



TOP FUNDRAISERS IN THE "Jump Rope for Heart" campaign of American Heart Association at Wortham elementary school were Cayden Ramsey and Samantha Lee, who received medals for their efforts. Ramsey collected \$126.25 in donations and Miss Lee collected \$152. As a whole, the school raised \$1,092.

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most likely to relocate to Fairfield, and gives the city information on how to retain those businesses.

City water bills will look a little different, and second notices for late payers will no longer be sent.

To save on the cost of producing and mailing second notices, the city voted to print late fees and cutoff information on the backs of the first water bills mailed each month.

No final payment notices will be mailed, and accounts can be disconnected for non-payment.

National tournaments for boys and girls Little Dribblers will be held in Fairfield this year, and city councilmen voted to give each group up to \$25,000 to help with expenses.

Expenses will be paid through the city up to a \$25,000 limit for each tournament.

Repairs to baseball fields Sandlots I and II will be made by the city, with the stipulation that the Fairfield

Baseball/Softball Association will maintain the fields once the upgrades have been made.

Marlon Cockerell of the sports group told city officials last week, "Upgrading the fields will benefit the city as a whole. We are asking to host district and state tournaments which benefit the youth, and increase revenue for the city."

Councilmen approved costs not to exceed the estimated \$36,188.90.

Also at the meeting held last Tuesday evening, city officials and FIDC representatives agreed to replace board member Monte Cole, who died last month, with Will Hallmark, and agreed to "take no action" regarding the base salaries of certain water/wastewater employees.

Police department did, however, hire two new employees: Sean Allen Gore was hired as a fulltime dispatcher, and Stephanie Nichols was hired as a part-time dispatcher.

Gunshot kills county man at residence

A Freestone county man was found at his home in Freestone county last week dead from a reported self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The victim was Gary Lewis, 56, who lived on CR 1092.

He had sustained a gunshot wound to the left temple and was pronounced dead at the scene by Peace Justice Shirley Mays, precinct four. JP Mays ruled the death a suicide.

Sheriff Ralph Billings reports that his office received a report Thursday evening that a man was dead of a gunshot wound at the rural residence. The report was made by relatives who went to check on Lewis, the sheriff says.

Deputies found the victim on the floor partially beneath a table and recovered a .410-gauge shotgun at the scene, Billings notes.

The sheriff also reports that Lewis was believed to have died a few days before his body was discovered.

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largely on his control of the boards. He averaged 11.7 rebounds per game in district.

The 6-5 post player shot 50 percent from the field, averaging 11.7 points per game, and led the team in steals with 28.

Brackens was the third leading scorer for the Eagles, averaging 10.7 points per game, and made 10 shots from long range.

Simpson filled largely a defensive role for the team—he was assigned coverage of opponents' top offensive threats. He averaged 3.5 rebounds and 3.6 points per game.

Owens, at 6-2, worked alongside Green at post where he averaged 6.7 rebounds per game. The junior student averaged 5.3 points per game through the district season.

Making the All-District Academic team this season were Simpson and Owens.

A complete All-District list is:

MVP—Willie Tatum, senior, Fairfield.

Offensive player of the year—C.J. Ervin, junior, Crockett.

Defensive player of the year—Tevin Green, senior, Fairfield.

Newcomer of the year—Carson Earp, freshman, Crockett.

Coaches of the year—Joey Worley and Brian Merrick, Fairfield.

First team—LaDarius Brackens, senior, Fairfield; Evan Simpson, senior, Fairfield; Ryan Smith, senior, Brownsboro; Jacob McCarthy, senior, Brownsboro; Naquan Lee, senior, Crockett; Latreviunce Patton, senior, Crockett; Eric Robertson, senior, Palestine; Kendall Sanders, sophomore, Athens; and Desmond Bowie, junior, Athens.

Second team—Tracy Ross, senior, Crockett; Rodney Watson, senior, Westwood; Dominique Mickens, sophomore, Westwood; Dominique Owens, junior, Fairfield; E.J. Spurlock, senior, Palestine; Cameron Warren, senior, Brownsboro; Nick Monmouth, junior, Athens; Robert Donnell, junior, Athens; and Jonathon Dora, senior, Athens.

Deadlines set for county fair stock projects

Several agricultural project deadlines have been set for the Freestone County Fair junior livestock show.

The fair is set to run June 14-19 at W.L. Moody Reunion Grounds in Fairfield.

Broiler orders were due at the county extension office Wednesday.

All entry cards and fees, for livestock and horse projects, are due at the extension office by April 1.

Validation of lamb, goat and swine projects is set for 8-10 a.m. on April 10 at the fairgrounds.

Rabbits will be validated May 20 at the fairgrounds, starting at 5 p.m.

On the Edge of Common Sense

By Baxter Black, D.V.M.

COWBOY INGENUITY

Cowboys are nothing if not ingenious. It takes that sort of out-of-the-box mentality to allow them to solve the myriad of problems that arise when you combine horse, cow and rope! In the northeastern Montana country, Jim and Norvell (aliases) were backtracking one fall after the gather. By noon they cut the fresh sign of a bull.

A good cowboy can distinguish bull tracks. It's like comparing an elephant's foot to a crow's foot. They spotted him out in the open and eased up on him. He was a short-tempered, hostile, territorial, man-eating ruler of the range. Sometimes driving a bull toward civilization is like pushing a bale of straw through a net wire fence! The further our cowboys went zig-zagging from juniper copse to rocky ridge to slippery cut bank, the madder he got!

In a move worthy of a military strategist, the bull dove into a wash thick with choke cherries, box elder and buffalo berries...and disappeared! Our brave cowboys dove in after him as the brush tore at their down jackets and slashed their faces. After ten minutes of following the bull through this Montana version of a corn maze, they regrouped.

Had they been army soldiers they would have called in an air strike but...using their cunning, they decided to build a trap. In one narrow cow tunnel they draped a loop across the path and tied the standing end of the rope to

a box elder trunk. Eureka! On the first pass through the trap they caught him! Then a second rope was put around his neck and tied to a trunk 15 feet further down the trail. The first loop was then untied and leap frogged past the second. Five more jumps brought the bull within sight of the clearing where our imaginative vaqueros intended to back the trailer and load him.

Jim, now afoot, managed to loop the bull's head for the last leap-frog. By now the bull was frothing, breathing like a steam engine and wild-eyed. Jim dropped to his hands and knees scuttling toward the final tying spot when he

heard the bull bellow, the sound of thundering hooves, and branches breaking! The earth trembled. Jim didn't look back.

The impact put him in orbit! He was catapulted from the thicket like a monkey shot out of a cannon! To his everlasting good fortune, just as the bull's poll hit Jim's hip pocket, the rope came tight! The bull crashed and flipped. Jim hit the ground minus one boot and the left sleeve of his jacket. His hat was down over his ears.

Not exactly out of the Beef Quality Assurance manual for handling cattle. Although I'd like to see it included...fully illustrated!

Buffalo Livestock

On Saturday, March 6, 2010, Buffalo Livestock Commission sold 1,222 head. There were 189 sellers and 78 buyers.

300-400 lb.	122-140
400-500 lb.	112-131
500-600 lb.	102-120
600-700 lb.	96-118
700-800 lb.	95-106

Slaughter Cows:
Cutter cows 52-58
Fat cows 50-55
Canner cows 36-55

Heifer Calves and Yearlings: Some plainer, hard to place calves below these figures.

Slaughter Bulls:
Heavy Bulls 66-68.50
Light Bulls 57.50-64.50

150-200 lb. 105-150
200-300 lb. 105-145
300-400 lb. 104-122
400-500 lb. 97-117
500-600 lb. 95-109

Cow/Calf Pairs and Bred Cows:
Choice Pairs None
Good Pairs 800-960
Plain Pairs 510-790
Bred Cows 3-6 yr. 500-900

600-700 lb. 88-102
700-800 lb. 83-91

Steer/Bull Calves and Yearlings: Some plainer, hard to place calves below these figures.
150-200 lb. 110-165
200-300 lb. 110-147

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MONDAY, MARCH 15

- ▶VFW Bingo, 7:30 pm, VFW Post 5872
- ▶AA, 6:30 pm, FUMC Fairfield
- ▶Freestone County Commissioners Court, 9:00 am, Commissioners Courtroom

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

- ▶Rotary Club, noon, Big Cedar Country Club
- ▶AA & NA, 8:00 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church Fairfield
- ▶AA, 7:00-8:00 pm, Lakeside United Methodist Church Annex, 515 FM 416

- ▶Fairfield Chamber of Commerce Board, 5:15 pm, Chamber Office
- ▶Country & Western Music, 6:30 pm, Fairfield Senior Center

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

- ▶Weight Watchers, 5:00 pm, Calvary Baptist Church
- ▶VFW Bingo, 7:30 pm, VFW Post 587

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

- ▶Children's Story Time, 10:30 am-11:00 am, Mary Moody Northern Library
- ▶Out & About Christian Singles, 6:30 pm, First Baptist Church of Wortham

- ▶AA & NA, 8:00 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church Fairfield
- ▶AA, 6:30 pm, FUMC Fairfield
- ▶Freestone County CPS Board, 5:30 pm, Commissioners Courtroom
- ▶Freestone County Republican Club, 7:00 pm, First Lady's Educational Bldg

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

- ▶AA, 7:00-8:00 pm, Lakeside United Methodist Church Annex, 515 FM 416

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

- ▶Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, 8pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, Fairfield
- ▶Freestone County Art League, 10:00 am, Teague Church of Christ

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- Awaking gasping for air
- Awaking with an irregular heart beat
- Awaking with headaches
- Dozing at inappropriate or dangerous times



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