

# Vasquez loses arm, but gains community

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Eric Vasquez thinks about when the simple things were just that ... so simple.

Things like buttoning his shirt, tying his shoes and holding his newborn son.

That changed for the 22-year-old Scott City man during an on-the-job accident that resulted in the amputation of his right arm just above the elbow.

Now Vasquez and his wife of just five months, Lori (Green), are trying to figure out how they can adjust to Eric's lengthy rehabilitation process, the loss of a weekly paycheck and mounting hospital bills that will easily exceed \$100,000.

"We were already living paycheck to paycheck. But now we have all these extra bills," says Lori as she opens up a folder showing the items for which they've been billed so far.

There was the EagleMed flight to Denver costing nearly \$12,000, the "zero form" treatments that are applied daily to the amputated arm to speed the healing process, trips for follow-up visits to Denver, etc.

"And we still haven't been billed for the amputation, the hospital stay (in Denver) or for the things they did at (the Scott County hospital)," Lori adds.

Add in the cost of being fitted for a prosthetic device and the long rehabilitation process that will follow and the young couple begins to feel overwhelmed. The Vasquezes have no health insurance and their employer had no workman's compensation coverage.

Fortunately, they haven't been denied any medical treatment as a result. But that hasn't kept the medical bills from mounting.

"Everyone has been great," Lori says. "They've put us in contact with different agencies who can maybe help us with some of our bills. But no one has said Eric can't get what he needs because we don't have the money."

## Feedlot Accident

The sudden change in the Vasquez's lives began just two days before Christmas while Vasquez was working in the feed mill at D Bar S Cattle.

Working alone in the corn grinding bin, Vasquez says the machine kept getting clogged because it was a very cold day. He was standing on the catwalk and peered inside the bin to see if the corn was making any movement.

The coat he was wearing over his sweatshirt was unzipped and it had a large piece hanging from the zipper. That piece was suddenly grabbed by the chain drive on the corn roller.

To brace himself from the unexpected jolt, he reached out. Unfortunately, Vasquez put his right arm into the exposed chains and sprockets. In a matter of seconds, his arm was literally being pulled apart and Vasquez was trapped.

Vasquez never lost consciousness, but he also knew it could be another couple of hours before fellow workers Dave Pfenninger or Steve Wright would be checking on him in the feed mill.

"I was worried that I might go into shock or be dead by then," Vasquez says.

That's when he recalled there was a cell phone in his left pocket.

"Usually, I leave it in the vehicle, but for some reason I still had it with me," Vasquez says.

Only there was no guarantee that would bring help.

"The cell phone hasn't been working. Eric could make maybe one call on it before it would go dead," says Lori. "Eric had already talked to me once that morning. It was amazing that there was enough of a charge for another call."

Vasquez was able to make a call to his fellow workers who quickly arrived and began their efforts to free the young man and what remained of his arm from the drive chain.

Once he was taken by ambulance to the Scott County Hospital, that began the process of determining where to take Vasquez for treatment. Wichita hospitals didn't have



Eric Vasquez is ready to begin the recovery process from the amputation of his arm with the support of his wife, Lori, and three-month-old son, Baylor. (photo by Rod Haxton)

a medical team available for a procedure of this type, which left them with Kansas City, Houston and Denver.

Arrangements were made with Presbyterian/St. Luke's in Denver where Vasquez was flown by EagleMed.

"Those guys were awesome," Lori says. "They were with Eric for about 1-1/2 hours at our hospital and they took care of everything. And they didn't leave Denver until Eric went into surgery. They wanted to make sure everything was okay before they left."

Once in the emergency room at Presbyterian/St. Luke's in Denver,

it was about 30-45 minutes before surgery on the mangled arm could begin. During that time, Vasquez was presented with his options.

The lead physician, Dr. Conrad Tirre, advised the couple he could reattach the arm, but he made no guarantees about how functional it would be. And there was the possibility that, if the reattachment wasn't fully successful, it would need to be amputated later.

"He wasn't sure how many more surgeries I might have to go through," Vasquez recalls. "I just told him to do what he thought was best."

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## All Is Not Lost: Non-Bt Cotton Varieties Offer Promise for Banned Area

by Kay Ledbetter

Some existing cotton varieties offer northern Panhandle growers production equal to the restricted insect-resistance enhanced varieties, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

Producers are concerned because of a recent notice by Monsanto. The company called attention to the violation of Environmental Protection Agency rules when *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) cotton was planted in 10 northern Texas Panhandle counties last year.

While no Bt cotton may be planted at this time and a working group has been set up try to get producers access to this technology, there are still many good choices for producers this year, said Dr. Carl Patrick, Extension entomologist in Amarillo.

Patrick said the situation developed because 10 years ago when the Bt technology was accepted, the 10 counties - Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Moore, Hutchinson, Roberts and Carson - were a predominantly corn-growing region.

Because Bt corn is an alternate host for several cotton pests, he said, EPA established insect-resistance management rules requiring certain size refuges for both crops. This management technique would prevent insects from becoming overexposed and resistant to the new technology.

In Texas, which is primarily a cotton-producing state, a corn producer is allowed to only plant 50 percent Bt corn, with the remainder of the acres planted in non-Bt corn to serve as a refuge, Patrick said.

In the 10 counties, an exception to the 50/50 ratio allows corn producers to plant a ratio of 80 percent Bt corn and 20 percent non-Bt corn, because cotton was not grown there at the time, he said. The exception was granted with the stipulation no Bt cotton would be planted in the 10 counties.

Since then cotton has moved north, and the situation has changed, Patrick said.

"We can't shift that 50/50 thinking back up into the Panhandle, because corn producers want to keep the 80/20 ratio, and many of them are also cotton producers," he said. "If they cut back to 50/50, there would be a lot more insecticides and miticides sprayed."

A group has been formed to approach EPA for a change, but first a number of things must be considered, Patrick said. Information on refuge requirements needs to be updated, including how other natural refuges, such as sorghum and other crops, play a role.

However, until EPA can modify the rules, no Bt cotton can be planted, he said.

Monsanto representatives said when they looked at seed sales in 2006, they became aware that growers had planted Bt cotton in the restricted counties.

On the no-plant list are Bollgard, Bollgard II and WideStrike, said Scott Baucum, a Monsanto representative from St. Louis, Mo., who met with both cotton and corn producers. Of the 125,000 acres of cotton in the 10 counties last year, about 56,000 acres were planted to a Bt variety.

However, Patrick said, those acres were planted to those varieties not necessarily for the Bt technology, but for other technology stacked with it.

"We've got this working group pulled together to get things changed in the future, but this year you can't plant Bt cotton," he said.

The good news, Patrick said, is in the short history of cotton growing in this region, bollworms - the major pest Bt controls - have not caused major problems.

"Bt is outstanding technology, and we'd certainly like for producers to have access to it," he said. "But we do have non-Bt varieties that have performed well both in commercial fields and in the research-replicated tests."

Information on these varieties will be provided to all Extension agriculture agents in the 10 counties, as well as the area gins, Patrick said.

In addition, the local Extension Agri-Partner and integrated pest management programs will increase the trapping level for bollworms in those counties, he said.

"We can keep a tab on what the bollworm moth is doing," Patrick said. "When we see major flights taking place, we can alert the producers to intensify field scouting for bollworm development."

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by Catherine R. Smith  
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This week I am sharing the last installment of the anonymous quotes that were sent to me from Bill Pittman. I hope you enjoy them.

- ~ The main accomplishment of almost all organized protests is to annoy people who are not in them.
- ~ The most difficult light bulb to replace burns out first and most frequently.
- ~ The most valuable function performed by the federal government is entertainment.
- ~ The obituaries in the newspaper prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that people die in alphabetical order.
- ~ The older I get, the faster I was.
- ~ The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat are really good friends.
- ~ The one item you want is never the one on sale.
- ~ The only cure for insomnia is to get more sleep.
- ~ The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
- ~ The only perfect science is hindsight.
- ~ The only substitute for good manners is fast reflexes.
- ~ The only time a woman wishes that she were a year older is when she is expecting a baby.
- ~ The race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, but that's the way to bet.
- ~ The real reason you can't take it with you is that it goes before you do.
- ~ The Ten Commandments are not multiple choice.
- ~ The things that come to those that wait may be the things left by those who got there first.
- ~ The trouble with being in the rat race is that even if you win, you're still a rat.
- ~ The trouble with doing something right the first time is that nobody appreciates how difficult it was.
- ~ The Truth is out There. So what are you doing Here?!
- ~ The world is full of willing people: some willing to work and some willing to let them.
- ~ There's always a lot to be thankful for, if you take time to look for it. For example, I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.
- ~ These days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, "For fast relief."
- ~ To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.
- ~ To succeed in politics, it is often necessary to rise above your principles.
- ~ Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.
- ~ Two wrongs are only the beginning.
- ~ What did the mother turkey say to her disobedient children? If your father could see you now, he'd turn over in his grave!
- ~ What do elves learn in school? The Elf-abet!
- ~ When all is said and done, more is said than done.
- ~ When I was a kid I used to pray every night for a new bicycle. Then I realized that the Lord doesn't work that way so I stole one and asked Him to forgive me.
- ~ When I'm finally holding all the cards, why does everyone decide to play chess?
- ~ Why did the turkey cross the road? It was the chicken's day off.
- ~ Woman to stock boy: "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" "No ma'am, they're dead"
- ~ Your future is spotless.
- ~ You're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoes and wonder what else you can do while you're down there.

May God bless and keep you; May He make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.  
Numbers 6:24-26  
Catherine :)

## The Way I See It

by Gary Smith

The criminal known as "Boss" Ballman is still at large. Clay Ballman, who has been petitioned to resign as District Attorney for the 84th District, still maintains his position and office at the Hutchinson County Court House. Ballman's refusal to resign indicates his contempt for the people of this district. It has become more than evident that shame for his criminal activity will not cause him to resign. Therefore, we the people, who elected him must see to it that he is removed from office. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been contacted concerning Ballman's illegal activities and we will continue to pursue all legal avenues to remove this criminal from office. If you would like more information about how you can help in this endeavor, please contact Gary Smith at 806-659-3434. If you would like to see the video of the drunken Ballman refusing to exit his vehicle and being led away in handcuffs, please go to <http://www.removedistrictattorney.blogspot.com>. Also, please share this information with as many people as possible.

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**HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Ed Sterling

## PERRY CITES GROWING ECONOMY IN STATE OF STATE ADDRESS

Gov. Rick Perry on Feb. 6 delivered the State of the State address to the state Legislature, exclaiming "Texas is perched at the forefront of a new era of prosperity."

Perry said the economy is growing, tax collections are on the rise, frivolous lawsuits are down and so are the costs of insurance for homeowners and doctors. He also said teacher pay and student achievement have improved.

The pluses aside, Perry said nearly 4 million Texans are living in poverty, so during the next four years his goal will be to spread opportunity to more Texans "who are willing to take personal responsibility for their lives."

Perry indicated, nevertheless, that poverty is not necessarily tied to a lack of personal responsibility, saying the rising cost of health care is "one of the greatest obstacles to personal prosperity."

"Of the 5 and one-half million uninsured Texans, 2 million are adults with incomes below 200 percent of the federal poverty level," Perry said. "Most are working Texans whose jobs offer health-care benefits they can't afford, or no benefits at all."

So, Perry announced the launch of "Healthier Texas," his program to redirect unspent federal health-care dollars to a pool that would serve Texans 200 percent below the federal poverty level.

Perry touched on other subjects, such as a Human papillomavirus vaccination program for girls entering sixth grade, his proposal to sell the state Lottery, and his plans build coal-fueled power plants and a statewide matrix of toll roads.

Perry also talked about border security, literacy, prisons, and a get-tough stance with the bureaucrats in Washington, D.C.

**State of State: response aired**

Austin News Channel 8 broadcasted via cable and Internet a Democratic response to the governor's State of the State address. The response, by state Rep. Garnet Coleman of Houston, took Perry to task for not doing more to fund public education, the big increases in college tuition, and "teaching to the test" in the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills.

Coleman also pointed out that under Perry 200,000 Texas children lost coverage under the Children's Health Insurance Program, leading to \$893 million in cuts in federal matching funding.

He also criticized Perry's fast-tracking of coal-fired power plants instead of moving state policy further toward clean wind and solar power options.

And, Coleman called the governor's "Trans Texas Corridor" proposed highway project "unwanted, unwarranted and fiscally irresponsible."

**Some don't swallow HPV program**

Dozens of members of the Texas Legislature have come out in opposition to the governor's Feb. 2 executive order requiring Human papillomavirus vaccinations for girls entering sixth grade.

Chief among the opposers was Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, who chairs the Senate Health & Human Services Committee. Nelson, said she would seek an attorney general opinion on the executive order, to see if it is legally binding.

On the other hand, Chris Bell, the Houston Democrat who placed second to Perry in the race for governor, lauded the governor for "getting it right."

**Lottery sale price climbs higher**

A couple of weeks ago, when Gov. Perry sent up a trial balloon on his idea to sell the Texas Lottery to a private company, he estimated the value at \$14 billion. Now the amount has been estimated as high as \$20 billion.

If sold, what would Texas do with the money? Perry said he would divide up the billions of dollars into educational and cancer research and health insurance endowments.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick don't seem to have warmed to the idea of selling the Lottery. Selling it would require a constitutional amendment.

**Bill targets crowing roosters**

Rep. Ana E. Hernandez, D-Houston, filed House Bill 1225, legislation that would make it a public nuisance to allow the crowing of a rooster outdoors in a neighborhood if a reasonable person would find the noise objectionable.

**Hundreds protest coal plants**

A crowd reportedly in the hundreds gathered at the Capitol Feb. 11 to protest the proposed construction of more than two dozen coal-fired power plants around the state.

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## Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

In this final week of Epiphany we study Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2, and Luke 9:26-36(37-43). When Moses, the great law-giver, comes down the mountain from his time with God, his face is shining. The term "shechinah" describes this "shining" and in Jewish thought indicates the immanence of God, the existence of God in and acting within this world. That means we, AHA!, can discover God within us, God around us, God anywhere! Moses shields his face with a veil when he is not speaking to or for God. The Psalmist sings of God the Mighty King! A song of God the lover of justice, God the establisher of equity who executes justice and righteousness in Israel (Jacob). A song of the Lord who speaks from the pillar of a cloud, the Holy One.

Paul tells the Corinthians that as Christians we act with great boldness because we have seen God in Jesus Christ! Paul states that Moses used the veil to cover the fading of the "shechinah" when Moses was not in contact with God; but Paul indicates that many use the veil of prejudice, wishful thinking, fragmentary thinking, disobedience and an unteachable spirit to avoid the experience of the discovery, AHA!, of the glory of God! Through God's grace/mercy we are engaged in the ministry of the believer, we cannot lose heart so that others may see God's glory reflected in us even though we are imperfect.

Jesus ascends a mountain (Mt. Hermon, 9230' elev.) with Peter, James and John. Jesus is going to pray to prepare to return to Jerusalem and the cross. While on the mountain, Jesus' appearance is transformed (metamorphosis), his face becomes bright and his clothes became dazzling white. He speaks with Moses, the great Law-Giver, and with Elijah, the greatest of the prophets. They discuss Jesus' impending "departure". Meanwhile, we are told the disciples when fully awake behold His glory! The disciples are overshadowed by a cloud and a voice declared, "This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to Him!"

As you study see if you identify similarities in the life of Moses, the great Law-giver and the life of Jesus, the Christ as set forth in the gospels.

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Thank you, Catherine

**February 15**  
**Birthdays** - Lee Bradford, Heath Gammon, Donnie Thoreson, Claude Sheets Jr., Lynn Sheets, Brenda White, Marlane Nollner, Laura Dahl, Toby White, Kirk Adams, J. P. Prouty, Juanna Rosales, Colby Bedell, Rick Finley, Colleen Burkhammer, Steve Hartgraves  
**Anniversary** - M/M Hoyt Biles, M/M Jim Norton

**February 16**  
**Birthdays** - Johnny Pat O'Connell, David Parker, Mike Larson, Lynda Owens, Ismael Vela, Timothy Peck, Maylynn Ayers, Cliff Lang, Brittany Claxton, Diana Pepper, Rex Reid  
**Anniversary** - M/M Jesus Espinosa, M/M Charles Chritton, M/M Augustine Mejia, M/M Bobby Hohertz, M/M Gene Fletcher, Eschoi & Eulalia Blankenship

**February 17**  
**Birthdays** - Katie Jones, Manuel Ruiz Jr., Mark Guthrie, Lee Ann Schrader, Charles Hall, T.H. Rodriguez, Ernest Wayne Jr., Ric Smith, Isela Huerta  
**Anniversary** - Oscar & Janice Noble, M/M Ed Castillo

**February 18**  
**Birthdays** - Vickie Bullard, Carla Jo Riggins, Luke Stroud, Beau Roberts, Buck Sell, Edith Breland, Blan Rutherford, J.D. Poer  
**Anniversary** - M/M Richie Fletcher

**February 19**  
**Birthdays** - Melissa Quillin, Delphine Etling, Bob Womble, Stephanie Hays, Bennie Brogdon, David Kellum, Sylvia Rosales, Niki Taylor, Robert Dean Meire, Chuck Ball, Sylvia Taranto  
**Anniversary** - Charles & Carol Hall, M/M Dorsey Perez, M/M Lupe Moreno, M/M Larry Trospier

**February 20**  
**Birthdays** - Brant Armes, Ed Mayfield, Greg Stork, Tessa Yanke, Kathy Brown, John Antalek, Terry Morris, Melissa Holt, Brenda Moyer, Steve Shields, Clayton Hergert, Bill Volden, Cody Brandvick, Rosemary McKee, Jeannie Folwen, Pauline McGee, Richey Thompson  
**Anniversary** - M/M Wilson Bruning, M/M Charles Evans, M/M Jon Hart

**February 21**  
**Birthdays** - Sandra Proffitt, Walter McDade, C.J. Renner, Lisa Meisner, Raul Ortega, Ann Thomas, Chandler Adkins, Tom Speck, C.J. Renteria

**Anniversary** - Ken & JoAnn Schneider

**February 22**  
**Birthdays** - Russell Dahl, Rhonda Hicks, Betty Mathews, Ryan Mathews, Sherri Hall, Tim Cook, Bobby Jo Grayson, Paul Reimer, Sonny Kell, DeAnn Sparkman, Derryia Stedje, Connie Davis, Linda Coombs, Jack Sparks, Brenda Winegarner, Kreisun Dominguez  
**Anniversary** - M/M Jason Bass, M/M Freddy Walton

**February 23**  
**Birthdays** - Hailey Lamb, Randy Reid, Dave Clement, Janyth Smith, Cynthia Miller, Phil Larson, Aaron Hager, Kacey Smith, Elizabeth Pipkin, Jim McMahan, Maxine Cline, Jason Bartimos, Edolilina Garcia, Tommy Reger, Daryl Noble, Mollie Burnam, Alan Jones,  
**Anniversary** - M/M Richard Rasor, M/M Joe Rodriguez, M/M Tommy Boone

**February 24**  
**Birthdays** - Lori Messer, Linda Scroggs, Adam Holladay, Moby Noble, Tiffany Goodrich, Chuck Morgan, Sherry Boyd, Fernando Saldana, Glenda Close, Barbara Townsen, David Swink, Frances Davis  
**Anniversary** - M/M Tom Cathey Sr., M/M Quentin Hart, Andrea & Gary Woolley

**February 25**  
**Birthdays** - Marian Tomlison, Lynna Renner, Don Schmer, Mike Brown, Leslie Viola, Crystal Carson, Loree Viola, Tabetha Thoms  
**Anniversary** - Bob & Jackie Pearson

**February 26**  
**Birthdays** - Debbie Davis, Bruce Knight, Suzie Womble, Burl Buchanan, Pam Edwards, Margie Schubert, Lynn Pierce, Marinell Webster, Deziree Hughes, Carol Poole, LaQuita Evans, Bob Meier, Kip Francis, Denise Paschel, Tony Holquin, Nicholas Avila, Kay Ann Miller  
**Anniversary** - Britt & Linda Jarvis

**February 27**  
**Birthdays** - Roy Diaz, Colby Weldon, Sharon Sutton, Cindy Jenkins, Adrian Barrera, Rosie Jackson, Melinda Hall, Winnie Vernon, Clint Goodman, Lance Wood, Vanessa Vela, Lacey Salgado

**February 28**  
**Birthdays** - Robert Blount, Max Davis, Karen Sparks, Shannon Bowling, Debbie Carter, James Lair, Sammy Don Jones, Edna Anderson, Willie Shields, Hal Bennett, Davis Nash, Parker Grotegut  
**Anniversary** - M/M Gilbert Salgado

**February 29**  
**Birthdays** - Clifton Harden, Michael Holt

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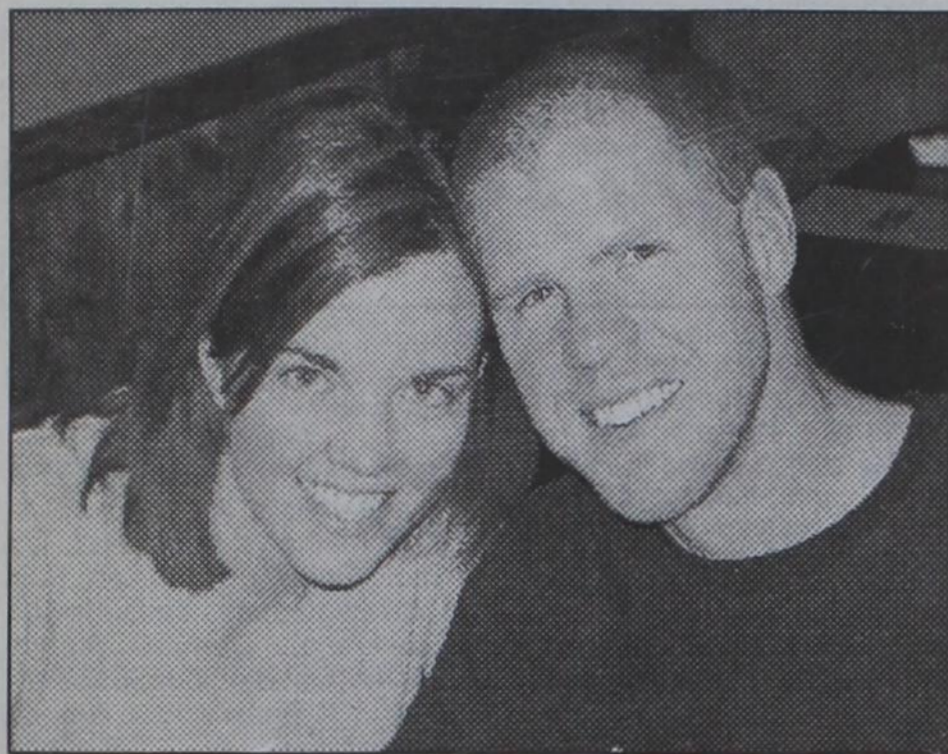
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**Engagement Announcement**

Jan and Randall Leonhard of Goldthwaite, TX announce the engagement of their daughter, Staci, to Lee Jarvis. Lee is the son of Cheri and Wesley Jarvis of Spearman, TX. The couple plan to wed May 5, 2007 at the First United Methodist Church in Canyon, TX.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Humble High School. She received a bachelor of business administration in management from Texas Tech University. She is employed as the Associate Director of the WTAMU Wesley Foundation.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Spearman High School. He received a bachelor of science in biology as well as a masters of science in biology from West Texas A&M University. He is employed by Texas Furniture.

The couple plan to reside in Canyon until August when they will begin a two year missionary residence in Guatemala.



**Engagement Announcement**

Dick and Leann Gillaspie of Spearman, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Mindee, to Trampus Woodward. Trampus is the son of Dewey and Crisann Woodward of Woodson, Texas. The couple plans to wed on June 16, 2007, at Logsdon Chapel on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Spearman High School. She will receive a bachelor in theology from Hardin-Simmons on May 12, 2007. She currently is employed by MetroCare of Abilene, and Citizen's of Clyde, as an intermediate EMT.

The groom is a 1998 graduate of Breckenridge High School. He attended Texas State Technical College, completing paramedic training in May of 2003, and graduated from Fire Academy in May of 2004. He is currently employed by MetroCare of Abilene, and Citizen's of Clyde. Mindee and Trampus plan to make their home in Abilene.



**Engagement Announcement**

Daniele Catron of Fort Collins, Colorado, will be united in marriage to Randy Duffy II, also of Fort Collins, Colorado, and formerly of Spearman, Texas.

The ceremony will take place on July 29, 2007, at 4:00 P.M. at the Ellis Ranch in Loveland, Colorado.

Serving as best man will be Brady Woolley. The brides' parents are Annie & Gaylen Catron of Bridgeport, Nebraska.

The groom's parents are Lou & Gene Christian of Blanchard, Oklahoma, and Kathy & Randy Duffy of Heath, Ohio.

The reception will take place in Loveland, Colorado. The couple plans a honeymoon to the Caribbean and will make their home in Fort Collins, Colorado.

The bride is a massage therapist and a graduate of The Healing Arts Institute.

Mr. Duffy is a manager with UPS and obtained his bachelor's degree in Organizational Management, at Colorado State University.



**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 that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. For more information, call 662-1111.

**Panhandle Crisis Center Outreach Office**

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

**Hansford County Library Thriftshop Donations**

The Thriftshop that helps support the Hansford County Library accepts donations of any usable kitchen or household items, clothing, furniture, toys, etc. Donations may be brought to the Thriftshop Monday through Friday during library hours - Summer 10-5 and during the school year 10-6. The Thriftshop is staffed entirely by volunteers who donate their time to sort and price items as well as keeping the Thriftshop open each Saturday afternoon. All donations are appreciated, but please keep in mind that items must be in good enough condition for resale. If you bring in small appliances or electronics, our volunteers would appreciate a note attached to the items saying if they are in good working condition or not. If you have questions about the type of items that are accepted, please feel free to call the library at 659-2231.

**Hospice Training Class**

Hansford Hospice Volunteer Training Classes will begin on February 19, 2007, at 6 p.m. at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, Spearman, Texas. To sign up for the classes or more information, please call 659-5811. These classes provide excellent training for anyone interested in learning more about the Hospice program.

**Project Graduation**

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

**Lunch & Learn - Dams\$ and Dollars**

Are you one of those who comes off the whirlwind holiday shopping season wondering how the finances could have spiraled out of control so much? Following the holidays, consumers typically are struggling with their credit card debt and making New Year's resolutions to do better in the months ahead. Everyone knows they should be saving for a rainy day but where do you find the extra cash? To help bring order back into your financial life, Dr. Joyce Cavanagh, Texas Cooperative Extension Family Development Resource Management Specialist, from College Station, will present "Ba\$ic Money Management" in a Lunch & Learn program, Thursday, February 15, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Spearman Church of Christ. Participants will have the opportunity to stay following the presentation for a question/answer session or set up a time for personal private consultation with Dr. Cavanagh. She will help individuals using the PowerPay@ debt reduction computer program which can analyze repayment options for debts. Please call Peggy Winegarner, Hansford County Extension Agent, for more information (659-4131 or 733-2901) or to receive a worksheet. The program, sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, is free. Donations will be accepted for lunch.

**Boy Scout Finance Drive**

The Boy Scout Finance Drive began February 13, 2007 in Hansford County. Harry Stumpf is in charge of the finance drive for the Lone Wolf District in Spearman.

**TX-OK Panhandle Genealogical Society**

The TX-OK Panhandle Genealogical Society will meet Monday, February 19th from 6-8 p.m. in the Perry Memorial Library, 22 SE 5th Avenue, Perryton. Joe Janeway, Borger, will present the program, "Before the Twin Towers." The public is invited to attend.

**Gruver College Fund**

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

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Brooke Trantham & Jesse Allen - 3/31  
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# Vasquez

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## Mounting Bills

The arm was amputated three inches above the elbow. The following day, Vasquez was visiting with Dr. Robert Meier about a prosthetic device. At that time, the Vasquezes were already worried about the mounting medical bills.

"We told Dr. Meier we didn't have insurance or workman's comp and we didn't know how we would pay for everything," Eric says. "He told us he wasn't worried about getting his money. He just wanted to make sure we got the help we needed."

"We still get calls from the doctors once or twice a week wondering how we're doing," adds Lori.

The first step in the process that will eventually lead to a prosthetic arm began with an evaluation at Presbyterian/St. Luke's on Jan. 29. Vasquez is getting recommendations from Dr. Meier and a psychologist as to what prosthetic device will work best.

In the meantime, Lori and two-month-old Baylor are eligible for health care coverage through the Kansas HealthWave program. Eric was initially denied coverage in December, but the couple has been told he might be eligible for coverage starting Jan. 1.

Before the birth of their son, Lori

was nearing completion of her certified nurse's aide course, which she hopes to finalize once Eric learns how to function better with the use of just one arm.

Eric is unsure when he can return to work and Lori is reluctant to get a full-time job without knowing if the family will have some extended stays in Denver while her husband is being fitted for his prosthetic arm and going through rehab.

In the meantime, the family is seeking assistance from Social Security, checking into charities that can help with medical expenses and a fund has also been established at First National Bank in Scott City.

Eric wants to work as quickly as possible, and is hopeful of returning to his former job.

"It's not that we don't want to work and we want to make sure all our medical bills are paid. But we're just 22-years-old and we were living paycheck to paycheck before the accident," Lori says. "We worry about the possibility of having to pay medical bills for the rest of our lives."

Despite all they've been through, the Vasquez's are far from discouraged.

"We started with nothing, so things could always be worse," Vasquez says. "Even the accident could have been worse. I could

have lost my eye when it got hit by the chain."

The couple has also gained a greater appreciation for the generosity of Scott City.

"I've told Eric before what a great town this is, and now he's seeing what I meant," says Lori, who was raised in Scott City. "Before we even got out of the hospital on the day of Eric's accident, I had been given over \$1,000 from people wanting to help us out."

Fairleigh Feedyard provided the air transportation so that Lori's parents, Howard and Jan Green, and little Baylor Vasquez could be in Denver for the operation.

"And Dr. (Christian) Cupp and Dr. (Libby) Hineman were fantastic. I don't know what we'd have done without them," Lori says.

While a long recovery process still awaits Eric, he's already looking forward to resuming those things he enjoys. He hopes to get back on the golf course again this summer and he's looking through magazines at adaptive equipment so he can pheasant hunt.

"I want to be able to hold my son without worrying that something will happen and to get dressed again without someone's help," Eric adds.

He just wants the simple things in life to once again become simple.

Eric is the son of Willie and the late Melissa Vasquez and the grandson of Willie Vasquez, Sr. and Jody and the late Reg Robinson, all of Spearman



Eric Vasquez rests with his then one-month-old son, Baylor, while recovering the day after his arm was surgically removed in Denver.

## All Is Not Lost

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Producers need to manage their cotton for earliness, he said. The more mature cotton is, the less potential for bollworm damage.

An important aspect is the management of early season pests like thrips, cotton fleahoppers and Lygus bugs through routine scouting, use of economic thresholds and proper insecticide selection, Patrick said.

If an insecticide is required to control early season pests, producers should avoid using a pyrethroid-type insecticide, using an organophosphate type instead, he said.

"If you do get into a bollworm problem, we do have economic thresholds to determine when to treat and effective insecticides to use when needed," Patrick said.

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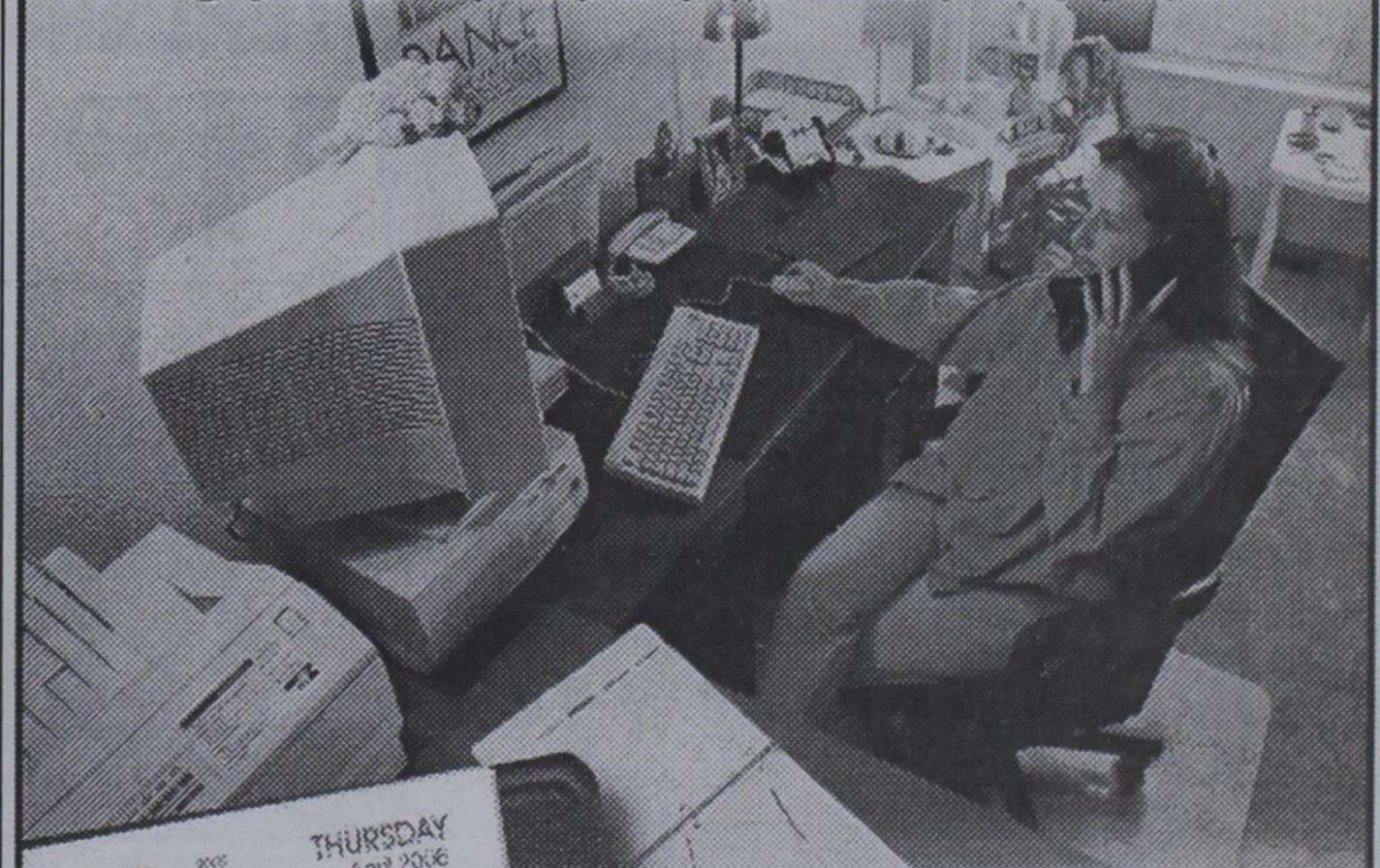
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### Out At The Lake

Lake Level--February 12, 2007--21.50 feet (-.16)

Jim uses a scope now to read the Lake level from the bank of Horse Creek. The USDS people put in a new marker after the lake level dropped below their previous computerized gauge.

The Lake has thawed somewhat and fishermen are back. They are

still hunting the big blue catfish. One of the men told Jim of a big catch he had made one year on Valentine's Day.

One day last week Jim spotted ten eagles in the dead trees out in the Lake at about 11 o'clock in the morning. For some reason the count often picks up this time of year.

### MONTANA GUEST RANCH

My sister, Mary Anna Hart, was born on the site of Zulu. When she was 7, our family moved two miles south on the Palo Duro Creek to the Tyler ranch where she lived until she was 10. Later Mary Anna married and became a Montana rancher's wife, but any trip back to Texas was not complete unless she was able to go back and visit the places where she spent her first years.

Now we have occasional visits from her children and usually they want to see where their mother first

lived. Last week Mary Anna's daughter Patty with her husband Zach Wirth paid a visit. They came here from Arizona where they had attended a convention for people who run Guest Ranches. While there, they were able to visit Patty's uncle Don Hart in Sierra Vista, Arizona. Then they stopped in Amarillo to see her uncle Jack Hart before coming to Gruver to visit her aunt Dorothy and several cousins.

We all found their stories about running a family Guest Ranch fas-

cinating. Their ranch, the Rocking Z, at Wolf Creek, Montana, is in an ideal location for many activities. It is 13 miles east of the Continental Divide and 10 miles west of the Missouri River. One of the features is to ride all morning and then in the afternoon take a boat trip down the Missouri through the Gates of the Mountains that Lewis and Clark made famous.

Fishing is another attraction at the ranch. Guests can fish for trout in the Little Prickly Pear Creek that runs through the ranch or take float

trips down the Missouri to fish.

The Rocking Z Ranch is best known for Horsebacking, as they have over 40 horses. The family has trained most of them. They think they can fit the rider to the right horse, and they give instruction to those who need it. From their pictures the trails that they use are spectacularly beautiful.

For a fun trip to the Guest Ranch just google Rocking Z Ranch and enjoy the different accounts and pictures.

## Reid named partner in accounting firm



Thad Reid

Thad Reid is now a partner in the accounting firm of Lewis, Kaufman & Co., P.C. Reid, who has worked for the firm since 1990, joins other partners Martin Lewis and Randy Kaufman.

The firm is located at 2308 W. Fifth Street in Plainview, and has 11 full-time employees.

Born and raised in Morse, Reid graduated from Spearman High School in 1986. A 1990 honors graduate of Wayland Baptist university, he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree majoring in Accounting with a minor in Computer Information Systems. He received his Certified Public Accountant certification in July of 1993.

He is a member of First Baptist Church, a leader in the church's Royal Ambassadors program, and a coach in the Upwards basketball program. He also volunteers with the Plainview Area United Way.

Reid is a member of the Texas Society of CPAs and the American Institute of CPAs.

He is married to Amy, a 1987 graduate of Spearman High School. She is a Creative Memories consultant and Administrative Assistant for Compassionate Care Pregnancy Center. They have two sons, Travis, 8, a third grader and Trevor, 6, a first grader at Highland Elementary in Plainview

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**FOR RENT:** 1BR apartment - \$300/month, \$300 deposit. Call 940-631-0894.  
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2(2-15-07)B

**EMPLOYMENT**

**HELP WANTED:** Church nursery caretaker needed for 3-4 hours per week, mostly on Sunday mornings, \$30 per hour. Please call 659-5503 or come by 407 S. Haney for an application. 18 years or older please apply.  
TFN(1-25-07)B

**HELP WANTED:** Pen rider, feedmill personnel, general maintenance and cattle processors needed. Apply in person at Dean Cluck Feedyard, 105 Dean Cluck Ave., Gruver.  
TFN(09-07-06)B

**HELP WANTED:** Parts counter sales person for Case-IH dealership in Spearman. Excellent pay with benefits. Must have good communication skills and enjoy working with the public. Experience a plus but will train. Apply in person at Five Star Equipment, Highway 15 West in person or send resume to Five Star Equipment, Box 658, Spearman TX 79081. Phone 806-659-3743.  
TFN(11-30-06)B

**HELP WANTED:** First State Bank, Spearman, is taking applications for a full-time building and yard maintenance person. Some mechanical skills preferred, but not required. Applicant should be self-motivated and be in good physical condition. A strong work ethic is a must. Starting pay negotiable with qualifications. A benefit program that includes group hospitalization insurance, retirement, paid vacation and a sick leave program. Apply with Ginger Turner at First State Bank, PO box 247, Spearman TX 79081, telephone (806) 659-5565. An Equal Opportunity Employer.  
TFN(1-25-07)B

**HELP WANTED:** First State Bank, Spearman, has a part-time job opening in the maintenance department. The job involves cleaning duties and washing windows. Working hours would be Monday-Friday from early afternoon (no later than 3:45 p.m. for approximately 2-3 hours, or when job is finished. May need to work some Saturdays. If interested, other maintenance duties could be added for additional working hours. Physical labor and some lifting required. Must be 16 years old or older. Contact Ginger Turner at First State Bank as soon as possible. Telephone: 806-659-5565. An Equal Opportunity Employer.  
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**HELP WANTED:** Gigot Agra Products, Valley center pivot dealer, is seeking an additional service technician at our Spearman location. Experience desired, but not required. Benefit package is available. Send resume to PO Box 95, Spearman TX 79081 or call (806) 659-3121.  
TFN(12-14-06)B

**HELP WANTED:** PVR Midstream is accepting resumes for operator jobs at the old Spearman plant. Training will be conducted at the Beaver Plant in Clearlake, OK. After training, applicant will oversee construction and operations of Spearman plant. Wages will be based on experience. For more information, or to submit resume, call Ronnie Ashlock at 580-837-5265, or mail to: PVR Midstream, Attn: Ronnie Ashlock, Rt 2, Box 82, Beaver OK 73932.  
3(2-1-07)B

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TFN(2-8-07)B

**HELP WANTED:** The Hansford County Farm Service Agency will be accepting applications for a Temporary Program Technician to help administer current farm programs. Computer and farm background helpful. Applications must be submitted by February 23, 2007. Application forms may be picked up at the Hansford County FSA Office, 909 W 9th Ave. Ste. B, Spearman, TX. Hansford County FSA is an Equal Opportunity Employer established under law without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, age, marital status, or other non-merit factors.  
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**HELP WANTED:** The Nursanickel Motel is seeking a housekeeper. Call 659-3737, or go by 815 Hwy. 207 S. in Spearman.  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Hansford County has decided not to open bids on a 1/2 ton pickup on February 12, as earlier advertised, but instead to take bids on the following:

Hansford County Commissioner's Court will receive sealed bids until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 23, 2007 on one new 2006 or 2007 1/2 ton regular cab, 4-wheel drive pickup for Precinct 2, with trade-in.

Bids will be opened on Monday, February 26, 2007 at the regular Commissioners' Court meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Specifications are available in the County Judge's Office or the County Auditor's office in the Hansford County Courthouse in Spearman. The Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Benny Wilson  
Hansford County Judge  
2(02-08-07)B

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Hansford County Commissioner's Court will receive sealed bids until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2007 on the sale of a 1990 24' G&H Gooseneck stock trailer. Trailer may be seen at Hansford County Courthouse.

Bids will be opened on Monday, March 12, 2007 at the regular Commissioners' Court meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Estrella Arjona, Deceased, were issued on January 30, 2007, in Cause No. PR02495, pending in the County Court of Hansford County, Texas, to: Joe Manuel Arjona.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Cecil R. Biggers  
Attorney at Law  
PO Box 342  
Spearman TX 79081  
DATED the 12th of February, 2007.

Cecil R. Biggers  
Attorney for Joe Manuel Arjona  
State Bar No.: 02308500  
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LEFT: Spearman High School Juniors Ameer Boyd and Caitlin Garcia visit with college recruiters at College Day at Perryton High School.

BELOW: Spearman High School Senior Jessica Jarvis visits with a recruiter from Texas Tech University at College Day at Frank Phillips College.



**We CAN Make A Difference**

Spearman High School students held the 2nd annual "We CAN Make A Difference" canned food drive during Red Ribbon Week. The classes competed against each other to see which class could collect the most cans of food for the Hansford County community food pantry. The high school collected over 1,700 cans of food, with the senior class collecting the most (over 800 cans). Shown here helping to unload the cans are seniors: Aaron Maestas, Trudy Hart, and Karina Hernandez.

**Alternative Energy Meeting**

All Ochiltree County agricultural producers and interested citizens are invited to attend an alternative energy meeting at the Ochiltree County Expo Center on February 16. The meeting will feature Texas Cooperative Extension Specialists speaking on the following topics: Economics of Small and Large Scale Ethanol Production, Wind Energy Opportunities, and The Effects of Alternative Fuel Production on Livestock Feeding. The free meeting will begin at 9:00 am and conclude at noon. For more information contact Ochiltree County Extension Agent Scott Strawn at 435-4501.

**LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST**

**THURSDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy. Lows around 16. Southeast winds around 5 mph shifting to the south after midnight.  
**FRIDAY** - Partly cloudy. Warmer. Highs in the mid 50s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.  
**FRIDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. West winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the northwest 15 to 20 mph after midnight.  
**SATURDAY** - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s.  
**SATURDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.  
**SUNDAY** - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.  
**SUNDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.  
**PRESIDENTS DAY** - Mostly cloudy. Highs around 60.  
**MONDAY NIGHT** - Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.  
**TUESDAY** - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.  
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