

# Obituaries

## Pamela Ann Chesher

Pamela Ann Chesher, 70, of Wichita Falls passed away at Hospice of Wichita Falls on Monday, July 30, 2018. She was born on Friday, March 19, 1948 in Knox City, to C.O. "Cowboy" and Pearl Yates. She met and fell in love with the love of her life Mike Chesher and was married on Sept. 22, 1967. Pam earned her Accounting Degree at Midwestern State University. She went on to a career in Health Care Administration (CFO).

Pam was preceded in death by her parents and brother Danny Yates of Seymour. She is survived by her hus-



PAMELA CHESHER

band Mike of Wichita Falls; son Scott Chesher and wife Stacey of Leesville, LA; and daughter Danna Stone and husband Lance of Burkburnett; brother Mackey Yates and wife Janet of Munday; sister Jan Cure and Larry of Roswell NM; and sister-in-law Doris Yates of Seymour. Pam's pride and joy were her six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018 from 3-5 p.m. at Burkburnett Community Center, 735 Davy Dr, Burkburnett. A celebration of life (party) will be from 6-9 p.m. at the same location; bring your favorite beverage. Condolences may be sent to 1 Candlewood Ct, Wichita Falls, TX. 76308.

## Hogs cause fatal wreck

From The News-Courier staff

**HASKELL**—Stetson James Cantrell, 19, of Haskell died after his pickup struck multiple wild hogs on FM 600 5.1 miles southeast of here early Monday morning.

Cantrell lost control of the vehicle after striking the hogs, went off the road and struck a highline pole.

## Aging Center Menus

Menus for week of Aug 6-10

**Monday:** Chicken and broccoli stir fry, fluffy rice, vegetable egg roll, sauce, Mandarin oranges, fortune cookie

**Tuesday:** Chef's salad with shredded cheese, pinto beans, tortilla chips, salsa, dressing, seasonal fruit

**Wednesday:** Chicken fried steak, gravy, red skin mashed potatoes, spinach, dinner roll, lemon iced cookies

**Thursday:** Meatloaf with brown gravy, black eyed peas, okra and tomatoes, cornbread, oatmeal raisin cookie

**Friday:** BBQ pulled pork, pinto beans, squash medley, hamburger bun, orange zephyr whip

## Wheat conference scheduled Aug. 23

Special to The News-Courier

**ABILENE** – A mix of topical but varied presentations geared toward wheat economics best describes the upcoming Big Country Wheat Conference hosted Aug. 23 by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service here in the Big Country Hall located on the Taylor County Expo Center grounds.

The conference targets wheat producers in the Big Country and Rolling Plains areas, said Steve Estes, AgriLife Extension agent in Jones County. The conference starts with registration at 8:30 a.m. followed by the program from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

The day's activities, including a catered lunch, are free for those who RSVP by Aug. 17 and \$20 per person after that date. RSVP to the AgriLife Extension offices in Jones or Taylor counties at (325) 823-2432 or (325) 672-6048, respectively.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units, one each of integrated pest management, general and laws and regulations, will be offered.

"We have quite a mix of topics set for this year's program, which focuses heavily on economics," Estes said. "We will have some solid production information, but the day's main emphasis and our goal for the program is to offer ideas on how to

make a wheat crop more profitable while reducing risks associated with that crop."

Topics and speakers will include: World Wheat Outlook-Global and Domestic, Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension grain marketing economist, College Station.

Ag Lending for Today's Wheat Producer, Josh Greer, Lone Star Ag Credit, Abilene.

Utilizing Market Strategies to Minimize Risk, John Payne, Daniels Trading, senior futures and options broker and market strategist, Chicago.

Weather Outlook: Short- and Long-Term Patterns and Trends, Randy Turner, meteorologist KRBC TV, Abilene.

Farm Bill Update, Dr. Joe Outlaw, AgriLife Extension economist and co-director of the Agriculture Food Policy Center, College Station.

Managing Soil Fertility and Variety Selection for Optimum Yield, Dr. Calvin Trostle, AgriLife Extension agronomist, Lubbock.

Managing Wheat Inputs for Maximum Profitability, Bill Thompson, AgriLife Extension economist, San Angelo.

Managing Agricultural Legal Issues, Leasing and Taxes, James Decker, SGDA Law Firm, Stamford.

Texas Department of Agriculture Laws and Regulations, TDA representative.

# Opinion

## Treatment can curb opioid abuse

By Mark Parrino

Every day, approximately 170 Americans die from an opioid overdose.

The opioid crisis has been building for 30 years. It started with physicians over-prescribing painkillers and has now morphed into a heroin and fentanyl epidemic. In 2017, an estimated 62,000 people died from opioid related overdoses, up 48 percent from 42,000 deaths in 2016.

Drug overdoses now represent the leading cause of death for Americans under the age of 50 and life expectancy has fallen.

This public health epidemic isn't just deadly, it is also costly. Between 2001 and 2017, Americans spent \$217 billion on healthcare related costs connected to the opioid abuse epidemic. Widespread opioid addiction has also hampered economic productivity and necessitated additional spending on social services, education and criminal justice at a cumulative cost of \$1 trillion.

Physicians and addiction specialists agree that "medication-assisted treatment" could curb this epidemic. MAT combines prescription drugs that prevent opioid cravings with counseling and other clinical support. Increased access to MAT would greatly reduce the number of lives lost and dollars spent.

Fifty percent of opioid addicted individuals who undergo MAT remain free of illicit drug use after 18 months. By contrast, 90 percent of individuals who try to discontinue opioids without MAT relapse within a year.

But right now, government regulations and insurance programs make it exceedingly difficult for patients suffering from opioid use disorder to access MAT. Changing these rules would save thousands of lives while offering a bipartisan solution to the opioid epidemic.

We need to increase access to MAT for everyone. Luckily, federal agencies are doing their part.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration is working to increase access to treatment. The Food and Drug Administration is reviewing a wider range of MAT drugs and encouraging researchers to develop new MAT therapies. The National Institute on Drug Abuse is researching new technologies to treat opioid use disorder. And in April, the National Institutes of Health launched an initiative to develop new formulations of MAT to broaden treatment options for the untreated opioid addict.

However, people struggling with addiction still face barriers to treatment. Currently, Medicare does not cover MAT medications for beneficiaries in opioid treatment programs. Fortunately, there is bipartisan Congressional support for providing such Medicare Part B coverage to Medicare beneficiaries, who are treated in opioid treatment programs.

MAT is a tragically underutilized tool. Coordinated policy initiatives -- ones that increase MAT use, implement prevention programs, and use balanced enforcement -- offer the best chance to end the opioid epidemic.

Mark Parrino is the President of American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence.

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**THANKS**  
Last week we had a wonderful Vacation Bible School and we owe thanks to many of you parents who brought your children each day. Kody Speer brought a group of young people from San Antonio to help conduct the VBS; we also had a group from Camp Verde, Arizona who helped; and we also had a group from Sardis, Ohio who came and helped. We know that it was a success because of all the smiles and hugs that were received from so many kids! Of course, the greatest thanks goes to our Father in heaven and son, Jesus Christ. He is the One who we love and adore and daily give Him thanks.  
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