

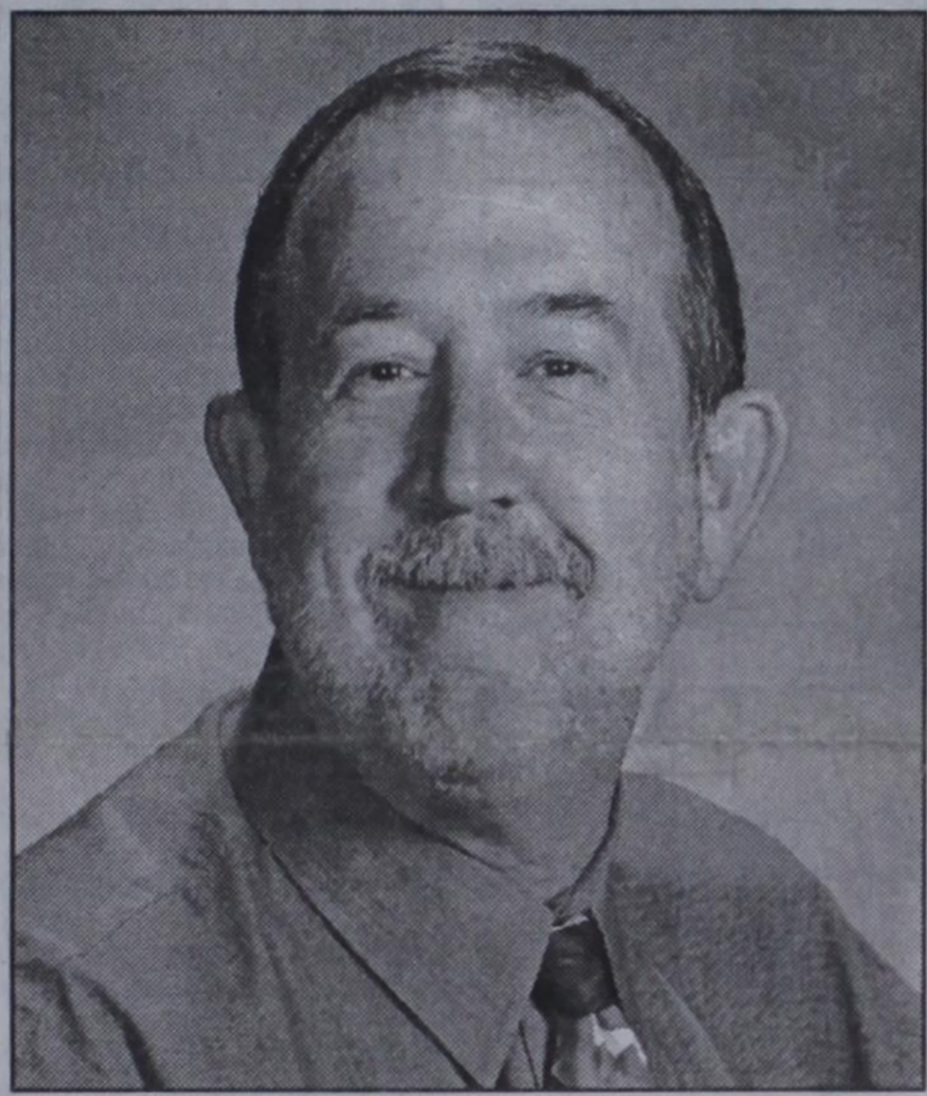
## Sumner Nominated for Superintendent of the Year

Rodney Sumner, Superintendent of Spearman Independent School District, has been nominated by the Spearman Board of Trustees for the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Region 16 Superintendent of the Year. Each year the various Education Service Centers will select a superintendent from their region that exhibits leadership in the following areas: administration and school climate, student performance, school board-superintendent relations, school improvement, fiscal management, facilities management, instructional management, student management, personnel management, and school-community relations. The superintendent selected will represent their region against other superintendents from across the State of Texas for the honor of State Superintendent of the Year.

Mr. Sumner is completing his eighth year with Spearman ISD as their Superintendent of Schools, and has 31 effective years in the field of education. In January 2007, he received a one-year extension on his current contract effective thru June 2012. Mr. Sumner stated that he considers Spearman home and will have two of his three sons as graduates from Spearman High School. He gives credit of his success at Spearman to an outstanding staff and a great school board that he has worked with. While the average tenure for superintendents across the State is three years, Mr. Sumner has broken the mold. He said that his goal is to retire from Spearman and live in the community; however, not before the completion of some very important projects facing the district. He added that the rumor of him retiring at the end of the school year is entirely false, and that he plans on being around for many more years!

Mr. Sumner said that important accomplishments that have been achieved under his watch have been to receive a perfect visit from the Texas Education Agency in the District Effectiveness and Compliance (DEC). Also, the current facility project at the elementary and junior high school has been extremely gratifying and something that he believes the community will be very proud of!

Mr. Sumner stated that he knows that the Spearman schools are not perfect; however, his goal is to provide the children of the community with the very best educational opportunities available. He said that the challenges facing the district give him the energy and a reason to continue to strive to make the district better. He further stated that facilities and technology are just one component of a successful school with the most important being the teacher in the classroom! He added that he is pleased to work with a great bunch of educators and to represent Spearman ISD in the Region 16 Superintendent of the Year Contest.



## Groves Celebrates Centennial



Altha Groves will celebrate her 100th birthday on Monday, March 19th. A party will be held in her honor at 1:30 p.m. at Hansford Manor.

Altha is pictured with her cousin Donna Judd McNaughton. Donna has a special bond with Altha because, in 1965, as a high school junior from Stratford, TX, she stayed with Altha for six weeks and worked as a Candy Striper and nurse's aid along with her at Hansford County Hospital, working under Ann Morrow, then Nursing Supervisor. This inspired her to pursue the nursing career I now enjoy.

Altha Groves was born March 19, 1907, in Borden County, TX to Edwin and Lacreia Groves.

Altha and her parents moved to Spearman about 1924, where they bought a farm approximately 3 miles east of town. Since the death of her father in 1959, she has continued to operate the farm through rental, raising wheat and milo.

Altha has been an active member of First Baptist Church in Spearman, taking part in several mission trips to Matamoros, Mexico, to give aid to an orphanage there.

Altha has been well known in the community through raising parakeets and canaries while on the farm, and selling Tupperware for years. She has also provided room and board for several local school teachers.

She is perhaps best known through her work as a nurses aid for many years (until sometime after 1974) at Hansford County Hospital, and her many hours of service in caring for sick friends and relatives.

Although never marrying and having children of her own, she has been "Aunt Altha" to many friends and relatives who love her kind and jovial spirit, and who have been inspired by her genuine Christian example.

A party will be held in her honor at Hansford Manor on Monday, March 19th at 1:30 p.m. All wishing to help her celebrate this milestone are encouraged to attend.



Altha Groves

### Open Letter

by *Garold L. McDaniel, Chief of Police, City of Spearman*

As a member and servant of this community, I have a responsibility to respond to the questions put forth to me by the citizens of our city. Many of the questions that have been coming to the City of Spearman offices are in regards to the increase in the amount of traffic violations and citations that have been issued in the past year. To answer these questions I have to return to the mandate that the City Council challenged the Spearman Police Department.

The challenge was placed to the Police Department to develop a Professional Uniform Officer Division which is Community Policing Oriented and Public Safety Proactive. In being Public Safety Oriented, this department has cooperated with such state programs as "Click It Or Ticket" and the MADD "No Tolerance for Minor Consuming Alcohol" programs. Our officers are required to follow and enforce the Texas Traffic Code, along with Spearman City Ordinances. Officers are instructed that when confronted with an observed offense, such as a seat belt violation, they should take some official act in accordance with the Texas Traffic Code or City Ordinance.

As the Chief of Police, I encourage your Police Officers to take a proactive stance when enforcing public safety issues. In taking such a stance regarding traffic offenses or Class C Misdemeanor Offenses, the officer has the discretion of giving a verbal warning, written warning, or a citation. Along with being the Chief of Police, I am not permitted to interfere with the officer's decision regarding citations. Once the officer makes his decision, if a citation has been issued, it is a matter between the Judge and the person receiving the citation.

As for the Police Department choosing which state laws and codes it wants to recognize, there is no such legal mandate giving us such authority. The men and women of your police department are obligated to enforce all state laws, even seat belt violations, in an equal manner - without prejudice or compassion.

## Card Shower

Dear Friends and Family -

Altha Groves will celebrate her One Hundredth birthday on March 19th, 2007!

Her family would like to honor her on this occasion with a card shower. They are asking that anyone wishing to, send Altha a card - it would be nice if she got at least 100 cards for her 100th birthday. Her memory is great, so she would enjoy you sharing a memory of her, or you and her, or some news of your family. If you would rather, you can share a poem or a story that you think she would enjoy.

Though we are requesting no gifts, she does have a few specific needs, if you would especially like to give a small monetary gift, please send it to Donna McNaughton (11115 E 109th St. N., Owasso, OK 74055).

We live in a busy time and sometimes meet ourselves coming and going. We hope you will take a few minutes out of your busy schedule to make Altha feel special on her centennial birthday.

Altha Groves  
715 Archer  
Spearman, TX 79081

## Hansford County Library Spring Sale

The sun is out, the snow is gone, and the temperature is rising, so naturally it's spring cleaning time. To celebrate, the Hansford County Library staff has begun to clean the store room and is eager to share its many valuable finds with the public.

For an indefinite time, paperback grab bags and individual surplus hardback books will be on sale at the library. Grab bags, sorted into Romance, Fiction and Western categories, are on sale for \$5 each. Each grab bag contains approximately 20 books. Hardback books are priced at \$1 each.

Plan now for vacation reading time, or for a quick escape from outdoor chores. Come by soon for the best selections.

### LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the west after midnight.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs around 70. North winds 10 to 20 mph.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Northeast winds around 5 mph shifting to the southeast after midnight.

SATURDAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s.

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows around 40.

TUESDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s.

TUESDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s.

WEDNESDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s.

## DEADLINE NOTICE

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For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 659-3434, or e-mail me at [cathysmith@antden.com](mailto:cathysmith@antden.com).



## Lullabies Legends and Lies

by Parson Smith, The Prime Minister of Laughter

I used to be a sailor. But, when I came to the Texas panhandle, I gave that up. Still, after all these years, I remember the words of Ella Wheeler Wilcox. I hope you enjoy this portion of 'Tis the Set of the Sail...

### 'Tis the Set of the Sail

To every man there openeth,  
A high way and a low,  
And every mind decideth,  
The way his soul shall go.

One ship sails East,  
And another West,  
By the self-same winds that blow,  
'Tis the set of the sails  
And not the gales,  
That tells the way we go.

Like the winds of the sea  
Are the waves of time,  
As we journey along through life,  
'Tis the set of the soul,  
That determines the goal,  
And not the calm or the strife.

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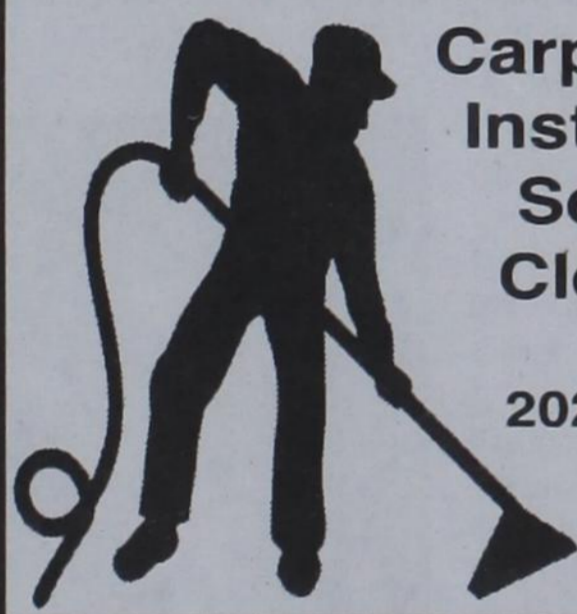
#### PROPOSITION 1 (SJR 13)

SJR 13 would amend the Constitution to authorize the legislature to adjust the public school ad valorem tax or tax rates for taxpayers who are aged 65 or older, or are disabled, and who are owners of an exempted homestead. The amendment would thereby allow the legislature to provide tax relief to such elderly or disabled taxpayers who did not receive tax relief as a result of the school tax rate reduction passed in the 79th Legislature, 3rd called session.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes for the 2006 and 2007 tax years."

Published by Secretary of State Roger Williams.

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Thursday - BBQ Ribs **\$6.50**

Friday - Shrimp **\$6.50**

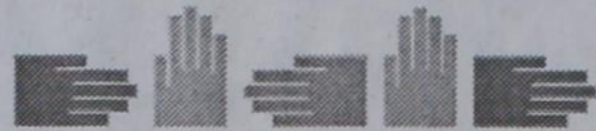
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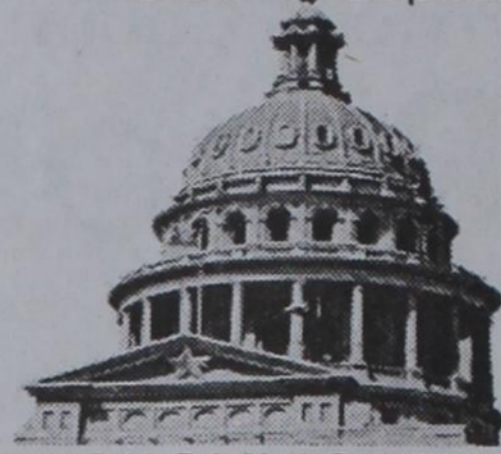
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- Synonym of #57 Across
- Pinocchio's state
- Thank you in France
- Edge of a chisel
- Fusses
- Inventor of basketball
- No ifs or buts either
- Wager, archaic
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- Where parents and teachers gather

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HIGHLIGHTS  
By Ed Sterling



## LAWMAKERS HEAR ABOUT ABUSE AT YOUTH COMMISSION FACILITIES

AUSTIN - Reports of sex abuse, beatings and allegations of official cover-ups in the Texas Youth Commission surfaced in late February, dominated the news in early March, and are expected to continue.

Seventy law enforcement officers and other officials under the direction of special master Jay Kimbrough fanned out to the 23 TYC facilities across the state. Their mission is to gather information about the goings-on at those facilities and to gather reports alleging abuse of inmates.

The Joint Committee on Operation and Management of the Texas Youth Commission summoned TYC board members to the Capitol to testify in a March 8 public hearing.

This special committee of seven state representatives and seven state senators heard testimony and asked questions to pinpoint wrongdoing, to identify and remove wrongdoers, to correct problems and to prevent future wrongdoing.

One widely reported finding aired at the four-hour hearing was that the TYC hired a convicted sex offender as a guard, and that agency policy allows the hiring of a convicted felon if a top TYC official approves. Another finding regarded a former TYC official living with a 16-year-old inmate.

The committee also heard about a TYC official who, against a recent order by Kimbrough, shredded official documents.

Committee members took a vote expressing "no confidence" in the TYC board of directors. Kimbrough, appointed in early March by Gov. Rick Perry to oversee the TYC and manage the investigation, told the panel of lawmakers that he is building a file of complaints from former TYC employees and inmates.

The TYC activated 866-477-8354, a 24-hour, toll-free hotline for people to report allegations of mistreatment of youth in TYC. The number is available to youth in TYC using dormitory phones. More than 750 complaints have already been filed.

### Bill filing deadline arrives

Day 60 of the 140-day regular session of the 80th Texas Legislature, the bill-filing deadline, was March 9.

The totals of legislation filed this session are in: 3,977 House bills and 1,944 Senate bills, for a combined total of 5,921 bills. This is a 13 percent increase over the 2005 bill count.

The session ends May 28.

### CHIP bill may alter re-qual rules

Families that get insurance for their children under the state Children's Health Insurance Program would have to re-qualify once a year instead of every six months under pending legislation.

And, the present 90-day waiting period to receive benefits would be done away with.

Houston Reps. Sylvester Turner, a Democrat, and John Davis, a Republican, and House Human Services committee chairman Patrick Rose, D-Dripping Springs, pooled their skills in a compromise bill that was voted favorably from the committee and soon may be scheduled for House floor debate.

Points of contention may arise over level of family income and other factors.

### Senators file casino legislation

The Lone Star State someday might be home to as many as a dozen gambling casinos under a proposed constitutional amendment and enabling legislation filed by Sens. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, and John Carona, R-Dallas.

The voters of Texas ultimately would decide. The constitutional amendment, if passed by the Legislature, would be on the ballot next fall.

Casino opponents have said gambling establishments attract crime. Proponents say Texas casinos would lure back home Texan residents who patronize casinos in Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana and other states. Ellis and Carona estimate the casinos could bring as much as \$45 billion a year in new economic activity.

The legislation has an education "carrot." Casinos would contribute \$1 billion a year to hold tuition costs down at Texas public colleges and universities.

And, the legislation would allow currently illegal video lottery terminals at horse and dog racing tracks.

### Senator files tuition freeze bill

Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Dallas, filed Senate Bill 100, legislation that would freeze tuition for an incoming freshman enrolled in a four-year degree program at a public university.

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# Happy Birthday!

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

**March 15**  
**Birthday** - Trina Horton, Jerry Bowling, Randy Stafford, Darlene Schick, Parrish Larson, Gary Osborne, Mona Rivera, Richard Vamon, Trent Seagler, Ora Fay Watkins, Krista Dement, Araceli Briones, Trenton Finley

**Anniversary** - M/M Bill Roberson, M/M Joe Bynum, M/M Joe T. Venneman

**March 16**  
**Birthday** - Ted Harbour, Tonya Woodington, Janice Mayfield, Gary Davis, Missy Bates, Dan McCloy, Michael Gruver, Payton Thoreson, Suzanne Schad, Hadley Spivey, Jessica Brown

**Anniversary** - Carey & Denise Bridges, M/M Robert Womble

**March 17**  
**Birthday** - Dala Cathey, J.P. TeBeest, Elvana Davis, Kathy Slater, Carrol VanBuskirk, Tony Barrera Jr., Tony Miller III, Jamie Thomas, Terry Latham, Jason Genn, Anna Soto, Kathy Brown, Makayla Wheelock, Rachel Cook

**Anniversary** - M/M Richard Ooley, M/M Chris Christy

**March 18**  
**Birthday** - Danny Henson, Tony Harper, Charles Friday, Cody McLeod, Kenny Virden, Laura Garcia, Tobe Shields, Connie Hobbs, Kelsey Henton, Matthew Bain

**Anniversary** - M/M Edwin Pearcy, M/M Ken Bullard

**March 19**  
**Birthday** - Barry Haenisch, Melinda McCullough, Kerri Minter, Ron Gibson, Altha Groves, Pete Garcia Jr., Jesse Ruth Gerrard, Rose Marie Bruning, Cathy Davis, April Knight

**Anniversary** - M/M Michael Wilson

**March 20**  
**Birthday** - Mack Bevell, Travis Ferguson, Chad TeBeest, Martha Stinson, Florencio Martinez, Angela Sinta, Jane Henton, Kim King, Marion Upchurch, Kay Christian, Gary Hathaway, Lisa Tice, Rocio Garcia

**Anniversary** - M/M R. M. Crawford, M/M Benny McCullough, M/M Rod Barkley

**March 21**  
**Birthday** - Kathy Duncan, Kelly Hart, Nancy Alvarez, Rhonda Riley, Judy Hergert, Chelsey Clark, Pepe Tarrango, Jose Tarango

**Anniversary** - Bill and Jo Ann Weaver

**March 22**  
**Birthday** - Veta Allaway, Charmaine Gross, Maggie Key, Bob Miller, Payton Mitchell, Marty McCloy, Kelly Rauscher, Randie (Renner) Baumann, Roy Garrard, Rosalinda Vela, Tim Kizzar, Alice Miller, Michael Burke, Doug Gumfory, Tavo Borunda, Jorge Soto, Carla Jones, Debbie Clement, Andy Lindsey, Reid Wilson, J.J. Gallegos

**Anniversary** - Mr. and Mrs. Benny Wilson

**March 23**  
**Birthday** - Tanner Irwin, Mercedes Perez, Dwayne TeBeest, Annie Houghton, Jamie Sterling, Beth Ann Flowers, Angela Craig, Teresa Russell, Marvin G. Wilson, Christopher Turner, Ramon Garcia Jr., Bernice Flores, Jason Evans, Carter Strawn, Wilbur Hull

**Anniversary** - Mr. and Mrs. Tony Cazares

**March 24**  
**Birthday** - Dillion Payne, Marie Bell, Mike Floyd, Charles Haight, Frank Sursa, Lesa Deakin, Karie Coates, Patricia Pool, Lera Deakin, Jeri Diane Sterling, Chandra Lee, Carla James, Rebecca Garza, Cory Haight, Ruth Bryan, Beth Phelps

**Anniversary** - Mr. and Mrs. Mike Babbs, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Breland, Mr. and Mrs. Blair Traham

**March 25**  
**Birthday** - Rosalie Grotegut, Scott Jarvis, Jason Ward, Nellie Albrect, Oscar Rojas Jr., Kendra Kay Burke, Mike Dixon, Donna Brogdo, Jean Schaffer, Michael Covington, Joe Baca, Amy Bridges, Chad Howe, Mario Soto, LuAnn Hunter

**Anniversary** - M/M Josh Reed

**March 26**  
**Birthday** - Keith Dillard, Jamie Smith, George Jackson, Tanda Taylor, James Brown, Judy Irlbeck, Greg Holladay, Ruth Baker, John Paul Molina, Danny Bass, Joann Reynolds, Kristi Ann Balderrama, Sabrina Cantu, Joanna Myers

**Anniversary** - Mr. and Mrs. Andy Riley, M/M Jimmy Morley

# Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

In the fourth week of Lent we examine ourselves in a spirit of repentance and renewal by studying Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, and Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32. The book of Joshua was written to confirm to the people of Israel that the promises God made to Abraham were true. In prior verses we are shown that of those who left Egypt all have died except Joshua and Caleb. Joshua performs the ceremony of circumcision on all the males who were born in the wilderness. This is done in preparation for entry into the Promised Land. The people then celebrate Passover. This is a time of remembrance for Israel of who they were, who they are, and who they are to become under God. It is a time of renewal of their allegiance to the covenant with God. The Psalmist sings a song of the joy of the forgiveness from God. Notice that for "forgiveness" to come about the sinner must be linked to confession, repentance, and a changed way of life.

Paul reminds the Corinthians that the "renewal" of the believer comes from being "in" Christ Jesus. Through our baptism we become "ambassadors" for Christ. As an ambassador we are expected to know the position of our "kingdom" on all matters; as an ambassador we represent Christ on earth; as an ambassador we are charged with communicating the position of our "kingdom" to others. Therefore, we can no longer regard other people from a human point of view; we can no longer live solely for self; and we cannot count the sins of others to make ourselves look greater. Remember dear Christian, you are the representative of Christ wherever you are and whatever you do. Also, remember that it is possible to be "in" Church but not living "in" Christ.

Luke in the parable of the prodigal son has written the finest short story ever. This passage is the "gospel" within the gospel. Jesus was eating and teaching with publicans and sinners and the Pharisees objected to His presence with these "sinners". Jesus tells the story of the wastrel son who demands his share of his father's estate and proceeds to live it up. When he hits bottom and sells himself into servitude to exist, no one bails him out. Luke says, "when he came to himself", he decided to return to his father, beg forgiveness and ask to be his father's slave. To Jesus, a man who is away from God is not truly, "himself". The father receives the prodigal joyously and restores him to the family. The older brother served his father out of a sense of grim, joyless duty. He had no sympathy for his sibling and we may sense that he had a dirty mind. Consider that the father is God, the prodigal is your own sinful self, and the unsympathetic sibling is today's equivalent of a Pharisee. Yes, there is more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over all the self-righteous people whose hearts are stony against those they don't like.

May the Holy Spirit grant you in this season of Lent the power to confess your sin to God, repent of that sin, and change your life for your renewal.



Come in early for the best selection of beautiful, fragrant lilies. Order a dramatic centerpiece or floral basket for your Easter. And don't forget to check out our plush Easter bunnies!

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# Our Sympathy

**EDWARD "ED" THOMAS MERYDITH**  
 BOOKER - Funeral services for Ed Merydith, 77-year-old Wolf Creek area rancher will be Thursday, March 15, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. at the grave-site in the Heart Cemetery in Booker, Texas. The Reverend Bobby Smithson will officiate. Arrangements are by Johnson's Good Samaritan Funeral Service of Booker.

Edward Thomas Merydith was born at Canadian, Texas to Coy and Rachel (Smith) Merydith. He attended the Valley Park country school and then high school at Canadian and later Perryton, graduating from Perryton High School in 1947. Ed ranched for a time before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force in 1950. On January 10, 1953, he was married to Lois Lavell McCaughy and following his discharge they made their home on the family ranch on Wolf Creek Road in Ochiltree County, Texas. To this union four children were born: Debbie, Becky, Bill and Linda. Lois died in 1992 after forty years of marriage. On February 3, 1995, Ed was married to Sharon Farris and they spent the last 12 years together on the Merydith home ranch.

In addition to his activities as a rancher, Ed served ten years on the Booker School Board, served in many positions with area roping and riding clubs including several years as president of the Booker Roping Club. At one time he built an arena on the ranch to host riding clubs. He devoted much time to training and showing American Quarter Horses. One of his favorite activities was dancing, which he did avidly for fifteen years with Lois and 12 years with Sharon. He belonged to at least 4 different square dance clubs, but most importantly the Perryton Promenadors.

Mr. Merydith died March 13, 2007 at BSA Hospital in Amarillo, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon, of the home; a son and his wife, William Edward and Amy Merydith of Perryton; three daughters, Debbie Gail Herrington and husband Danny of Spearman, Rebecca Jean Munsell and husband, Dusty, of Calumet, Oklahoma and Linda Jurce Smith of Perryton; two step-sons and their wives, Mike and Tracy Farris of Littleton, Colorado and Matt and Stephanie Farris of Amarillo, Texas; three sisters, Pearl Thompson of Brownwood, Peggy (Duke) Urban and husband, Bob of Perryton and Joyce Hodges and husband, Jim, of Richmond, Virginia; 15 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and other relatives and a host of friends.

## R.L. EASLEY

**SPEARMAN** - R.L. Easley, 67, of Spearman died on Friday, March 9, 2007 in Amarillo.

A family gathering of family and friends was held Monday, March 12, 2007 at 2 p.m. at the Hansford County Cemetery. Arrangements were by Rector Funeral Home in Amarillo.

Mr. Easley was born in Spearman on June 1, 1939, and graduated from Spearman High School. He worked as a truck driver and also worked in the oil fields. After his retirement, he enjoyed working as a handyman. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Survivors include one daughter, Debbie Holt of Dumas; two sons, Mike Stinnett of Dumas and Kenneth Easley of Amarillo; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be to a local DAV Chapter.

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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 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. 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.

**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 March 26, 2007. 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 assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

**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.

**Blood Drive**  
 The Coffee Memorial Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in Spearman on Monday, March 19th, from 1-7 p.m. at The O'Loughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt. Every donor who presents to donate will receive a T-shirt and a stress basketball. In addition, they will be entered into a drawing to win a 42" flat screen TV. (Drawing will be March 31st.) To schedule an appointment, call 1-877-574-8800.

**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.

**Knights of Columbus Annual Fish Fry**  
 The Spearman Council of the Knights of Columbus (#5552) will host their annual fish fry on Friday, March 23 from 6-8 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 905 S. Roland, in Spearman. Plates will be \$6 each, with no charge for children under 9. Carry-outs will be available.

**Hansford County Library Spring Sale**  
 The sun is out, the snow is gone, and the temperature is rising, so naturally it's spring cleaning time. To celebrate, the Hansford County Library staff has begun to clean the store room and is eager to share its many valuable finds with the public. For an indefinite time, paperback grab bags and individual surplus hardback books will be on sale at the library. Grab bags, sorted into Romance, Fiction and Western categories, are on sale for \$5 each. Each grab bag contains approximately 20 books. Hardback books are priced at \$1 each. Plan now for vacation reading time, or for a quick escape from outdoor chores. Come by soon for the best selections.

**Panhandle Playday**  
 On May 19th the Pilot Club of Dumas will sponsor Panhandle Playday, a one day retreat at Ceta Canyon for Adult survivors of Traumatic Brain Injuries. Ceta Canyon offers a beautiful setting for activities and relaxation. The day will include activities like fishing, board games, outdoor games, optional hiking, bingo, and crafts. Lunch and snacks will be provided. The cost of the retreat is \$15.00. Scholarships are available through requests. For more information and registration form, please contact Betty Morton at (806) 935-3080 or Carolyn Ferguson at (806) 570-4274.

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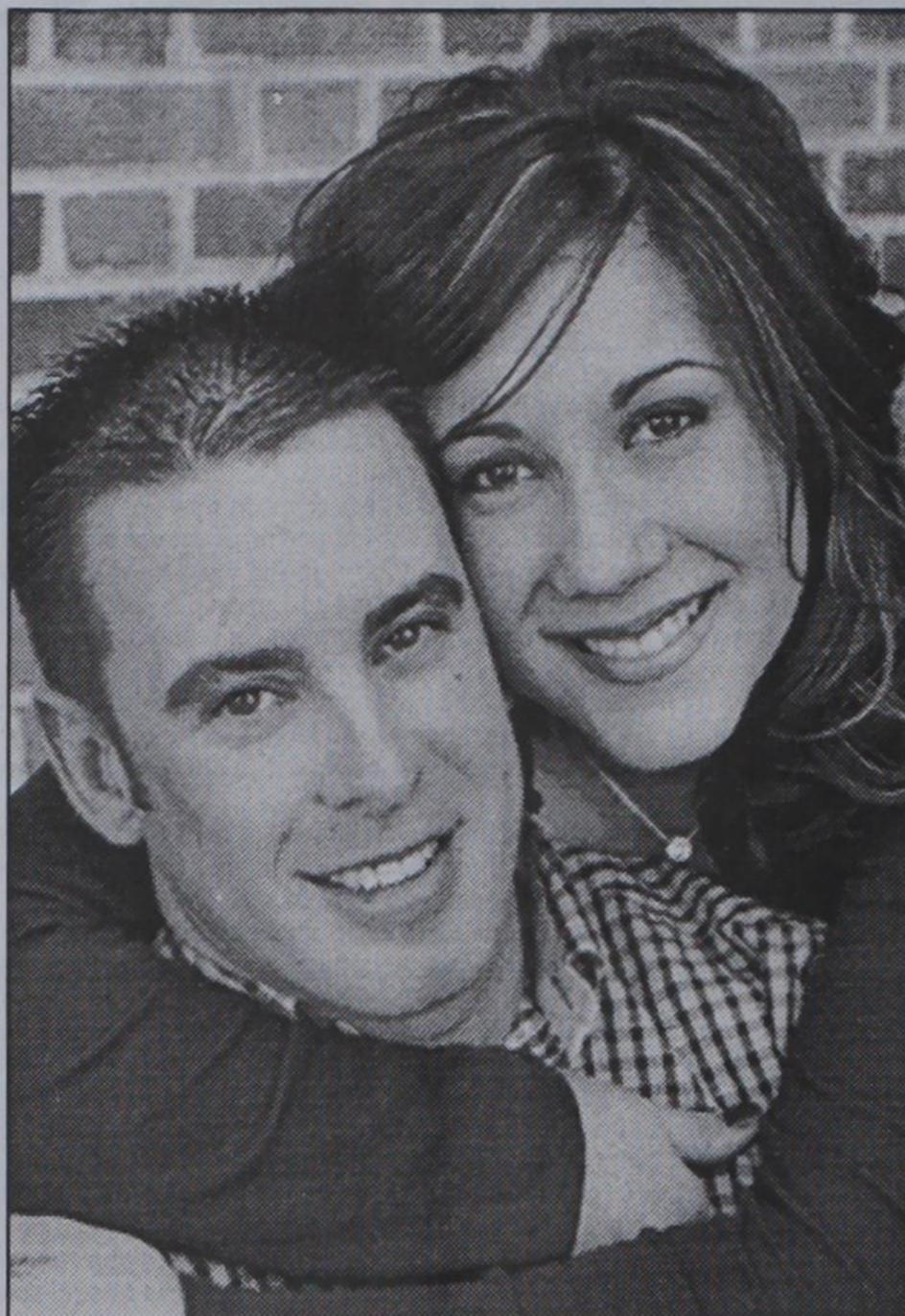
**Couples Currently Registered**

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 Staci Leonhard & Lee Jarvis - 5/24  
 Brooke Trantham & Jesse Allen - 3/31  
 Rowena May Apacible & Dustin Wade Parks - 3/31  
 Janae Watley & Kyle Igo - 5/15  
 Daniele Catron & Randy Duffy - TBA  
 Julie Gumfory & Gregory Sherrad - TBA  
 Allison Haney & Matt Rodgers  
 Reagan Davis & Mickey Schoenhals  
 Kara (Pipkin) & Jonathan Taylor  
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**Baby Registry**

Doug & Jonna Gumfory - 3/24

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**Engagement Announcement**

Warren Haney of Rogers, AR (formerly of Spearman) and Dora Karim of Dallas, TX, are happy to announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter Allison Marie Haney to Matthew Brian Rodgers of Midland TX. Matt is the son of Kerry and Trina Rodgers of Midland, TX formerly of Snyder, TX.

Allison is a 2001 graduate of Spearman High School and is currently working as a music/youth intern and Midland Christian Fellowship while pursuing an Elementary Education degree at Midland College.

Matt is a 1999 graduate of Snyder, TX and is employed with Pioneer Natural Resources.

The wedding date is set for April 28th of this year at Wadley-Barron Park in Midland, TX. The couple will reside in Midland.

"The situation here for this kid looks to me to be a lot more fun than what he had under his old parents. He didn't have to go to school. He could run around and do whatever he wanted."  
 Fox News' Bill O'Reilly  
 (concerning a child who had been kidnapped and sodomized)

You are invited to a  
**Bridal Shower**  
 honoring  
**Staci Leonhard**  
 bride-elect of Lee Jarvis  
 on Saturday, March 24, 2007  
 from 2:00-3:30 p.m.  
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 9207 County Road E, south of Spearman  
 (Call Mary or Caroll at First Baptist Church,  
 659-5557 for directions)

**Protect Your Rights**  
 "Render Your Taxable Property  
 By April 15th"

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1 of this year. The rendition form is available at the Hansford County Appraisal District.

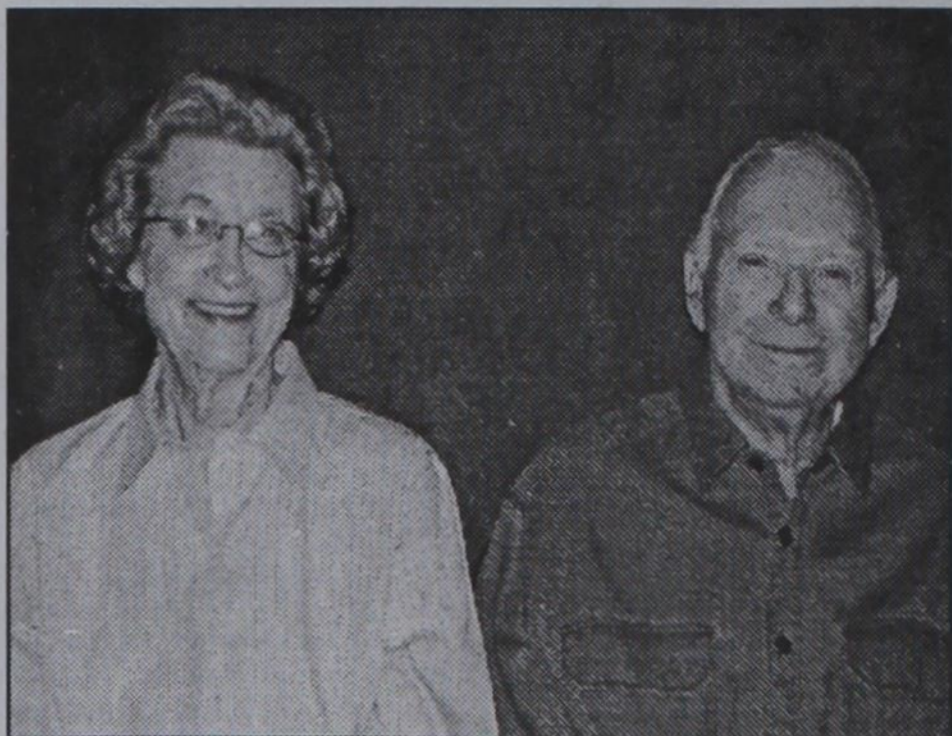
**WHO MUST FILE A RENDITION?** You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income - such as the inventory and equipment used by a business.

**ARE THERE ANY ADVANTAGES TO YOU?** Yes, the advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. If the appraisal district believes the value is higher, it must notify you in writing of the higher value and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2006. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2007.

**WHAT'S THE DEADLINE?** The last day for filing 2007 renditions is April 15th. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 15 deadline.

**WHERE DO YOU FILE?** File renditions at the:  
**HANSFORD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT**  
 709 W 7th Ave. Spearman, Texas 79081  
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**Williams' celebrate 60th Anniversary**

L.A. and Farene Williams recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. The couple married on August 23, 1946 at the First Baptist Church parsonage in Borger.

L.A. is a retired farmer and Farene is a homemaker. They have lived in Gruver their entire married lives.

Children of the couple include Morris A. Williams and wife Susan of Payson, Arizona, Brenda W. Henderson and husband Alva of Freising, Germany, and R. Neal Williams and wife Julie of Gruver. They have six grandchildren, Lisa Williams, Joseph Williams, Salee H. Gurley and husband David, Samuel A. Henderson, Benjamin Williams and Emily Williams. The couple has three great grandchildren.

You are invited to a  
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# Lynx Relays

## GIRLS

**Team standings:** 1. Perryton 153. 2. Spearman 141. 3. Sunray 130.  
 Discus: 1. Schneider, Spearman, 110-2. 2. Lozano, Spearman, 108-11.  
 Pole Vault: 1. Lang, Spearman, 9-0. 2. Pittman, Spearman, 8-6.  
 Long Jump: 1. Pittman, Spearman, 16-4. 3. McCloy, Gruver, 15-4 1/2.  
 Triple Jump: 1. Howard, Spearman, 32-3 1/4. 2. Reynolds, Gruver, 31-11 3/4.  
 3200: 3. Garnett, Spearman, 13:07.73.  
 800: 2. Diaz, Spearman, 2:45.18.  
 3. Shields, Spearman, 2:48.39.  
 100 H: 3. Howard, Spearman, 17.34.  
 800 Relay: 3. Spearman 2:01.06.  
 400: 1. Ferguson, Sunray, 1:04.99. 2. Yanke, Gruver, 1:06.93.  
 300 H: 1. Pittman, Spearman, 49.04.  
 1600: 3. Garnett, Spearman, 6:06.14.  
 1600 Relay: 3. Spearman 4:36.63.

## BOYS

**Team standings:** 1. Sunray 129. 2. Canadian 118. 3. Perryton 107.  
 Discus: 2. Sumner, Spearman, 130-9.  
 Pole Vault: 1. Garnett, Spearman, 12-6.  
 High Jump: 1. Urban, Gruver, 6-0.  
 110 H: 1. Garnett, Spearman, 15.27. 3. Frost, Spearman, 15.73.  
 400: 2. B. Flores, Spearman, 54.09. 3. F. Flores, Spearman, 55.19.  
 200: 1. Flores, Spearman, 23.61.  
 1600: 3. Mendoza, Spearman, 5:23.92.

The Texas Department of Transportation will host two Informational Meetings on March 26 & 27, 2007 concerning the planning of future projects.

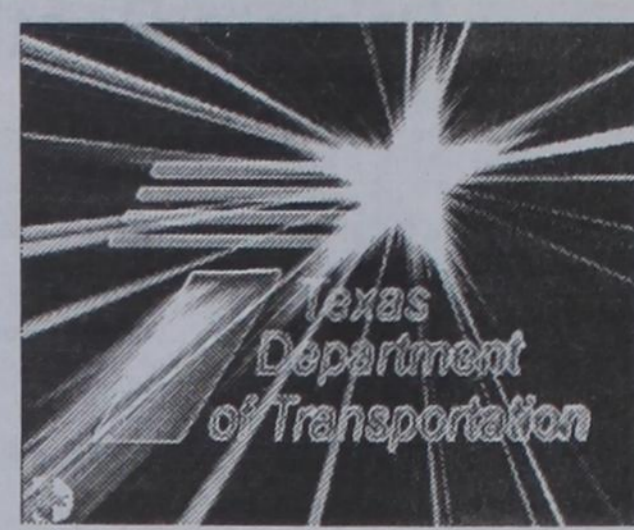
The informational meetings are held to explain how the department plans transportation projects. We would like to receive the public's input regarding the current Transportation Improvement Plan for the district.

On March 26, 2007, (Monday) the meeting will be between 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. at TxDOT's Dumas Area Office. The Office is located at 1249 North Maddox, Dumas, Texas. On March 27, 2007, (Tuesday), the meeting will be between 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. at the Conference Center for TxDOT in Amarillo. The Conference Center is located at 5715 Canyon Drive, Building H.

The come and go meetings will cover transportation plans for all areas of the Panhandle and the city of Amarillo. A short video of current and proposed projects will be shown. The Area Engineers will be available to answer any questions to discuss future and current projects. Draft versions of current transportation plans will be presented at the meeting for public comment.

Written statements and other exhibits may be submitted to the District Office at 5715 Canyon Drive (PO Box 7368) Amarillo TX 79114-7368. Comments must be received no later than April 9, 2007.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Persons interested in attending the meeting whom have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Cheryl Luther at 806.356.3249. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.



## Spearman Tennis

The Spearman Tennis Team competed in the Wellington Tennis Tournament on Monday and Tuesday, March 5th and 6th. This was a single elimination tournament.

Following are the results.  
**Girls Doubles:** Kendall Schneider and Kelcee Rex defeated Warrick-Bohannon (Wellington) 8-5, lost to Cates-Ellison (Canadian) 8-5.  
**Girls Singles:** Brook Barton lost to Butler (Panhandle) 8-5; Ashley Close lost to McDowell (Fort Elliott) 8-1.  
**Mixed Doubles:** Saylee Flowers and T.J. Worley defeated Gilchrist-Martinez (Memphis) 8-2, lost to Langford-Langford (Wellington) in semifinals 8-6; Brittney Bradley and Blaine Barton lost to Woods-Garcia (Hedley) 9-8 (TB 7-3).  
 The Spearman Tennis Teams will compete in the Plainview Tennis Tournament on Saturday, March 17th, and in the Borger Tennis Tournament on Monday and Tuesday, March 19th and 20th.

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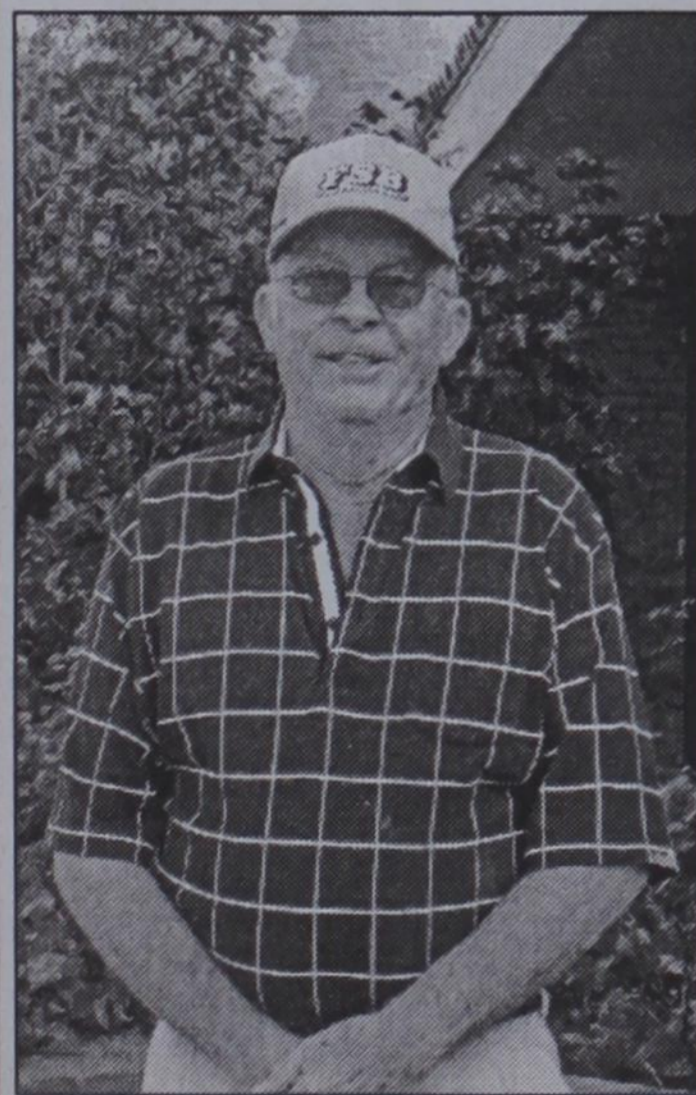
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**When: Tuesday, March 20, 2007**

**Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Where: First State Bank**

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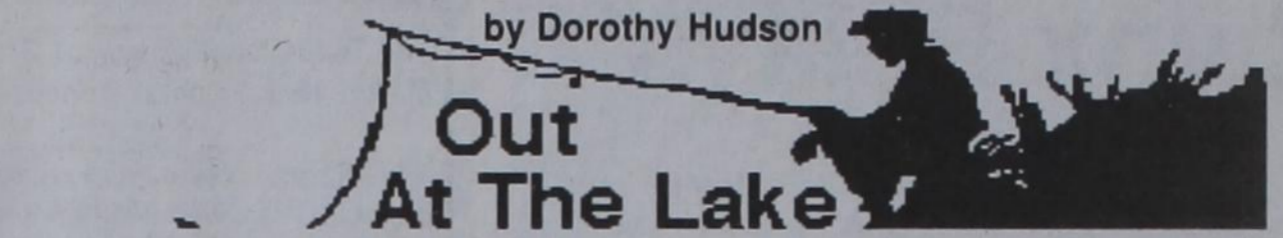


## Private Pesticide Applicator Training and Testing

There will be a Private Pesticide Applicator Training and Testing on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at the Expo Center in Perryton. The training will start at 8:00 a.m. and end

at noon. The testing will be at 1:00 pm. This meeting is for all area agricultural producers who wish to obtain a license to buy and apply

restricted use pesticides. Training fee is \$10.00. For more information contact Scott Strawn at (806) 435-4501.



Lake Level--March 12, 2007--20.92 feet (-0.12)

As Jim had spent most of last week traveling to water board meetings, he didn't have much

news this morning. Whereas in Gruver we had seven hundredths of rain over the weekend, there was not enough to measure in his gauge. This morning was too foggy to tell if the eagles were still there.

### Bluebirds

Last week was my time to hear about mountain bluebird sightings and to realize that this was a thrill denied me. Leona Stavlo told me of her daughter Amy TeBeest witnessing this lovely event in mid-February. Amy was on a walk from her home a mile from the landmark Oslo Lutheran Church when she rounded a corner by a cedar wind-break and found a flock of migrating mountain bluebirds decorating the trees near her. Leona had a similar experience years ago. Jocelyn Edwards Miller took a picture of bluebirds on cedars in the snow at the Lake one year.

Summer finds these sleek little birds nesting in the higher elevations above the Texas Panhandle into Canada. From September to May they come South to as far as

upper Mexico. Kenneth Seyffert writes that mid-October through March are the months we find them in our area. In his book Birds of the Texas Panhandle I found the following. "Often a drive across the plains in mid-March will reveal large numbers strung out on power lines and fences."

### Panhandle Texas Naturalist Course

Beginning March 31, a course for 20 interested people in the Panhandle is to begin in Amarillo. Completion of the initial 40 hour training course, completion of at least 40 hours of volunteer service, and at least 8 hours of advanced training in naturalist related subjects of the person's choosing are required to become a Certified Texas Master Naturalist. It sounds like a lot of hard work but so much fun. I hope we have someone from Hansford County that has the time and inclination to do it. I have an application blank if anyone needs it.

## Public Notice

### NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF NORTH PLAINS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

The Nominating Committee, appointed by the Board of Directors of North Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc., met at the Cooperative's headquarters located in Perryton, Texas, on March 6, 2007. Three Directors shall be elected by and from the members at the 63rd annual meeting of the Cooperative to be held on April 16, 2007, for a term of three years. The committee has prepared and posted at the Cooperative headquarters a list of nominations for Directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee(s) for each directorate district. Those nominated include:

District 2 Richard Schad  
Glen Harris  
Lyndon Imke  
District 4 J. Craig Young

The actions of this Committee in no way shall prevent additional nominations by petition as provided for in Section 4.06 of the Cooperative Bylaws. Any fifteen (15) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, listing their nominee(s) in like manner, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the annual meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted.  
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the TCEQ on November 3, 2006.

The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The Executive Director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas, the TCEQ Amarillo Regional office, 3918 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79109-4933, and the Hansford County Library, 122 Main Street, Spearman, Texas. At the Central and Regional Office, relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference, may be reviewed and copied. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ Central Office file room at (512) 239-1540.

### PUBLIC COMMENT/NOTICE AND COMMENT HEARING

Any person may submit written comments on the draft permit. Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness, and appropriateness of the permit conditions may result in changes to the draft permit.

A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the permitted area may request a notice and comment hearing. The purpose of the notice and comment hearing is to provide an additional opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. The permit may be changed based on comments pertaining to whether the permit provides for compliance with 30 TAC Chapter 122 (examples may include that the permit does not contain all applicable requirements or the public notice

procedures were not satisfied). The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on the application if a written hearing request is received within 30 days after publication of the newspaper notice. The hearing request must include the basis for the request, including a description of how the person may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the application area. The request should also specify the conditions of the draft permit that are inappropriate or specify how the preliminary decision to issue or deny the permit is inappropriate. All reasonably ascertainable issues must be raised and all reasonably available arguments must be submitted by the end of the public comment period. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all individuals that submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify the date, time and location for the hearing.

Written public comments and/or requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, PO Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 and received within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

A notice of proposed final action that includes a response to comments and identification of any changes to the draft permit will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments, a hearing request, or requested to be on the mailing list for this application. This mailing will also provide instructions for public petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that the EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permit. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with the applicable requirements or the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 122.

MAILING LIST: In addition to submitting public comments, a person may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Those on the mailing list will receive

copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Chief Clerk for this application.

INFORMATION: For additional information about this permit application or the permitting process, please contact the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance at MC-108, TCEQ, PO Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained for DCP Midstream, L.P., by calling Mr. Martin W. Smith at (303) 605-1721.

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**FOR SALE:** Peacocks for sale. Call 806-435-3334. 3(3-15-07)B

will receive sealed bids marked "Pharmacy Renovation, ATTN Steve Hartgraves, CEO," at our administrative offices located at 707 Roland Street, Spearman, TX 79081 until 12:00 noon on Monday, March 26, 2007.

Contact Rees Associates, Inc. 214-522-7337. Drawings and specs can be obtained at McGraw Hill/Dodge Plan Rooms in Oklahoma City, OK, Amarillo, Lubbock and Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX and Lanier Professional Services, Dallas, TX. Scope of work consists of 2,300 s.f. interior renovation of lobby and retail pharmacy and the addition of an exterior drive-thru canopy.

HCHD encourages HUB participation. Sealed bids will be opened at the regular March meeting of the Board of Directors on March 28, 2007 at 6:30 pm in the Board Room at Hansford Hospital, 707 S. Roland Street, Spearman, TX. 2(03-15-07)B

**NOTICE**  
**FINAL PUBLIC HEARING**  
**TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Hansford County will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. at the Morse Community Building in Morse, TX, in regard to the water system improvements project recently completed with a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. Topics to be discussed will include the specific program improvements completed and the costs associated with the TCDP and the Morse Water Supply Corporation. Handicapped citizens needing assistance to attend this hearing should contact Benny Wilson, Hansford County Judge, at (806) 659-4100. 1(03-15-07)B

**LEGAL NOTICE**

In accordance with Section 116, Local Government Code of Texas Revised Civil Statutes, the Commissioner's Court of Hansford County will select an official depository for County funds handled by the County for 2007-2009 at their regular meeting on May 14, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Law Library in the Hansford County Courthouse, Spearman, Texas. Applications will be received until 1:00 p.m. on May 11, 2007, and will be opened at the May 14, 2007 Commissioner's Court meeting. Benny Wilson, Hansford County Judge 3(03-15-07)B

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**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:** "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file an answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's First Amended Original Petition at or before ten o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of service of this citation before the Honorable 84th Judicial Court of Ochiltree County, Texas at the courthouse of said County in Perryton, Texas. This makes the appearance date Monday, April 9, 2007, on or before 10:00 a.m.

Said Plaintiff's First Amended Original Petition was filed in said court, by Kristi Weaver, whose address is 320 S. Polk, Ste. 400, Amarillo TX 79101 on 02-15-2007, in this case, numbered 11,589 on the docket of said court, and styled, RHONDA GARTON, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF GARY GARTON, SHELLY GARTON, SHANNON GARTON AND SHEA GARTON, PLAINTIFFS, the nature of which suit is a request to RECOVER DAMAGES.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Perryton, Ochiltree County, Texas, on 02-15-2007.

Shawn Bogard, District Clerk  
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## "X" Before "E" Keeps Horse Before Cart

by Bob Bryant, President and General Manager, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.

The growing demand for electricity in Texas must be taken seriously. ERCOT, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which manages the energy grid for 85 percent of the state, predicts that its energy reserves will fall below acceptable levels by 2009. Other areas, such as here in the Panhandle/South Plains region of the state, are facing shortages as well. To accommodate growth and improve and maintain reliability for consumers both in and outside of ERCOT. Additional generation and transmission facilities must be built.

Two weeks ago, a proposal was presented to the Public Utility Commission for a new transmission project. The Panhandle Loop - dubbed "The Big E" due to its three-pronged design - would export wind power and other new generation from the Panhandle/South Plains region and for parts of the Oklahoma Panhandle and Eastern New Mexico.

The Big E plan does nothing to improve electric service reliability and price stability for consumers located in the Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) control area, the region's dominant power supplier.

Approximately 70 percent of SPS generation is more than 25 years old, and about one-fourth is nearing 40 years old. The age of this generation infrastructure raises concerns about Reliability that must be addressed by adding generation and transmission facilities.

Generation reserves in the SPS area are relatively low. Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, a wholesale power-supply cooperative, has added 630 megawatts (MW) in new electric plants to the SPS area since 1999 and is constructing another 150 MW unit for operation by summer. (One megawatt is the approximately capacity needed to power 100 homes at any given moment.) SPS expects to increase its generating capacity by about 600 MW by the summer of 2008, but all of this additional generation is expected to be used by growing loads and will do little to improve reserve margins.

The Southwest Power Pool (SPP), a separate grid that manages transmission for the SPS area and for utilities in surrounding states, has identified SPS as its most transmission-constrained power supplier. Transmission lines that connect to the SPS system are already heavily loaded and cannot handle additional electrical flows needed to meet our region's growing appetite for electricity.

The SPP has studied and selected a transmission plan that will bring additional power to the SPS area and alleviate electrical problems. Called the "X Plan," it requires construction of a new high-voltage power line from Spearville, Kansas, to Muleshoe, Texas. Although the final routing has not been chosen, the line would connect to the existing SPP electrical grid at Mooreland, Oklahoma, possibly Pampa or Amarillo and at Abernathy. An additional line would be constructed between Amarillo and Clovis, New Mexico. The X Plan will significantly increase power import capability to the SPS area and will improve reliability and minimize rate volatility.

The X Plan has the added benefit of allowing wind generation throughout the region to be connected to existing SPS transmission lines for export to SPP and ERCOT. And, by adding lines between Mooreland, Oklahoma, and Oklahoma City, and between Ardmore, Oklahoma and Denton, Texas - a relatively modest expansion - the X Plan would provide a direct-current connection near Denton to allow wind energy to flow into the ERCOT market. The connection at Denton would also relieve electric flow congestion in the North Dallas area.

Our region has the potential to generate far more wind energy than can be used locally. Therefore, the SPP is also considering future upgrades to the X Plan that would allow up to 9,000 MW - about twice the total load in the SPS area - of wind-generated energy to be exported to other markets.

Because the Big E is a high-voltage transmission superhighway connected to the ERCOT electrical

grid, additional lower-voltage lines would need to be built to connect widespread wind farms to the Big E lines, thus duplicating existing SPS and cooperative power lines that must operate connected to the SPP grid.

Our region is rich with wind-generating capability - more than can be accommodated by the X and Big E plans combined. However, if the X Plan is not constructed first to provide additional power supplies to the region, electric service reliability and economic development in our region will be seriously jeopardized, and electric rates can be expected to rise.

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