S - Let the pet sniff you.

P - Pet the dog in the direction of the fur and be very gen-

2. Teach your child what to do if a dog becomes threaten-

a. Tell your child that if a dog appears threatening in any way, it is essential to always remain calm. Never scream Remain completely still until the dog leaves or back away slowly without turning your back to the dog.

b. Never run away. The dog will chase anyone who runs.

c. If your child falls or is knocked to the ground he should curl into a ball. Emphasize the importance of protecting his face by putting his hands completely over his head and

Learn More: For more information, visit the Web site started by Kelly Voight. Her non-profit organization, Prevent the Bite," has an excellent web site, www.preventthebite.com. Other good resources include www.safekidssafedogs.com, and a site run by State Farm Insurance: www.statefarm.com/consumer/dogbite.htm.

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NRCS Reminds Producers about Options for Expiring CRP Acres

Time is drawing near for Conservation Plains regions of the state.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) wants to remind landowners with expiring CRP contracts to come by the local field offices to review their conserthe future use of their land.

expiring CRP contracts are located on the South Plains and Panhandle regions." said Mickey Black, NRCS assistant state conservationist in Lubbock. "It's important for landowners to understand USDA compliance before putting a plow in the ground. Producers available to them."

to expire in October. Almost 680,000 acres of CRP will expire in October of 2009, and over 507,000 acres in October of 2010.

new marriage class.

NRCS wants producers to production, it may be necesthe expiration of many know that it's never too early Reserve to start considering what to Program (CRP) contracts on do with CRP land. Leigh the South Plains and High Cranmer, NRCS agronomist

Lubbock in "Landowners have several options, including grazing or haying the existing grass cover, making enhancements to target wildlife, or putting it back into production. A grazvation compliance plans ing or having system could before making decisions on be set up for relatively little cost, and would offer protec-"The bulk of the state's tion from erosion as well as benefiting wildlife. If crop production is the goal, serious consideration should be given to leaving sensitive areas and acres with a low potential for production in grass, and only farming those areas best suited for crop production."

NRCS can assist producshould know the options ers with livestock water facilities and cross fences if pro-According to the Farm ducers leave the land in the Service Agency (FSA), in this existing grass cover. Cost region there are over 78,000 share assistance may be acres in CRP contracts due available through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), administered by NRCS.

According to NRCS, if land is converted back to crop

sary for landowners to apply certain conservation practices on their land to ensure compliance with the Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Provisions of the Food

Security Act of 1985. Conservation compliance could entail the implementation of a crop rotation that includes high residue-producing crops like wheat or sorghum, or the installation, repair and maintenance of structural practices like ter-

NRCS, working with the local Soil and Water Districts, Conservation urges producers to contact their local NRCS field offices to discuss expiring CRP options and to check on eligibility for USDA benefits.

CRP is a voluntary program through which farmers and ranchers plant grasses and trees on marginal cropland acres in exchange for rental payments. The USDA Farm Service Agency administers CRP; NRCS provides technical assistance for the program.

For more information, call the USDA-NRCS office in your county, listed under USDA in the Yellow Pages, or access the information on the Texas NRCS website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.



Joe Olivarez, who lives in Waca caught this catfish last weekend at Palo Duro Lake. He said it was the biggest fish he had caught, and he has been fishing in the lake since it opened. He said he weighed it on his scale, but the batteries were low and it registered 24 pounds, but looks a lot bigger, maybe 30 pounds.

fees, which are up to an additional \$12. The state pays for the marriage classes, which may be taught by clergy members, mental health professionals or community organizations. Source: Health and Human Services Commission, Lutheran Social Services of the South, Inc.

Acquisitions

Twogether in Texas

Starting Sept. 1, the state marriage license fee doubles

Couples who take an eight-hour class get a certificate

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Acquisitions. . . at the corner of Hwys 54 & 287 in Stratford (806)396-5691 You're Invited to a 100th Birthday Party honoring Raye Gibson on Saturday, July 26, 2008, from 2-:00-3:30 p.m. at First State Bank, Spearman.

We hope you will take a few minutes out or your busy schedule to make Raye feel special on his centennial birthday. If you cannot attend, but would like to send Ray a card or a shared memory of him, please mail it to: PO Box 61, Spearman DX 79081.

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July 30: Discovery Center Field Trip- This field trip is for students in grades 1-4 and will be a day of fun. Bring a sack lunch. After going through the Discovery Center we will eat lunch at the Medical Center Park. We will leave from the east parking lot at Spearman high school. Early registration is required and permission slips returned. \$20, grades 1-4, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Bring lunch

August 4-7: Spearman Lynx Football Camp is sponsored by Ritchie Thornton and the Lynx coaching staff. The cost of camp is \$15 and will be held at Lynx stadium at Spearman High School. Camp will focus on fundamentals of football and technique. Grades 4-6, 8-10 a.m. Grades 7-9, 10 a.m. - Noon

August 4-7: We've Got Spirit Cheer Camp is sponsored by Spearman High School Cheerleaders. Registration is the first day of camp at 8:30 a.m. in the Spearman High School Cafeteria. The other two days of camp start at 9 a.m. and end at 11:45. Spirit sticks will be handed out each day at 11:45. \$10 per day or \$25 for all three days

August 12: Lyric Matinee will begin at 10:30 a.m. The movie will be an age appropriate for grades K-5. The price is \$6 and includes admission, coke and popcorn.

