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IN THE NEWS

WORLD NEWS

Battles Rip Mosul
 Fierce gunbattles broke out Wednesday between Iraqi police and dozens of masked militants roaming the northern city of Mosul, killing 12 Iraqis and wounding 26 others, officials said. In Fallujah, a tribal chief said Wednesday he led a raid that freed four Jordanian hostages, while a militant group released two Turkish workers.

Detainees Refuse Hearings
 Four Guantanamo Bay prisoners have refused to take part in U.S. military review hearings, leaving a panel of officers to examine the cases without testimony from the detainees, military officials said Wednesday.

6 Iraq Hostages Freed
 A tribal chief in the turbulent city of Fallujah said Wednesday he led a raid that freed four Jordanian hostages, while a militant group released two Turkish workers after Turkish truck drivers agreed to halt deliveries to U.S. forces here.

US Makes Hostage Vow
 The United States on Wednesday issued the first in a series of coordinated statements vowing not to make concessions to hostage-takers in Iraq. While the 31 nations in the U.S.-led coalition of peacekeeping troops share the suffering of the families of hostages "we reaffirm our solidarity with the Iraqi people," the U.S. statement said.

NATIONAL NEWS

Cleanup Begins in N.C.
 Hurricane Alex, stronger than expected but sparing the North Carolina coast a direct hit, brought plenty of wind, rain and flooding to the Outer Banks, cutting power to thousands and flooding Hatteras Island's only link to the mainland.

Ferry Pilot Pleads Guilty
 A Staten Island ferry pilot pleaded guilty Wednesday to manslaughter in the crash that killed 11 commuters last October, acknowledging that he passed out at the ship's controls after arriving at work with medication in his system. A higher-up in the ferry operation also was charged with manslaughter.

Hacking Admitted Murder
 The husband of a missing pregnant woman told a "reliable citizen" witness at a psychiatric ward that he killed his wife as she slept and dumped her body in a trash bin, according to a court document filed by prosecutors.

WASHINGTON NEWS

Ridge Faces Criticism
 Ever since Tom Ridge developed the color-coded terrorist threat advisory system and first put the nation on orange alert on Sept. 10, 2002, he has faced questions and criticism about the warnings he's issued.

Officials: No Immediate Threat
 The U.S. financial institutions identified in a recently disclosed al-Qaeda surveillance operation are not believed to be at imminent risk of attack, two federal law enforcement officials with knowledge of the investigation said Tuesday.

Halliburton Settles
 Halliburton (HAL) will pay \$7.5 million to settle charges that it failed to disclose a 1998 accounting change at a time when U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney headed the company, authorities said Tuesday.

Intel Authority Sought
 President Bush and Congress must give a proposed national intelligence director and counterterrorism center sufficient authority to overcome the intelligence community's turf battles, senators said Tuesday as Congress continued to explore the September 11 commission's recommendations.

TEXAS NEWS

Plane Crash Probe in Texas
 Lakeway - The NTSB expects to issue a preliminary report on the crash that killed two children and their parents by next week, but it may be several months before investigators officially determine its cause. The plane plummeted to the ground Tuesday and smashed into a luxury home just moments after takeoff.

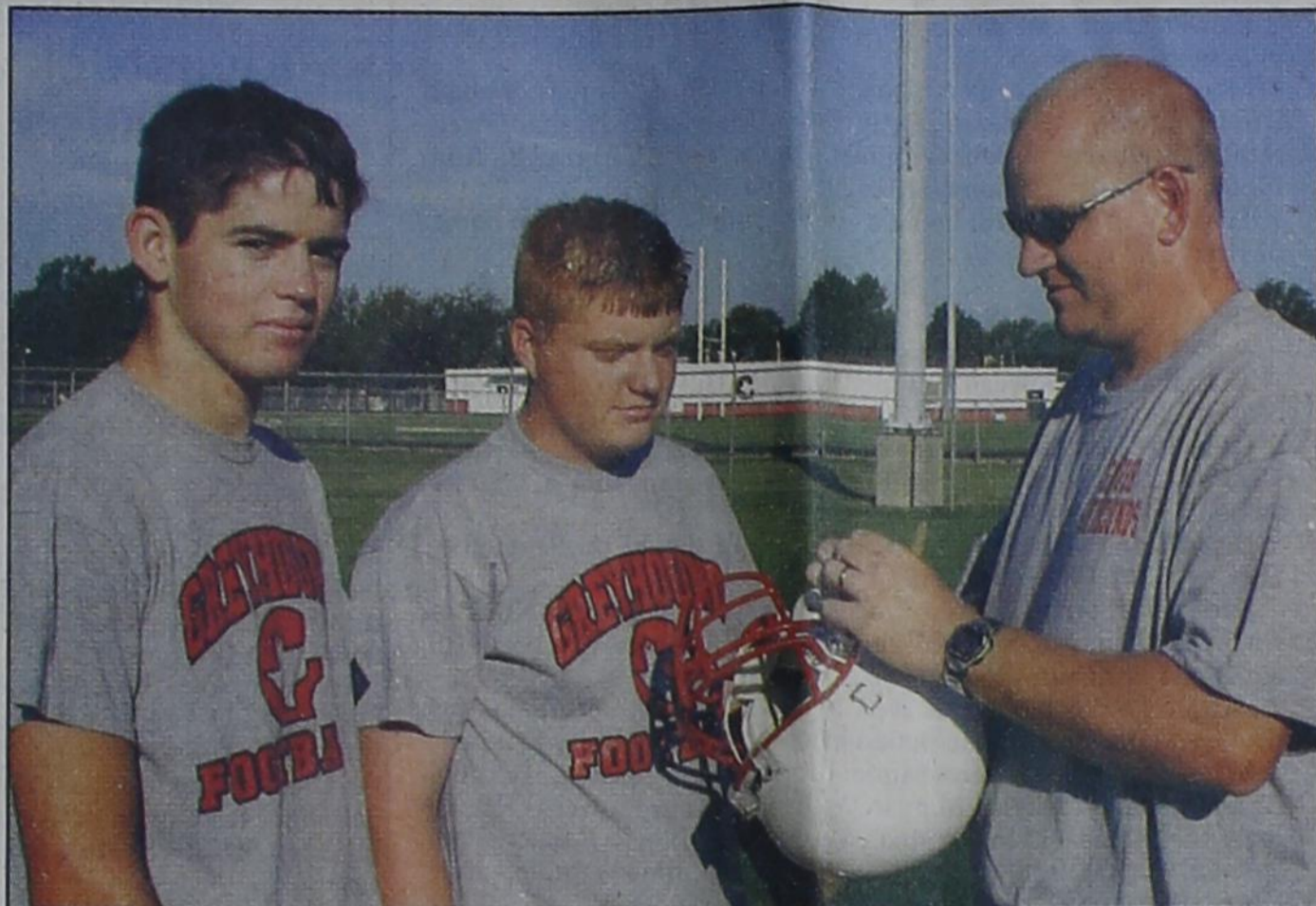
Perry Names Alcalá to TSUS Board of Regents
 Austin - Gov. Perry has named Del Rio Mayor Dora Alcalá to the Texas State University System Board of Regents. Her term will expire Feb. 1, 2009. Alcalá is a graduate of Sul Ross State University and holds masters degree in management from Webster University in St. Louis.

McGraw Chosen as Texas Director of Homeland Security
 Austin - Steven McGraw was chosen to be the state's director of homeland security. McGraw will direct day-to-day homeland security efforts among local, state and federal agencies. He's a former special agent in charge of the FBI's San Antonio office.

TX State Hospitals Run At/Near Capacity
 Lufkin - Texas is having trouble finding room for psychiatric patients in state hospitals. The Lufkin Daily News reported. The 10 state hospitals have been running at or near capacity for weeks. Last week, all new patients were sent to El Paso because every other hospital was full. State officials say hospitals can only hold as many patients as they have doctors and nurses to treat them.

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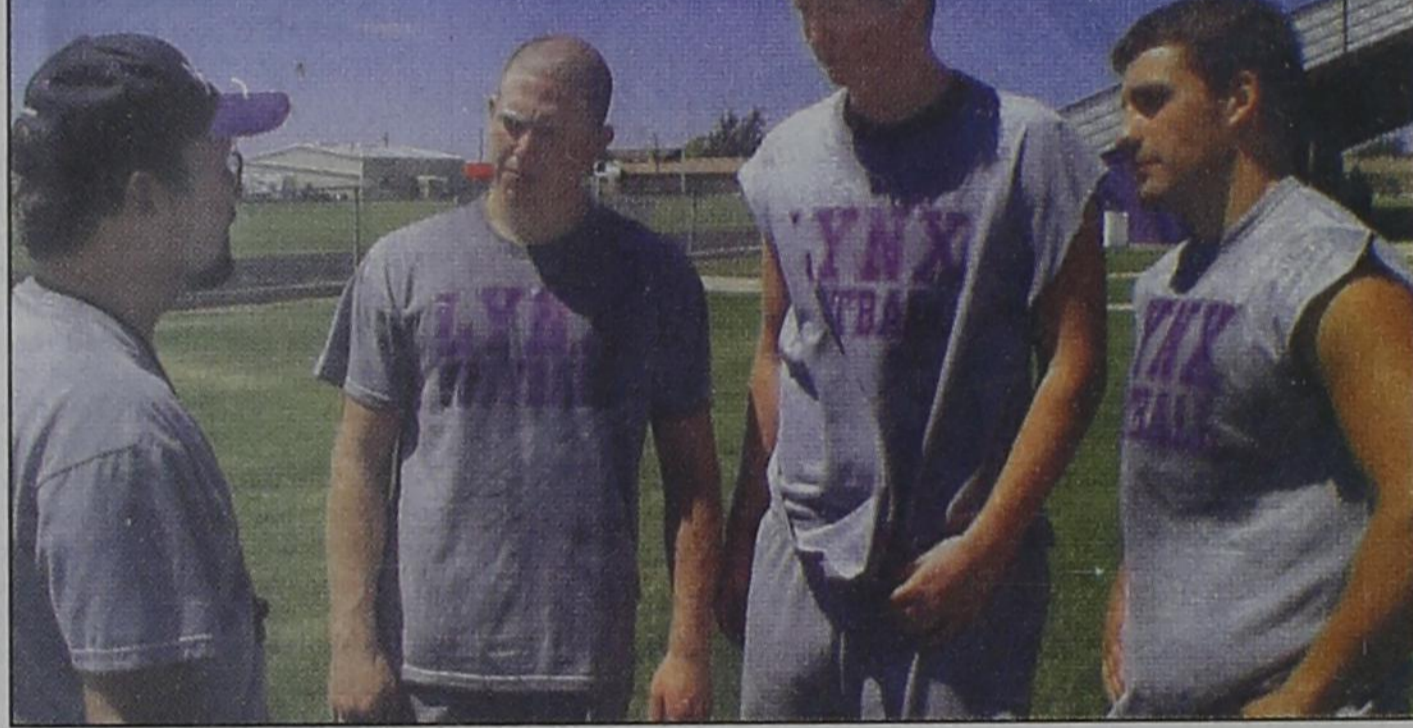


Left: Making helmet adjustments, Gruver Head Football Coach Terry Felderhoff, (far right) converses with players (L-R) Lance Williams, left, and Charlie Slough during the first practice of the 2004 season, Monday morning. A total of 31 boys reported for the opening session.

Below: Making big plans for the 2004 football season, Spearman Lynx Coach Jerry Bass, (left) goes over practice times with Lynx captains, (L-R) Wayne Gibson, Jeff Brock, and Clete Vanderburg. Football drills heralding the upcoming season began Monday for schools throughout Texas.

Hansford Students Receive Chemical Society Award

by Harletta Carthel
 Samantha Myatt of Gruver and Ashlee Flowers of Spearman High School were among ten Panhandle high school students honored at the American Chemical Society Panhandle Plains Awards Banquet Saturday. Held at the Ambassador Hotel, the banquet honored outstanding high school chemists, outstanding college chemists, and outstanding college organic chemistry students. Speaker for the event was Dr. James Marshall of Denton, Texas, who spoke "Rediscovery of the Elements." Myatt, a sophomore at Gruver High, is the daughter of Steve and Darla Myatt. Flowers, a senior at Spearman High, is the daughter of Gary and Karla Flowers.



2004 Texas Sales Tax Holiday

This year's sales tax holiday for clothing and footwear begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, August 6, and ends at midnight on Sunday, August 8. The tax break is expected to save Texas consumers millions in state and local sales taxes. This is one time hard-working Texans can keep their money in their pockets for their families' priorities.

"This is a much-needed and well-deserved tax break for hard-working Texas families," Strayhorn said. "It lets families keep more of their dollars in their pockets for their families' priorities."

Since the first Sales Tax Holiday in August 1999, Texans have saved an estimated \$193.5 million in sales tax, including \$152.7 million in state sales tax and \$40.8 million in local sales taxes.

During the Sales Tax Holiday, most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 are tax-free. Shoppers can save about \$8 for every \$100 they spend on back-to-school clothes for the kids and new apparel for the entire family.

"I remain hopeful that the Legislature will add backpacks and school supplies to the Sales Tax Holiday in the future. Texans deserve a tax break to help out with the cost of items kids are required to have for school," Strayhorn said. "I also want to expand the list of tax-exempt items to include sewing supplies for families that make their clothes, and kids' safety gear such as bike helmets and car safety seats. I want to extend the Sales Tax Holiday from three days to five days, to avoid a three-day traffic jam."

If the Legislature makes her recommended changes, Strayhorn estimates Texans will save an additional \$25 million per year during the Sales Tax Holiday.

Here are some highlights about the sales tax holiday:

- The tax holiday occurs every year on the first Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of August. Qualifying items are exempt from state sales taxes, but exemption from local sales tax is up to individual cities. This year, since no cities opted out of the holiday, qualifying items will be fully exempt from tax throughout Texas.

- Most clothing and footwear priced at less than \$100 will be exempt from sales tax. Customers will receive the break on individual items, regardless of the total amount they buy. For example, sales tax is not due if a customer buys six shirts each priced at \$99.99. But full tax is due on a shirt sold for \$100; the first \$99.99 cannot be exempted.

- Clothing and footwear used primarily for athletic activities or for protective wear are not eligible for the exemption. Customers buying golf cleats or football pads, for instance, must pay sales tax. Athletic wear that is also used for participation in other non-athletic activities can qualify for tax exemption. For example, tennis shoes, baseball caps, and jogging suits are worn during everyday activities and thus may be purchased tax free during the holiday.

- Also excluded from the sales tax holiday are accessories such as jewelry and watches; items that are carried rather than worn, including handbags, briefcases and wallets; clothing rentals, such as formal wear and costumes; and repairs and alterations.

If you have questions about the sales tax holiday, go to <http://www.window.state.tx.us> or call toll free at 1-800-252-5555.

Below is a selected list of items and their exemption status during the sales tax holiday

TAX-FREE	TAXED
Baby clothes	Accessories (generally) -
Belts with attached buckles	barrettes, elastic ponytail holders, wallets, watches
Boots - cowboy, hiking	Backpacks
Caps/hats - baseball, fishing, golf, knitted	Baseball cleats and pants
Coats and wraps	Belt buckles (without belt)
Diapers - adult and baby	Boots - climbing, fishing, rubber work boots, ski, waders
Dresses	Buttons and zippers
Gloves (generally)	Cloth and lace, knitting yarns, and other fabrics
Gym suits and uniforms	Dry cleaning services
Hooded shirts and hooded sweatshirts	Football pants
Hosiery	Golf gloves
Jackets	Handbags and purses
Jeans	Handkerchiefs
Jerseys - baseball and football	Hard hats
Jogging apparel	Helmets - bike, baseball, football, hockey, motorcycle, sports
Neckwear and ties	Ice skates
Pajamas	Jewelry
Pants and trousers	Laundering services
Raincoats and ponchos	Leather goods - except belts with buckles and wearing apparel
Robes	Pads - football, hockey, soccer, elbow, knee, shoulder
Shirts	Personal flotation devices
Shoes - sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis, walking	Rented clothing (including uniforms, formal wear, and costumes)
Socks (including athletic)	Roller blades and skates
Shorts	Safety clothing, glasses
Suits, slacks, and jackets	Shoes - bicycle (cleated), bowling, golf
Sweatshirts	
Sweat suits	
Sweaters	
Swimsuits	
Underclothes	
Work clothes and uniforms	



Firing up their grill for the Fourth Annual Paul Stavlo 7-Bar Ranch Benefit Saturday, August 7, are from left to right, Rick Cazares, C. A. Davis, Terry Sherrill, Danny Henson, Benny Wilson, Paul Stavlo, Richard Wagner, and Clay Scribner.

Paul Stavlo 7-Bar Ranch Benefit Set

The Fourth Annual Paul Stavlo 7-Bar Ranch Benefit will be held on Saturday, August 7th.

All proceeds from the annual fund raiser will be for the benefit of Mandy Lusby Evans and Toni Atwood. Evans suffers from a rare form of pulmonary hypertension while Atwood is in her second round of battling cancer.

Judging in the contest will begin at 6 p.m. with food to be served at 6:30 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish to go with ribs and brisket and their own lawn chairs.

Guests will also be treated to live music by "Still Looking for a Name Band."

Maps to the 7-Bar Ranch may be obtained at Hansford Implement, Five Star, Gruver Parts, Gruver Farm Supply, Inc. and Spearman Chamber of Commerce.

Pork ribs for the cook-off are being donated by Seaboard Farms of Guymon and Texas Farm of Perryton. Beef briskets for the event are being donated by Bezner Beef of Dalhart.

All Hansford County resi-

dents are urged to attend the fun and food event and help their neighbor at the same time.

For those unable to attend, donations can be given to Paul Stavlo or Gruver Parts in Gruver, Benny Wilson or Wanda Wagner at the Hansford County Court House., Speartex Grain, Five Star Equipment, Hansford Implement, or Spearman Chamber of Commerce. Checks may be made out to the Knights of Columbus.

Last year's event raised over \$7,000 for the Art Salazar Medical Fund.

Coming Next Week in our Back-To-School issue:

- School Calendars
- Sport Schedules
- School Information
- Back-to-School Ads

WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY - Partly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 80s. East winds 5 to 15 mph.

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. A chance of showers and thunderstorms then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Lows in the mid 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of showers and thunderstorms 30 percent.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

SATURDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

Live,
Laugh
& Love



by Catherine R. Smith
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My dear friend Cindy Walton sent me the following entitled "Moments in Life." I hope you enjoy it.

Moments in Life

There are moments in life when you miss someone so much that you just want to pick them from your dreams and hug them for real!

When the door of happiness closes, another opens; but often times we look so long at the closed door that we don't see the one, which has been opened for us.

Don't go for looks; they can deceive. Don't go for wealth; even that fades away. Go for someone who makes you smile, because it takes only a smile to make a dark day seem bright. Find the one that makes your heart smile.

Dream what you want to dream; go where you want to go; be what you want to be, because you have only one life and one chance to do all the things you want to do.

May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human and enough hope to make you happy.

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way.

The brightest future will always be based on a forgotten past; you can't go forward in life until you let go of your past failures and heartaches.

When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so at the end, you're the one who is smiling and everyone around you is crying.

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.

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Catherine :)

Minutes & Meetings

GLADIOLA FLOWER CLUB

The Gladiola Flower Club met Thursday, July 1st in the home of Estelle Jackson.

President Margarette Evans called the meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. The Treasurers report was also given. The Roll Call was answered by telling something interesting about a trip.

Dorothy Buzzard gave the program on growing Petunias, iris and Roses.

Flower arrangement was won by June Jackson. Specimen was won by Muriel Boyd.

Members present were: Dickie Allen, Muriel Boyd, Wanda Brown, Dorothy Buzzard, Betty Davis, Margarette Evans, Gwen Smith, Kathleen Sutton, Virginia Trindle, Judy Yarbrough, Ann Flowers, Estelle Jackson and June Jackson.

The next meeting will be held on July 15th at 3 p.m. in the home of Betty Davis.

GLADIOLA FLOWER CLUB

The Gladiola Flower Club met Thursday, July 15th in the home of Betty Jean Davis.

President Margarette Evans called the meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Roll call was answered with a favorite author.

Discussions were held on a field trip to be held on September 2nd.

For her program, Betty introduced Les and Jeannette Niles of Amarillo. Jeannette showed and discussed some of her beautiful quilts and intricate wood carvings.

Flower arrangement was won by Gwen Smith; specimen was won by Verna Brown; and potted plant was won by Betty Davis.

Members present were Muriel Boyd, Verna Brown, Dorothy Buzzard, Betty Davis, Margarette Evans, Ann Flowers, Estelle Jackson, June Jackson, Norma Jean Mackie, Eloise Renner, Pam Schnell, Gwen Smith, Kathleen Sutton, Virginia Trindle, Judy Yarbrough and Charlise Baker.

The next meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on August 5th at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall with Judy Yarbrough serving as Hostess.

HANSFORD HOSPICE

The Hansford Hospice Volunteers met on Monday, July 12, 2004 at Gruver State Bank in Gruver.

Doyle Jackson opened the meeting with prayer.

The meeting was called to order by vice-president June Jackson. Jo Linda Hutchison read the minutes of the last meeting, and they were approved.

The Hospice Golf Tournament was discussed. It was very successful in raising funds. Mary K. Harbour moved that we plan to have the tournament again next year, and the motion passed.

The Junior Ranch Rodeo, which was held July 10th, was discussed. No report on funds raised was given.

The Open House for the new Hospice offices will be July 22nd from 5:30-7 p.m. A sign-up sheet for cookies and people to host the open house was passed around.

The next meeting will be on August 9th at 7 p.m. at First State Bank in Spearman.

The Hospice Family picnic will be held on September 13, 2004 at Lake Palo Duro.

T.B. tests were given to all volunteers, after which the meeting was adjourned.

GRUVER ISD

In a special meeting on July 6, members of the Gruver ISD Board of Trustees met to consider and possibly approve the tax sale of a house and lots of 14-16 of Block 34.

The discussion items of the meeting was the budget workshop. In executive session, the board discussed personnel and then entered open session to take appropriate action.

GRUVER ISD

The Gruver ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session Monday, July 13, 2004 at 7:05 p.m. with members Paul Stavlo, Curt Fitzgerald, Jody Irwin, Brent Stedje, Dewayne Thompson and Superintendent David Teal present.

Absent were members Terry Sherrill. Visitors present were Doug Hartmen, Terry Felderhoff, and Debby Odom.

After a report of the needs survey from the DEIC, member Brent Stedje arrived at 7:09 p.m.

Doug Hartmen with First Southwest Company presented and discussed maintenance tax notes.

Motions passed by the board by a 5-0 count included the acceptance of fuel bids from Gruver Fuel, a change in the order of the roofing project, and the approval of the transfer student list of seven students.

Discussion items were the second reading of DEC Local, the second reading of FMG Local, the financial report and the revenue and expenditures report.

The next budget work shop was set for August 9, 2004, at 7 p.m., and the next regular meeting was set from August 24, 2004.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Hansford County 4-H Livestock Judging Team Completes Spring Season

submitted by Bret Burgin

The Hansford County 4-H Livestock team recently completed their 2004 spring season. The team kicked off the spring in San Angelo, winning the cattle division en route to a 3rd place finish. The team was paced by Bailey Reid's 2nd place overall finish and Clete Vanderburg's 8th place overall honors. Bailey's strong day included placing 1st in cattle, 5th in sheep, and 5th in reasons. Clete was bolstered by a 2nd place finish in cattle. Rounding out the team score was Tucker Williams with a 7th place finish in sheep and Nick Slough with a 5th place finish in swine.

Next, the team traveled to Clarendon. With a solid day, they notched a 2nd place finish. Nick was high on the team with honors including 3rd in sheep, 3rd in swine, and 6th overall. Bailey received the 5th place award in sheep and Charlie Slough nailed down 5th in cattle.

Deciding to expand the boundaries, the team traveled to Miami, OK, for NEO Aggie Days. Another solid day resulted in a 3rd place finish with species placings including 3rd in sheep and 4th in cattle. Clete led the way with a 6th place finish in both overall and cattle. Other team members receiving awards were Bailey with a 4th in sheep, Tucker with a 4th in swine, and Charlie with a 7th in sheep.

After a couple of warm-up contests at Seward County Community College and South Plains College, it was time for the District Contest held at West Texas A&M. In the Junior Division, Dakota Cator was 2nd in cattle while the team placed 3rd in cattle. The Senior Team had an incredible day, winning high team overall by 52 points and sweeping 1st place in every division. The competition involved members of the top two FFA teams in this year's state contest. Four of our team members earned individual honors. Clete was 3rd high overall, finishing 2nd in swine. Nick was 4th high overall, finishing 3rd in sheep, 3rd in reasons, and 5th in cattle. Bailey placed 5th overall, finishing 5th in swine. Charlie placed 2nd in sheep.

Finally, the livestock team was College Station-bound for the State 4-H Livestock Contest. After struggling through the placing portion of the contest, Hansford was in 12th place. However, the team finished strong, placing 3rd in the reasons portion, for a final overall placing of 7th. In species competition, Hansford was 2nd in cattle and 5th in sheep. The four team members were only separated by six points. High man was Charlie Slough with 543 points and a 6th place finish in reasons. Clete Vanderburg scored 541 and placed 4th in cattle and 9th in swine. Bailey Reid scored 539 and had the cleanest placing day of the team. Nick Slough scored 537 and won honors for 7th in cattle and 7th in reasons.

Members of the Senior Livestock Team are Nick Slough, Clete Vanderburg, Bailey Reid, Charlie Slough, Tucker Williams, and Austin Benton. The Junior Livestock Team is made up of Eva McCloy, Taylor Williams, Dakota Cator, Cody Benton, Mathew Jarvis, Wil McCloy, Brenna Reid, Halli Mans, Callie Stedje, and Korbin Irwin. Coaches are Bret Burgin and Burt Williams.

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Hansford Golf Club Hosts Tuesday Night Scrambles
The Hansford Golf Club Tuesday Night Scrambles are in full swing. Tee-off is at 6 p.m. each Tuesday.

Dove Brothers Quartet In Concert
Jerry Smith presents the Dove Brothers Quartet in concert at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 5, 2004 in the Borger High School Auditorium.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Orientation/Training Session
Big Brothers Big Sisters will hold an orientation/training session for new volunteers in the Bigs in Schools program on August 5th at 6 pm in the distance learning classroom at the high school.

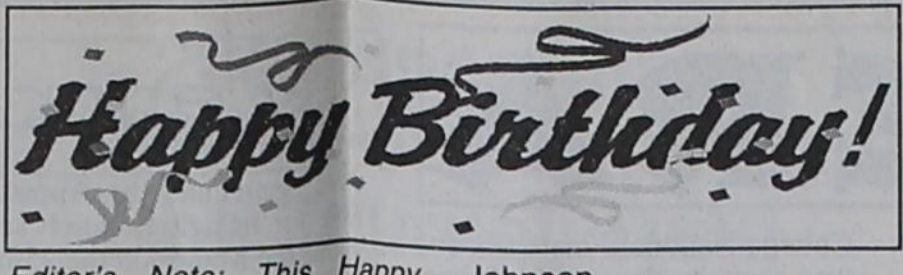
OPSU Cheerleaders Host Golf Tourney
The Oklahoma Panhandle State Cheerleading Squad will host a golf tournament August 13, 2004 at the Sunset Hills Golf Course in Guymon.

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community
Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will be gathering on Saturday, August 14th at the Waka Christian Center.

Coffee Memorial Blood Center Golf Tournament
Coffee Memorial Blood Center will host its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament Monday, August 23, at La Paloma Golf Club.

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 August 23, 2004.

Coldwater Manor Nursing Home Fund Raiser
The Coldwater Manor Nursing Home will host a fund raiser dance Friday, August 27, 2004, from 8 - 11 p.m. at the Sherman County Barn.



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.

August 5 Birthday - Chase Reagan, Beth Ann Holt, Tina Adams, Billy Miller, Shirley Stafford, Erin Boxwell, Stephen Poole, Emidia Borunda, Paul Winn, Maria A. Parra, Susan Renick, Rodney Sumner. Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. J. Garnett, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Flowers, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Sanchez, Danny & Debby Herrington, Rich & Helen Melton.

August 6 Birthday - Paul Winn, Scott Pipkin, Ladd Gafford, Carolyn Hahn, Helen Prachar, Raymie Porter, Hoyt Biles, Kathy White, Sharon Swan, Eoldia Bravo, Monica Lara, Susan Rason, Heather Gallimore, Debra McNeely. Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Murl Pearson, Mr. & Mrs. Rocky Sharp, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Stedje, Mr. & Mrs. Mack Hoel.

August 7 Birthday - Brandon Casdorff, Scott Duncan, Roy Don Gammon, Elwyn Young, Roger Odegaard, Mark Sheets, David Thomas, Marie Sparks, Cassandra Papay, Hilary Biggers, Jean Holland, Patty Sparks. Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Jacobs.

August 8 Birthday - Billy Pat Underwood, Ed Berner, Junior Vela, Hosa Casas, George Young, Frankie Dominguez, Kathy Boyd, Jenna Abernathy, Ryan Schnell. Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Garrard.

August 9 Birthday - Christopher Layton, Reba Miser, Inell Trahan, Roy Dunaway, Karla Latta, Anita Garrard, Bob Rylant, Holly Pipkin, Aurora Vela. Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Dossett, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Bevill.

August 10 Birthday - Clint Bell, Kyle Deeds, Monica Garcia, Ralph Mireles, Bob Tolleson, Jamie Gomez, David Hagar, Ronnie Burke, Tim Woodington, Chris Strawn, Karen Moyer, Danna Irlbeck, Abbey Edwards, Christopher Vela, Art Salazar. Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Lucio Vela, Mr. & Mrs. Riche Randall, Mr. & Mrs. J.L. Brock, Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Wright, Mr. & Mrs. Felipe Alvarez, Jim & Karen Johnson.

August 11 Birthday - Autumn Bateman, Jake McCullough, Clint DeArmond, Ray Robertson, Jody Rex, Dean McLain, Tootsie Scroggs, Simon Nelson, Kam Taylor, Hank Sutterfield, Tammy Herndon Murrey, Tayshia James. Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Gary Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Ervin Wright, Mr. & Mrs. Junior Crossland.

August 12 Birthday - Hix Spivey, Norma Swink, Verna Gail Keim, Angela Gaither, Judy Nelson, Randy Hargis, Julian Rodriguez Sr., Wade Nobles, Devonna Boyd, Janice Bannister, J.C. Harris. Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Saldavar.

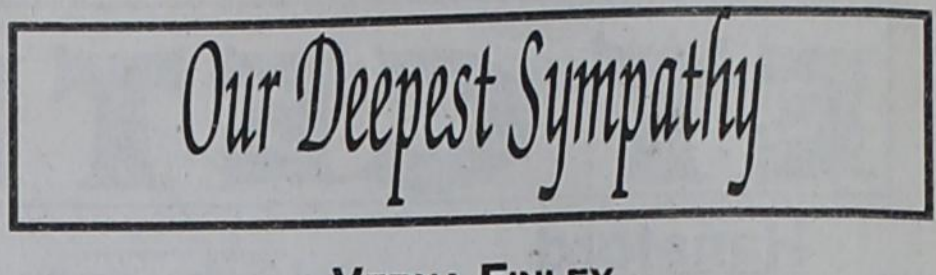
August 13 Birthday - Brendy Brown Kirkland, Mike Coomer, Denise Karlin, Charles Phillips, Blake Trantham, Wanda Jones, Max Baggerly, Anne Foster, Adrian Robertson, Lorrie Bowen, Oliver Barnes, Joe Dean Clement, Ethel Ellsworth, Jim Miller, Crystal Boyd. Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Gary Flowers, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald TeBeest.

August 14 Birthday - Leslie Latta, Jimmy Nicholson, Mike Pack. Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Monty Lusby.

August 15 Birthday - Kelly Armes, Mary Jane Henson, Ryan Winger, Buddy Gaither, Cole Umphress, Sara Butt, Ruby Burger, Vanessa Ortega, Dub Womble, John Booth. Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Billy Baker, Mr. & Mrs. David Hall, Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Murrell, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Logsdon Jr., Mr. & Mrs. James Nicholson.

August 16 Birthday - Corky Chapman, Ed Fry, Ronny Womble, Wayne Burchard, Ben Dunaway, Sandra Younger, Felix Sandaval, Chuck Eaton, Tyce Hergert, Teresa Cook, Sharon Ross, Jason Villines, Lillie Love, Kathy Love, Nicholas Vinson, Ruben Gomez, Donetta Greene, Carlos Hernandez, Alexander Davis. Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Sparks.

August 17 Birthday - Christy Brown, Guy Paul Hindergart, Allison Reid, Dean Sparks, Dodie Beedy, Delinda McLaughlin, Halee Rice, Bo Bensingier, Kimberly Boyd. Anniversary - Betty & Dub Womble, Mr. & Mrs. Danny Jackson, Mr. & Mrs. Don Allen, Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Ware, Kitty & Frank Edwards, David & Kim Swink.



VERNA FINLEY
GRUVER - Verna Finley, 90, died Tuesday, July 27, 2004, in Spearman. Services were at 10 a.m. Friday, July 30, 2004 in the Church of Christ in Gruver with Gaylord Cook officiating. Burial was in Gruver Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Perryton.

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Wheatheart Wheat & Stocker Cattle Conference
The Texas Cooperative Extension of Ochiltree, Hansford, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, and Hemphill counties are sponsoring the sixth annual Wheatheart Wheat and Stocker Cattle Conference Thursday, August 12, 2004.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. at the Ochiltree County Expo Center in Perryton. Cost of the conference is \$5.00. All are wheat and stocker cattle producers are invited to hear Extension and industry specialists cover a wide range of topics related to wheat and stocker cattle production and marketing.

Lunch will be provided and three CEU's will be offered to all attending with private commercial and noncommercial applicators license. Door prizes will be given.

For more information about the conference, contact the Texas Cooperative Extension in Ochiltree County at 806-435-4501.

Gruver

Pool to Close
The Gruver City Swimming Pool's last day of operation for the season will be Sunday, August 15.

Seal Coating Complete
Work is now complete on the Gruver seal coating project. Cooper Street and all streets running north and south and east and west between Broadway, and Seventh Streets have been seal coated. This work completes the seal coating project for the summer.

Condolences Extended
Funeral services for Verna Finley were conducted Friday at the Gruver Church of Christ with interment in the Gruver Cemetery.

Sympathy is expressed to her family which numbers three children, ten grandchildren, and 25 great grandchildren.

Community Care Concerns
Remember Rose Cassidy in prayer. She is in very serious condition as she battles a rare disease known as Scleroderma, and a less rare condition known as Reynaud's.

Spearman

Chamber Welcomes New Businesses
The Spearman Chamber of Commerce welcomes three new members, Trencor Enterprises, Liquid Control Systems, and Dairy Queen.

Eakin Vies for Title
Former Spearman resident Marty Eakin, who recently won the saddle bronc title at the

College National Finals Rodeo, was tops in the saddle bronc riding at Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo late last week. The title was not decided by press time.

Have Gators, Will Travel
Dean Coats, owner of the Texas Alligator Ranch received a warm note of thanks from the City of Amarillo and Zoo Kids Education Camp which was held July 10 in Amarillo.

In the letter, Coats alligators were termed a "big hit." This week Coats will take his alligators to the XIT Celebration in Dalhart.

Dossett Family Visits
Buddy and Becky Dossett and their daughters have made their way to the Panhandle the last two years in different ways. Last year, spent the night in Amarillo as the girls went to Girls Scout Camp there. Then last week they came to Spearman, parking their trailer at the Palo Duro Lake and also having an outing at Lake Fryer and Pampa. The group which also included Sara Dossett went to see Lone Star Rising. All in all, it was a wonderful time as the outings and weather were great.

Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks
We appreciate the Apostolic Faith for bringing church services to the Manor on the 25th. It is a blessing to us all.

Monday morning was filled with the Newscurrents program. It was concerning the Cassini spacecraft that the United States has on Saturn. It took 7 years to get it there. It has been sending back information ever since then and will be there 4 more years.

The afternoon was spent in the Activity room enjoying the Life Enrichment Class. It is being taught by Gary Smalley via video. Today's lesson was about how happiness is a choice. We all have choices. Our happiness depends on us choosing to be happy.

That evening the Auxiliary hosted bingo. Thank you to the Auxiliary. What a worthwhile organization. They do so much more than I can mention in this column. It is a great group of service oriented men and women.

If you have any time to volunteer, I know that you would enjoy the fellowship and the service of the fine men and women in this organization. For more information give Judy Nelson a call at 659-3608.

Tuesday morning was filled with a fun session of exercise. It was interspersed with music and information concerning the current dates.

The afternoon was spent in Resident Council. Many residents attended and much business was tended to. Afterward, we all went outside and enjoyed the beautiful courtyard. Thank you to everyone that has donated to the Empty Stocking Fund. The automatic door opener has been installed and the improvements made benefit all of the residents. They enjoy the freedom that it gives to go outside and enjoy the flowers,

water fountain and the beautiful gazebo and decorations in the back courtyard.

While we were out there we listened to music on a CD that was made by our little friend from Amarillo that comes to sing. He has been out a while with hip surgery. The residents have been so concerned about him that we just picked up the phone and gave him a call. Several different residents talked with him and wished him well. I know they felt better and I am sure that he felt better knowing that we were thinking about him.

Wednesday morning Ann Whitaker led a wonderful Bible study lesson in the living room. While she fed the soul, we fed the body with delicious donuts fresh from Kountry Donut. Thank you, Ann! Hope we get fat both places!

That afternoon we worked on ceramics. There are many beautiful pieces turning from ugly ducklings to swans.

Thursday morning the residents had a great exercise program to some really fun country-western swing music. Everybody enjoyed it so much that they worked up a good sweat (or was that just Jamie?).

The afternoon was spent playing bingo hosted by the Auxiliary. Thank you to the Auxiliary. It is nice to see their smiling faces.

Friday morning we had a great game of kickball followed by going outside to enjoy the fresh air.

That afternoon we had a great time at the monthly birthday party. The Auxiliary brought a host of wonderful, home made pies that were served to the residents.

Corsages were furnished to the birthday people by Prairie Gardens. Thank you for the beautiful lilac carnation corsages!

Music was furnished by Joel Lee Lackey, Jr. Sparks, Richard Kirk, and Janie Kunselman. We enjoyed their music so much! Different people just could not stay seated. First one would dance, then another, then another. I danced a few rounds myself with W.E. Sparks, Alton Ellsworth, and of course, old WillHe. The band plays beautifully and the whole population of residents and staff alike enjoy it.

Thank you guys for giving so much of yourselves. Which brings me the thought of Charles Brillhart. We just want to say to Charles--hi-hope all is going well with you and we miss you!!! Come see us sometime!!

One other thing I wanted to mention is on Friday, the 6th, we are having a dog show. It should be a lot of fun if you want to come up and join in with us.

OOPS- just one more thing--HI HELEN-DROP US A LINE SOMETIME!!

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Please join us for a **Bridal Shower** honoring **Laura Pearson** bride-elect of Jason Whitson on Saturday, August 7, 2004 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the home of Mollie Holton 705 Wilmeth Dr. • Spearman, TX

Helen Prachar is celebrating a milestone birthday in August - 80! Helen and Ray Prachar and their family moved to Hansford County in the summer of 1957 and have lived in Spearman since 1959. Helen was a nurse at Hansford Hospital and various doctors' offices and other health care facilities until her retirement just 7 short years ago.

Please share this special time with "Granny Prachar" at the O'Loughlin Center on Saturday, August 7, 2004 between 2 and 4 p.m., hosted by her five children. Refreshments will be provided - no gifts, please.

This day I will marry my best friend the one I laugh with, live for, love **Lindsay Catherine** daughter of Mrs. D. Linda Korell and **Robert Vinson** son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Schnell hope that you will join in the celebration on Saturday, the seventh of August two thousand and four at two o'clock in the afternoon Kingswood United Methodist Church 4801 South Austin • Amarillo, TX Reception following ceremony

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Please join us for a **Bridal Shower** honoring **Marsha Brown** bride-elect of Jason Swink on Saturday, August 7, 2004 from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Richey Thompson 1104 Linn Dr. • Spearman, TX

Please join us for a **Bridal Shower** honoring **Brea Archer** bride-elect of John McDaniel on Sunday, August 8, 2004 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church 123 S. Bernice • Spearman, TX

Please join us for a **Wedding Shower** in honor of **Denise (Paschel) & Andrew Cummings** on Wednesday, August 11, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. in the home of Dennis & Judy Nelson 130 Nelson Rd. • Spearman, TX

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by Dorothy Hudson

Out At The Lake

Lake Level--August 2, 2004--36.29 feet (down 5 inches this week)

Rue Sanders and Billy Miller, bearing gifts of corn for the ducks and squirrels, visited the Park this week. The four white ducks come running at the possibility of food, but the other two, who hang together, are more shy.

In the foursome, three of them are new ducks. Jim says the squirrels are all over the Park, but he rarely sees more than one or two at a time. They are enjoying the big crop of black walnuts. Billy said his walnut crop in Spearman froze out.

Fishermen have been catching some crappie and bass from boats, water wagons, and tubes. Charley Laxton has given Jim a fishing calendar. Starting with last Saturday, there are five continuous days that are marked as excellent for fishing.

A new Scout Troop from Texhoma camped out in Johnnie's Park this weekend. There were 8 or 10 boys with 3 leaders. One of the skills taught the boys was how to rig a shower using a big jug of water heated by the sun.

Saturday night there were 5 campers back of the dam and

several on the office side. There were tent campers, too.

This year the most regular campers have been Burl and Sammie Still from Tyrone, OK. This retired couple drive their motor home to the Park every two or three weeks and then stay three to five days. They do not fish, but they do bring bicycles and use them around the Park.

One of the campers who likes to get up early and hike the Nature Trail was delighted to see a whitetail doe with triplets last week.

In an article in the Livestock Weekly on July 22, Coyotes Still Worst Predator in N.M. Despite Wolf Program, I learned that chocolate and tea are known to be highly toxic to dogs, so the Wildlife Services of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture are studying ways to control coyotes with chocolate and tea. The chemical is theobromine which is similar to caffeine.

As you can guess, if you have bought a Hershey bar lately, this method of killing coyotes, although more humane than other toxins, is too expensive. The biologists are studying the by-products of the cocoa manufacturing process to see what they can come up with.

2004 Spearman Chamber of Commerce Golf Tourney Held

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce hosted its 2004 Golf Tournament July 31 and August 1.

Hank Sutterfield, Eddie Clemmons, Bob Hohertz, and Billy Kelly took the first place championship flight while Danny Womble, Troy James, Mark Schoenhals, and Trace Worley captured second place.

Damon Goodheart, Trent Goodheart, Don Schroeder, and Blaine Schroeder won first place in the first flight with Damon Sibley, Cass Lasater, Bret Burgin, and Butch Baker taking second place.

Winners of the hole prizes were: #10 Closest to the Pin, second shot: Tanner Hand, \$50 gift certificate donated by Five Star Equipment; #2/11 Closest to the Pin, second shot: Bob Hohertz and Mark Schoenhals, \$25 Hansford Bucks donated by Trencor Enterprises; #3/12 Shortest Drive: Trent Goodheart, hand-painted table donated by Gemini Designs; #4/13 Closest to the Pin: Matt Jones, weed eater donated by Hansford Implement; #5/14 - Longest Putt: Troy James, hand painted chest donated by Linda Coombs; #6/15 Closest to the Pin, second shot: Captain Mike Cudd, cooler of drinks donated by Dollar General; #7/16 Closest to the Pin: Everybody received caps and others received additional prizes donated by Prairie Motors; #8/17 Free Food for All, donated by First State Bank; #9 Longest Drive: Hank Sutterfield, \$50 Hansford Bucks donated by First National Bank along with gold tees for everyone; #18 Longest Putt: Danny Womble, gift basket from Grammy's Gifts and gift certificate to 3J Beef donated by Hansford County Farm Bureau (Jason Cantrell).

Other hole sponsors and prizes were: #3 Interstate Bank - sack of goodies for everyone; Spearman Dairy Queen - \$15 gift certificates for the youngest golfers (Trent Goodheart, Blaine Schroeder, Skyley Sumner). Oldest golfer was Bob Hohertz who received a club scrubber and golf multi tool from Alco.

Gary Flowers won Lowe's bottled water and coozies for everyone with the Best Shot Sunday on #7/16.

Other donors were B&B Sales, note pads for everyone; Hansford Vet Clinic; Dreamers Salon; Brown, Graham, and Company; Gigot Agra Products; Cargill, Inc.; Boxwell Brothers; and Liquid Control Systems.

Texas Crop, Weather Report

by Ellen Klostermann

Despite the challenges caused by weather conditions and lower-than-normal prices, cantaloupes in Texas are pulling through, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

Tommy Dominguez, Extension agent in Reeves County, said cantaloupes in that area are doing well.

"There are about 500 acres planted in Reeves, and harvest is complete," he said.

The lack of delays at spring planting time helped the crop get a jump start, Dominguez said.

Although some people say Pecos cantaloupes are sweeter, it is really just a matter of opinion, he said, adding warm weather helps ripen the fruit and make it sweet.

At harvest time, rain caused a few delays but not enough to damage the crop significantly.

"Right now yields and quality are good," Dominguez said.

"Overall Pecos cantaloupes did very well. Blue Bell even introduced a new flavor of ice cream using Pecos cantaloupes, so you know they are going to be very sweet," he said.

Cantaloupe harvest in other parts of the state is also coming to a close.

Jose Pena, Extension economist in Uvalde, said cantaloupe harvest went very well there.

"There was a lot of rainfall in April which did cause some delays. However, yields and quality were not greatly affected," he said.

Normally yields are about 450 cartons per acre. The extra rain reduced yields to about 400 cartons per acre.

Prices were also a little bit lower this year. Sometimes cantaloupes will sell for around \$11 per box. This year, producers received about \$8 to \$8.50 per box, Pena said.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: soil moisture is short to adequate. Mid-week isolated thunderstorms brought some rain across the area. Most corn has tasseled and is rated fair to excellent. Spider mite infestations are light. The sorghum crop continues to head and is rated fair to good. Peanuts are pegging and are rated fair to good. No pest problems have been reported. Range conditions vary from very poor to excellent with most areas rated fair to good. Cattle body conditions are good. Horn flies and mosquitoes continue to pester cattle.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Pringle-Morse CISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM 08/10/2004 in Pringle-Morse CISD School Cafeteria Morse, TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.50000	\$0.00000*	\$1.50000	\$12,421	\$350
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.110100	\$0.000000*	\$1.110100	\$12,448	\$342
Proposed Rate	\$1.400000	\$0.000000*	\$1.400000	\$15,673	\$342

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or bond. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$22,959	\$24,815
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$2,959	\$4,815
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.500000	\$1.400000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$44.38	\$67.41
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$0.00	\$23.03

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.122600. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.122600.

Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,375,707
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Spearman Independent School District will hold a public meeting August 16, 2004 at Spearman High School Library, 403 E. 11th Avenue, Spearman, Texas 79081 at 7:00 p.m.. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.50000	\$0.1109*	\$1.6109	\$4,941	\$1,747
Rate to Maintain Same level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.9956	\$0.0000*	\$0.9956	\$3,793	\$2,554
Proposed Rate	\$1.5000**	\$0.0000*	\$1.5000	\$4,042	\$2,924

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or bond. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.
** 39.14 cents of the Maintenance & Operations tax rate represents taxes for maintenance tax supported debt (which is required to be treated as debt and not for operations) in accordance with Section 45.108 of the Texas Education Code.

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$37,954	\$39,751
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$22,993	\$24,751
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.8109	\$1.5000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$370.39	\$371.26
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.87

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an Election is \$1.50. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.50.

Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$617,855
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0



Eight Gruver FFA members attended the State FFA Meeting. They were (L-R): Cason Finley, Travis McDowell, Vicki Vela, Jessica Montgomery, Timber Barkley, Jimmilee McCloy, Chandler Miner, and Tanner Sherrill.

Gruver FFA Members Attend State Meeting

Gruver FFA members Timber Barkley, Cason Finley, Jimmilee McCloy, Travis McDowell, Chandler Miner, Jessica Montgomery, Tanner Sherrill, and Victoria Vela attended the 78th annual Texas FFA Convention in Fort Worth July 13-16.

A total of 8,818 FFA members and guests registered at the convention. They represented 970 FFA chapters.

Members of the group spent the week attending leadership workshops, participating in events and activities, being recognized for their achievements and serving as the legislative body for the Texas FFA Association.

Lt. Governor David Dewhurst brought remarks during the convention and the popular music group Cross Canadian Ragweed performed a private concert during the week.

More than one million dollars in scholarships was awarded to FFA members and approximately 1,200 members received the Lone Star FFA Degree, the highest degree of active membership bestowed by a state FFA association.

The theme for the convention was "Living the Dream." "We hope that this year's theme will encourage FFA members to live their dreams and work to accomplish the goals they set for themselves and their FFA chapter," Tobin Redwine of Lazbuddie, Texas FFA President said.



Jessica Montgomery receives her Lone Star FFA Degree.

Hansford Youths Attend Citizenship Seminar.



Ben Williams of Gruver and Jenna McElroy of Spearman attended the 41st Annual Texas Farm Bureau's Citizenship Seminar.

Ben Williams of Gruver and Jenna McElroy of Spearman recently attended the 41st annual Texas Farm Bureau's Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo.

Sponsored by the Hansford County Farm Bureau, they were among approximately 300 high school junior and senior students from over 150 counties across the state.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage and capitalistic free enterprise system,

according to Danny Womble, President of the Hansford County Farm Bureau.

The students participated in a program called "Congressional Insight," which allowed them to simulate a Congressional office and election.

David Vernon of Lubbock Christian University presented sessions on "Basics of Free Enterprise," and Ronald Trowbridge, presented "The Constitution."

The student also participated in a panel discussion led by Trowbridge and Vernon fol-

lowed by a question and answer session on "Our Rights, Our Freedom, Our Responsibility."

The students were entertained on Tuesday evening by Neal Jeffrey of Dallas, a humorist and motivational speaker. Damon Whaley of Dalhart, former TFB Talent Find Contest winner, provided special entertainment as a musician, comedian, and impressionist.

Clebe McClurdy, a motivational speaker, challenged the students to "Press on Regardless" at Thursday evening's banquet

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Andrews Family Gathers

Thirty-seven members of the Andrews family gathered Sunday, August 1, at the O'Loughlin Center for their 46th annual reunion.

Billy and Cynthia DeArmond were chairpersons for the event. Jerry Womble offered a prayer for family members who were not able to attend due to illness or injury, followed by a moment of silence for those loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord, including Mable Jameson, Myrtle DeArmond, Louella Andrews of Guymon and Henrietta Andrews. Jerry then gave the blessing for the meal, which the family enjoyed together.

Following the meal, Billy DeArmond called the meeting to order, Ann Riley Northcutt read the minutes of the 2003 reunion. Discussion items included the restoration, renovating, and repairs of family pictures, memorabilia, and grave sites. Committees were appointed to address each of the needs.

Hal and Jeannie Bennett and Bob and Susie Womble were selected to serve as chairpersons for the 47th annual reunion in 2005.

Pat Northcutt served as auctioneer during the evening for items brought by family members. Some items were handcrafted, and some were family heirlooms such as the butter mold of Henrietta Andrews brought by Billy and Cynthia DeArmond.

Newlyweds Courtney and Ty Womble sang for the group with Ty providing accompaniment on guitar.

Gifts were presented to Lola Newcomb and Dora Womble as the oldest living siblings of the original 10 Andrews children.

Lloyd and Treva Haney of Pritchett, Colorado received the award for traveling the farthest. Tara and Robert Womble were also noted for their travel from Stephenville, TX. Man Womble, three month, ten - day old son of Chris and Gail Womble was the youngest family member present.

Later in the evening many family members reminisced in the home of Lafe and Myrtle (Andrews) DeArmond.

HANSFORD COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

This notice concerns 2004 Property tax rates for HANSFORD COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$1,510,328
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$1,510,328
Last year's tax base	\$353,994,531
Last year's total tax rate	0.426653/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
This year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$1,508,309
This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$445,305,618

= This year's effective tax rate	0.338713/\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	0.348874/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$1,508,309
This year's adjusted tax base	\$445,305,618
= This year's effective operating rate	0.338713/\$100
x 1.08= this year's maximum operating rate	0.365810/\$100
+ this year's debt rate	0.000000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.365810/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	0.365810/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease
If HANSFORD COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.338713 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2003 taxes by \$7,613.

Schedule A: Unencumbered Fund Balances: General Fund
The following estimated balances will be left in the units property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation	\$0

Schedule F - Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures
The Hansford County Hospital District spent \$32,916 from July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003 on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is 0.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 14 NW Court, Spearman TX 79081.
Name of person preparing this notice: Helen Dry, RTA
Title: Tax Assessor-Collector
Date prepared: July 28, 2004

2004 Property Tax Rates in HANSFORD COUNTY

This notice concerns 2004 Property tax rates for HANSFORD COUNTY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Special Road
Last year's tax rate:		
Last year's operating taxes	\$1,551,545	\$364,150
Last year's debt taxes	\$0	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$1,551,545	\$364,150
Last year's tax base	\$353,996,306	\$351,204,164
Last year's total tax rate	0.438294/\$100	0.103688/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:		
This year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$1,549,467	\$363,653
This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$445,308,804	\$442,552,012

= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.347953/\$100	0.82171/\$100
Total effective tax rate	0.430124/\$100	

x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	0.443027/\$100	
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This year's rollback tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$1,549,467	\$363,653
This year's adjusted tax base	\$445,308,804	\$442,552,012
= This year's effective operating rate	0.347953/\$100	0.82171/\$100
x 1.08= this year's maximum operating rate	0.375789/\$100	0.888744/\$100
+ this year's debt rate	0.000000/\$100	0.000000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.375789/\$100	0.888744/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	0.464533/\$100	

Statement of Increase/Decrease
If HANSFORD COUNTY adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.430124 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2003 taxes by \$9,661.

Schedule A: Unencumbered Fund Balances: General Fund
The following estimated balances will be left in the units property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation	\$1,247,793

Schedule D - State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)
The Hansford County Auditor certifies that Hansford County has spent \$0 in the previous 12 months beginning 07/31/2003, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Hansford County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

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Summer Crops, Research Shine at Bushland Field Day, August 31st

At this year's Summer Crops Field Day on Aug. 31, potential solutions to production problems will be presented, say event planners.

Field day hosts include the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, West Texas A&M University Division of Agriculture, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service Conservation and Production Research Laboratory.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Field tours will begin at 9:15 a.m. with scientists, engineers and Extension specialists discussing their latest research. The tours will include:

- Studies comparing planting sorghum in clumps versus single seed per hole by Drs. Bob Stewart and Clay Robinson, West Texas A&M University;

- Decisions on sorghum variety, planting date and location for dryland sorghum by Dr. Louis Baumhardt, U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service Conservation and Production Research Laboratory at Bushland;

- Automated sprinkler irrigation of soybean with infrared remote sensing technology by Drs. Steve Evert and Troy Peters, USDA-ARS;

- Subsurface drip irrigation designs for better crop establishment by Dr. Paul Colaizzi,

USDA-ARS;

- Comparison of subsurface drip and spray irrigation for early maturing cotton by Colaizzi;

- How to use the Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory to identify crop pathogens by Dr. Charles Rush, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station;

- Dryland cotton and grain sorghum production systems by Dr. Judy Tolk, USDA-ARS;

- Forage sorghum production: variety selection, seeding and nitrogen rate considerations by Dr. Brent Bean, Cooperative Extension and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station; and

- High Plains evaluation of new drought-tolerant corn hybrids for yield and water-use traits by Dr. Bill Payne, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station;

At noon, Dr. John Sweeten, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station research director, will welcome participants and Don Topliff, West Texas A&M Ag Division head will serve as moderator. State Rep. David Swinford, member of the House Agriculture and Livestock Committee, will provide a legislative update on issues of interest to agriculture and the Panhandle.

The luncheon will feature a keynote address on agricultural and area economic conditions.

Dr. Nolan Clark, director of

the USDA Laboratory at Bushland, will discuss the research milestones achieved during the past 50 years since the founding of the Agricultural Research Service.

In the afternoon, producers will have additional opportunities to see ongoing trials for weed control in sorghum and corn, forage sorghum and silage variety studies, and more, according to co-chairs, Drs. Robert Schwartz, USDA-ARS and Bean.

Continuing education units will be available for Texas certified crop advisors (2.5 CEUs) and Texas Department of Agriculture licensed pesticide applicators (2 CEUs).

For information, contact Bean at (806) 677-5600 or Schwartz at (806) 356-5762.

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Hansford County Schools Announce Class Registration Schedules

Hansford County Schools have announced their class registration schedules. Times are listed by campus.

Gruver Elementary
New Student Registration - Tuesday, August 10, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1-3 p.m.

Hot Dog Meal and Meet Your Teacher Day - Friday, August 13, at time to be announced. May bring school supplies at this time.

Gruver Junior High
New Student Registration - Tuesday, August 10, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1-3 p.m.
Schedules to be given on first day of school.

Gruver High School
New Student Registration - Tuesday, August 10, from 9 a.m.

to 12 noon and 1-3 p.m.
Student Schedule Pick Up: Freshmen - Wednesday, August 11, 9-11 a.m., Sophomores - Wednesday, August 11, 1-3 p.m.; Juniors - Thursday, August 12, 9-11 a.m., Seniors - Thursday, August 12, 1-3 p.m.
Athletes may pick up schedules after morning practice.

Pringle-Morse CISD
New students may register in the office from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday-Friday. For more information, call 733-2507.

Spearman Elementary
New Student Registration: Thursday, August 12 from 1-3 p.m.
Class Rosters will be posted before open house on August 12.

Open House: Thursday, August 12 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Spearman Junior High
New Student Registration: Thursday, August 12 from 9-11 a.m.

Schedule Pickup - Thursday August 12 from 1-3 p.m.
Open House: Thursday, August 12, 6-7 p.m.

Spearman High School
New Students to the District Registration: August 6 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Student Schedule Pick Up - Friday, August 6: Freshmen, 8-9:30 a.m.; Sophomores, 9:30-11 a.m.; Juniors 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Seniors 1-2:30 p.m.
Open House: Thursday, August 12, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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