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# IN THE NEWS

**US says W. Iraq operation to run until election**  
A series of U.S. military strikes in western Iraq will continue at least until December to try to stop insurgents entering from Syria before a general election, the top U.S. army spokesman in Iraq said on Thursday.

**Al Qaeda puts job ads on Internet: Arab paper**  
Al Qaeda has put job advertisements on the Internet asking for supporters to help put together its Web statements and video montages, an Arabic newspaper reported.

**Bush warns war on terror will require more sacrifice**  
Struggling to rebuild American support for the Iraq war, President George W. Bush said on Thursday the struggle would require more sacrifice and accused Islamic militants of trying to control Iraq as a step toward a radical Islamic empire.

**Iraq insurgents kill 16**  
Iraqi insurgents killed at least 16 people in two strikes on Thursday, sending a suicide bomber to blow up a bus near the oil ministry in Baghdad and shooting oil ministry security guards in the north.

**US sends mixed message on bird flu threat**  
The U.S. administration sent mixed signals on the threat from bird flu on Thursday, with President George W. Bush urging mass production of vaccines while his health secretary played down the risk of a pandemic.

**US spy probe of ex-Marine reaches White House**  
The White House is cooperating with an investigation into a former U.S. Marine who worked in Vice President Dick Cheney's office and has been charged with supplying classified reports to the Philippines, a spokesman said on Wednesday.

**Officials brace for decisions in CIA leak case**  
The federal prosecutor investigating who leaked the identity of a CIA operative is expected to signal within days whether he intends to bring indictments in the case, legal sources close to the investigation said on Wednesday.

**Capsized NY boat could not handle weight aboard**  
The tour boat that capsized in upstate New York on Sunday killing 20 elderly passengers could not handle the weight aboard the vessel, investigators said on Wednesday.

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**Crude oil hits two-month low**  
U.S. crude oil futures fell more than half a dollar to hit their lowest level in two months early on Thursday, depressed by U.S. government data showing that oil demand had dropped below last year's level.

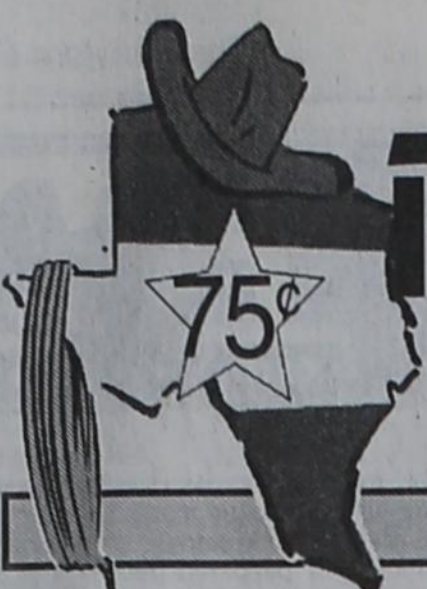
**Services sector hurt by spiraling prices**  
A measure of the vast U.S. services economy fell in September as hurricanes caused dislocations to many businesses and prices spiked, stirring worries about rising inflation, a report showed on Wednesday.

**Stocks close more than 1 percent lower**  
U.S. stocks fell sharply on Wednesday following a \$1-a-barrel drop in crude oil prices that pushed heavily-weighted energy shares down, and after a top Federal Reserve official said policy-makers must be alert to potential inflation.

**French, US chemists win Nobel for carbon "dance"**  
Frenchman Yves Chauvin and Americans Robert Grubbs and Richard Schrock won the 2005 Nobel Chemistry prize for showing how to tailor-make molecules for cheaper, cleaner chemicals and drugs to combat major diseases.

**Comedian, TV game show guest Nipsey Russell dies**  
Nipsey Russell, the first black comedian to regularly appear on U.S. network television game shows, has died of cancer two weeks before his 81st birthday, his manager said on Tuesday.

**Disasters, Global Warming and Alternate Energy Sources**  
The recent disabling of oil rigs and refineries has raised the specter of another energy crisis. Should nuclear power get another look? What about wind, solar and so-called clean coal?



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## National Fire Prevention Week

The week of October 9-15, 2005 is National Fire Prevention Week. This was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 incident that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8th, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.

According to popular legend Mrs. O'Leary's cow was the cause of the fire. However in 1871, the cow contended that she was innocent and didn't do the deed. Even

Mrs. O'Leary said that even though the fire started in or near the barn where she kept five milking cows both she and the cows had turned in early that night. Since there was no proof to the cow being guilty they

think the guilty parties may have been a couple of boys sneaking cigarettes near the barn. Now who ever heard of any boys who might have done things like that? Even some theorize that fiery meteorites falling to the earth that day might have been the cause.

Even though the Chicago fire is the best known fire during those days the biggest fire was the Peshtigo Fire... the most devastating forest fire in American history (October 8, 1871). It roared through Northeast Wisconsin, burning 16 towns, killing 1,152 people, and scorching 1.2 million acres before it ended. Those firefighters and others who lived through the Chicago and Peshtigo fires never forgot what happen during those days, both produced many tales of bravery and heroism. Those fires changed the way people and firefighters thought of fire safety. Some 40 years after the Chicago fire the Fire Marshalls Association of North America decided to observe the anniversary of the "great" fire by proving the public with safety awareness and fire prevention. In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation and since 1922 Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through the Saturday period in which October 9th falls. It is recognized as the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The President of the United States has signed a proclamation proclaiming a national observance during that week every year since 1925.

This year the theme is "Candle With Care."

For more information, see page 6.

### Fight Fire With Facts

To safeguard your family and home, take these simple precautions:

1. Have a working smoke alarms on every level of your home, and test them monthly- it will cut your chance of dying in a home fire by nearly half. Put in new batteries the same day as you change your clock as a good plan.
2. Never leave cooking food on a stove top unattended- cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home fire injuries.
3. Never leave burning candles unattended or near combustible materials- home fires caused by candles have nearly doubled in the past decade.
4. Replace or repair loose or frayed cords on all electrical devices- unsafe electrical wiring is the cause of more than 40,000 home fires each year.
5. Keep portable heaters at least three feet away from all combustible materials- heating equipment is the leading cause of home fires in December, January and February.
6. Keep matches, lighters and candles out of the reach of children- children ages five and under are twice as likely as others to die in a home fire.
7. Have your chimney and fire-place professionally inspected each year- creosote, which coats the inside of chimneys can start a fire.
8. develop and practice a home escape plan-often.
9. Practice fire safety with your children-
  - Stay low and go- smoke rises, it's safer to stay below it.
  - Get out and stay out- never go back into the house until a fire-fighter says it's ok.
  - Firefighters are your friends, even under all that equipment- don't hide from them in closets, under beds, or anywhere else.
  - Have a family meeting place, outside and away from the house.

## Hansford Manor receives top rating

Hansford Manor is pleased to announce the achievement of the highest possible nursing home quality rating, according to the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS).

A Quality Reporting Score of 100 out of a possible 100 has been published on the agency's website. The score is based on a number of quality measures that have been validated by extensive research, and on the facility's state inspections and complaint investigations.

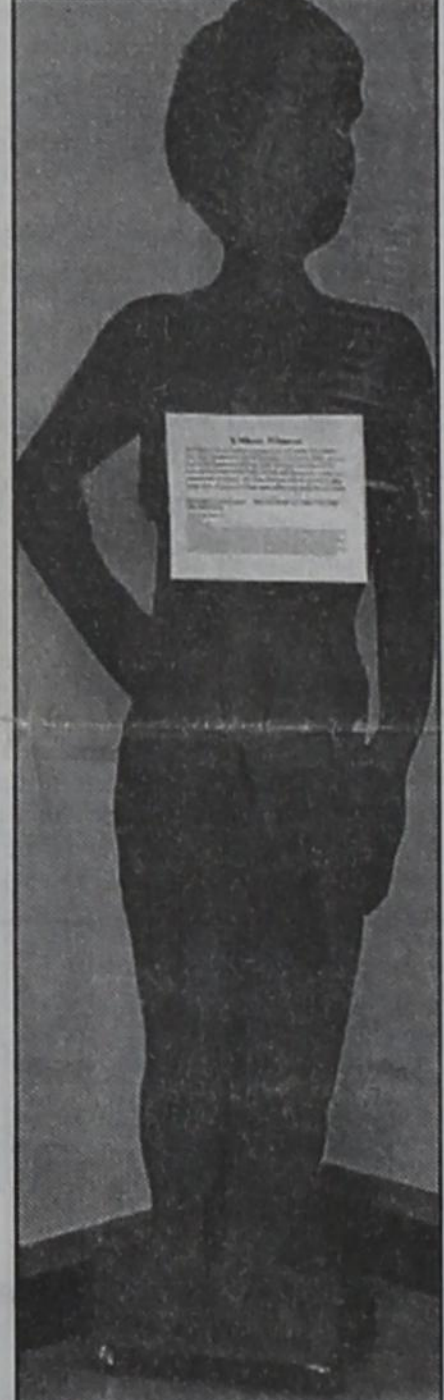
The QRS website reports that the statewide average score is 59, with a range from 13 to 100.

The non-profit nursing home sector, represented by the Texas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, provides ranking information to its members by their QRS scores, to encourage improvement. Only one other facility had a score of 100 as of August 31, 2005. The average score among non-profit homes is 70.

"Our staff has worked hard to achieve this quality ranking. We are really pleased to receive this public validation of our efforts," states Anne Snow, Manor Administrator. "The QRS does not tell the whole story; sometimes very frail and ill residents can cause a facility's score go down, but it takes a lot of attention to things like food choices, caring nursing staff, and activities that keep residents interested and involved, to achieve consistently high scores, like Hansford Manor has always had."

The QRS website address is: [facilityquality.dhs.state.tx.us/ltqrs](http://facilityquality.dhs.state.tx.us/ltqrs). Quality information is also available on a Medicare website call Nursing Home Compare: [Medicare.gov/NHCompare](http://Medicare.gov/NHCompare).

## Texas Silent Witness project



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. To represent women killed by domestic violence, 'Silent Witnesses' were created as freestanding life-size wooden figures painted red and bearing the name and story of the victim.

The Texas Council on Family Violence created Texas' first Silent Witness Exhibit on April 1, 1997, with a debut of 160 Silent Witnesses at the State Capitol in Austin with a march, memorial, and three-day exhibit in the Capitol Building. Each Silent Witness bears the name and story of a woman killed as a result of family violence.

In bringing awareness to our community, Panhandle Crisis Center will have the Silent Witness silhouettes in businesses throughout the month of October in Spearman and Perryton. Each Witness tells the story of a woman killed in 2004 due to domestic violence.

### Library to be closed for repairs

Hansford County Librarian, Sheri Benton, is announcing that the library will be closed from October 10th through October 20th for the installation of new carpet and tile. The replacement of the floor coverings is due to water damage caused by a leak.

While they are closed for this the librarians are also painting. They plan to re-open October 21st and they will not be charging any fines for October.

They are sorry for the inconvenience but this is giving them an opportunity to due some repairs and maintenance items.

## Proposal to modernize Farm Service Agency

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns announced today that he is opening a dialogue with state and congressional leaders to discuss how best to modernize the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to ensure it meets the needs of farmers and ranchers in the 21st Century.

"FSA is an agency with a strong record of service to farmers and ranchers," said Johanns. "To continue that tradition we must examine our future course with vision and an understanding that producers' needs are changing."

"Our FSA state directors are engaging stakeholders, local, and state congressional leaders to develop proposals that will help us chart the course for the agency's future. My hope is that we can agree on a plan that will make it possible to invest in equipment, technology and our employees. We want to ensure that top notch service is provided to our farmers and ranchers long into the future," Johanns said.

The FSA dates back to the 1930s when one in four Americans lived on a farm and it was necessary to maintain a presence in virtually every rural county to administer farm payments. Agriculture and rural America have changed dramatically since that time, as have farm programs, while the structure of FSA has undergone fewer dramatic changes. While many farmers are equipped to conduct business via the Internet, FSA technolo-

gies do not fully support web-based services.

Nationally, the agency has 2,351 county offices across the country. More than 400 of these offices now have two or fewer full-time staff. Nearly 500 offices are within 20 miles of the next nearest office. And, the cost of delivering services varies widely, ranging from less than 1 cent for the delivery of a dollar of program benefits to more than \$2 in expenses for every dollar of benefits delivered.

FSA state executive directors are currently reviewing analytical information for their respective states. This data includes workload assessments for each office, location of offices in proximity to one another, farm lending volume and density of agricultural activity. The state executive directors will work with stakeholders, local, state and congressional leaders to consider local needs that might not be reflected in the data and submit consolidation proposals by November 15.

The ultimate goal of the modernization proposal is to create a network of state-of-the-art FSA offices by upgrading equipment, investing in technology and providing personnel with additional training. Minimal, if any, net reductions in personnel are anticipated.

More information about FSA programs is available at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

### WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

**THURSDAY NIGHT - TONIGHT** - Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. North winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

**FRIDAY** - Partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Highs in the mid 60s. Light and variable winds becoming southeast around 10 mph in the afternoon.

**FRIDAY NIGHT** - Mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. South winds around 10 mph.

**SATURDAY** - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

**SATURDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

**SUNDAY** - Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 70s.

**SUNDAY NIGHT** - Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening - then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Lows around 50. Chance of rain 30 percent.

**COLUMBUS DAY** - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s.

**MONDAY NIGHT** - Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s.

### Tri-State Fair results for Hansford County 4-H

Hansford county 4-H members participated in the livestock judging contest, sheep and cattle show, Tara and Tabatha Shields participated in the sheep contest placing 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th. The livestock judging team of Bailey Reid, Clete Vanderburg, Casey Cator, Charlie Slough and Jimmilee McCloy won the contest.

Clete Vanderburg placed 1st over all in the contest.

The Junior livestock judging members placed 4th in the contest, they were Wil McCloy, Dakota Cator, Halli Mans and Brenna Reid. Rhett Renner, Jimmilee and Wil McCloy, Audrey and Jacob Lieb participated in the steer show.

*Discuss, debate, decide*

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Live,  
Laugh &  
Love



by Catherine R. Smith  
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Friend Ann Burch sent me the following story. I really enjoyed it, and hope you do, too.

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation.

Every afternoon when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window.

The man in the other bed began to live for those one hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside.

The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance.

As the man by the window described all this in exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon the man by the window described a parade passing by.

Although the other man couldn't hear the band - he could see it. In his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words.

Days and weeks passed.

One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away.

As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone.

Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside.

He strained to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed.

It faced a blank wall. The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window.

The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall.

She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you."

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 :)

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

Dear Christian, Clothe yourself in deeds of repentance and righteousness, that you may feast in the Kingdom.

Our lessons are found in Isaiah 25:1-10, Psalm 23, Phillipians 4:1-13, and Matthew 22:1-14. Isaiah sings praise to God for His deliverance of His people and His deliverance of all peoples.

The Psalmist, in a poem many of us have known since childhood, sings of his faith in the Good Shepherd and His unfailing love for his followers.

Paul again calls for reconciliation in the Church at Phillipii, between two women leaders. [Yes, in the first century church there were many women in leadership roles].

He advises all to be known for their gentleness and to serve with prayer and supplication. Paul gives the best advice one can follow as a Christian. "...Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." Follow this, dear Christian, and you will have no time for the evil one; remember, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

Jesus again is addressing the Chief Priests, Scribes and Pharisees and chiding them for failing to do God's will. In this parable, a King gives a wedding feast for his son. Amazingly, those who were invited (read the Chief Priests, Scribes and Pharisees, the "good" people of their day) by the King's slaves (the early prophets) refused to attend. The King sends slaves (the latter prophets) to invite them again. The slave messengers were ignored and abused by those invited. The King slays those who refused his invitation and burns their city. The slaves are sent to invite all to the wedding. At the wedding, one guest is found without a wedding garment and the King orders him to be cast out of the feast.

Jesus is saying that those whom God charged with leading His people have abandoned their charges. The call to the Kingdom is now open to all that hear the call. Christianity is inclusive, God's grace is for all who will receive it. However, God is also particular, and those who are not clothed for the Kingdom [those who do not have deeds of repentance and righteousness, who have not produced fruit for the kingdom], will not remain to enjoy the kingdom.

May the Peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus that you may be clothed in deeds of repentance and righteousness and thus 'feast' in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Open Letter to State Representative Warren Chisum

Mr. Chisum: I was shocked to receive your letter of September 16 addressed to "Senior Pastor", which I assume was sent to all churches in your district and to those of Messrs. Smithee and Swinford, who also signed the letter. Regardless of one's views on Proposition 2 or the issues it raises, the letter and its enclosures are offensive to all mainstream Christians and Texans of other religious preference for whom freedom of religion is among our most cherished rights. For elected officials to attempt to influence elections by exerting pressure on churches is an abuse of the public trust and an infringement of the Constitutionally-guaranteed separation of church and state.

The enclosure promoting Proposition 2 is an even more blatant violation of the separation of church and state. The organizations cited as sources include Jerry Falwell's "Liberty Council", James Dobson's "Focus on the Family" and other extreme-right Christian lobby groups. The suggested sermon points include a mixture of half-truths, misrepresentations and demagoguery, all calculated to arouse homophobic anxiety in the public. And their very inclusion in a letter from members of the Legislature should be offensive to all theologically-educated clergy.

On the face of it, Proposition 2 is a thinly-veiled attempt to write discrimination toward gay and lesbian Texans into the Constitution. The existing "Protection of Marriage" law is discriminatory enough, denying basic legal protection and spousal benefits to anyone whose sexual orientation or committed relationship differs from the norm. And the promoters of Proposition 2 are aware that it is probably doomed to be found unconstitutional by the courts - thus their rush to write it into the Constitution.

What a pity that the last Legislature will be known primarily for failing to fund our children's education and for attempting to deprive many Texans of their rights! Please don't compound the error by eroding the wall of separation of church and state.

Rev. William D. Nix, Jr., 11355 County Road 6, Canadian TX 79014



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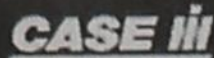


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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

4-H Smoked Meat Sale

4-H members across Hansford County (Spearman, Gruver and Morse) are selling smoked meats for their annual fund raising efforts. Products available include smoked & spiral hams, turkey, peppered turkey breasts, smoked or peppered bacon, beef or chicken fajitas, chicken tenders, tamales, pork patties, breakfast burritos, sausage, pecan pie, Hunter's Package (sweet jalapeno flavored ham, peppered pork loin, smoked bacon and jalapeno summer sausage) and sausage links. Funds benefit the awards program and recognition banquet for all 4-H members. Orders must be received before October 17th, with delivery date before Thanksgiving. Please contact a 4-H member or call the County Extension Office 659-4130 or 733-2901 to place your order. If e-mailed it would be easier [hansford-tx@tamu.edu](mailto:hansford-tx@tamu.edu).

Gladiola Flower Club Selling Nuts

The Gladiola Flower Club has taken over the annual nut sale from the Holt Community Club. They will be offering the same quality products from the same company that you've had for years. Orders will be taken through October 10th with delivery before Thanksgiving. They are selling pecans (1lb) \$6.75; Walnuts (1 lb.) \$4.50 and Cashews (1 lb.) \$5.00. Orders may be taken by any club member such as: Pam Schnell 659-3398; Margarette Evans 659-2165; Kathleen Sutton 659-2676 or Judy Yarbrough 659-3526. Proceeds from this sell go to their annual scholarship fund.

Hansford County Schools Collects Tapes for Education

Gruver, Spearman and Pringle-Morse Schools are participating in the Lowe's Supermarket Register Tapes for Education Program. Please help them earn free educational equipment by collecting register receipts from Lowe's. Only receipts dated September 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006 are eligible. You may deposit your tapes at the school offices, or give them to any student. Ask your neighbors, friends and co-workers to collect tapes, too!

Medicare's New Drug Benefit

Medicare will begin enrolling beneficiaries in its prescription drug benefit program, also known as Part "D" on November 15, 2005. Medicare Part "D" will be an optional coverage that will carry a monthly premium as well as a deductible. It will be important for individual beneficiaries to look at their own situations and decide if they will benefit from Medicare's prescription drug coverage, scheduled to take effect January, 2006. Andrew Crocker, Extension program specialist in gerontology and health, will discuss Medicare's new prescription drug coverage at a Lunch and Learn, Thursday, October 6, 12-1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Spearman Church of Christ. Donations will be accepted for lunch and the program sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and Extension Education clubs. Please call Peggy Winegarner, Hansford County Extension Agent, for more information (659-4130 or 733-2901)

Perryton Satellite Prepares for Annual Arts & Crafts Festival

The Perryton Satellite Arts and Crafts Festival is held annual each November as a fund raiser for a vocational workshop and training center for the mentally disabled. Applications are now available for booth rental during the 2005 Perryton Satellite Arts and Crafts Festival. For more information please call (806) 202-2075 or mail request to: Satellite Arts and Crafts, PO Box 1172, Perryton, Texas 79070.

Date Set for 2006 National Spelling Bee

The Amarillo Globe-News, Celebrate Youth Partners and West Texas A&M University are proud to sponsor the annual National Spelling Bee to enhance learning. Spelling Bees are a great American tradition and we believe that by participating in this educational program it is a means to honor academic excellence. The date of the 2006 Regional Spelling Bee will be Saturday, March 25, 2006 on the campus of West Texas A&M University. The Hansford county spelling Bee is scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2006. The Hansford County Spelling Bee is open to any student in grade eight and below. Home-school students must follow the same rules. Books can be purchased and/or picked up at the Amarillo Globe-News offices at 9th and Harrison St. in Amarillo or by calling Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Coordinator, 659-3233. Books are \$1.50 a copy.

Ribbon Cutting for Goodnight Historical Center

The Armstrong County Museum in Claude, Texas has set Tuesday, October 3, 2005 at 3:00 PM for the ribbon cutting on the new Charles Goodnight Historical Center. It is located at the Goodnight Pioneer Home, Highway 287, Goodnight, Texas. Special guest speaker is Susan Combs, Texas Commissioner of Agriculture.

Annual Community Health Fair

The Annual Community Health Fair will be held on Wednesday, November 2 at the O'Loughlin Center from 7:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. They hope to have flu shots and the lab tests at reduced prices will be available.

Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum Opens Nursing Exhibit

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum has recently opened an exhibit featuring the nursing profession and the Northwest Texas School of Nursing. The exhibit is in the Special Exhibits area on the lower floor. Museum hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1-6 p.m. on Sundays. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors 65+, \$3 for children 4-12, groups of 20 or more are \$6 per person. Members, WTAMU faculty, staff and students are admitted at no charge.

Tri-State High School Fair

The Gruver High School Rodeo Club will be hosting a Tri-State High School Rodeo and a Texas High School, Region 1, Rodeo Sunday, October 9, 2005 at the Gruver Rodeo Arena. Performance time will start at 10 a.m. The team roping will be at 1 p.m. and the second performance will start at 2 p.m. Area high school students that are members of the Gruver High School Rodeo Club and will be competing on Sunday are Casey Cator, Dane Harbour, Rachel Holt, Brain Johnson, Tyler Lane, Joel Lopez, Jessica Schmidt and Lindy Weldon.

Spearman Choir Enchilada Supper

The Spearman High School Choir will be having an Enchilada Supper in the High School Cafeteria on Friday, October 21, 2005, at 5-7 p.m. Tickets will be \$6 for students and adults, and free for children under 5.

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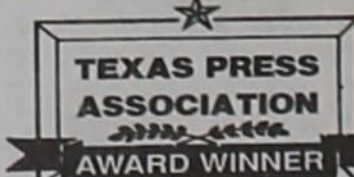
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# Our Sympathy

## DORA LEE WOMBLE



**SPEARMAN** - Dora Lee Womble, 90, died Friday, Sept. 30th, 2005, in Spearman, Texas. Services were held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 4th, with the Rev. Winfred Walker officiating. Burial was in Leib Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Womble was born in Hutchinson County Dec. 2nd, 1914 to Lewis Grant and Hattie Andrews, and lived in the area for her entire life. She married Roscoe Carson "Man" Womble on Dec. 15th 1929, in Spearman, Texas.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Morse for many years where she was an active, faithful member, taught Sunday school, and always ready to serve her Lord. She was a charter member of Morse P.T.A., a Cub Scout leader, member of the Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center, and Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 43 years, and two very special grandchildren.

Survivors include three sons, Jerry Womble and wife Jackie, Bob Womble and wife Suzie, all of Morse, Ron Womble and wife Deana, of Canyon; one daughter, Jeanie Bennett and husband Hal of Stratford; one sister, Lola Newcomb and husband Charles of Spearman; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Our mother had a wonderful sense of humor, was so sweet, and truly a lovely Christian Lady.

The family suggests memorials be to the Red Cross Hurricane Relief or your favorite charity.

## Helen Buchanan Fisher

**SPEARMAN** - Helen Buchanan Fisher, 91, died Friday, Sept. 30, 2005, in Memphis.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4th in Hansford Cemetery. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Fisher was born Jan. 12, 1914, to J.H. and Mary Buchanan at Old Hansford. She was a lifelong resident of Spearman. She was a telephone operator, secretary for Walter Wilmett Cattle Co., assistant tax assessor for Hansford County and dispatcher for Sheriff J.B. Cooke. In 1959, she went to work for Cluck Cattle Co. and D.G.C. Feeders in Gruver until she retired. After retirement, she continued her interest in the Spearman and Gruver area by writing the Among the Neighbors column in the Spearman Reporter.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Daughters of the American Revolution and Daughters of the Confederacy and First United Methodist Church.

She was very active in community affairs in Spearman, having served as president of the PTA, a Girl Scout leader, secretary of the Hansford Cemetery Board for more than 40 years and secretary of the Rodeo Association.

Helen graduated from Spearman High School and attended McMurtry College. She married Zack Fisher in January 1939 in Orville, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant daughter, Mary Latoura; her husband in 1941; a stepdaughter, Kathleen Berg of Dalton, Ohio; two sisters, Ruth Tipton and Lucile Allen; and four brothers, Monroe Buchanan, Paul Buchanan, J.W. Buchanan and J.B. Buchanan.

Survivors include a son, Zack Fisher and wife, Texie, of Memphis; a granddaughter, Kelli Little and husband, Mark, of Memphis; a grandson, Kevin Fisher and wife, Cara, of Memphis; three great-grandsons, Peyton Little, Zack Fisher and Kord Fisher, all of Memphis; and three sisters, Louise Vaught and Edna Bassel, both of Amarillo, and Virginia Cates of Booker.

The family suggests memorials be to Hall County EMS, P.O. Box 639, Memphis, TX 79245; Hansford Cemetery Association, 707 E. Second, Spearman, TX 79081; or H & S EMS, P.O. Box 37, Spearman, TX 79081.

## MARGARET MARY LEICHT

**PERRYTON** - Margaret Mary Leicht, 81, died Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005, in Lubbock.

Services were at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4 in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Monsignor Joe Bixenman officiating. Burial was in Ochiltree Cemetery.

Mrs. Leicht was born Jan. 18, 1924, in Perryton. She lived in the area for a lifetime but moved to Lubbock in 2003. She married Cecil Leicht on May 9, 1943, in Beaver County, Okla. She was a homemaker and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Perryton.

She was a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandma and friend. Her love and legacy will live on in her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Inez Pletcher; her husband in 1998; two brothers, Bernard Pletcher and Thomas Pletcher; a sister, Judy Pletcher Carpenter; an infant sister, Marcella Maud Pletcher; and a son-in-law, Mike Lea.

Survivors include three sons, John Leicht and wife, Linda, of Georgetown, Jeff Leicht and wife, Tara, of Farnsworth and Bert Lee Leicht of Colorado; a daughter, Mary Cec Lea of Wolfthor; two brothers, George Edwin Pletcher of Houston and Danny Pletcher of Frankston; a sister, Barbara Quigley of Galveston; eight grandchildren, Christine Vandergriff and husband, Mike, of Georgetown, Keith Leicht and wife, Shauna, of Sachse, Michael Lea and wife, Erin, of Fort Worth, Karen Lea-Slover and husband, John Slover, of Lubbock, Cody Leicht and wife, Amber, of Farnsworth, Jeremy Piatt of Perryton, Crissy Leicht of Amarillo and Jake Leicht of Spearman; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to one's favorite hurricane victims fund.

## JAMES ROY SCRIBNER

**SPEARMAN** - James Roy Scribner, 56, died Monday, Oct. 3, 2005.

Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5 in Hansford Cemetery with the Rev. Gary Smith officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

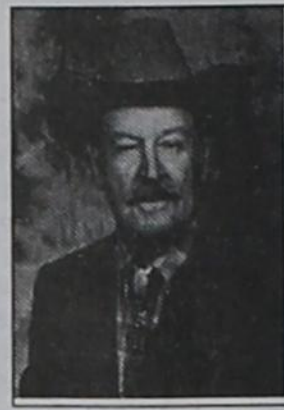
Mr. Scribner was born Feb. 7, 1949, in Borger. He was a truck driver and a lifetime resident of the area.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jerald Wayne Scribner, in 1991.

Survivors include his grandson, Logan Love of Hopkinsville, Ky.; his mother, Betty Scribner of Spearman; two daughters, Lee Ann Love of Hopkinsville and Jill Vasquez of Lubbock; a son, Chad Puryear of Lubbock; two brothers Jerald Roy Scribner of Spearman and Johnny Scribner of Perryton; and two sisters, Judy Peoples of Henryetta, Okla., and Vickie Millsap of Perryton.

The family suggests memorials be to Ochiltree Hospice, Volunteers, 3101 Garrett Drive, Perryton, TX 79070.

## ARTHUR LEE NICHOLS



**SPEARMAN** - Long-time radio and TV personality, singer, songwriter and comedian, Arthur Lee Nichols, 99, died Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005.

Services were at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5, 2005 in the Church of Christ with Victor Schumann officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Born in Amarillo, Texas on September 2, 1906, Lee Nichols began his long career in entertainment in the West Texas area between the Levelland and Clovis, NM area in the late 40's, after serving in the Navy in WWII. He worked on radio stations and played area dances from Muleshoe, TX to Pueblo, CO. As he so many times pointed out to his family when they passed through towns, "I played a dance there."

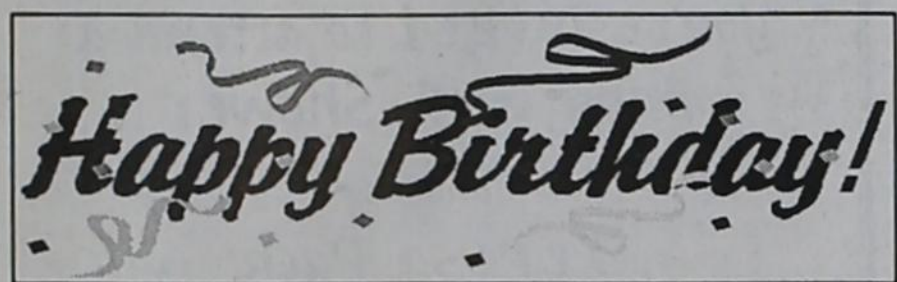
He was on Guadalcanal during WWII as a SeaBee. While there, he entertained his fellow troops singing and writing songs to keep up morale. One of the songs he wrote was "Now Hear This (I Wanna Go Home, I'm Sick of Guadalcanal!)." He owned radio station KIXZ in Amarillo, was manager of stations KSIR and KFRM in Wichita, KS, KOOO in Omaha, and KRMG in Tulsa, OK. In the late 50's and 60's he was the #1 rated DJ in the state of Kansas on Station KWBB. He was one of the first to play rock 'n roll as "Big Daddy" Lee Nichols. He was a true radio personality, complete with his own fan club.

In 1965, he wrote the country classic "I'm Gonna Tie One On Tonight," recorded by the Wilburn Brothers, and later by Earnest Tubb with Moon Mullican on piano. "Tie One On" was #1 on the Billboard Magazine Country charts, earning him a BMI Country Music Award in Nashville, TN. It has been recently released again on the CD "Louisiana Hay Ride Country Classics." He was emcee for all the Grand Ole Opry shows at the Forum, and later the Coliseum, in Wichita.

Lee was the emcee for Elvis Presley's first appearance in Kansas. In the 60's he toured with KSIR radio with the Plainsmen Gospel Quartet, wrote many songs, and performed at the shows. Their weekly TV shows on KAKE TV in Wichita were very popular. He was counted as a friend by country stars such as Tex Ritter, Loretta Lynn, Roy Clark, Buck Owens, The Wilburn Brothers and many others. Whenever they were in Wichita, they would stop by and get on the air with Lee, who would tell a joke about them and plug their latest record.

Lee is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Melva Lee; a daughter, Marilyn Davis of Conway, Ark.; a son Johnny Lee Nichols of Pueblo, Colo.; four grandchildren, Monica Lee, Alanna Mahan, Jessica Dempsey and Arthur Jacob Nicholos; four great-grandchildren; and three a sisters-in-law, Midge Callistrom of Adrian, Tex., Alta May Gosner of Farmington, NM, and Mary Schumann of Spearman, Tex.

He told jokes, laughed, wrote songs, sang, entertained, and was loved by many, many people.



*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.*

**Anniversary** - M/M Mario Molina, M/M Darrell Messer, M/M Randy Karlin

### October 11

**Birthday** - Marco Favela, Kadie Grotegut, Rod Holland, George C. Lowe, Jim Ratliff, Eleanor Davis, Orville Latham, Steve Mathews, Sonny Nollner, Kathy Lou Biggs, Sara Williamson, Jimmie Harris, Jim Ladd, Eddie Largent, Daniel Gonzales, Dick Smith, Jimmie Harris, Rosa Blan, Jason Blan, Adam Ferguson

**Anniversary** - M/M Del Roy Gammon

### October 12

**Birthday** - Erica Alvarez, Lee Bort, Sue Henson, Pat Holt, Jan Jarvis, Kathy Taylor, James Reed Jr., Mendy Riggins, Misty Crooks, Danny Hamilton, Cody Mauldin, Marvin Byers, Louis Nava, Jimmy Garrard, Allen Howell, Paula Clemmons, Veronica Cenicerros, Donna Taylor, Jesus Briones

**Anniversary** - M/M Mack McLain, M/M Mike Yanke

### October 13

**Birthday** - Hunter Novak, Andrea Mires, David Grotegut, Carrie Close, Burnell Kjos, Mrs. Albert Hahn, Sonny Parker

**Anniversary** - M/M Jon Jarvis, M/M Don Evans

### October 14

**Birthday** - Jerry Hunt, Jennifer Morris, Jeanne Swink, Crockett Tidwell, Kristi Pearson, Roy Lynn Garrard, Jesse Lyn Cowan, Jimmy Snider, Melinda Davis, Michelle Graham Foster, Kyla Nelson Sell, Bert Sheppard, Eddie Whitefield, Gilbert Salgado, Anthony Bravo, Jim Brown, Sue White, Monty George, Charline Laxson, Carlos Trejo, Adrienne Simpson

**Anniversary** - M/M Bert Wofford

### October 15

**Birthday** - Jess Wood, Jeffrey Miller, David Martin, Billy Martin, Verna Lee Shirley, Brandi Schneider, Chris Hornsby, Ann Martin, Martha Donahue, Anne Marie Pearson, Bonnie Woolan, Randy Janzen, Joe Garcia III, Allen Varmon, Betsy Holt

**Anniversary** - M/M Odell Genn, M/M Lee Nichols, M/M Mike Stedje, M/M David Miner, M/M Tim Fletcher

### October 6

**Birthday** - Regina Barkley, Nell Evans, Doug Ferguson, Theron Pack, Brooke Mayfield, Janet Williams, Donna Burk, Kenneth Brown, John Nichols, Adina Garza, Carrie McLain, Paulette Laxson, Haley Pletcher, Kylee Howard

### October 7

**Birthday** - Rex Casdorff, Pat Dawson, David Miner, Juanita Herron, Kay Ivey, Juan Holgin, Julian David Rodriguez, Michael Cory Hendrick, Clara Gonzales, Wanda Arin, Kayla Carden, Donald Lane

**Anniversary** - M/M Rodney Dale Clawson

### October 8

**Birthday** - Harvey Atwood, Candice Casdorff, Gary Evans, Amber Gross, Wilma Holland, Tandra Seal, Letha Stewart, Kimberly Wagoner, Debbie Avila, William Jarvis, Paulina Nava, JoAnn Eaton, Bert Gofford, Maria Gonzales, Kathy Gillispie, Ella Raye Carter, Jill Hodge

**Anniversary** - Darrel & Linda West, Mike & Pat Cudd

### October 9

**Birthday** - Angie Lopez, Tammie Osbourne, Rhonda Ward, Rosa Rojas, Shea Crawford, Jerry Hunt, Monty Black, Betty Hazlewood, Joe Archer Jr., Ronnie McCammond, Chris Cummings, Suellen Dahl, Liz Lopez, Joyce Johnson, Mark Matthews

**Anniversary** - Steve & Sheri Benton, M/M David Armes

### October 10

**Birthday** - Matthew Brown, Jake Barkley, Kim Blevins, Steve Duncan, Jase Rudolph, Darrell Scroggs, Sherri Cook, Don McLain, Kortny Henton, Edwin Molina, Gary Flowers, Maribel Moreno, Mike Darnell, Jesse Tindell, Cason Finley, McCauly Jo Hart, Verlin Hagerman, Lyn Woolley, Toby Thomas, Kevin Kenney

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by Dorothy Hudson

## Out At The Lake



Blazing Star or Gayfeather

Lake Level--October 3, 2005--25.84 feet (-0.22)

The rains last week amounted to only .14 at the office. Jim said the 5 entries of rain for September only totaled .33.

Campers are still using the hookups while the nice fall weather holds. There were 4 on the office side and 8 or 9 behind the dam. The leaf turning is only beginning.

Despite the use of water wagons, the fishing hasn't been too good. The winner of the MiniBoat Club tournament a week ago had a total of 18 pounds of bass compared to 22 pounds last year.

Jim saw an osprey recently sitting on a perch and holding a small fish. The osprey would not sit for a photograph to Jim's disappointment. He is also seeing great numbers of doves.

The picture of the Blazing Star, also known as Gayfeather, was taken by Joyce Lackey on the road

coming into their ranch on the Palo Duro Creek south of Gruver. It grew next to the caliche road, and each year in October Joyce watched for it. This year she found that Joel Lee in his working on the road had inadvertently destroyed it. I hope she will find another one near their home.

This is one of the several beautiful fall flowers in the Panhandle. Gayfeathers are growing on rocky areas near the office. Purple or blue flowers open from the top of the spike downward.

This year our oldest daughter, Jackie Hudson, did research on plants for xeriscaping of the front foundation of our house. Loyd Cator ordered and put them in. My job was to water them until they were established. As I watered them, I was delighted to see two different Blazing Stars flowering in the group.

One of my wildflower books said that the Blazing Star is easily cultivated and is an excellent plant for wildflower gardens. Butterflies are attracted to it. The High Country Gardens catalogue has 3 different species of this plant for sale.

We feel an enormous loss with the passing of Helen Fisher. She launched this column in 1994 and then turned it over to me six months later. I appreciated so much her support throughout the years and I know how much she will be missed.



A surprise 70th birthday party for Joycel Putman Lackey was held in Amarillo at LaCasita del Sol with family and friends including four generations of ladies (l-r) Joycel Putman Lackey, her granddaughter, Morgan Lackey, Joyce's Mother, Alta Putman and Joyce's daughter, Janyth Lackey Bowers.

### Bynum graduates from advanced training

Army Pvt. Paul J. Bynum has graduated from the armament/tank turret repair advanced individual training course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md.

The student has learned to perform ordnance armament direct and general support maintenance repairs and troubleshoot mechanisms, systems and components on tank turrets, armament weapons, self-propelled artillery, and infantry fighting vehicles; also, correct electrical and hydraulic malfunctions on Howitzer cannons, mount and turret drive assemblies, and perform cannon tube evaluation.

The private, a 2003 graduate of Spearman High School, is the son of Kurt A. and Lelia Bynum of Spearman.

### Beck's have a new son!

Barry and Kelli Beck of Amarillo wish to announce the adoption of their son, Zakary Dean. Zakary is 7-months-old, weighs 22-pounds and is 28 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Verlin and Audene Beck of Spearman and Larry and Deanne White of Amarillo.

### It's a Boy!

Autumn and David Tausch wish to announce the birth of their son, Kyler James Tausch. Kyler was born on September 16, 2005. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 19 3/4 inches long.

He was welcomed home by his big sister, Makyla Leann.

Proud grandparents are Jim and Betty Roberts, Billye Alexander and Milton Tausch, Jr.

### Spearman Lynxettes Cross Country Results- Canadian Meet

The Lynxette Cross Country was at the Canadian Meet on October 1st and the Varsity Girls Team won their first meet of the season by squeezing out Borger 56-50. The Borger Girls had beaten the Lynxettes in all earlier meets. The JV girls and JH girls also won their divisions.

Varsity Girls Team Results: 1) Spearman, 50; 2) Borger, 56; 3) Lefors, 88; 7) Canadian, 162. Eight total teams with 65 runners.

Varsity individual results: 1) Tara Shields, 11:42; 8) Melissa Lesly, 12:19; 12) Bond Pittman, 12:26; 13) Amy Brown, 12:28; 16) Jessica Diaz, 12:46; 17) Tab Shields, 12:48; 18) Christy Lang, 12:49.

JV individuals Results 1) Kendall Schneider, 13:17; 4) Mattie Davis, 13:30; 7) Vicki Renteria, 13:40; 10) Kylee Howard, 14:12; 15) Mallory Paul, 15:03; 20) Destiny Fisher, 15:40

Jr. High individual Results: 2) Leanna Espinosa, 12:40 7) Sutton Garnett, 13:09; 12) Brittney Vasquez, 13:24; 13) Presley Baker, 13:24; 18) Julie Diaz, 13:44; 27) Whitney Maestas, 14:24; 34) Channing Burgess, 14:40

This week the cross country meet will be at WTAMU around Kimbrough Stadium. The JH Girls begin at 8 a.m. JV at 8:30 and the varsity at 9:10.

## Changes in Medicare Coverage

### Am I eligible for extra help?

by J. Gail Petree, LMSW, Hansford County Hospital District

People that have a fixed income and limited resources can apply to the social security administration for extra help in paying for prescription drugs. You might have already received an application in the mail. This is a short application and it asks for everyday type of information but can be overlooked easily as a piece of "junk mail" if you are not looking for it to be sent to you. There are a number of ways to make application if you have already discarded or misplaced this mailing.

always contact hospital social services for aid in understanding the change in coverage (a training by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services was attended to prepare for these changes).

What you need to know about eligibility for extra help:

- annual income below \$14,355 for a single person or \$19,245 for a couple living together
- resources (including your savings and stocks, but not counting your home or car) are under \$11,500 for a single person or under \$23,000 for a couple

Both of these need to be met for extra help paying premiums for the supplemental coverage. If you have further questions about this information contact Hospital Social Services at 806.659.5837 or attend the meeting at the O'Loughlin Center on Wednesday, October 5 at 2:30 p.m.

Next topic, "Getting Signed Up for Coverage"

### You're invited to attend a Baby Girl Shower

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LaDelle Scroggs & Steven Greever - 10/30  
Christina Kasko & Rhett Ruttman

### Baby Registry

Teresa Pack - 10/8  
Kathryn (Gumfory) Mancini  
Erin (Derington) Beckle

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Elissa Petersen & John Holt - 10/22  
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Whitney Lilley & Billy Horton  
Christina Kasko & Rhett Ruttman

### Baby Registry

Mike & Teresa Pack - 10/8  
Cody & Stacy McLeod - 10/23  
Stephen & Lacey Salgado  
Mike & Erin (Derington) Bickle

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## WTAMU FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Adult ESL Classes

Adult ESL classes will be held on Tuesdays, from 7-9 p.m., beginning October 18, 2005. They will be held in Room 112 in Spearman High School (east door entrance). The instructor will be Bob Elder, Pastor of the First Assembly of God Church. There is no charge for the class.

### Drive Up A Victory!

The Lynx Basketball program will be painting drive-ways and sidewalks with purple and white paw prints. If you would like to show your support for the Lynx & Lynxettes at home or your business, contact Coach Ashmore at 659-2584. The cost for one paw print is \$15, and \$25 for two.

### Lunch & Learn - Medicare's New Drug Benefit

Medicare will begin enrolling beneficiaries in its prescription drug benefit program, also known as Part "D" on November 15, 2005. Medicare Part "D" will be an optional coverage that will carry a monthly premium as well as a deductible. It will be important for individual beneficiaries to look at their own situations and decide if they will benefit from Medicare's prescription drug coverage, scheduled to go into effect in January 2006. Andrew Crocker, Extension program specialist in gerontology and health, will discuss Medicare's new prescription drug coverage at a Lunch & Learn, Thursday, October 6, from 12-1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Spearman Church of Christ. Donations will be accepted for lunch, and the program sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and Extension Education Clubs. Please call Peggy Winegarner, Hansford County Extension Agent, for more information (659-4130 or 733-2901).



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**October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

### How You Can Help to End Domestic Violence

1. Model a non-violent, respectful response to resolving conflicts in your family
2. Build a consensus among colleagues and friends that abusive behavior and language is unacceptable.
3. Learn about domestic services in your community or call 1-800-END-ABUSE for more info
4. Write to music producers, movie producers, Internet businesses, TV stations and video game producers to oppose violence

**"Domestic Violence - It's Your Business!"**

National Domestic Violence Hotline  
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**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK • OCTOBER 9-15 2005**

# Use Candles with Care



## What's your candle safety IQ?

Candles may look nice, but they're a growing fire threat in our communities. And knowing the facts about candles is a key to fire safety. That's why NFPA has chosen "Use Candles with Care" as the theme for Fire Prevention Week, October 9-15.

Take this new Fire Prevention Week quiz and see how many questions you can answer correctly. Good Luck!

- Candle should be kept \_\_\_\_\_ away from things that can burn:
  - A couple of inches
  - one foot
  - two feet
  - three feet
- It is ok to burn candles around kids and pets.
  - True
  - False

- During a power outage it is important to have:
  - candles and matches ready to go
  - flashlights and batteries
  - a deck of cards and some board games
  - a combination of candles and flashlights
- It is ok to leave the room while a candle is burning if you will be right back.
  - true
  - false
- When should candles be extinguished?
  - when they burn down to two inches of their holder or any decorative material
  - when they burn down to one inch of their holder or any decorative material
  - when they burn down 1/2 inch of their holder or any decorative material
  - it is okay to let candles burn out themselves

- Candle holders should be
  - pretty
  - able to tip over easily
  - made of material that can't burn and is big enough to catch wax
  - filled with dried flowers
- Almost half of home fires started with candles begin in
  - the kitchen
  - the bedroom
  - the living room
- Kids and teenagers shouldn't be allowed to burn candles in their bedrooms.
  - true
  - false
- It is ok to put lit candles in windows or near doorways if there is only an occasional draft.
  - true
  - false
- The best way to extinguish a candle is to:
  - blow on it
  - pinch the flame with your fingers
  - use a long-handled candle snuffer
  - pour water on it

From the NFPA web-site

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 Bruce Stinson, Lt. Co. C  
 Dwayne Comp, Firefighter  
 Sergio Domiguez, Firefighter  
 Slade Floyd, Firefighter  
 Jerry Funk, Firefighter  
 Jared George, Firefighter  
 Randy Kirk, Firefighter  
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 www.sparky.org

- Answers for Candle Safety Quiz:**
- one foot
  - false
  - flashlights and batteries
  - false
  - when they burn down to two inches of their holder or any decorative material
  - made of material that can't burn and is big enough to catch wax
  - the bedroom
  - true
  - false
  - use a long-handled candle snuffer

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2 You should know two ways out of every room.

Know the emergency number for your fire dept.

Boots protect a firefighter's feet from things that are hot or sharp.

A grow-up should always be in a room when a candle is lit.

Stay 3 feet (1 yard) away from things that are hot.

A firefighter says no as he cuts a hole in the roof to let out smoke and heat.

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# Spearman ISD introduces new teachers



**Stephanie Brock**  
 Family Members: Husband-Kim; children- Janna, Jordan, John and Jeff and Kelci  
 Employer: Spearman ISD  
 Position: 4th grade math  
 Previous employment/positions: Spearman ISD- 1st, 3rd grade; Allen ISD- 2nd grade  
 Background Education? WT-Bachelor's degree  
 Honors and/or Awards Received? National Leadership Award in Creative Memories  
 What do you enjoy most about your job and why? Being around kids and developing a relationship with each one of them individually  
 What are you looking forward to in your new position? Teaching students to have a positive self-image and to reach their potential  
 What are your future plans? To continue to develop new skills and growth in all areas in my life  
 What organizations are you a member of? I am a Senior Unit Leader in Creative Memories  
 Hobbies/Interests: Scrapbooking, music, art, sports, my family  
 Church affiliation: First Baptist Church  
 Comments: Spearman is a great place to live and raise children. Our children get such a quality education here and are well-prepared for college or whatever vocation they may choose in life.



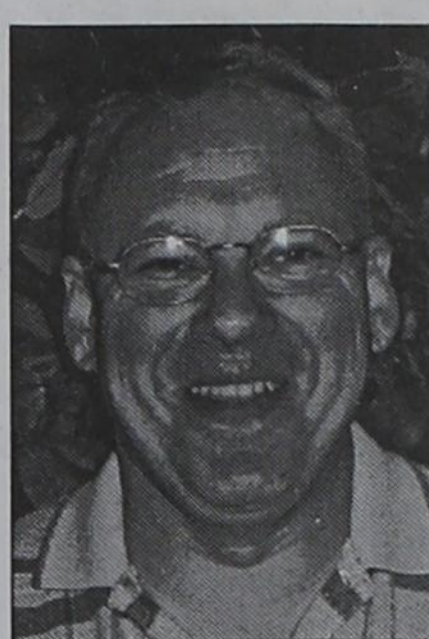
**Lacey Decker**  
 Family Members: parents- Vicki and Ralph; brother- Jay  
 Employer: Perryton Special ED. SSA  
 Position: speech-language pathologist  
 Previous employment/positions: first year  
 Background Education: High School- Samnorwood High; Bachelors in speech pathology (SLP) from University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in 2003, Masters in SLP from Texas Tech HSC in May 2005  
 Honors and/or Awards Received? Summa Cum Laude, Distinguished Graduate Award, Outstanding Graduate Award  
 What do you enjoy most about your job and why? To help children communicate  
 What are you looking forward to in your new position? Working with the teachers and being a positive role model for students  
 What are your future plans? What organizations are you a member of? American Speech-Language Hearing Association, Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association  
 Hobbies/Interests: reading, piano  
 Church affiliation: Spearman Church of Christ



**Khristi Jones**  
 Family Members: Ray and Carolyn Gressett and a whole bunch of family by choice!  
 Employer: Spearman ISD  
 Position: Special Ed and P.E. teacher at SHS  
 Previous employment/positions: Muleshoe ISD and Amarillo ISD  
 Background Education: 1975- Spearman High School graduate; 1979- WTAMU graduate  
 What do you enjoy most about your job and why? I enjoy spending my days with young people. They are inquisitive, energetic, and inspiring.  
 What are you looking forward to in your new position? I eager to become acquainted with the people I don't know and to reconnect with the ones I do know.  
 What are your future plans? I'm home, and that's where I plan to stay!  
 What organizations are you a member of? Association of Texas Professional Educators  
 Hobbies/Interests? I can't wait to play golf again! I take great pleasure in gardening.  
 Church affiliation: First United Methodists Church  
 Comments: Thank you so much for the awesome welcome. Spearman is a wonderful place. I am looking forward to good things! Go purple! Go white!



**Kengle Pearson**  
 Family Members: wife-Susan; son-Kyle, daughter-in-law, Dawn; grandchildren, Conner and Olivia; daughter- Kristi Renner; son-on-law- Ross Renner  
 Employer- Spearman ISD  
 Position: math teacher  
 Previous employment/positions: Kingfisher, Okla.- math teacher, coach; Duncanville, TX- teacher and coach; Perryton, TX- teacher/coach  
 Background Education: 1965-1970 Oklahoma Panhandle State University, B.S chemistry/ math; North Dakota State University- Masters Degree, 1977-73; retired from Perryton ISD- June 2003



**Glenn Robinson**  
 Family Members: Wife, Jeannie; daughter, Laney, 30, Bozeman, MT; Allen, 27, Borger; 5 grandchildren; dog, Sadie and cat, Simon  
 Employer: Spearman ISD  
 Position: Debate/Theatre Teacher and Coach  
 Previous employment/positions: Borger ISD- Speech, debate and theatre, speech department, choir; Victoria ISD- Director of Forensic Arts; Aransas Pass ISD- instructor and director of UIL and fine arts  
 Background Education: BA, PSU-Goodwell; MA and PHD- Concordia University  
 Honors and/or Awards

Received? Who's Who Among America's Teachers- 4 times (most recent 2005); UIL Regional Advisory Committee-12 years-state e-x Qualifiers 15 years; One-Act-Play state; Lincoln-Douglas and Prose and Poetry state qualifiers

What do you enjoy most about your job and why? I enjoy coaching speech and debate the most, but I also Love directing the one-act-play. I enjoy motivating kids to succeed.

What are you looking forward to in your new position? A new challenge and helping to rebuild and further advance the speech, debate and theatre program.

What are your future plans? Teach and coach here in Spearman. I plan to be here to finish my career and retire. I won't be retiring soon, though!

What organizations are you a member of? West Texas Speech Association; Texas Forensic Association; National Forensic League

Hobbies/Interests? Fishing, going to the mountains, theology literature, computers

Church affiliation: Episcopalian  
 Comments: I am also an ordained minister. I am really excited and happy to have the opportunity to teach, coach and be a part of the educational team here in Spearman.

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**What is Part D?**

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Sponsored by Hanford Manor  
 Call Anne Snow at 659-5848 for more information.

The Medicare Prescription Drug benefit will take effect on January 1, 2006. Enrollment for the plan begins on November 15, 2005.



# Spearman ISD introduces new teachers



**Kristin Shieldknight**  
 Family Members: Quentin Shieldknight  
 Employer: Spearman ISD- High School campus  
 Position: Science teacher  
 Previous employment/positions: Booker ISD- science teacher  
 Background Education: Graduated from Texas A&M University in 2004

Hobbies/Interests: Playing clarinet  
 Church affiliation: Oslo Lutheran Church  
 Comments: Daughter of Amy and J.P. TeBeest of Gruver; granddaughter-in-law of Leona Stavlo



**Shawn Tevis**  
 Family Members: Husband- Denzel; son- Trale (8th grader); Ivan (3rd grader)  
 Employer: Spearman ISD  
 Position: High School art teacher  
 Previous employment/positions: self-employed- Shawn Tevis Photography- Perryton- 15 years; Graphic artist- Dallas- 5 years  
 Background Education: Texas Tech University- Bachelor of Fine Arts; minor- photography; PACE program WTAMU

Hobbies/Interests: My children's interests, youth ministry volunteer  
 Church affiliation: First Christian Church



**Peggy Whiteman**  
 Family Members: Husband- Joe; Brett and Kristi, son and daughter-in-law; sons- Jeremy and Kyle  
 Employer: Spearman ISD  
 Position: Elementary counselor  
 Previous employment/positions: Spring Hill ISD- high school counselor; Gladewater ISD- Elementary counselor, teacher  
 Background Education: Bachelor's Degree- Elementary Education/ reading specialization; Master's- school counseling- UT, Tyler

Hobbies/Interests: Increasing physical activity and enjoying my two Golden Retrievers  
 Church affiliation: Church of Christ



**Amber TeBeest**  
 Family Members: Husband- Jason (from Gruver)  
 Employer: Spearman ISD  
 Position: Director of B&A's- Spearman ISD  
 Previous employment/positions: Student teaching- Frenship ISD  
 Background Education: Graduated from Texas Tech - December 2004

Hobbies/Interests: Increasing physical activity and enjoying my two Golden Retrievers  
 Church affiliation: Church of Christ

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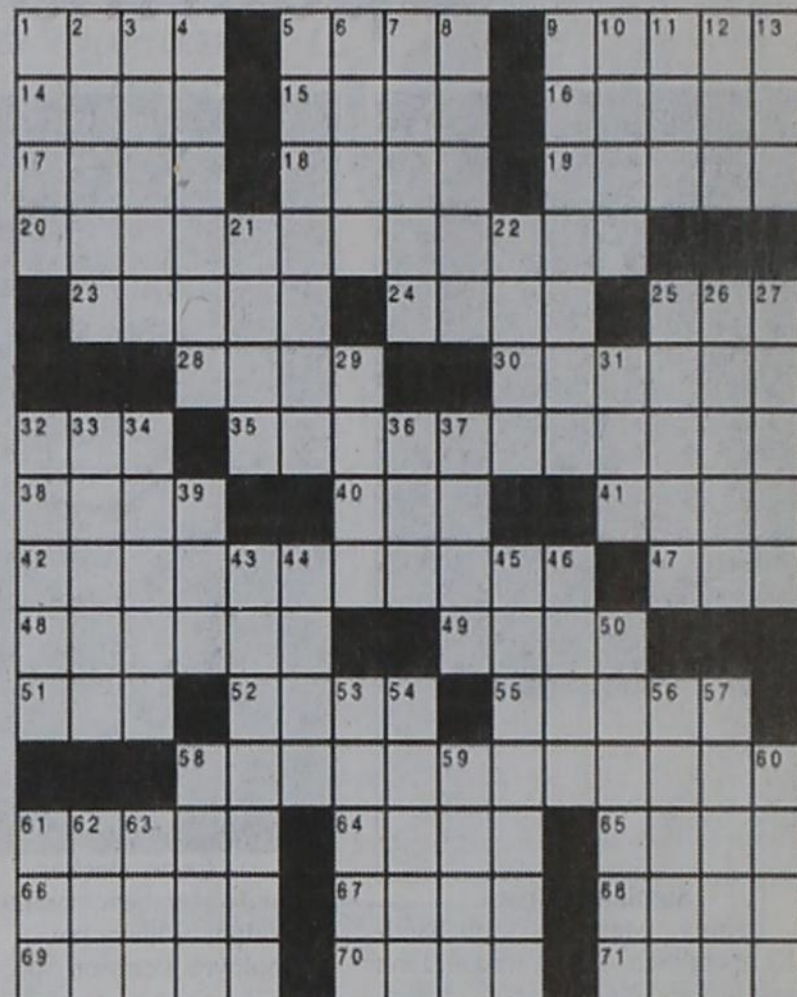
**Boss's Day - October 16th**  
**Mother-in-law day - October 23rd**

### "What's In The Paper Today?"

By Patrick Jordan

#### ACROSS

1. Meat-and-vegetables dish
5. E-mail nuisance
9. Zones
14. White in the face
15. California valley famed for wineries
16. With 56-Down, "Touched by an Angel" star
17. \_\_\_ spumante (type of wine)
18. Breezy
19. Frequency of many newspapers
20. Item in a math workbook (2 words)
23. Reach a finish (2 words)
24. Require
25. Angry
28. Sign of things to come
30. Button on a TV remote
32. America's "Uncle"
35. Latin phrase meaning "endlessly" (2 words)
38. Check a newspaper article before printing
40. Spy bureau (abbr.)
41. Mexican coin
42. Funny moment during a drama (2 words)
47. Dad's relaxation room
48. Three-base hit
49. Bird noted for its singing
51. "Wait a \_\_\_!" ("Keep your shirt on!")
52. Long-legged wading bird
55. Brings up, as children
58. CNN spinoff network (2 words)
61. Consumed
64. Salt \_\_\_ City, Utah
65. Barking circus animal
66. Danger warning
67. Nights preceding holidays
68. Concerning (2 words)
69. Enjoys a newspaper
70. Movie theater fixture
71. Home for a 49-Across



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#### DOWN

1. Health resorts
2. One of the five senses
3. Rock superstar \_\_\_ John
4. Bizarre person
5. Made a noise with one's fingers
6. Twosome
7. Chef's garment
8. "It's a possibility"
9. Built a new room (2 words)
10. Quantity of copier paper
11. Cotton gin inventor Whitney
12. Every last one
13. Put into words
21. Southwestern Arizona city
22. Strauss of jeans fame
25. Dampened the sound of, as a trumpet
26. Coax a laugh from
27. Evil spirit
29. Pleasant
31. Chapstick target
32. Religious offshoots
33. Have deep affection for
34. Do an imitation of
36. Zero
37. Flunk
39. Good waiter's reward
43. Lawyer's customers
44. Singer McEntire
45. Sincere
46. \_\_\_ press (1st Amendment provision)
50. Wichita resident
53. Runs without moving, as an engine
54. Work very hard
56. See 16-Across
57. Flattens a fly
58. Buffalo bunch
59. Swedish furniture company
60. Kind of machine in a casino
61. You hear here
62. Pub order
63. Lipton product



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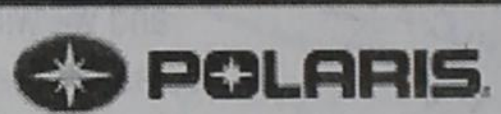
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TFN(9-16-04)B

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TFN(7-7-05)P4x

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TFN(8-11-05)B

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2(9-29-05)B

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2(9-29-05)B

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TFN(01-27-05)B

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TFN(03-03-05)B

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TFN(8-11-05)B

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TFN(10-6-05)B

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TFN(1-13-05)B

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TFN(9-15-05)B

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2(10-6-05)

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**ESTATE SALE:** 620 S. Evans, glassware, collectibles, furniture, hand tools, Friday, October 7, 10am-4 pm, Saturday, October 8, 10am-4 pm  
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**LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE**

**COMBINED NOTICE NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**  
Date: October 6, 2005  
Name of Contractor: Benny Wilson  
Hansford County  
16 Northwest Court St  
Spearman, TX 79081

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS: Sixteen (16) days after this publication, Hansford County, Texas

intends to request the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) to release community development funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for Project No. 725391.  
Project Title: Water System Improvements  
Purpose: The purpose of the project is to improve the Community of Morse Water System by rehabilitating the Community's public water system.  
Location: Hansford County, TX  
Estimated Cost of Project: \$272,609 (\$ 250,000 ORCA) (\$22,609 Community of Morse)

**Finding of No Significant Impact** It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment in the project area and accordingly the above named entity has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1979. The reasons for such decision not to prepare such statement are as follows: The Community of Morse's Water System Improvements will be advantageous to the community residents and will greatly enhance the city's Water System. The project is not an action, which will significantly affect the quality of the environment.

Judge as certifying officer of contractor approved by the Office of Rural Community Affairs in its official capacity as County Judge consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal court if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental assessments, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval the Community of Morse may use the Texas Community Development Program funds and the Office of Rural Community Affairs will have set aside its responsibility under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1979, and 24 CFR, Part 58.

**Objections to State Release of Funds**  
The Office of Rural Community Affairs will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of contractor approved by the Office of Rural Community Affairs; or (b) that contractor's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision finding or a step applicable to the project in the environmental assessment. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR, Part 58.75) and may be addressed to the Office of Rural Community Affairs, Finance Division, P.O. Box 12877, Capitol

Station, Austin, Texas 78711. Objections to the release of funds on a basis other than those stated above will not be considered by the Office of Rural Community Affairs. No objection received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by the Office of Rural Community Affairs.  
**CERTIFYING OFFICER OF CONTRACTOR:**  
Benny Wilson, County Judge  
Environmental Certifying Officer  
16 Northwest Court St  
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**CIVIL CITATION**

To: Ricardo Garcia Lopez, Jr., and to all whom it may concern, Defendant(s)  
Greeting: You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 7th day of November, 2005, at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m., before the Honorable 222nd Judicial District Court of Deaf Smith County, Texas at the Courthouse of said Court in Hereford, Texas.  
Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on 03/30/2005 in this cause, numbered CI-2005C-031 on the Docket of said Court, and styled:

Corey Carter

vs.  
Forerunner Ag, LLC and Ricardo Garcia Lopez, Sr.  
The names of the parties to the cause are as follows:  
Plaintiff(s): Corey Carter  
Defendant(s): Forerunner Ag, LLC and Ricardo Garcia Lopez, Jr.  
A brief statement of the nature of this suit, as is more fully shown in Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit, is as follows, to-wit: Injuries/damages involving motor vehicle.  
The name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff or the address of Plaintiff is: Jeff Torney, McConnell & Torney, PO Box 629, Amarillo TX 79105.  
Notice to Defendant: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days from date of issuance of this citation a default judgement may be taken against you.  
The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law and make due return as the law directs.  
Issued and given under my hand and seal of Court at Office in Hansford, Texas, this day of September 23, 2005.  
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### Twenty-two WTAMU Students Vie for Homecoming Royalty

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The finalists for Homecoming King and Queen will be introduced Friday, Oct. 7 during Pigskin Revue, which begins at 8 p.m. at the WTAMU Fieldhouse. The winners will be announced during halftime of the WTAMU Homecoming football game, which begins at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8 at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium.

Homecoming King and Queen nominees must be enrolled in at least 12 semester hours at WTAMU, be sponsored by a chartered WTAMU organization, maintain and have at least a 2.0 overall grade point average and be at least a junior in standing.

Students nominated for Homecoming King are listed by hometown, classification and major.

**Amarillo:** David Schrock, a senior marketing major, Devin Grant Tyler, a junior music business major

**Clovis, N.M.:** Trey Burns, a junior music major

**Gruver:** Misael Rosales, a senior computer information systems major

**Odesa:** Tanner Hargrove, a senior secondary education major

**Pampa:** Andrew Swope, a junior mass communications-broadcasting major

**Roscoe:** Cheyenne R. Smith, a senior mechanical engineering major

**Spearman:** Garrett Griffin, a junior general business major

Students nominated for Homecoming Queen are listed by hometown, classification and major.

**Amarillo:** Tiffany Bonner, a senior business education major; Lindsay Haworth, a senior mass communications-broadcasting major

**Bushland:** Lindsay Simmons, a senior biology major

**Canyon:** Jodi Buchanan, a junior history major

**Dumas:** Britnee Meyer, a junior musical theatre major

**Friena:** Jennifer Carrasco, a senior sports and exercise sciences major

**Lubbock:** Emma Marshall, a junior mass communications-public relations major

**Mesa, Ariz.:** Jacqui Hirsch, a senior music education major

**Midland:** C. Noel Pridgen, a senior general studies major

**Odesa:** Erin Oster, a junior sports and exercise sciences major

**Pampa:** Amanda Howell, a senior mass communications major

**Perryton:** Lacey Randolph, a senior sports and exercise sciences major

**Spearman:** Elsa Vargas, senior education major; Audrey Winegarner, a senior mass communications major

### WTAMU Awards Diplomas to Summer Graduates

Degrees were officially conferred on 277 West Texas A&M University students during summer commencement exercises Aug. 12 at the First United Bank Center. The University awarded 195 baccalaureate and 82 master's degrees.

Graduates from Spearman included Todd Baird, who received his MEd in Administration and Frances L. Pipkin who received her MA in Communication.

The WTAMU Class of 2005 included five graduates with Summa Cum Laude honors, 10 students with Magna Cum Laude honors and 19 with Cum Laude honors. The graduating class represented 13 states and 52 Texas cities and towns.

## 10 ways seniors can protect themselves from identity theft

By Joel Williamson

As consumers, we should not live in fear of identity theft, but, instead, conduct our business in the smartest fashion possible. The great characteristic of all thieves is that they won't commit a crime unless it is fairly easy. The harder it is for others to access our information, and, the more prepared we are to recognize potential problems quickly, the more we become very undesirable as victims.

That is especially important in light of the fact the Federal Trade Commission recently reported that nearly 10 million persons were victims of identity theft last year. It is the fastest growing white-collar crime in America.

As seniors, we tend to have more assets than younger adults. Here are the latest ways to make sure identity thieves do not steal your hard-earned money.

1) Keep your Social Security card at home somewhere safe. Never carry this document in your wallet or pocketbook. It is the key that unlocks all of your personal information.

2) Do not allow your Social Security number to be printed on your personal checks, your driver's license or identification card. You

may have this information removed if it is currently on these items as well. Ask about it the next time you renew at the DMV.

3) Review your credit report at least once a year. You may obtain a free copy from credit reporting agencies. Immediately report any inaccuracies. For a list of credit reporting agencies, call 1-800-597-5161.

4) Check over your bank account and credit card statements carefully each month. It is worthwhile to spend the extra time to keep your receipts so that you may intercept any fraudulent charges as well as any general over-charging or duplication payments. Call about any unknown purchases for clarification.

5) Do not throw away cash machine or credit card receipts, especially in public. Shred this information at home. A small wastebasket shredder is very inexpensive at most office supply stores or superstores.

6) Watch how your information is treated by businesses you frequent. Many merchants will print your entire credit card number on receipts and often throw them away in easily accessible trash bins. It is OK to be overly cautious.

You may ask them to blacken all but the last four digits of your number on their merchant copy. They do not require this information once the transaction has taken place.

7) When you are sending your bill payments, do not place envelopes with checks or account numbers in your mailbox or mail slot. If possible, make the effort to drop them at a post office or at least at a registered post office drop box.

8) Keep a detailed list of the contents of your wallet or purse, including photocopies of credit cards (front and back), your driver's license, insurance or prescription cards, and any other important items. The photocopies will have contact numbers for the relevant companies so that you can quickly report any theft.

9) Shred or tear up into small pieces all credit card applications that come in the mail, especially those that include convenience checks for transferring account balances. Thieves love to endorse these and use them immediately.

10) To eliminate telemarketers, add your address and phone number to national Opt Out (Do Not Call) lists by visiting the Direct Marketing Association website at

www.dmaconsumers.org or by calling 1-888-567-8688. It is easy and quick to add your information to this service and it may save you from scam artists and interrupted family time.

Joel Williamson, CLU, CSA, CAC, is a Senior Financial Advisor. Joel conducts numerous free seminars each year about issues affecting the financial lives of seniors and their beneficiaries. He can be contacted at (806) 331-3131 or joel@financialsolutions-tx.com with your comments, questions, or request for a free newsletter. For more information call or visit www.financialsolutions-tx.com.

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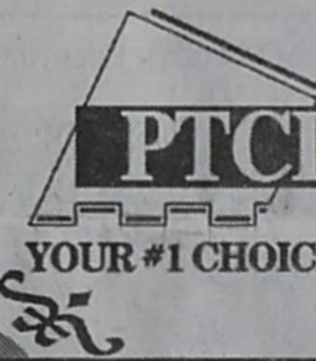
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