

**Hurricane Katrina brings death, floods to US Gulf**  
A widespread disaster unfolded on the U.S. Gulf coast on Tuesday as at least 50 people were reported dead in Mississippi and flood waters poured into low-lying New Orleans through levees battered by powerful Hurricane Katrina.

**Katrina could slow economic expansion**  
Hurricane Katrina may sting U.S. economic growth by choking energy supplies even as the damages caused by the storm spur massive rebuilding and emergency government spending.

**Venezuela to sell cut-price heating oil to U.S. poor**  
Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez said on Monday his government plans to sell as much as 66,000 barrels per day of heating fuel from its U.S. Citgo refinery to poor communities in the United States.

**Protesters on both sides of Iraq war follow Bush**  
President George W. Bush was greeted by Iraq war supporters and protesters on Monday as he interrupted his Texas vacation to promote a new Medicare prescription drug program.

**Iraq Sunni leader says to work against draft charter**  
One of Iraq's top Sunni political leaders, Adnan Dulaimi, warned on Tuesday that he would work hard to ensure the country's draft constitution was not approved in a referendum due by October 15.

**Netanyahu to seek Sharon's ouster after Gaza exit**  
Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's bitter rival, Benjamin Netanyahu, launched a bid on Tuesday to topple him as Likud party leader, intensifying a power struggle sparked by the evacuation of Gaza settlers.

**France reinforces defenses against bird flu**  
France said on Tuesday it would toughen defenses against the potential arrival of bird flu in the country, reinforcing checks at airports and building stockpiles of vaccines in the event of a human pandemic.

**US says air strike kills Iraq al Qaeda fighters**  
The U.S. military said it had killed an al Qaeda militant named Abu Islam and a number of other fighters in air strikes on Tuesday on Husayba and Karabila, close to Qaim on the Syrian border.

**India becomes developing world's top arms buyer**  
India ordered \$5.7 billion in weapons last year, overtaking Saudi Arabia and China to become the developing world's leading buyer, a study sent to the U.S. Congress this week showed.

**Panic of war sparks human tragedy in Iraq**  
What began as a tense yet joyful day for Iraq's Shiites, with about a million people chanting prayers and streaming toward a gold-domed shrine, unraveled into the single worst human tragedy since the beginning of the war.

**U.N. urges U.S. restraint after Iraqi journalist shot**  
The United Nations' educational and cultural arm on Wednesday deplored the killing of Reuters soundman Waleed Khaled in Baghdad and urged military forces in Iraq to ensure journalists can do their work.

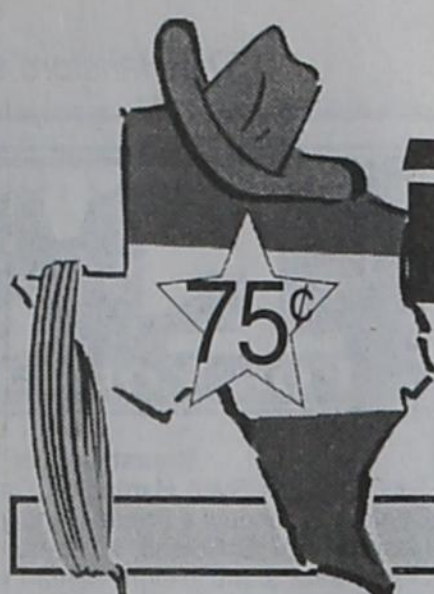
**U.S. Patriot Act faces legal challenge in Connecticut**  
A controversial clause in the U.S. Patriot Act that allows authorities to search citizens' personal records faced its first public challenge in federal court on Wednesday as a library sought to lift a gag order on a FBI probe into its records.

**Poll: Iraq, gas push Bush**  
President Bush returned to the capital Wednesday after a month-long summer vacation with big problems on his agenda — from record-setting gas prices to unrelieved turmoil in Iraq — and with his standing in handling those issues in a slide.

**Hotels will kick evacuees out**  
Many Hurricane Katrina evacuees will be forced from their hotel rooms this Labor Day weekend, victims of guaranteed reservations others made days or months ago.

**Lego leaves Switzerland**  
Danish toy maker Lego Group said Wednesday that it will close a factory in Switzerland and five European distribution centers, and move those operations to the Czech Republic.

**Tsunami victims sympathize**  
Though the Dec. 26 earthquake and tsunami was far more deadly than the disaster caused by Hurricane Katrina, many in Asian nations hardest hit by the killer waves — from Indonesia to Thailand and Sri Lanka — felt acute sympathy with Katrina's victims. The tsunami left more than 200,000 dead or missing. Thousands are feared dead as a result of Katrina.



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## Flint Rock Feeders, LTD- CAB named Runner-up Feedlot Partner of the Year

Feedlots and quick-to-sell producers rarely see eye to eye, like trucks passing in the night. If they talk, phrases like "retained ownership" and "check in hand" mix like motor oil and radiator water. Yet, quality feeders find common ground and devoted customers.

Flint Rock Feeders, LTD, a Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) partner feedlot near Gruver, Texas, and manager Frank Winters are bridging the gap. The main tool is a philosophy that easing producers into the realities of the post-weaning world can make everyone more successful.

The feedlot was named CAB Runner-up Feedlot Partner of the Year for those with less than 15,000 capacity, for building profitable partnerships with quality-minded producers. Winters accepted the award August 19th at the CAB annual conference in Baltimore, Md.

The differences between feedlot and farm rest in marketing strategy, Winters says. Feedlots take a long-term view, while many cow-calf producers only look at the markets at weaning time.

"It's like getting on a freeway," he says. "Everyone is driving 80 mph and you are on the frontage road doing 40 mph getting ready to merge with traffic- you're gonna get run over, but that's what happens to producers when they only look at markets in the short-term."

When the dust clears, feedlots advance with the flow of traffic, leaving the hapless producer in a bind. Winters says markets can be a hit and run, but regular interaction with a feedlot can help producers stay up to speed.

Helping producers market their cattle requires constant feedback, and some need more coaching than others. A lot of them don't have a clue about what it takes to make cattle work in a feed yard," Winters says. "They may think they are producing the best calves, but for them to have feedlot value, we need to work together."

He tells ranchers the feedlot represents an opportunity to lock in higher profits and alleviate the risk of marketing.

"In business, you are not just messing with someone's extra money, you are messing with a producer's livelihood," he says. "That's why it is challenging to sell guys on retained ownership. They think it's a risky deal, but I tell them sending your entire calf crop to a sale barn one day a year is one of the riskiest things a guy could do."

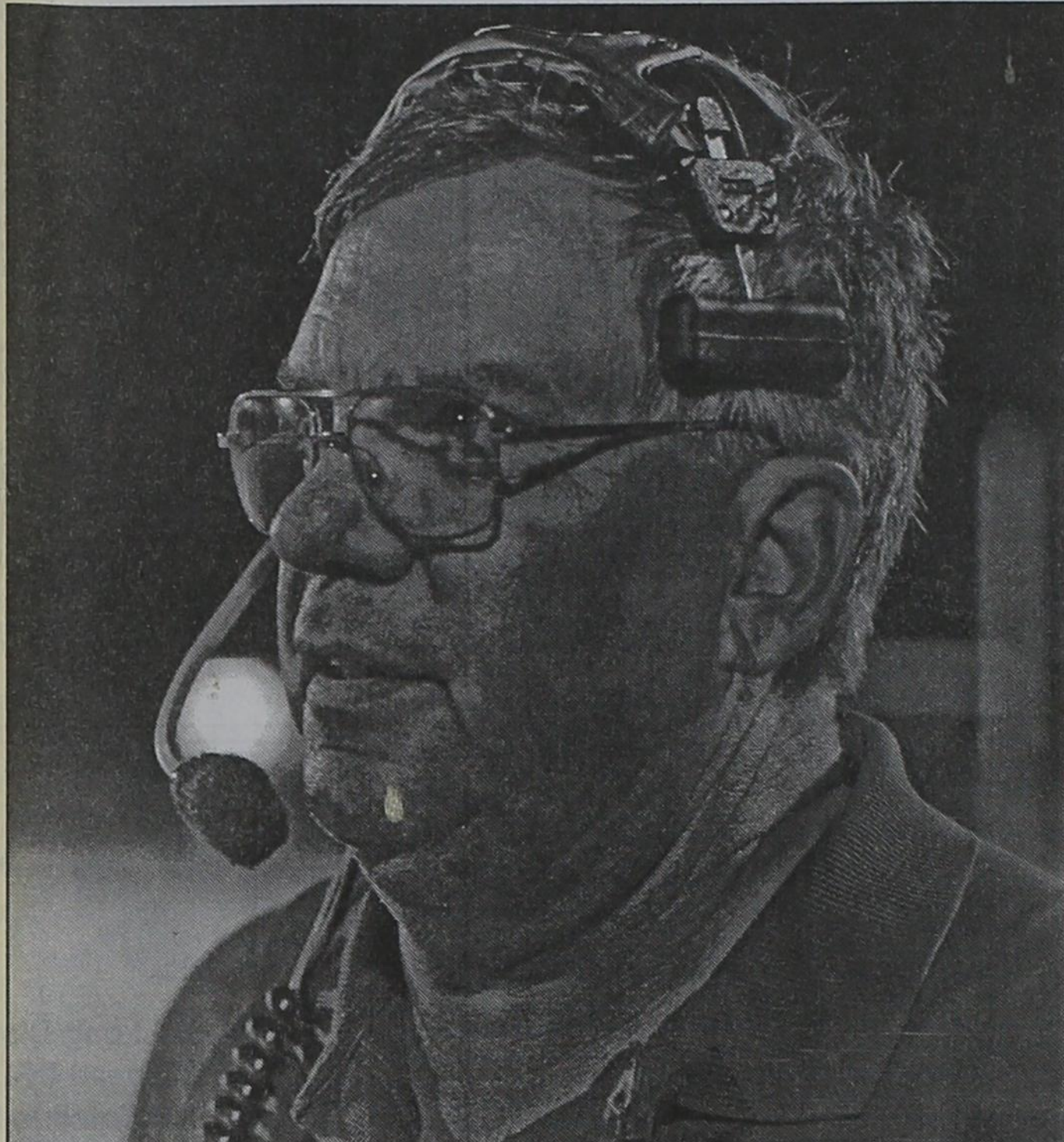
CAB feedlot specialist Gary Fike says Flint Rock's CAB acceptance rate of nearly 21 percent is evidence of its commitment to building a better program.

"That's an amazing number considering the region," he says. "Frank has a quality mindset and a can-do attitude that help bring in the kind of Angus-influenced genetics he can feed to target the CAB brand. His good old 'cowboy try' has led to success, and that provides value to his customers."

That has been the key to excellence for Flint Rock Feeders, Customer focus has given the feedlot an opportunity to build lasting relationships with producers who find the road to higher profits.

CAB held its annual conference August 18-20 in Baltimore. More than 13,100 partners with the brand throughout the United States and internationally. Annual sales top \$2.5 billion.

The CAB brand is *Angus beef at its best*. Only 8 percent of beef can earn the brand name.



Spearman Lynx head coach Ric Smith celebrated his 100th win with the defeat of the Sunray Bobcats on Friday night in Lynx Stadium.

## Summertime fun for Spearman Boy Scouts

by George Young

It was a fun and busy summer for members of the Spearman Boy Scouts. It started in May with the Spring Merit Badge Camp at M.K. Brown near Wheeler. The Scouts spent the weekend earning merit badges and having lots of extra time for fun. May continued to be a very busy time for the Scouts as they worked on the Eagle Project with Justin Bowman. The project was to erect a 20 foot flag pole at Hansford Cemetery. The project was completed in time for Memorial Day Ceremony with many Hansford County citizens

attending the public dedication.

June was also a busy time for the Scouts because that was the time for the week-long summer camp at M.K. Brown. The boys worked on several badges, went hiking, boating, swimming and shooting. Their troop also won the "Best Chili" contest.

In July, the Scouts cooked hamburgers for the Hansford County Bankers Golf Tournament. They sold about 200 hamburgers as one of their fund-raisers.

Their summer scouting activity ended with an overnight party at the Jarvis Ranch south of

Spearman. The boys went swimming, scouting, hiking and cooking. Assistant Scout Master, Billy Britt Jarvis and his wife, Linda, cooked hamburgers on Friday night for the boys. Then on Saturday the parents were invited for a meal.

Now it's time to get back to the regular Scouting program, according to Scout Master, George Young. The first scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, September 6th from 7 until 8:30 p.m. at the Scout Hall at Fifth and Hazelwood. All boys between 11 and 16 are invited to attend the meeting.

## Reporter-Statesman to raise subscription rates

It is with regret we announce that, due to fuel costs, we have to raise the subscription rate of The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. We are doing everything in our power to keep advertising rates at the current level. It is because of our advertisers that we are able to continue to bring you a journal for our community.

We realize that for some people, the increase in the price will prevent you from buying the newspaper. We do not want to inconvenience you in any way, and if this poses a financial burden for you, we will do whatever we can to help.

Copies of the Reporter Statesman are available at the Hansford Manor, the Spearman ISD and public libraries in Gruver and Spearman. All citizens of our county, whether subscribers or not are always welcome to come to our office and read the latest issue.

We will not raise the rack rates or the subscription rate until November 1. This will give all of our subscribers time to re-subscribe at the current price.

Again, we apologize for this inconvenience. Sincerely, Gary Smith

## Editorial

by Gary Smith

Last week, one of the world's strangest events happened right here in Spearman, TX.

A small warren of rabbits collected itself on the front porch of Spearman Independent School District Superintendent Rodney Sumner and there, they took their own lives. Yes, you read that right... mass rabbit suicide. The really strange thing is that another group of rabbits (apparently unrelated to the first group) took their own lives on the front porch steps of Spearman High School Principal Bill Belger.

There was no suicide note at either scene and it is still a mystery why the rabbits took their own lives.

Some, not-so-wise, local residents have speculated that the small rodents did not, in fact, take their own lives, but were either viciously slaughtered or died of natural causes and then "moved" to these locations.

Of course, that is a ridiculous concept. It would take a severely mentally handicapped person to do something so outrageously stupid. I cannot imagine anyone in our fair city being this mentally imbalanced. Besides that, anyone doing something like this would certainly communicate to the victims (not the rabbits, but Sumner and Belger) in some way as to what situation they were protesting.

Personally, I have never witnessed MRS (Mass Rabbit Suicide) before, but I feel certain that some of you have.

In the unlikely event that I am wrong and the bunnies did not kill themselves, and the person who killed them is capable of reading this, might I suggest that you seek psychiatric help immediately? Because, in professional terms, you are a few french fries short of a Happy Meal.

But until someone can prove to me that we have a person living in this community who is this stupid, this ignorant, this insane, I will stick with my theory of MRS.



Can you remember when gas was just \$1.95 per gallon? The old sign in front of Taylor's is reminder of those "good old days." Just in time for the Labor Day weekend, local gas rates have risen to over \$3.00 per gallon causing many to ask, "Where will it end?"



### WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. South winds around 10 mph.  
FRIDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.  
FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 60. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.  
SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.  
SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.  
SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.  
LABOR DAY - Partly cloudy. Highs around 90.  
MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.

## DEADLINE NOTICE

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Live,  
Laugh &  
Love



by Catherine R. Smith  
cathysmith@antden.com

A good friend sent me the following article, but I can't remember who it was.

## Best Day of My Life

Today, when I awoke, I suddenly realized that this is the best day of my life, ever! There were times when I wondered if I would make it to today; but I did!

And because I did I'm going to celebrate!

Today, I'm going to celebrate what an unbelievable life I have had so far: the accomplishments, the many blessings, and, yes, even the hardships because they have served to make me stronger.

I will go through this day with my head held high and a happy heart. I will marvel at God's seemingly simple gifts:

- the morning dew,
- the sun,
- the clouds,
- the trees,
- the flowers,
- the birds.

Today, none of these miraculous creations will escape my notice.

Today, I will share my excitement for life with other people. I'll make someone smile. I'll go out of my way to perform an unexpected act of kindness for someone I don't even know. Today, I'll give a sincere compliment to someone who seems down. I'll tell a child how special he is, and I'll tell someone I love just how deeply I care for them and how much they mean to me.

Today is the day I quit worrying about what I don't have and start being grateful for all the wonderful things God has already given me. I'll remember that to worry is just a waste of time because my faith in God and his Divine Plan ensures everything will be just fine.

And tonight, before I go to bed, I'll go outside and raise my eyes to the heavens. I will stand in awe at the beauty of the stars and the moon, and I will praise God for these magnificent treasures.

As the day ends and I lay my head down on my pillow, I will thank the Almighty for the best day of my life. And I will sleep the sleep of a contented child, excited with expectation because I know tomorrow is going to be the best day of my life, ever!

"The best and most beautiful thing in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart."

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

"Owe no one anything, except to love one another." Our lessons this week are found in Psalm 119:33-40, Ezekiel 33: 7-11, Romans 13:8-14 and Matthew 18:15-20. What are we to do about discord, anger, wrong within the faith community?

The Psalmist prays that the Lord will open his ears to the Law and strengthen him so that he can walk in the Lord's way, so that he will be saved.

Ezekiel as a prophet is charged with giving the Word of the Lord to the people. God charges him with giving the word, and reminds Ezekiel that if the people do not heed His word, their blood is on their own hands, but if Ezekiel fails to pass on God's Word, then the blood of the people is on Ezekiel's hands. So we need to pray for understanding and strength to follow Christ's law of love. We need to share our faith and His love with others through act and deed.

Paul hears that some in the faith community are refusing to pay their bills; they seem to say, 'since the Lord is coming soon, why pay?' Paul commands them to 'owe no one anything, except to love one another'. All of the commandments can be summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself". It then follows that when you act in love, you cannot steal, covet, or in any other manner harm another. Paul reminds the believers that for each of us the day of salvation is nearer for each day that passes; hence, we should put on Christ like a coat and live in His name by His law of Love.

Matthew offers a means of settling disagreement within the faith community. Yet, taken out of context of the entire chapter, this scripture does not ring true to Christ's approach to tax collectors and Gentiles in His earlier statements and as recorded in the other gospels; however, it does offer practical advice for resolving conflict. Study this passage carefully. Remember that Christ told Peter that he must forgive "seventy times seven", in an unlimited fashion. Altogether, Chapter 18 offers a path of reconciliation and recovery of a wayward member of the faith community.

If we gather to pray for God's assistance, God is with us, but our prayers need to be "self-less" and in love for others. For example, "O Lord, Please buy me a Mercedes-Benz" may not result in us driving any time soon even if more than one utters the prayer.

May the Holy Spirit strengthen your faith in love, empower you to share this love, and live in His peace. Shalom.



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### Alzheimer's Information Seminar

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### 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 September 26, 2005. 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 info or to schedule appointment.

### 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 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 an individual feeling helpless and out of control.

### Panhandle Crisis Center Outreach Office

Panhandle Crisis Center (PCC) has an Outreach Office in the Pittman-Shieldknight Building, 511 SW 11th Avenue, Suite 105, 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. Call for more information regarding PCC's services.

### Rushing Wind Emmaus Community Meeting

The Rushing Wind Emmaus community will meet on Saturday, September 10, at 6 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church in Perryton. The community will be celebrating the 50 weekends of the Walk to Emmaus sponsored by Rushing Wind Emmaus, and the lay directors will be sharing the crosses from the walks. A potluck supper will be served in the fellowship hall. Sponsors training will be held at 6:30 p.m. followed with a praise and worship service at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Everyone is encouraged to attend, and family, friends and persons interested in the Walk to Emmaus are welcome.

### Adult GED Class

Adult GED classes will begin on Tuesday night, September 6th, 6:30-9 p.m. in the video conference room at Spearman High School with Claudine Hardy serving as facilitator. There is no charge for the classes. For more information, contact Cindy Blackman at 659-3233.

### Out-of-School Examinee Registration

Individuals who are no longer enrolled in school and who have not previously met minimum expectations on all sections of the TAAS or TAKS tests, but have met all other graduation requirements, may retake the necessary sections. The TAAS and TAKS retests will be given on October 18th (ELA TAKS; Writing TAAS), October 19th (Math TAKS, Math TAAS), October 20th (Science TAKS, Reading TAAS) and October 21st (Social Studies TAKS). A student can register for the TAAS or TAKS tests online by accessing the web site at <http://k12testing.tx.ncspearson.com> or by completing a registration form. Registration forms may be picked up at the high school counselor's office between the hours of 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Registration packets are due in Austin no later than 5 p.m. on September 16, 2005. Contact Krista Baird at 659-2584 if you have any questions. *Los individuos que ya no estan matriculados en la escuela y que todavia no han cumplido los requisitos minimos en todas las secciones del examen del TAKS, pero han cumplido todos los otros requisitos necesarios para graduarse pueden volver a tomar los exámenes necesarios del TAKS. Daremos el examen el 18 de Octubre (ELA TAKS, Escritura TAAS), 19 de Octubre (Matematicas TAKS, Matematicas TAAS) el 20 de Octubre (El TAKS de ciencia, Lectura TAAS), 21 de Octubre (el TAKS de estudios sociales). Un alumno se puede registrar para el examen de TAAS y de TAKS en el sitio <http://k12testing.tx.ncspearson.com> o tambien puede completar una forma de registracion. Las formas de registracion se pueden recoger en la oficina de la consejera en la escuela preparatoria entre las horas de 8 a.m. hasta las 4 p.m. Los paquetes de registracion tienen que estar en Austin antes de las 5 p.m. del dia 16 de Septiembre del 2005. Por favor si tiene alguna pregunta comuníquese con Krista Baird at 659-2584 si tiene alguna pregunta.*

### FNB, Accolade Home Care provide services

Accolade Home Care will be at the First National Bank in Spearman on Friday, September 9, 2005 from 9 a.m.-12 noon. They will provide the following free services - blood pressure, weight, pulse, oxygen saturation. For more information call Linda Todd (806)282-5867 or Teresa at (806) 659-5544. Everyone is invited!

### Spearman 4-H Selling Roster Cards

The Spearman 4-H is selling roster cards to raise money for their scholarship fund. If you would like a roster for 7th, 8th, JV or Varsity Spearman Football teams, please contact the Extension Office at 659-4130. The cards are \$2.00 each. Thank you for your support!

### American Legion Post 254 Seeking New Members

Attention! Hansford and Ochiltree County Veterans, American Legion Post 254 at Perryton is open to all veterans. First meeting for this year will be Monday, September 12, 2005 at the Senior Citizens Building, South of the Perryton Football Field at 7 p.m. If you are interested in joining the Post or you need more information, please contact Post Commander, Harry Stumpf at 806-659-2109 or Vice-Commander, Wayne Cummings at (806) 659-2106. In Perryton contact 18th District Vice-Commander, Robert Overton at (806) 648-1344.

### Boy Scout Sign-up

Boys from age 11 through 15 are invited to sign up for Spearman Boys Scouts. If you are a boy who likes camping, hiking, swimming, fishing and eating, the Boy Scouts wants you. To find out more about becoming a Boy Scout, call George Young at 659-2378 or 330-0354 or Britt Jarvis at 659-2554 or 659-2444. Come join the Boy Scouts. It's fun! Meetings are on Tuesday from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The Scout Hall is located in the old community building at 5th and Hazelwood. Nest meeting night is September 6th. Hope to see you there and bring your parents.

### Texas Department of Public Health Immunization Clinics

Texas Department of Public Health Services will be offering vaccines that give protection against childhood diseases. The closest to Hansford County is set for September 20, 2005 from 10:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. at Perryton Elementary School.

### 4-H Fun with Foods Project

Youth in 3rd grade or older may sign up now for the 4-H "Fun with Foods" project. Project meetings in Spearman will be after school on Thursdays, September 15, 22, 29, and October 6, at the Fellowship Hall of the Spearman Church of Christ. Project meetings for Gruver will be held after school on Mondays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, at the Fellowship Hall of the Gruver Methodist Church. Extension programs are open to all regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. Please call Peggy Winegarner at 659-4131 or 733-2901 to enroll.

### 4-H Club Enrollment

Spearman 4-H Club will meet, Monday, September 12th, at 6:00 p.m. in Spearman County Barn. Gruver 4-H Club will meet Tuesday, September 13th, at 6:00 p.m. in Gruver County Barn. Youth wishing to enroll in 4-H must be 9 years old, or in 3rd grade or older. Come to the meeting and discover the many projects and activities available through 4-H. Food projects will start soon, as well as Beef, Sheep, Swine, Livestock Judging and Share-the-Fun. Call county Extension Agents Peggy Winegarner or Burt Williams (659-4130 or 733-2901) for more information. All youth 3rd grade through age 19 may participate in 4-H regardless of their race, color, sex, disability or national origin.

### Extension Service- Fall Crop Tours

There will be a Fall Crops Tour on Thursday, September 22, 2005. The program will be held at Oklahoma Panhandle Research and Extension Center in Goodwell, Oklahoma. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Meeting will last until 11:30 a.m. For meal reservations call 580-349-5441 before September 16, 2005. Kim's Ribs will serve the meal. Topics to be discussed are as follows: Bermuda grass for the High Plains; Drip Irrigation; Animal waste into no Till Rotations; Sunflowers; Cotton Variety Trial; Seeding rates for Irrigated Dual purpose wheat. Note: This will be an excellent for producers interested in cotton varieties or planting date studies. For more information call Burt Williams, Agricultural Agent, Texas Cooperative Extension, Hansford County 659-4130 or 733-2901.

### Hansford County Library Thriftshop Donations

The Thriftshop that helps support the Hansford County Library accepts donations of any usable kitchen or household items, clothing, furniture, toys, etc. Donations may be brought to the Thriftshop Monday through Friday during library hours - Summer 10-5 and during the school year 10-6. The Thriftshop is staffed entirely by volunteers who donate their time to sort and price items as well as keeping the Thriftshop open each Saturday afternoon. All donations are appreciated, but please keep in mind that items must be in good enough condition for resale. If you have questions about the type of items that are accepted, please feel free to call the library at 659-2231.

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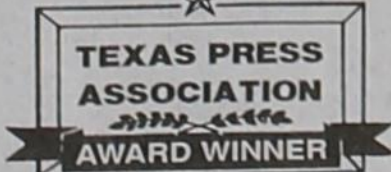
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**HANSFORD COUNTY EVENTS**

**SEPTEMBER 2005**

- Sep 1 Spearman JH Pep Rally @ 3 p.m.
- Sep 2 Spearman Lynx @ White Deer @ 7:30 p.m.
- Sep 2 Gruver Greyhounds vs Texhoma @ 7:30 p.m.
- Sep 3 Spearman Lynx/Lynxette @ Borger Cross Country Meet
- Sep 5 Labor Day Holiday
- Sep 6 Picture Day at GISD, K-12
- Sep 6 Gruver Chamber of Commerce @ 12 noon @ El Vaquero
- Sep 6 Adult GED classes begin @ 6:30 p.m. @ Spearman HS
- Sep 8 Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets @ noon
- Sep 8 Pringle-Morse CISD Board of Trustees meets @ 7 p.m.
- Sep 9 Accolade Home Care @ FNB from 9 a.m.-12 noon
- Sep 9 Spearman Lynx vs Stratford @ 7:30 p.m. (Homecoming)
- Sep 9 Gruver Greyhounds @ Panhandle @ 7:30 p.m.
- Sep 10 Gruver Chamber of Commerce 2nd Annual Big Boys Toy Show
- Sep 10 Spearman Lynx/Lynxette @ Perryton Cross Country Meet
- Sep 10 Rushing Wind Emmaus Community Meeting @ 6 p.m. @ First United Methodist Church in Perryton
- Sep 11 Grandparent's Day
- Sep 11 3rd Annual Jamaica Celebration @ 11:30 a.m. @ the swimming pool park in Spearman
- Sep 12 Hansford County Commissioners Court meets @ 10 a.m. @ Hansford County Courthouse
- Sep 12 Stationmaster's House Museum Board of Directors meets @ 2 p.m. @ Stationmaster's House Museum
- Sep 12 Spearman ISD Board of Trustees meets @ 7 p.m. in the Spearman High School Library
- Sep 12 Hansford Hospice meets @ 7 p.m.
- Sep 12 American Legion Post 254 meets @ Perryton Senior Citizens Building @ 7 p.m.
- Sep 13 Picture Day @ Spearman JH & HS
- Sep 13 Palo Duro River Authority meets @ 2 p.m. @ P.D.R.A. office
- Sep 13 Genealogy Club meets @ 7 p.m. in the home of Velma Sanders, 1015 Linn Drive, in Spearman
- Sep 14 Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets @ noon
- Sep 14 Gruver City Commission meets @ 5 p.m. in Gruver City Hall
- Sep 15 Spearman City Council meets @ 7 a.m. in the City Hall Chambers @ City Hall
- Sep 16 Registration deadline for Out-of-School TAAS or TAKS tests
- Sep 16 Picture Day @ Gus Birdwell Elementary
- Sep 16 Spearman Lynx @ Texhoma @ 7:30 p.m.
- Sep 16 Gruver Greyhounds vs Highland Park @ 7:30 p.m. (Homecoming)
- Sep 17 Gruver's 75th Anniversary Celebration
- Sep 21 Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce meets @ noon
- Sep 23 First Six Weeks ends Spearman ISD, Gruver ISD
- Sep 23 Picture Day at Pringle-Morse CISD
- Sep 23 Spearman Lynx @ West Texas @ 7:30 p.m.
- Sep 23 Gruver Greyhounds @ Claude @ 7:30 p.m.
- Sep 24 Spearman Lynx/Lynxette @ Lubbock Cross Country Meet
- Sep 26 Second Six Weeks begins Spearman ISD, Gruver ISD
- Sep 26 Hansford County Commissioners Court meets @ 10 a.m. @ Hansford County Courthouse
- Sep 26 Breast Cancer Screening Clinic @ Hansford County Hospital
- Sep 27 Gruver ISD Board of Directors meets @ 6 p.m. in the Board Room @ Gruver High School
- Sep 28 Hansford County Hospital District Board of Directors meets @ 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room @ Hansford Hospital
- Sep 30 Spearman Lynx vs Canadian @ 7:30 p.m.
- Sep 30 First Six Weeks ends, Pringle-Morse CISD
- Sep 30 Gruver ISD Holiday
- Sep 30 Gruver Greyhounds OPEN

**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

- September 1**  
**Birthdays** - Marie Bosticki, Sahala (McCloy) Galliard, Kathy (Nelson) Dumbold, Mrs. Don Allen, Eugene Yarborough, Irma Arjona, Pete Vera Jr., Jessica Williams, Rita Lindley, Erin Wafford, Misty Bynum, Hugo Villa, Richard Shad, Jessica Shad, Laura Bridges, Jace Lang, Ann Pipkin, Dane Harbour, Sandra Blankenship  
**Anniversary** - M/M Johnny Lee, M/M Daniel Boyd
- September 2**  
**Birthdays** - Kelly Sue Jones, Melyn Johnson, Archie Smith, Felipe Lomelli, Carlos Mendoza Jr., Larry Gallimore  
**Anniversary** - M/M Ron Antalek, M/M Everett Vanderberg
- September 3**  
**Birthdays** - Josh Mayhew, Isabel Martinez, Ruth Lackey, Kory Brown, Sheryl Meek, Sandy Russell, Janet Sandavol, Jessie Moore, Brandon Baker, Michelle Evens, Elena Vargas, Jason Quillin, Coy Herrington  
**Anniversary** - M/M John Booth, George & Virginia Young
- September 4**  
**Birthdays** - Val Winger, Peggy Frick, Jimmy Haden, Kathy Bowen, Marty Karr, Laci Murray, Darlene Pierce, Rodney Pointer, Tina Cator, Lighton Torres, Alix Boyd, Halee Beasley, Kristi Vasquez, Jarry Francis, Jerri Lane  
**Anniversary** - M/M Ron Fox, Don & Wanda Reed
- September 5**  
**Birthdays** - Kilee Ryan, Cathy

- Potts, Howard Nash, Pat Minter, Dawn Brown, Mavis Floyd, David West, Mark Garcia, Betty Thomas, Mary Alice Gibner, Andy Riley, Sonya Tindell, Willie Wallis, Joyce Sharp, Lorenzo Sauz, Connor Odegaard, Daniel Swink, Stephen Lane  
**Anniversary** - M/M Chuck Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Don Reed, M/M Bobby Hicks

- September 6**  
**Birthdays** - Brad Hart, Mickey Nash, Ty Williams, Jennifer Profit, Josh Owens, Cheryl Green, Jonas Heath, Osbaldo Lomely  
**Anniversary** - George & Tina Rex, M/M Bill Wink, Judy & David Martin, M/M Kenneth Stewart

- September 7**  
**Birthdays** - Alice Peddy, Kim Boone, Teal Armes, J.L. Brock, Richard Montgomery, Juanita Terceo, Melvin Willis, Kermit McKee, Jennifer Whitefield, Mardell Strawn  
**Anniversary** - M/M Charlie West, M/M Jim Davis, M/M Ronnie Bullard

- September 8**  
**Birthdays** - Kevin Hart, Vernon Edens, Larry Irlbeck, Teresa Byrd, Richard Davis, Cindy Scarborough, Macy Holton, Suzanne Sanders, Beronica Borounda, Wynette Mullins, Monica Cenicerros, Linda West, Justin Tucker, Bill Miller  
**Anniversary** - M/M Roger Odegaard, M/M Clarence Zable

- September 9**  
**Birthdays** - Jantzen Dahl, Brian Kaugman, Dora Salgado, Doug Hohertz, Daiana Arjona, Kitty Edwards, Joyce Frost, Krystal Lackey, Debbie Abston, Merline Swan, Brian Payne, Merle Arthur, Alvin Byers, Tina Baumgardner, Nikki Boyd, Kitty Edwards, Dynell Vera Moore  
**Anniversary** - M/M Kyle Williams, Brad & Dodie Beedy

**Spearman ISD to collect Lowe's register tapes**

Spearman Jr. High and Gus Birdwell Elementary are proud to announce that they are once again saving register tapes for educational equipment. Register tapes can be collected from Lowes Marketplace in Spearman and redeemed toward valuable educational equipment such as computers, science, band or sports equipment and more. The program will kick off on September 1, 2005 and register

tapes can be collected until March 31, 2006.

The students and faculty of these Spearman schools would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes in order to help them receive their needed equipment. We would also like to thank Ron Gibson and his staff for making this program available to this community.



Third graders at Gus Birdwell Elementary in Spearman pose with some of the new equipment purchased with last year's Lowe's receipts. The school was able to purchase three much needed overhead projectors and two ELMO visual presentation projectors. Pictured are (L-R) Gabby Bravo, Tyann Hight, Chanz Garcia, Beau Brown, Destiny Howard and Vanessa Vela.

**Texas crop and weather report**

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Soil moisture is short to adequate. Temperatures were below average. Isolated thunderstorms were reported. Corn was rated fair to good. Dent stage was reached in 70 percent of the fields. Silage harvest was under way. Spider mites were a problem in late-maturing fields. Cotton was in fair to good condition; some bolls were open. Bollworm activity continued. Peanuts were rated fair to good. Sixty-five percent of the sorghum fields were headed. Fall armyworms caused leaf-feeding damage. Soybeans were rated fair to good. A few wheat fields were planted. Recent rains improved rangeland conditions. Cattle were in good condition.

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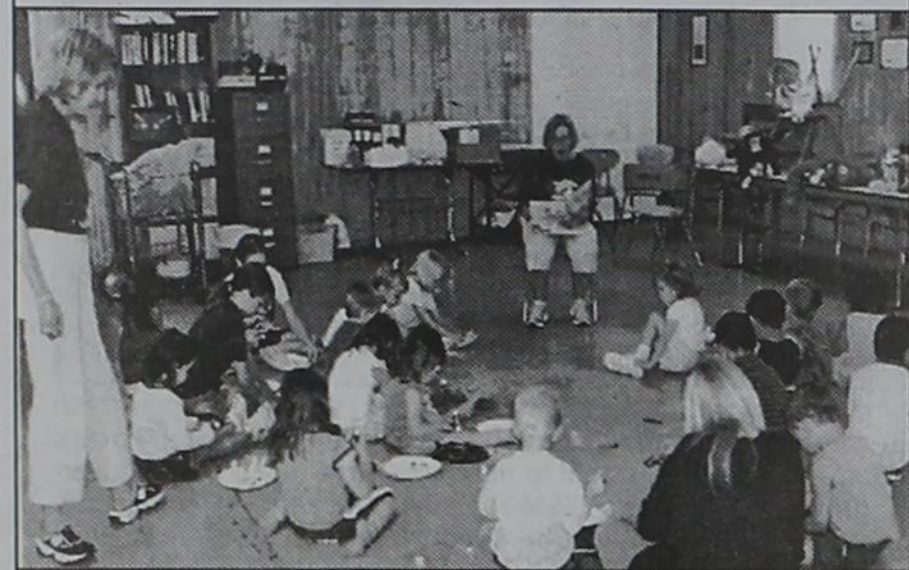


# "Go Wild...Read"

Hansford County Library in conjunction with the Community Resource Coordinator has just completed the Summer Reading Club for 2005. This year's theme was "Go Wild...Read", and all of the programs revolved around jungle animals. Approximately fifty children participated in the program each Tuesday morning in June reading stories and doing crafts about elephants, monkeys, snakes and lions.

Volunteers helping with this year's programs included Joann Tang, Timber Thomas, Hailey Tindell, Tyler Schnell, Jordan Ashmore, Jordanna Lozano and assorted parents who were kind enough to stay and assist us with our crafts. If you have never worked with a group of three year olds using glue sticks, you have missed out on a wonderful, but sticky opportunity! Each child who participated went home with a sack of treats, prizes and a fact sheet about the animal we had covered during our program. After the final program, a drawing was held for the four stuffed animals used during the Summer Reading Club. Winners of these four grand prizes were Brandi Cogdill, Slade Knowlton, Corbin Hughes and Reed Harrell. Many other participants won smaller prizes such as posters, hats, bookmarks, binoculars, etc.

Program manuals, posters, bookmarks and clip art are furnished through the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Next year's Summer Reading Club theme will be "Reading...Sport of Champions."



Hansford County Librarian Sheri Benton (seated) reads to the summer reading club participants as Cindy Blackman (standing at left) watches to see if any of them need help with their craft project. Approximately fifty participated in the program.

## Reading Tips

Studies have shown that children who get support at home in reading and learning perform better in school than those who do not.

J. David Cooper, author of Houghton Mifflin reading programs and adjunct professor of education at Ball State University offers these tips for increasing your child's vocabulary and understanding during reading and beyond:

\* Talk about the meaning of words. As you read together, help your child understand any words he may not know. Since words and illustrations in children's books are usually closely related, you can sometimes point to a picture on the page to explain the meaning of a word. Or you can show your child the meaning of a word yourself: for example, you can explain that nibble means "to eat with very small bites" and pretend to nibble on your child's finger!

\* Use new words to describe objects, places, and actions. When your child comes across a new word in a book, be sure to use it again after he is done reading. For example, "Here are some carrots for you to nibble on!" Or "Look, there's a pigeon. Remember reading about that kind of bird in your book last night?" Of course, you don't have to stick with story words. Use all sorts of new words whenever possible. Try to be specific instead of using general words. For example, if your child says, "Look how big that building is!" you might say, "That's a big skyscraper!"

\* Play story games with your child. Make up stories using new words your child has come across while reading, or simply introduce interesting words that he doesn't know yet. Don't worry if you're a brilliant storyteller, try simply looking around and describing what you see. For example, if you see someone with a suitcase getting into a taxi, talk about where that person might be going and why, let your imagination run wild. Use lots of descriptive words, and invite your child to join in!

\* Talk about your day. As you go about your daily routine, cooking dinner or fixing a leaky faucet, describe and demonstrate your activities to your child. You'll be surprised at how many great vocabulary-building words you can use, and how easily you can turn a simple chore into a fun learning opportunity! For example, you can say, "Now I'm going to mash the potatoes with a splash of milk." (Rhyming is a great vocabulary-learning tool, by the way!) Or say, "I'm going to use this wrench to tighten up this nozzle," pointing to each item as you name it.

\* Talk about the way things look, feel, taste, smell, and sound. For example, use words such as rough, squishy, bumpy, and smooth to describe objects you need look no further than the produce aisle of your grocery store! Although children can learn concrete words such as cat, dog, or house by relating them to pictures in a book, sense-related words are much easier to learn in a real-life context.

\* Choose a "word a day." Write one new word in the kitchen calendar for each day of the week, and then see how many times you and your child can use it in the course of the day. (Yes, you'll be plenty sick of it by bedtime!)

\* Have fun with words! If you enjoy language, your child will too. Instilling a love of language in your child is one of the greatest gifts you can give him or her as a learner, a reader, and a person.

Dr. Cooper is the author of LITERACY: HELPING CHILDREN CONSTRUCT MEANING, second edition; IMPROVING READING COMPREHENSION; and co-author of several other books, including THE WHAT AND HOW OF READING INSTRUCTION, second edition; and THE CLASSROOM READING PROGRAM IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. He has served as a reviewer for THE READING TEACHER, THE JOURNAL OF READING, and the yearbook of the National Reading Conference.

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# Prayer and action for hurricane victims

by Jim Wallis

During hurricanes, floods and other natural disasters, those who have the least to lose are often those who lose the most. Why?

First, the dwellings in which poor people live are not as sturdy, stable, or safe as others. "Shotgun" shacks, mobile homes, and poorly constructed apartment buildings don't do well in hurricane-force winds and tidal surges.

Second, the places where poor people live are also the most vulnerable. The rich often live at the tops of hills, the poor in the valleys and plains that are the first to flood. The living conditions in these neighborhoods are also usually the most dense and overcrowded.

Third, it is much harder for the poor to evacuate. They don't own cars, can't afford to rent them, and often can't even afford a tank of gas - especially at today's prices. They can't afford an airplane, train, or even bus ticket. And, as one low-income person told a New Orleans reporter, they have no place to go. People in poverty can't afford motel or hotel rooms, and often don't have friends or family in other places with space to spare. In New Orleans, there were many people who desperately wanted to leave but couldn't.

Fourth, low-income people are the least likely to have insurance on their homes and belongings, and the least likely to have health insurance. If jobs are lost because of natural disasters, theirs are the first to go. Poverty makes long-term recovery after a disaster more difficult - the communities that are the weakest to begin with usually recover the slowest. The lack of a living family income for most people in those communities leaves no reserve for emergencies.

New Orleans has a poverty rate of 28% - more than twice the national rate. Life is always hard for poor people - living on the edge is insecure and full of risk. Natural disasters make it worse. Yet even in normal times, poverty is hidden and not reported by the media. In times of disaster, there continues to be little coverage of the excessive impact on the poor. Devastated luxury homes and hotels, drifting yachts and battered casinos make far more compelling photographs.

The final irony of New Orleans is that the people who normally fill the

Louisiana Superdome are those who can afford the high cost of tickets, parking, and concessions. Now its inhabitants are the poor, especially children, the elderly and the sick - those with nowhere else to go. Those with money are nowhere to be seen.

As the Gulf Coast now faces the long and difficult task of recovery, what can we do?

Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco declared Wednesday a day of prayer: "As we face the devastation wrought by Katrina, as we search for those in need, as we comfort those in pain and as we begin the long task of rebuilding, we turn to God for strength, hope and comfort." She urged residents in her state to ask "that God give us all the physical and spiritual strength to work through this crisis and rebuild."

If you wish to make a contribution to help with disaster relief, contact one of the following agencies recommended by FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) or the relief organization of your choice.

**You're invited to attend a**  
**Baby Boy Shower**  
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## Thank you

Thank you  
Josephine and I would like to thank all of you who came to our 62nd anniversary party, sent cards (yes, we are still receiving cards, received one 8-25-05). We are so deeply grateful for the phone calls. We are deeply grateful for EVERY contact made.  
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Krystal Waldron & Miguel Ortega - TBA  
Nicole (Lozano) & Wesley Clymer  
Lisa Swink & Eric Vasbinder  
Regan Boxwell & Gavin Benke  
Miranda (Thoreson) & Heath Hill

## Baby Registry

Jesse & Kimberly (Boyd) Tindell - 9/10  
Clint & Brandy Sasser - 9/18  
Stephen & Lacey Salgado - 10/1  
Holly & Buster McLain  
Kathryn & Brian Mancini  
Robert & Kara (Faries) Womble  
Melissa & Steve Elliott  
Justin & Shannon Lane  
Chris & Michelle (Bass) Price  
Michelle Ochoa & Eric Zarate  
Matt & Holly Hoel

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## Happy 90th Birthday

Friends and family of Ira Harbour are cordially invited to his 90th birthday party.

Please join us at the O'Loughlin Center, 502 Brandt in Spearman on Sunday, September 4th, 2005 from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm.

Come enjoy memories and cake. Please share this invitation with any of Ira's friends or family we may have missed. No gifts please.

The children are making a memory book and would appreciate any stories, memories, photographs etc., you would like included in the book. Please send these to Ann Hialnsard, 28339 CR N, Dolores CO, 81323. Or bring them with you.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Lisa Swink & Eric Vasbinder  
Randi Atwood & D.J. Warrick

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## Baby Registry

Shannon Lane  
Kathryn (Gumfory) Mancini  
Holly (McClay) McLain

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# Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

There is so much activity going on at the Manor it looks like a bunch of ants preparing for the winter.

The Residents are practicing practicing, practicing for the upcoming Golden Senior Olympics in Guymon on Sept. 16th. One day they will practice basketball, one bean bag toss and chicken throw, one bowling, and another volleyball. (Since we are four time winners we plan to hang in there pretty tough). There are usually 8 to 10 teams from other towns to compete against so it is a lot of fun.

We also have had several Skipbo and Domino games going on sporadically here and there throughout the week.

Gladiola Flower Club hosted bingo last Monday night and the auxiliary hosted bingo on Thursday. Thank you to each of you. Bingo is a highlight of the week.

Tuesday at lunch time we had a great time. We sat a grill up on the patio outside of the activity room along with tables. Our main chef, Allen Walker cooked hot dogs for two hours! We had so many Residents and staff and visitors coming to eat with us that each time we thought that we were through, we started all over again.

We also had fresh peaches from Helen Jacobs, grapes, and water-

melon. Yum, Yum, we ate to our heart's content.

We cooked a total of 115 hot dogs and I only know of a couple that ate more than one so you can see what a great time of fellowship we had. Many thanks go out to Allen. We appreciate you!! Many thanks to Helen Jacobs too for the wonderful peaches!!

Wednesday we missed Anne, who was a little under the weather. We do appreciate her. Janie took over and played the piano and read scripture to the Residents.

They are still working on many various ceramic projects. I just get amazed. We had one Resident that has been working on the same piece for many months. She would get discouraged and try to give up and we would encourage her. It has such an intricate pattern on it that it took a long time to complete. She also thought that it just looked awful. Ceramics look so very different until they are fired and they really are not pretty. When it was finally completed and fired it came out so beautiful! When her eyes saw it, she could hardly believe it. She is so proud of it now and thankful that she stayed with it until completion.

Thursday morning we gathered in the activity room to make cream rolls. We used the rest of the peaches that Helen brought to us

and rolled them in biscuits. They were then baked, a sweet cream sauce poured over them and they were served warm for dessert at bingo that afternoon. Oh man they were wonderful!!

On top of hosting bingo on Thursday afternoon, the auxiliary also hosted the birthday party for Residents with August birthdays on Friday afternoon. They came in force with arms loaded down with pies, served and then stayed to enjoy the program that Verna Strawn provided for our entertainment.

Thank you to the auxiliary! The work that you do is so vital to helping keep the Resident lives exciting. Thank you Verna - you were great! She is so adept at entertaining that she draws the audience into the music with her and there is great interaction between her and the audience.

Many thanks also go out to our friend, Margaret Novak. She comes periodically with arms loaded down with hand made crocheted doilies and with bags full of Crazy Bunko Prizes. We appreciate you Margaret!

Thanks also go out to the Harbours for the bag full of Bunko prizes. We appreciate all of them!

# Thank You

The annual Hansford County Circle of Friends held on August 18, 2005 was a wonderful success! Circle of Friends is a non-profit volunteer organization founded to support the philosophy and goals of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center.

The purpose of the Circle of Friends is to provide cancer patients and their families with financial assistance in times of crisis and to support programs in cancer treatment, education and research. With your generosity, Hansford County Circle of Friends raised \$19,500 for cancer patients and their families!

A very special THANK YOU to the Circle of Friends Hosts and the following individuals and businesses:

**Hansford County** - Gerry Davis, Abbi Yanke, Linda Coombs, Diane McLain, Traci Venneman, Kennedy Venneman, Richard and Wanda Wagner, Paul and Barbara Stavlo, Gina Gillispie, Ed Rafferty, Deena Murrell, Joe T and Linda Venneman, Linda and Dwain Weller, Carrie McLain, Dorothy Cator,

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## Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott

### Museum Happenings

The past week has been very busy. Our exhibits are changing so we spent Friday rearranging the museum to accommodate Zella Flowers Meeks collection of stirrups. Ms. Meeks just finished a showing in Canadian at the Pioneer River Museum. If you didn't get a chance to view the collection there, you have a second chance. Venture on up to Lipscomb. The Collection will be on display through October.

On Wednesday, Norma Seals, our consultant this year from the Texas HELP program visited and led us in a discussion on our goals for the year. As mentioned previously, our focus is on Volunteers. The meeting was both entertaining and educational.

We also received a call from Kellie Sanders. Kellie has written her thesis on the 1947 tornado. She visited and interviewed more survivors of that tornado at the Higgins "Will Rogers Day" and is working on her book proposal. She is keeping us up-to-date on her progress. So stay tuned for the announcement of her book release. Her thesis is available here at the museum and at the library, if you can't wait for the book.

For the last month we have sent our letters asking our contributors to renew their loan contracts or convert them or retrieve the loaned item. To everyone who has already responded thank you very much. We have been able to correct addresses and correct our files. A Special thank you to those of you who have converted your loan to a gift. We will continue to preserve your item as a legacy to your family.

The most exciting event of the week occurred when I opened our email on Monday morning. LaVaun Kraft, genealogy detective extraordinaire has done it again. As you know we have been attempting to identify a "Grandma Bateman" who is buried in the Follett Cemetery. She had no first name and no date on her stone.

We could find no one who knew her. We had many clues and talk to allot of people but no definite answers. Sleuthing through her computer, LaVaun found her. She

is Maris (Moorhead) Bateman, born in 1828 in Ireland. She died on April 28, 1920 in Follett, Tx. She married Richard Bateman on April 24, 1848 in Canada. They had nine children. Mr. Bateman was born in Ireland, also and died in 1874 in Kansas. THANK YOU, LAVAUN. Another mystery solved.

In searching for information on Grandma Bateman, the museum ladies came up with a request of the present and future generation of Lipscomb County residents. On behalf of the future caretakers of the history of this county, we request that when you place a head stone on the grave of a beloved that you include the following information: a full name, date of birth, date of death. If a husband and wife share a stone, a date of marriage would be nice. Well another chapter closed. Next a new stone for Grandma Bateman. Wish us luck.

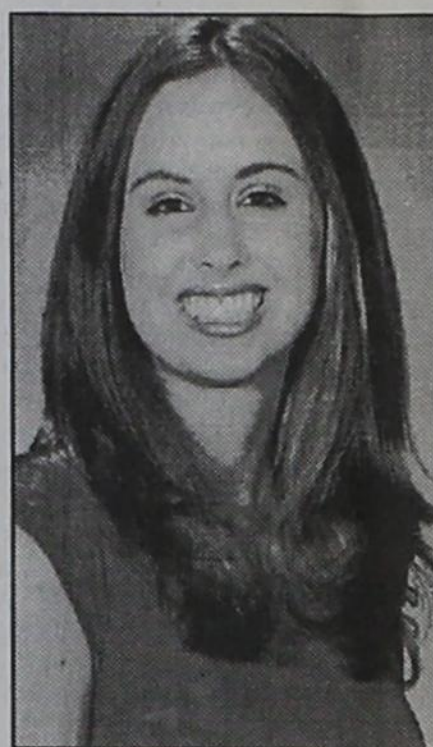
### Lipscomb County History

Jewell Dixon, "the Prairie Dog" stated in his column in August 5, 1965 that some old-timers are known for the tall tales they told. He also noted that some of these tales were worthy of preserving for future generations. The following is the tale he told about a milk cow. A farmers milk cow fell into a dug well about twenty feet deep.

"The owner called some of his neighbors to help get the cow out of the well. The family was out of water as the well was their only source of water. The neighbors put ropes on 'old bossy' and tried to pull her up out of the well. But, she was too heavy. They didn't have a block and tackle and the 40-mile trip to Higgins and back would have taken three days. They were afraid the cow would die in three days as she was swimming in the well. And besides the kids were all hollering for a drink of water. A man named Mr. Nail finally told the men to stand back and let him down in the well on a rope. He just started milking her and in about an hour the well was full and she just floated right out!"

A story worth saving. Have a good week!

## Haney attends HOBY leadership seminar



Sharon Haney

Sharon Haney recently attended the Amarillo Panhandle Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Seminar held in May in Amarillo. Sharon joined more than 100 other young leaders representing many high schools from throughout Texas.

Selected to represent Spearman High School, Sharon is the daughter of Marty and Sandy Haney. The Spearman Lion's Club was the local HOBY sponsor. HOBY Leadership Seminars bring together a select group of high school sophomores to interact with groups of distinguished leaders in business, government, education and the professions to discuss present and future issues. The goal is to provide the youth a stimulating forum for learning about the free market and democratic process while broadening their understanding of their leadership potential and quest for self-development. HOBY leaders are also challenged to return to their communities to perform at least 100 hours of community service within 12 months following the Seminar.

"The seminar challenged me to think about the world around me and what we, as the future leaders, have to do to positively influence business, government, and society," said Haney. "I also better understand that my goals and dreams are important and that leaders have extreme responsibilities in whatever walk of life they pursue."

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership was established in 1958 by the popular actor Hugh O'Brian following a visit to Africa where he was inspired by a meeting with Dr. Albert Schweitzer. "One of the things Schweitzer said to me was that the most important thing in education was to teach young people to think for themselves," O'Brian said. "From that inspiration, and with the support of others who believe in youth and the American dream, I started HOBY to seek out, recognize, and develop outstanding leadership potential among out nation's youth."

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## Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson



Lake Level--August 29, 2005--27.13 feet (-0.08)

A week ago on Monday night, Palo Duro Park began getting some rain. The first rain amounted to 1.46 inches. Later .30 inch was added in two different showers. Sunday night a rain cloud passed over the south end and dropped enough to cause puddles, but the office gauge remained dry.

Our neighbor at the Park, Rue Sanders, flew over the creeks after the rains and found that Horse Creek did receive enough water to run, but it played out before it got to the Lake.

Fishing has been slow. While fishing for catfish with perch, Charley Laxton caught a 27 inch long, 6# walleye but no catfish. Charley is particularly fond of walleye. He told Jim he would have it in the frying pan by 5 o'clock.

Saturday evening the Foster Testing Group (an oilfield service group) from Perryton had the shelter from 3:00 o'clock on.

There were 6 campers behind the dam and 3 on the office side. Some of the campers told Jim how they had enjoyed seeing the deer, wild turkeys, and the red-headed woodpeckers.

This made me wonder how long I have to get out and see the woodpeckers, as they usually migrate in the fall. According to Kenneth Seyffert in his book Birds of the Texas Panhandle I found I have until the first week in October for

the main migration. He did mention these spectacular birds had been seen in the Panhandle every month of the year somewhere.

It seems so many of the animals we have at the Park that are fun to see have a down side. Armadillos are destructive of the ground, porcupines eat the bark off of trees, and beaver cut the trees down. The red-headed woodpecker also has a down side. They enjoy a variety of food, as they catch insects in the air and also fly to the ground to eat the ants, beetles, etc. So far so good, but they also eat bird eggs and the nestlings of other birds that nest in holes. For winter they put up acorns, beechnuts, corn, and sometimes grasshoppers by hiding them under wood.

In last week's column I misidentified the PDRA board president as Jim Lane. Jack Lane and I served together on the board, and I have never had a problem with his name before. My apologies, Jack.

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## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

Last year, the Hansford County property tax rate was \$0.464529. That rate raised \$2,079,081, a portion of which was used to fund operations such as: Law Enforcement, Criminal prosecution, Judicial, Administrative and Elections, Public Service, Road and Bridge Maintenance and Fuel.

This year, Hansford County is proposing a property tax rate of \$0.493912. That rate would raise \$ 2,214,138, which is \$135,057 more than taxes imposed last year.

There will be two public hearings to consider that increase. The first public hearing will be held on September 9, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the Law Library, second floor of the Hansford County Courthouse. The second hearing will be held on September 12, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the Law Library, second floor of the Hansford County Courthouse.

You have a right to attend the hearings and make comments. You are encouraged to attend and make comments if you wish.

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## BUDGET HEARING

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Hansford County Hospital District have caused to be prepared an annual budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2005, and ending September 30, 2006, Notice is hereby given that a public hearing on said proposed budget will be held on Monday, September 12, 2005, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Hansford Hospital, 707 Roland, Spearman, Hansford County, Texas.

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# A living miracle



Kenzi Buster receives a hug from Geoffrey at Toys-R-Us during a shopping spree made provided by Make-A-Wish.

by Carolyn Cummings

Have you ever seen a living miracle? I have, and she lives right here in Spearman, Texas! Her name is Kenzi Buster, and although she is only 6 years old, she has lived a very tough life.

Kenzi was born May 30, 1999 to Niki Buster. She was born a perfectly beautiful and healthy baby. When Kenzi was just one year old she suffered her first seizure. After that she spent a lot of time in hospitals and in Doctor's offices only to learn that she is an epileptic.

Kenzi never let her disease get in her way. No way! Kenzi would just jump right up to get her blood drawn or to let them start an IV. This was to be Kenzi's life but her bright eyes and outgoing personality captured the heart of anyone she came into contact with. That's evident by all the people in Spearman and well as Indiana who know and love her.

In her short life she has had a lot of adventures. She would live with

her Mom in Indiana for a while but would long to come back to the Texas Panhandle with her Nini (Ronda Jewell) and her God-parents (Jan and Liz Hartsell). She has her extended grandparents, Memo and Poppy (Anita and Dwight Sumner), wrapped around her little finger, too.

Kenzi spent her Pre-K here at Spearman Elementary with Mrs. Sharon Kern and she lived with Jan and Liz. She spent weekends in Booker getting spoiled by her Nini, all the time spreading her love for life around.

One of Kenzi's favorite things to do was to attend her Skyler's (Sumner) sporting events with her TT, Missie Bates, right behind her. Of course, she was sure to cheer on the Spearman Lynx.

In March of 2004 while living with Jan and Liz Kenzi suffered a seizure and went into status epilepticus. Liz rushed her to the hospital where Dr. Sharma and the excellent crew at Hansford Hospital got her

intubated and medivaced immediately. After a couple of weeks Kenzi returned home to get Mrs. Kern hopping again.

In July, Kenzi went back to Indiana to live with her Mom and see other family members. While there Kenzi suffered another seizure on November 27th that didn't go as well as the one 8 months earlier. Kenzi's seizure wouldn't stop and she lost oxygen to her brain causing her to have Anoxic Brain Injury. She spent the next three months at Indiana Riley's Children's Hospital. She was on life support for some of that time and she actually stopped breathing the first time they attempted to remove life support and her heart stopped.

The doctors weren't very hopeful and encouraged the family to sign a Do Not Resuscitate. But Kenzi fought hard and was able to successfully be removed from life support on the next attempt. Kenzi spent many long days and nights struggling to stay alive as the doctors came in hourly attempting to get the family to sign a DNR. For six long months Kenzi's Nini spent every day and night with her fighting right beside her for her life.

After another 3 months Kenzi was discharged with very strict stipulations that she had to go to a long term care facility for children with much reluctance by her family. She spent two months in the nursing home (rehab for kids) while her family fought diligently to get her out. The day finally came when they were able to carry her out of the nursing home never to return again.

With this step Kenzi was able to come back to the Texas Panhandle, which she considered home. She was met at the airport by her loving extended family.

Kenzi lives with her Nini in an apartment down the street from her Liz and her Jan so they all get to share in her joy daily. Kenzi is unable to walk or to talk but she can still make your heart swell anytime you hold.

Although her Nini suffered a myocardial infarction 2 years ago and has a defibrillator and pacemaker she still takes care of Kenzi. (Nini has 15 years of nursing so Kenzi gets the best care!) It's hard for her sometimes to do some of the ADL's for Kenzi. Ronda says that she loves Kenzi and wouldn't have it any other way. And she prays for strength daily and they all share in caring for Kenzi.

Speaking of all those who help care for Kenzi here are just a few. Susan Stokes is an excellent social

worker and is Kenzi's case manager. She is always there when Ronda needs her. Ronda said, "I call her anytime and sometimes for even the stupidest questions. She (Susan) always has time for her kids." Then there's Mitzi for physical therapy and she brightens up for Steve for speech. She attends physical therapy and speech therapy two times a week. Her doctors are Doctor's Garnett and Habersang (on board for special needs). She loves the nurses at the nurse's station at Hansford Hospital. They've been involved for four years.

Kenzi now attends 1st grade in

Spearman where she is joined with her old classmates and the wonderful teaching staff, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Flowers. Mr. Dodd and Mrs. Garcia pick Kenzi up every morning for school.

This last weekend, Father Kefferly from Indiana came to see Kenzi. He had seen her there when this all first happened, and had Christened her. On this visit he also brought Holy Water for her to use.

A very special event happen just a very weeks ago thanks in part to her social worker, Susan Stokes. Kenzi got a Make-A-Wish Saturday, August 6th, she enjoyed

shopping in Amarillo and a dinner at the Red 7. The day was wonderful. Kenzi was able to receive many needed clothing items and learning toys. Kenzi was accompanied by her mom, her Nini, Liz, Jan, Missie, Jessica and Shi-Ann Bates, Skyler Sumner and Cindy Jones.

"Spearman is a wonderful place to come home to," said Ronda. "Everyday is a struggle and a joy, but Kenzi has had many prayers sent up for her and that is what keeps us going."

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**FOR** the proposal: Jack Lane, Arthur Davidson, Don Savage, Jay Goodwin, C.A. Davis, Rod Barkley, Margarete Evans  
**AGAINST** the proposal: None  
**ABSENT:** Kevin Glover, Howard Diedrichsen

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	.113321 /\$100	.102237 /\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-.011084 /\$100
Percentage decrease in rates		-9.78 %
Average appraised value	\$46,271.00	\$47,765.00
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Average taxable value	\$41,271.00	\$42,765.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$46.77	\$43.72
Annual decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted		-\$3.05
Percentage of decrease		-6.52%

**NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT OF ROLLBACK ELECTION**  
If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.



# Bankers Golf Tournament

First State Bank and Gruver State Bank sponsored the 2005 Bankers Golf Tournament on July 30th and 31st. 54 2-person teams participated.

The results are as follows.

**Championship Flight:** 1st - Billy Brown/Travis Brown, 123; 2nd (Tie) - Tim Harper/Brodie Savage and Justin Boyd/Hank Sutterfield, 124

**1st Flight:** 1st - Neal Pack/Danny Womble 131; 2nd - Mike Yanke/Derik Grotegut 131; 3rd (Tie) - David Tomlinson/Roma Tomlinson and Brant Arnes/Bart Shapley (133)

**2nd Flight:** 1st - John Irwin/Tony Shapley, 134; 2nd - Tim Cooper/Richey Thompson, 137; 3rd - Ross Donahue/Carson Womble, 138

**3rd Flight:** 1st - Cass Lasater/Butch Lasater, 136; 2nd -

Wiley Maupin/Brad Thacker, 139; 3rd - Jeff Beedy/Keith Hight, 139

**4th Flight:** 1st - David Grotegut/David Foster, 144; 2nd - Dan Odom/Dallas Henson, 146; 3rd - Freddy Walton/Damon Goodheart, 147

**5th Flight:** 1st - Mark Allen/Matt Jones 151; 2nd - Tommy Cathey/Terry Felderhoff,

152; 3rd - Ty Williams/Darell Messer, 152

Hole prizes were awarded as follows: Longest putt (2/11) - Roger Edenborough; Closest to pin (4/13) - Wiley Maupin; Longest Drive (5/14) - Roma Romlinson; Closest to pin (7/16) - Charlie Salgado; Longest putt (8/17) - Roger Edenborough

## Lynxette cross country team takes second in Tascosa meet

The Spearman Lynxette Cross Country Team competed against twelve teams and a total of 107 runners in to the Tascosa Cross Country Meet on Saturday, August 27th. They placed 2nd with 131 points in the small school division, behind Farwell's 109 team total.

"The girls did a good job on a beautiful morning in Thompson Park," commented Coach Kyle Short. "We have some improving to do, but it was great to get the season underway."

Individual results for Spearman

were as follows: 5) Tara Shields, 13:29; 22) Jessica Diaz, 14:11; 32) Christy Lang, 14:20; 38) Bond Pittman, 14:33; 40) Amy Brown, 14:38; 43) Tabatha Shields, 14:46; 74) Mattie Davis, 15:39; 89) Kylee Howard, 16:02.

The Lynxettes are ranked 4th in the state in the AA Pre-season poll.

The next meet will be at Berger, on Saturday, September 3rd. Junior High Girls will run at 8:30 a.m., Junior Varsity Girls will run at 9 a.m. and Varsity Girls will run at 10 a.m.

# Small Taxing Unit Notice

The City of Gruver will hold a meeting at 5 p.m. on September 14, 2005, at City Hall; 201 E. Broadway in Gruver, Texas, to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2005. The proposed tax rate is \$0.3521 per \$100 of value.

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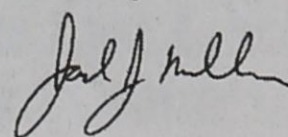
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John L. Hutchison, Attorney for the Estate 1(9-01-05)B

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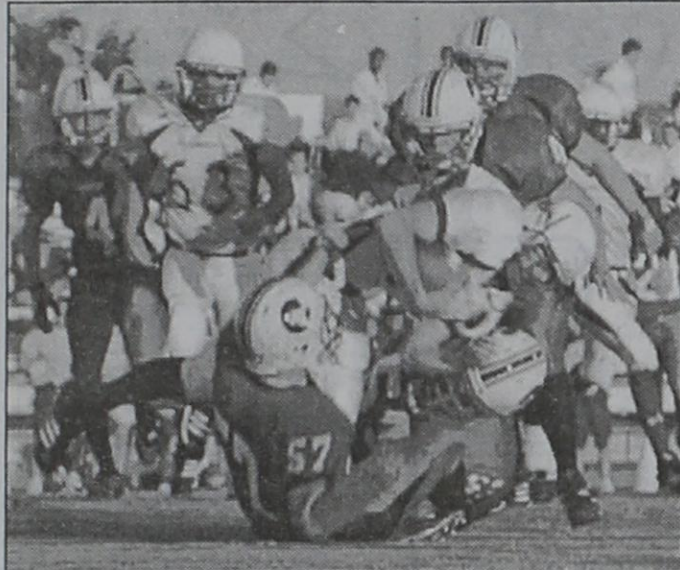


### Gruver Hounds

photos by Timber Barkley



Tyler Lane (21) runs back a 90-yard punt return for the Hounds first score of the 2005 season. He repeated the feat with a 70-yard run in the first play of the second half.



Tanner Irwin (57) and Reid Winger (53) smother the ball carrier for the Roughriders. The tackle which resulted in a loss of yards for the Roughriders.

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### Spearman Lynx

photos by Gary Smith



Quarterback Collin Gillaspie (12) makes a hand-off to Roberto Flores (22). Flores was the leading rusher for the Lynx, with 99 yards and one touchdown.



The Spearman Lynx defense closes in on Sunray's quarterback, Kevin Moore. Lynx defense making the play included Stuart Martin (45), Lance Huddleston (82), Luis Quezada (61), Rhett Renner (68) and Hernando Perez (85). The Lynx defeated Sunray 20-19.

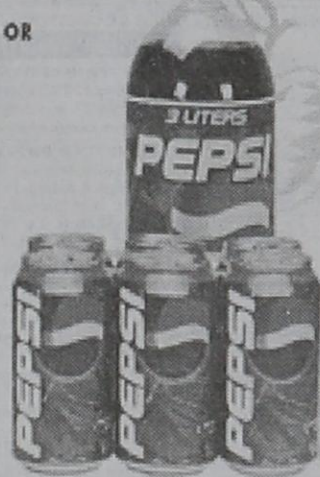
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