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**IN THE NEWS**

**Violence overshadows Gazar handover plans**  
 Violence erupted in Jerusalem and the West Bank on Wednesday just as Israeli and Palestinian leaders said plans were taking shape for a peaceful handover of the Gazar Strip next month.

**A pivotal moment for 'axis of evil'**  
 US Attitudes toward Iran and North Korea may be doing an about-face as Tehran talks tough and Pyongyang softens its line.

**U.S. hopes Israeli withdrawal will push "roadmap"**  
 The United States hopes Israel's withdrawal from Gazar and parts of the West Bank will "re-energize" talks between the Palestinians and Israel on tough issues, a senior U.S. official said on Wednesday.

**Iraq Shi'ite militias fight as splits emerge**  
 Fighting broke out in Baghdad and the holy city of Najaf late on Wednesday between rival Shi'ite militias, kindling fears of a renewed uprising by radical cleric Moqtada al-Sadr against the U.S.-backed government.

**US teen actress missing, may be a runaway**  
 A 16-year-old actress who starred in the 2004 film "Sleepover" and appeared in the television show "Gilmore Girls" has vanished and is considered a runaway, police said on Wednesday.

**California court affirms gay parenting**  
 California court affirms gay parenting Ruling sets responsibilities, rights of homosexual parents but spurs backlash by same-sex marriage opponents.

**Calif. to sue more drug makers for price-gouging**  
 California's attorney general plans on Thursday to add "a significant number of companies" to an earlier lawsuit accusing two major drug makers of overcharging for medicine used to treat the state's indigent patients, a spokeswoman said on Wednesday.

**US base panel closes some, spares others**  
 A U.S. review panel altered the Pentagon's military base closure plans on Wednesday, sparing America's oldest submarine base at Groton, Connecticut, and its first Naval shipyard, in Maine.

**Tiny Tibet feels squeeze from giant neighbors**  
 Tibet is one of the most isolated regions in the world, a mass of mountains and plateaus so high they are better suited to yaks than humans.

**Stocks fall as oil climbs to new record**  
 U.S. stocks fell, wiping out earlier gains, on Wednesday after crude oil sprinted to a new all-time high price, raising fears consumer spending and corporate earnings will be impaired later in the year.

**Ebbers to be sent to Louisiana prison-court papers**  
 Prison officials have told former WorldCom Inc. chief Bernard Ebbers that he must serve his 25-year sentence at a medium-security prison in Louisiana -- not the low security facility near his Mississippi home he had requested, according to court papers.

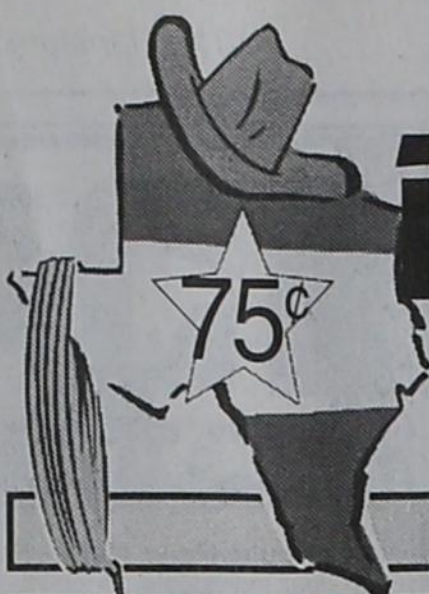
**Peruvian crash stirs tales**  
 Trudging through knee-deep mud in a hail storm, at least 58 people managed to escape a flaming Peruvian airliner that splintered as it crash-landed in the Amazon jungle, killing 37. One aviation expert called it a "miracle" that so many walked away.

**Katrina aims for Florida**  
 Tropical Storm Katrina threatened to dump more than a foot of rain on parts of water-logged Florida as it approached the state Wednesday, with forecasters expecting it to strengthen to a weak hurricane before hitting the coast. Katrina was expected to strike Florida's east coast early Friday.

**Gas busting budgets**  
 Soaring gas prices are slamming cities, school districts and sheriff's departments across the USA, forcing local governments to scrimp, save and borrow to pay the price at the pump. In the end, it will be the taxpayers who pay the price.

**Heating costs may soar**  
 The run-up in crude oil prices already has sent gasoline prices to record levels nationwide and will probably lead to a spike in home heating costs.

**Study: Minority drivers fare worse**  
 Black, Hispanic and white motorists are equally likely to be pulled over by police, but blacks and Hispanics are much more likely to be searched, arrested and subjected to force, a Justice Department study found. The Bush administration chose not to publicize the study, which was completed last April.



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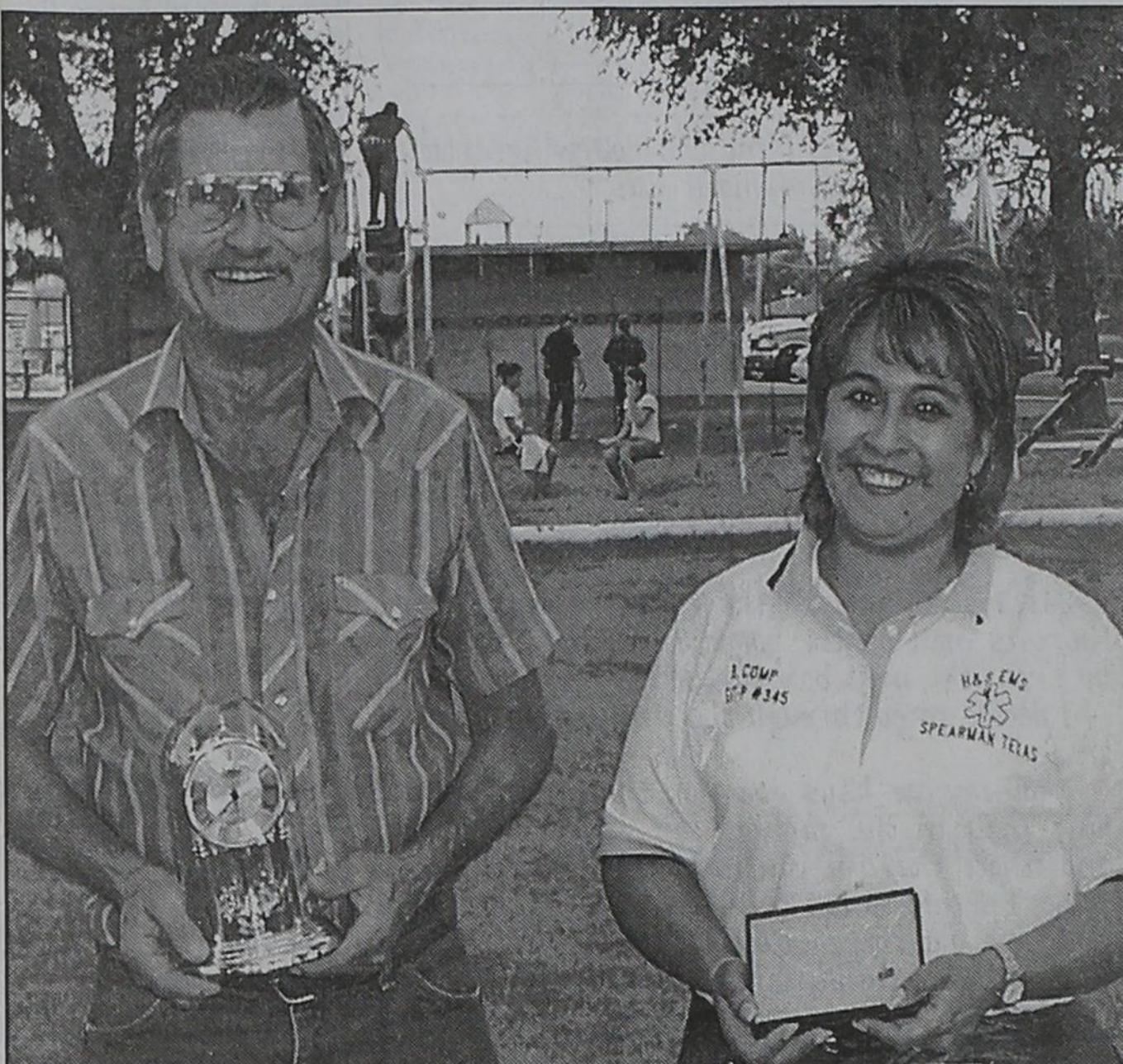
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**City of Spearman prepares citizens for higher utility bills**

by Ed Hansen, Spearman City Manager  
 It's still the middle of August and although school has started, and we have received some recent rain, the temperature is still climbing well into the nineties. So it might seem odd that I am writing about the upcoming winter, which is still months away.  
 We have all witnessed and had our budgets impacted by the soaring cost to fill our cars. I heard a joke on the way to work this morning, "So you want to take your wife on an expensive date? Go to the drive through at McDonalds then go to the gas pumps."  
 There is no denying that the current cost of gasoline is something that most of us thought would never happen in our lifetime. The debate of your opinion and mine as to the cause of these price jumps is for another time and place. What I must do today is inform you of the upcoming winter utility bills that you will create with the way you heat your homes and water.  
 As I arrived here in Spearman nearly one year ago, the town's natural gas pricing contract had expired. Toward the end of 2004 the city entered into a one-year agreement, which was the longest time frame offered at the time, to purchase natural gas at a price of \$6.57/mcf. (MCF being a unit of measure for 1,000 cubic feet of natural gas). The City's transportation cost is \$1.15 per mcf which brings the cost at the your meter \$7.72/mcf. Last week Spearman's purchase price would have been approaching \$10.40/mcf. This would make our meter price around \$11.55/mcf.  
 So what does that mean to you, your families, your employers? This, with the start of 2006, our current contract ends and the city's purchase price will skyrocket to the spot price for that month.  
 If you have any plans to "winterize" your home or business the best time to have started was yesterday. As the colder weather arrives, please try to keep your thermostat lower than last year. Possibly even drop it some additional degrees when you go to bed. Additional insulation will be beneficial not only in your attic and walls but on yourself, try wearing a sweater, and don't walk around in your barefeet. Check the caulking around your windows. Turn your water heater down somewhat. All these things and so much more can be done to lessen the impact of the higher utility bills that will face all of us.



The annual City of Spearman Employee Picnic was held at the Swimming Pool Park, Monday, August 22nd. Charles Bartz (left) received his 20-year service award. Charles is the City Mechanic and is responsible for the upkeep of vehicles and equipment - everything from weed wackers to snow blowers. Bea Comp (right) received her 5-year service award. Bea is the Director of Spearman's Emergency Medical Service.

**Sheriff's department receives technology grant**

Hansford County Sheriff Gary Evans received notice that the County had been awarded a grant for a Thermal-Eye. This is part of several grants that Deputy Tim Glass has been working on since he started writing grants in early March.  
 In an interview with Sheriff Evans and Deputy Close, Close said, "None of this would have been possible unless the Sheriff had not recognized the need to modernize the department. That's when we started looking for grants and discussing which would best suit the needs of the department."  
 After finding several applications on-line they applied for and how have received a grant from the United States Army Electronic Proving Ground (EPG), which administers the Technology Transfer Program on behalf of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, Counterdrug Technology Assessment Center (ONDCP/CTAC). In response to the Department's application they are scheduled to receive the Thermal-Eye.  
 The Thermal-Eye senses heat, not light and generates real time video pictures in all lighting conditions, including total darkness. The device includes a camera with a 75-mm lens and lens cover, rechargeable battery, battery charger, and a carrying case.  
 In addition, to the equipment the sheriff's department is receiving a training course set for mid-September in St. Louis, Missouri including airline tickets, transportation reimbursement to and

from the airport, shuttle transportation, hotel lodging and breakfast and lunch on training days. This is a 24 hour hands-on instructional training session followed by an exam.  
 This Thermal-Eye equipment grant and training is valued at more than \$13,000.00 and there will be no cost to the County.  
 When asked how this equipment will serve the County Deputy Close responded, "It will help in drug enforcement, locating evading subject"  
 Sheriff Evans said "The Thermal-Eye could be used to help the Fire Department on locating a person in a burning building or in following a fleeing vehicle. With the advent of 9-11 it would help in the surveillance around gas plants in the county."  
 A PRPC and federal grant for an Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) has also been awarded to the county. It is valued at approximately \$16,000.00. It will be used to compare fingerprints, send prints to the DPS and make ID's from this information. Sheriff Evans and Telecommunications Supervisor, Debbie Hornsby, will attend a 40 hour training session next week. The equipment will be received in the next few months.  
 The Department is awaiting word on another grant that was also applied for. This is a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant through the Governor's Criminal Justice Department and the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC). Before completing this

**Hometown concert scheduled**



Chrissy Martin and Laura Gillaspie

The First Baptist Church will host a concert event featuring Laura Gillaspie and Chrissy Martin this Sunday, August 28th at 3:00 in the afternoon. The concert is casual and admission is free. Everyone is invited.  
 Laura is the twenty-two year old daughter of Dick and Leann Gillaspie. She graduated from Spearman in 2002. She participated in the Spearman high school choir all four years and now plans on attending a semester long program at Focus on the Family Institute in Colorado Springs, CO in the Fall. She will begin nursing school at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton, TX in the spring. Laura received her minor in music at Wayland Baptist University this last year.  
 Chrissy is the nineteen-year-old daughter of Gary and Tammy Martin formerly of Perryton. Chrissy graduated from Perryton high school in 2004. She participated in Perryton high school choir and bands and is now a double major in music at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. She plans on becoming a band or choir director upon graduation.  
 Both girls have competed for positions in the Texas All-State choir. Chrissy achieved a position in the Texas All-State mixed choir, and Laura achieved highest honors in the Texas Baptist All-State as well as the Texas All-Region choirs. Both girls have competed in the state solo and ensemble contest all four years of high school. Each has attained excellent ratings in their field at least one year at the state solo and ensemble contest. The girls would like to extend their gratitude to their teachers and mentors that have helped them attain their goals.

**Local cosmetologists, barbers attend Licensing and Regulation meeting**

Five Spearman Cosmetologist attended a very important town hall meeting with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR), Monday August 22, in Amarillo. The barbering and cosmetology professions are about to undergo a significant change and William Kuntz and Brian Francis

of TDLR held the town hall meeting in the Educational Service Center in Amarillo.  
 Noreen Sutton, Pat Cudd, Barb Sharp, Sara Schufeldt and Vicky Bullard attended and met for lunch at Abula's to discuss what they had learned. The meeting was very informative and will be interesting to see what all the new changes will be.  
 Senate bill 411 was passed by the 79th Texas Legislature and signed by Gov. Rick Perry on June 18th, which transferred regulation of the cosmetology and barbering professions to TDLR, effective September 1, 2005.

**WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST**

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.	SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.
FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the northwest in the afternoon.	SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.
FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the south after midnight.	SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.
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**Pringle-Morse CISD begins new year**

Pringle-Morse CISD began the school year on Monday, August 23, 2005 with 106 students, an increase of four from the end of school in May.  
 An Open House will be held on Tuesday, August 30th from 6-8 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Hot dogs and ice cream will be served to families during this time.  
 Student enrollment packets will be distributed and completed from 6-7 p.m. in the library and video conference room. Spanish translators will be available.  
 Teachers will be in their classrooms from 7-8 p.m. to meet the parents of their students.

**We want your news!**

If you have news or information you would like to have printed in the newspaper, please let us know. We welcome any information pertaining to Hansford County.  
 The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman is proud to provide coverage of all school activities in Hansford County.  
 We are currently seeking results for all Gruver, Spearman and Pringle-Morse junior high and high school sporting and academic events. Forms are available for your convenience.  
 Information may be submitted in any of the following ways: e-mail (cathysmith@antden.com), fax (806-659-3368), mail (213 Main Street, Spearman TX 79081), by calling (806-659-3434), or left at the office (213 Main Street in Spearman) or drop window (located in window to right of office door).

**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.

### ADD

Recently, I was diagnosed with A. A. A. D. D. - Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder. This is how it manifests:

I decide to water my garden.  
As I turn on the hose in the driveway, I look over at my car and decide my car needs washing.

As I start toward the garage, I notice that there is mail on the porch table that I brought up from the mail box earlier.  
I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car.

I lay my car keys down on the table, put the junk mail in the garbage can under the table, and notice that the can is full.  
So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the garbage first.

But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the garbage anyway, I may as well pay the bills first.  
I take my check book off the table, and see that there is only 1 check left.

My extra checks are in my desk in the study, so I go inside the house to my desk where I find the can of Coke that I had been drinking.  
I'm going to look for my checks, but first I need to push the Coke aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over. I see that the Coke is getting warm, and I decide I should put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold.

As I head toward the kitchen with the Coke, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye—they need to be watered. I set the Coke down on the counter, and I discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning.

I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers.  
I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly I spot the TV remote someone left it on the kitchen table.

I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, I will be looking for the remote, but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers.

I pour some water in the flowers, but quite a bit of it spills on the floor. So, I set the remote back down on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill.

Then, I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.  
At the end of the day:  
the car isn't washed  
the bills aren't paid  
there is a warm can of Coke sitting on the counter  
the flowers don't have enough water,  
there is still only 1 check in my check book,  
I can't find the remote,  
I can't find my glasses,  
and I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day long, and I'm really tired.

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

Our lessons this week are Psalm 26, Jeremiah 15:15-21, Romans 12:9-21 and Mathew 16:21-28. What does it mean to be a person of faith, a believer?

The Psalmist asks for vindication for his life of integrity, he asks God not to forget him, to redeem him.

Jeremiah is suffering frustration. He preaches the word of the Lord and no one heeds him. He wants God to zap his detractors. God tells Jeremiah to continue his ministry and God will deliver him. The person of faith, the believer is not promised an easy life or instant success; God promises that He will be our God, He will be with us in our frustration, in our fear, in our suffering. God gives us the power to rise above all these things and to live more richly in Him.

In Romans, Paul exhorts the young faith community to endure and persevere in persecution by prayer. In your study, see if you can find, understand, and implement Paul's ten duties of a believer in your life.

Peter thought of the Messiah as a conquering, triumphant figure. Peter could not abide the thought of Jesus suffering and dying on a cross. Peter tells Jesus, "This must never happen to you." Jesus rebukes Peter gently. "Hupage opiso mou, Satana," which is, "Begone behind me, Satan", in Greek. Jesus is telling Peter that Peter is not to lead Him; Peter's duty is to follow Jesus. We know that this is a gentle rebuke, for when Jesus rebuked Satan during His temptation in the desert, Jesus said, "Hupage Satan," which is "begone Satan." It was impossible for Satan to follow Jesus.

Jesus told all the disciples that they must deny themselves, take up their cross and follow Him. The person of faith, the believer must do likewise. Our cross is not putting up with a person we dislike, rather our cross is those negative things which we undergo precisely because we are Christian, because we like the Psalmist and Jeremiah are doing God's work.

May the Holy Spirit enable you to lose your life for Christ's sake, so that you may take hold of true life in Him. Peace be with you.

## ms walk

It's fast approaching! In less than 30 days, volunteers and walkers will engulf McDade Park in Dumas for the 5th MS Walk. Ralph Bynum, Volunteer Walk Coordinator for Moore County, is expecting several hundred participants. The past four Walks have garnered more than \$100,000, thanks to generous donations from the public and the dedication of local volunteer team captains.

This year's title sponsor of all the Panhandle Walks is the Valero McKee Refinery, who has been one of our major partners since the first Walk in 2001. The refinery employees also contribute to many worthy causes through the Panhandle Children's Foundation and other volunteer activities. Moore County is truly blessed to have Valero on our team!

Multiple Sclerosis, a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system, affects more than 400,000 persons in America, mostly women between the ages of 20 and 50. On the national basis of 1 case per 1,000 population, the Texas panhandle would have close to 450 persons living with the daily trials of MS - sadly, we have almost twice that number! One of the many mysteries of MS is why do we have an inordinate number of diagnosed cases in our area. Studies are underway to unravel that question, as well as dozens of other research projects. Money is the fuel for research - this is why we walk.

Now is your chance to be a part of the answer to the puzzle of multiple sclerosis. To find out how you can help, call Ralph Bynum at 935-4208, or email: rcbynum@xit.net.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us on September 17 at McDade Park. Locally, you may contact Kevin Bynum at 659-2162.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**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. Please call for more information regarding PCC's services.

**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. The community has been extremely generous in recent weeks, and our volunteers have been putting in extra hours sorting and pricing. The Hansford County Library is grateful for the support of the residents of Hansford County on this project, but we ask that you consider our volunteers limited time when bringing in donations by making certain that any items donated are in resale condition. Also, if you bring in small appliances or electronics, our volunteers would appreciate a note attached to the items saying if they are in good working condition or not. If you have questions about the type of items that are accepted, please feel free to call the library at 659-2231.

**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. Please 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 minimas 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 conejera en la escuela preparatoria entre las horas de 8 a.m. hasta las 4 p.m. Los paquetes de registraciones tienen que estar en Austin antes de las 5 p.m. del dia 16 de Septiembre del 2005. Por favor si tiene alguna pregunta comunicarse 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 the first Monday of each month. 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!

**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.

**GSB Wienie Fest Hot Dog Lunch**  
You are invited to Gruver State Bank's Wienie Fest Hot Dog Lunch on Friday, August 26, 2005, 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Gruver State Bank Parking Lot, 3 Main Plaza. An original Wienie Fest invitations will be placed in the bank statements of three lucky customers. These customers may redeem these invitations during the Wienie Fest for a \$10 scratch pad.

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## HANSFORD COUNTY EVENTS

### AUGUST 2005

**Aug 25** Meet the Hounds @ 6:30 p.m. @ Gruver football field  
**Aug 25** Gruver Fire Department meets  
**Aug 26** Spearman Lynx vs Sunray @ 7:30 p.m.  
**Aug 26** Gruver Greyhounds vs Boys Ranch @ 7:30 p.m.  
**Aug 27** Spearman Lynx/Lynxette @ Tascosa Rebel Cross Country Meet  
**Aug 30** Open House @ Pringle-Morse CISD from 6-8 p.m. in the school cafeteria

### 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 8** Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets @ noon  
**Sep 8** Pringle-Morse CISD Board of Trustees meets @ 7 p.m.  
**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 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 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** 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.*

### August 25

**Birthdays** - Carol Ross, Kathleen Sutton, Connie Sue Wooley, Kathy Yancey, Linda Young, Courtney Roach, Kathrine Pipkin, Gay Bowen, Michael Janzen, Katie Miesner  
**Anniversary** - M/M Butch Lasater, M/M Roy Don Gammon

### August 26

**Birthdays** - Wayne Kruse, Debbie Davis, Chayci Dominguez, Mike Cudd, David Archer, Juanita Tucker, Mary Thompson, Kimberly Slater, Ashley Patterson, Coy Winders  
**Anniversary** - M/M Eddie Clemmons, M/M Vernon Morris

### August 27

**Birthdays** - Amy Grubbs, Brian Hoel, Pat Ochoa, June Jackson, Donald Rhea, Gregg Weaver, Chad Davis, Patricia Bevera, Virginia Ortega Jr., J. T. Sanders, Bertha Watts, Gabriel Moreno, Krystal Vela, Christopher Abernathy, Cassidy Odegaard, Dara Faries  
**Anniversary** - M/M Bill Swan, M/M Reg Robertson, Jim & Pamela Morrison, M/M Jerry Bowling

### August 28

**Birthdays** - Kiki Carthel, Amy Gillispie, Mika McLain, Linda Nunez, Kory Sheppard, Mike Pearson, Joe Bravo, Keith Burgess, Gene Cudd, Andy Jones, Mabry Sutterfield, Penny Sumner

### August 29

**Birthdays** - Rodney Clawson, Ginny Grotegut, Monica Ward, Mark Crooks, Bill Strawn, Richeardo Espinosa, Dusty Vinson, Linda Lou Lewis, Tony

Cazares, Holly Brack, Katie Bynum  
**Anniversary** - M/M Robert Blevins

### August 30

**Birthdays** - Joshua Blount, Roy Dale Karr, Van Lewis, Jeff Nicholson, Chelly Rigdon, Christa Urban

### August 31

**Birthdays** - Jill Hoel, Roger Dean Close, Estella Arjona, Mildred Lewis, Ronnie Beck, Chad Wilkerson, Justin Eslick, Lonnie Shields, Danny Herrington, Bob Boxwell, Dale Jones, Clay Neff, Elizabeth Holton  
**Anniversary** - M/M Brian Pressley, M/M Kent Guthrie

### September 1

**Birthdays** - Marie Bostick, 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

## From the Chief's Corner, Spearman Police Department

Well, school has started again and it is time for all citizens to be careful around school zones and crosswalks.

ATTENTION to all students and parents who let them drive to school:

- 1) Make sure that all who drive have a valid driver's license
- 2) Make sure that they follow all state transportation codes such as: The right front tire or wheel must touch or be headed on the right hand curb. (I.E. - If you are going to park at the "Rocket Slide Park," then your car must be facing west with the right hand tire on the right hand curb.)

There is a new Crime Information Tip Line in Hansford and Hutchison's Counties. The Spearman Police Department, Gruver Police Department and the Hansford County Sheriff's Office are members of the CrimeStoppers organization.

The main office and officer who will be handling the day-to-day operations is in the Borger area. There is a \$1,000.00 reward given for information that leads to the **ARREST AND CONVICTION** of a crime. You do not have to give your real name or give your name at all. Your call will be anonymous, all you have to give is the crime, who (if you know), what, when,

and how the crime was committed.

Make sure that if you know of a crime in the city limits of Spearman or Gruver and call CrimeStoppers. Remind them to let the Police Departments know about this. If the crime or crimes happened out in the county, make sure that they give this information to the Sheriff's Office.

The number you can call is (806)274-6371 or 1-866-51-crime or you can e-mail them the same information if you wish at [atips@crimestoppersonline.org](mailto:atips@crimestoppersonline.org).

Let's all try to use this for what it is intended for - crimes on drugs, vandalism, burglaries or kids with loud music.

This is a great community to live and work in, let's all work together to make Spearman a better place for all to live and raise their children.

**Reminder:** We must all be held accountable for our actions not someone else's.

Just a word of advice: There are going to be a lot of new laws taking effect on September 1, 2005. We will let you know what they are before action by law enforcement is taken.

Thank you for your support,  
 Chief Lance A. Swan  
 Spearman Police Department

## 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. Rain was reported. Corn was in fair to good condition. Dent stage was reached in 40 percent of the fields. Rain and cooler temperatures helped relieve stress on the crop. Spider mites continued to be a problem. Cotton was rated fair to good. Most fields were setting bolls. Bollworm activity increased. Peanuts were in poor to good condition; no insect or disease problems were reported. Sorghum was in fair condition. Forty-five percent of fields were headed. Some headwinds and greenbugs were reported. Soybeans were rated fair to good; no insect problems were reported. Rangeland conditions were poor to fair. Areas that received rain had grass growth and improved pastures. Cattle were in good condition.

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 Worship: 10:35 a.m.  
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 Wed. Worship: 7 p.m.  
 Wed. Youth: 7 p.m.  
 Pastor - Bob Elder

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 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship: 10:50 a.m.  
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 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship: 11 a.m.  
 Evening Worship: 7 p.m.  
 Men's Bible Study - Wed., 7 a.m.  
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 Adult Choir - Wed., 7 p.m.  
 Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
 Pastor - Jim Medley

**Church of Christ**  
 121 S. Haney • 659-3244  
 Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
 Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m.  
 KRDF Radio Program  
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 Minister - Leonard Harper

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
 901 Roland • 659-2792  
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 Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English  
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 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m.  
 Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday  
 High School: 6 p.m. Sunday  
 Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed.  
 Pastor - Derrel Evins

**Grace Presbyterian Church (Worships with Faith Lutheran Church)**  
 1101 Bernice • 659-2033  
 Pastor - Beverly Cook

**Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
 1101 Bernice • 659-2252  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship: 11 a.m.  
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**Union Church**  
 31 S. Endicott • 659-2644  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship: 10:45 a.m.  
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 Worship: 11 a.m.  
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 Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m.  
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 Mier: Estudio Biblico - 7 p.m.  
 Pastor - A.G. Martell  
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 Worship: 10:50 a.m.  
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 Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday  
 Pastor - Scott Curry

**Church of Christ**  
 209 King • 733-2760  
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship: 10:20 a.m.  
 Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
 Wed. Worship: 7:00 p.m.  
 Minister - Gaylord Cook

**First Christian Church**  
 510 King • 733-2960  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
 Youth: 7:30, Sunday  
 Adult Bible Study: 7:30, Sun.  
 Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.  
 Pastor - Gary Gumfory

**Gruver United Methodist**  
 Broadway & Garrett  
 733-2651  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.  
 Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m.  
 Pastor - George Price

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 Sunday Mass: 1:30 p.m.  
 Friday Evening Mass  
 Summer - 8:00 p.m.  
 Fall/Winter - 7:30 p.m.

**Oslo**  
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 339-7709  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship: 11 a.m.  
 Pastor - Paul Fiske

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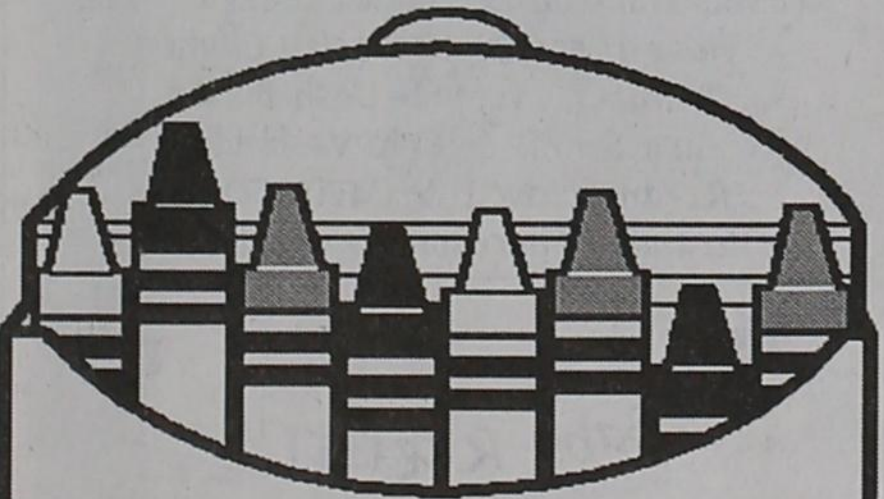
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The 3rd Annual Jamaica Celebration is set for Sunday, September 11th from 11:30 am until 7 pm. That's the day to mark your calendars and bring your lawn chairs to the swimming pool park and enjoy Spanish cuisine at its best plus games and music.

The Jamaica is traditionally a Spanish cultural celebration similar to a fiesta, carnival or fair. It is a family oriented day of food and fun. The Sacred Heart Catholic Church has used this event as a fund-raiser for various expenses for their parish. It is open to everyone! Please plan to attend.

There will be all kinds of good food to eat prepared by the expert cooks of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. You can try fajitas, tacos, gorditas, burritos, cooked corn, plates of red chili meat with beans and rice and many more delicious foods.

Children can enjoy the fish pond, the ring toss, face painting, and the famous dunking board. There will be a volleyball tournament. And try the cake walk and take home some delicious home-made goodies.

Or maybe you'd like to just sit back in your lawn chair and enjoy the Spanish music being played by three local bands. You can also enjoy the lively Mariachi music from our own local Mariachi band.

A special treat will be the children of Mark and Patricia Avila and the grandchildren of Juan and the late Maria Antonia Avila. The children have been performing for several years during the pre-show for Lone Star Rising at Lake Meredith. They will also be bringing another performer with them for the public's enjoyment.

Another event during the day will be the crowning of the 2005 Jamaica Queen. The candidates are having various fund-raising projects. The candidate who raises the most money will be crowned Queen. If a girl asks for a donation for Jamaica Queen please help them raise their money.

If you can't come and stay plan to come and get a plate of food and take it home.

Again this is a fund-raiser for the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and it is open to all the public. Just bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the good food, games and entertainment.

### Thank You

#### Thank You

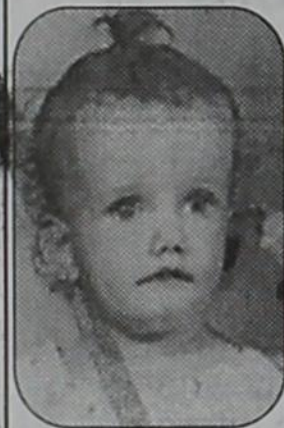
I would like to express my deepest thanks to all those dear friends that wrote me cards and/or came to the special 85th birthday party put together by my daughter Marilyn and my son Glenn, and catered by my granddaughter Bethany Cline. That was a moment in my life that I will cherish forever. Gods Blessings to all of you.

C. Ralph Blodgett

### Yards of the Week

Spearman Chamber of Commerce Yards of the Week: **Sunday, August 14** - Pete & Kim Vera, 415 W. 12th; Ole & Bonnie Burgin, 1121 Bernice; Herb Shields, 607 Roland, and **Sunday, August 21** - Steve & Molly Holton, 705 Wilmet Dr.; Stella Arjona, 319 N. Endicott; Frank & Lucy Pittman, 1106 Linn Dr.

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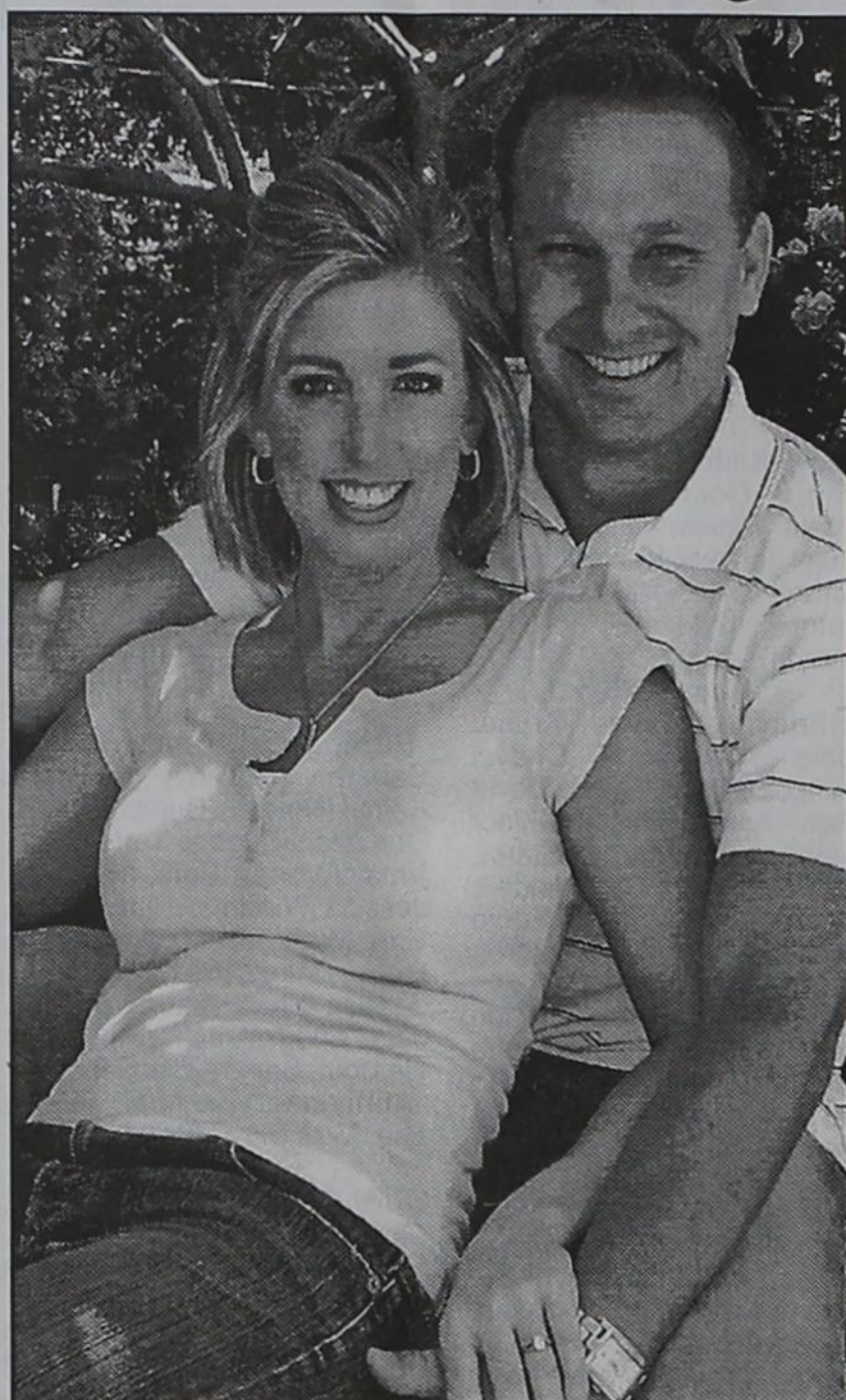
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### Benton, Lee united in marriage



Steve and Sheri Benton of Spearman and Debbie and Geary Grimes of Hurst are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Meredith Benton, to David Lee of Plano, Texas, on Friday, August 5, 2005. The wedding took place at sunset on the beach in Makena Cove on Maui. David is the son of Harvey and Anne Lee of Fallbrook, California, and Johnny and Becky Spradlin of Fort Worth, Texas.

Meredith is currently employed as a buyer for Terrace Boutique in Frisco, Texas. David graduated from Texas Christian University and is the Regional Sales Manager for Road America based in Miami, Florida. The couple will reside in Plano, Texas.

### Petersen, Holt announce engagement



Russ and Betty Petersen of Dalhart, Texas would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Elissa Marie Petersen, to John Benjamin Holt of Spearman, Texas. He is the son of Larry and Jan Holt of Spearman.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Petersen of Dalhart, and Viola Koenen and the late Walter Koenen of Clara City, Minnesota. The prospective groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Holt and Mr. and Mrs. John Trindle both of Spearman.

Elissa is a 2000 home school graduate who attended Bible college at the International House of Prayer in Kansas City, Missouri, and Barclay College in Haviland, Kansas. She is a published poet and is involved in music and children's ministry at New Life Fellowship in Dalhart, as well as a radio ministry broadcast.

John is a 1994 graduate of Spearman High School and a graduate of West Texas A & M University with a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science. John is a farmer/rancher.

The couple plan to wed on November 26, 2005 at Holt School in the Holt Community south of Spearman.

**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 Hindmarsh, 28339 CR N, Dolores CO, 81323. Or bring them with you.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Jennifer Neff & Josh Butler  
Lisa Swink & Eric Vasbinder  
Regan Boxwell & Gavin Benke  
Miranda (Thoreson) & Heath Hill

**Baby Registry**

Michelle Ochoa & Eric Zarate - 8/27  
Matt & Holly Hoel - 8/27  
Jesse & Kimberly (Boyd) Tindell - 9/10  
Clint & Brandy Sasser - 9/18  
Holly & Buster McLain  
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# Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

Well it has been a couple of weeks since I have given you a report on us at the Manor. That should have been your first clue that we have been hoppin' at the Manor.

I want first to thank the Union Church for bringing services to the Manor on the 14th and the Church of Christ for the services on the 21st. We really appreciate you.

On top of our usual Newscurrents, Exercise classes, sewing projects and others we also had a dog show on the 9th. We had some of the most unusual dogs from the tiniest teacup Poodle shown by Eddie Largent, along with the biggest Great Dane by the name of Tiny shown by Dorothy Sparks.

We had one Poodle/Shih-Tzu cross that mothers litters of kittens shown by Callie Yarbrough of course with the litter of kittens, a Jack Russell Terrier shown by Hallie Mans and Timmy showing their other dog Duke that is a Border Collie/Australian Shepherd mix, along with Yorkies shown by Tristin, Tarin, and Sara; Anne Snow showed her Papillons, Paige Pierson showed her Pug/Pekingese cross. Cheryl Salgado (along with

PeePaw Raye Gibson, brought a beautiful snowball white fluffy Bichon Frise owned by Frank & Cheryl Salgado. We all had a great time watching the dogs perform tricks and just letting the Residents play with them.

The United Methodist Church brought supper along with desserts, desserts, & desserts for Christian Buffet on the 10th. Thank you so very much!! It is always a special night when we have Christian Buffet.

The prepared food along with the fellowship of the community is special. Gladiola Flower Club has been hosting Monday night bingo for the Residents and the auxiliary hosts Thursday afternoon bingo. Thank you to one and all. This is a great community!

On the 12th we had a total of 32 travel with us to Perryton to eat lunch at the Smokehouse and then tour the museum. We had a great afternoon. Many thanks go out to those who helped with Residents. It was a very pleasant trip even though when we were ready to unload to go into the museum, the bottom fell out of the clouds and it just started pouring rain. We waited and waited for it to let up. When

it finally did let up a bit we all decided that we probably would not melt and just went on in spite of the rain. We have great volunteers that will even forego a hairdo for the Resident!! Thank you to everyone!!

On the 16th Alice Peddy presented an interesting program on her recent Alaskan Cruise. She sounded like she had a wonderful time and the Residents enjoyed taking the cruise with her via pictures and visiting. Thank you, Alice!

Many thanks go out to Anne Whitaker for her faithfulness bringing Wednesday morning Bible study to the Residents and to all that helped with manicures on the 19th.

It is you the community that make Hansford Manor such an exceptional place to live and that puts so much life back into our nursing home. We all thank you for sharing yourselves and your resources with the Residents. JoNell Sheets and Virginia Trindle bring such beautiful fresh cut flowers for us to enjoy. The community truly makes us feel special.

## EQIP program development group meetings

The Hansford and Hutchinson Soil and Water Conservation Districts invite the public and any agencies with interest to participate in Program Development Group meetings. The Hansford meeting will be held at First State Bank Meeting Room in Spearman on Monday August 29th, beginning at 1:30 pm. The Hutchinson meeting will be held at the Holt School on Wednesday August 31st beginning at 9:00 am. The purpose of these meetings is to request participation and invite comments from a broad range of local agencies, organizations, businesses, and especially farmers and ranchers that have an interest in natural resource conditions and needs.

The discussion in the Program Development Group will help the Local Work Group, led by

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service District Conservationist, to address county based funding for the FY2006 Environmental Quality Incentives Programs (EQIP). The LWG will make recommendations on resource concerns to be addressed, eligible practices, cost share rates, and ranking for county based funding.

One of the guiding principles of the 2002 USDA Farm Bill is that conservation programs are locally led. Through stake holder meetings the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities. These meetings are open to the public.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) was established in the 1996 Farm Bill

to provide a single, voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers to address significant natural resource concerns. Nationally, it provides technical and financial assistance to address natural resource concerns. Administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), EQIP was reauthorized in the 2002 Farm Bill and awards cost share assistance to agricultural producers who will apply cost share and incentive practices which provide significant environmental benefit. In Texas, NRCS provides funding to each county to address local high priority resource concerns.

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## Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

### Museum Happenings

I traveled to Canyon Thursday to represent our county and museum on the Texas Plains Trail Board. This Board has as its goal to promote tourist in our area through the promotion of our regional heritage. The networking and planning that is occurring in conjunction with the Texas Historical Commission is amazing.

On September 1, watch for the press release and State announcement of Partnership Grants that will be available to Government and nonprofit organizations in the counties within the Plains Trail Region (the top 52 counties). The grants can be used for signage, publication/websites, educational programs, training.

The grants are a one to one match. The application will be available on line September 1. The Texas Historical Commission website is [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us). For more information contact me at the museum.

Our TexasHELP consultant is scheduled to visit us this Wednesday. This year's focus is Volunteerism. Our goals include the identification of volunteer categories that are needed at the museum. Examples are host(ess) for special events, docent to keep the museum open and give tours, researchers, exhibit assistants, carpenters and cleaners. Interested come see us. We are an equal opportunity organization that offers any hours, any job, any interest that any one wishes.

### Lipscomb County History

For the next two to three weeks, the United States will be remembering the end of World War II. This is the 60th anniversary of that

war and with our present situation, it is appropriate to revisit the occurrences and circumstances of that war. The following are some Lipscomb county facts from WWII.

The headlines of The Follett Times on Thursday, August 16, 1945 read PEACE IS HERE! Japan Surrenders!

Homer 'Chuck' Frazier was the first war casualty. He was reported missing in action on September 16, 1943. It was later learned that he was a prisoner of war in Germany. He was liberated in April, 1944 by the Russians. Amber Frazier kept a scrapbook of newspaper clippings which chronicle the service of the Follett servicemen and their activities.

This scrapbook and the one compiled by Mrs. Blanch Hyde and indexed by Joe Mingus are available at the museum for everyone to learn about the life of Lipscomb County during the war. Ms. Hyde's scrapbook has information on servicemen throughout the county and the Texas Panhandle. It contains all the newspaper clippings that reveal the service of her son Bob M. Hyde. Here are his headlines:

Bob M. Hyde called to service A/Cadet R.M. Hyde in Pre-Flight Training (8/43)  
 Cadet Hyde at Perrin Field  
 Bob M. Hyde promoted Higgins Airman Lost in Action  
 Lt. Robert M. Hyde Missing in Action Over Austria (1944)  
 Lt. Robert M. Hyde thought to have Bailed out of plane  
 Lt. Robert M. Hyde Died in German Prison

Mrs. Hyde continued to chronicle the activities of the Lipscomb County Boys till the end of the war. Among the last of the articles are two which announce the war

department Honor Roll for World War II Dead and Missing and a list of Bodies of Texans returned from Manila. In the Honor Roll were 10 Lipscomb County residents. These were Henry N. Beck, Elver J. Brown, Orvel V. Chappell, Arthur L. Critchlow, Allan L. Crump, Robert M. Hyde, Victor Langoff, Garrett Parnell, Harvey Thomas, and Lester Wilson.

During these weeks of remembrance, if you know a WWII veteran express our thanks again for their service some 60 years ago. Thanks to all veterans.

My colleague and museum partner will probably threaten to do bodily harm to me after reading this column but I just have to share one of her columns with you. Dorothy (Ehrlich) Schoenhals and Gene Ehrlich edited and published the The Circle Register, in Follett during the 60's. Dorothy wrote a column called the penned in by Dorothy Ehrlich. In the July 30, 1963 issue she wrote the following story about her brother and sister-in-law and the happenings in their household. I hope you enjoy it as much as I enjoyed it.

Joanna always has the craziest things happen to her. One day a wasp stung her finger and she ran through the house to the kitchen, crying in pain, and moaning loudly. About the time she started to put ice on her finger, the crying finally soaked through to Ike, who was watching the Cards play ball. He opened the bathroom door, hunting for Jo and spotted Debby (with eyes closed) floating in the water with her long hair about her face.

Ike, thinking Debby was drowned, and Jo was speechless over the loss, dashed into the front room and collapsed on the floor. Jo, by this time, rushed to the front to see what Ike was doing. She saw him lying on the floor and assumed he had had a heart attack, which frightened her half to death.

The comedy of errors was finally straightened out when Debby, wrapped in a towel calmly appeared to find out what all the commotion was about.

Do these sort of things happen to you? They are fairly common occurrences among the Gillespie household, where a coffee pot burns up about once every three months.

Dorothy, Thanks for a picture of life in the sixties. She also reported in that issue that all their children were sharing the thrill of having the mumps.

Do you remember the prices in the 60's. The Longs Dress Shop sold "Yard Goods" for 39 to 89 cents per yard. O, for the good ole days.

Lastly, food for thought, a modern proverb by Rev. L.J. Ehrlich in his column "My Brothers Keeper" What is intended as a little white lie often ends up as a double feature in technicolor.

### Wolf Creek Heritage Museum

**Museum Hours:** Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 2 to 4 p.m. Special hours upon request.

**Museum Information:** Hwy 305, Lipscomb; telephone: 806-852-2123; fax: 806-852-217; email: [wolferk@amazonline.com](mailto:wolferk@amazonline.com); website: [www.wolfcreekheritagemuseum.com](http://www.wolfcreekheritagemuseum.com)

## Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Level--August 22, 2005--27.21 feet (-0.19)

The number of campers dropped off from last week. There were 8 campers behind the dam and 2 on the office side. Jim noted there were fishermen from Amarillo, Guymon, and Panhandle that were visitors for the first time. They were complimentary about our well kept Lake, and said they decided to come try Palo Duro Lake because it was smaller and quieter without the bustle of some of the larger Lakes.

Jim Lane, president of the PDRA board, had a hamburger cookout for the men of the Stinnett Methodist Church Saturday evening at the shelter.

He had six inches of rain at his place in Stinnett last week. During the cookout a half grown armadillo wandered through, all unconcerned about the group of people.

Is it about time for the Monarch butterfly migration? Louis Schnell has reported seeing them gathering in the shade of trees on the golf course.

I have begun to notice individual ones. Maybe it is time for another year when they cover some trees and make a spectacular


sight.

Wanda Reed called this week to tell me about a pair of small falcons that she thinks, but isn't positive, are American Kestrels. She said they could be seen most mornings at 622 Townsend St. in Spearman with one of them perched on a telephone pole. Their fledglings have left the nest but they are still being fed some by the parents. Although kestrels usually prefer the country, they are sometimes found in the smaller towns. This time of year they must be eating a lot of grasshoppers. Wanda is curious where the birds go the rest of the day and where they nested.

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## Boll Weevil Assessment Notices to Arrive Soon

Boll weevil eradication assessment notices were recently mailed to cotton producers in the Panhandle eradication zone.

The assessments are based on information cotton producers provide the Farm Service Agency when they certify their crops. If growers find an error in the information on their billing, they will need to correct the information at their local FSA office and forward the corrected information to the Foundation.

Payment is due September 30, but a 2 percent discount is available to growers who pay the full assessment by September 15.

Growers with failed acres are eligible to receive a credit on those acres completely destroyed prior to the final certification date. Qualifying acres must remain free of all hostable cotton until a killing freeze to receive the credit.

To aid PH growers who have been affected by adverse weather conditions, the TBWEF is offering

payment extension agreements for producers whose accounts are current.

"For those having difficulty paying their assessment, help is available by contacting the assessments department and arranging an extension agreement," said Chief Financial Officer, Tina Ballard.

Producers entering into an extension agreement must make a 10 percent down payment, and they will be charged a late fee of 1 percent per month until their accounts

are paid. This late fee begins on the date the signed agreement and down payment are received by the Assessments Department. Producers who are delinquent in payment and who do not have an extension agreement are subject to a late fee of 1.5 percent per month.

Producers with extension agreements have 150 days to pay their accounts.

For more information contact the Assessments Departments in Abilene at (866) 672-2800.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a non-profit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the

state in the most cost effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

Counties included in Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Zones: Panhandle-Carson, Dallam, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchison, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Potter, Roberts, Sherman

## TAHSA urges citizens to contact legislators

by David Thomason

The Texas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (TAHSA) has been working hard with elected Texas officials to salvage our long-term care Medicaid system. Our efforts are paying and off and we finally have some positive signs of assistance from the state. But we need your help to make this happen. The Governor just announced that he will support a \$200 million increase in the Medicaid rates for nursing homes.

Governor Perry stated in a publication today that: Nursing home rate increase \$200 million.

Governor Perry has consistently opposed legislative efforts to impose a tax on Texans who are in nursing homes. During the 2005 session, the legislature had moved \$200 million from nursing home reimbursements to cover a shortfall in the budget, anticipating that a "granny tax" would pass. When that tax failed to pass, nursing homes funds were not restored to nursing home rate reimbursement. The governor's action will increase state aid to nursing homes to improve the quality of care for patients.

In order to achieve this, we must act quickly. Here's what you can do:

- Contact the following elected officials (see below) with a simple message:

"We urge you to support Governor Perry's proposed budget execution of \$200 million towards Medicaid rates for nursing homes."

Make it short. Talk about how your organization relies on Medicaid, you have not received adequate funding to provide quality care, and we desperately need their help to promote quality care for frail elderly Texans.

Elected officials to contact are

on the Legislative Budget Board. This board will make the decision to fund the additional \$200 million to our profession:

The Honorable David Dewhurst, Co-Chairman, Lieutenant Governor: State Capitol, Room 2E.13; Austin, Texas 78701

The Honorable Tom Craddick, Co-Chairman, Speaker of the House of Representatives: State Capitol, Room 2W.13; Austin, Texas 78701

The Honorable Steve Ogden, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee: State Capitol, Room GE.4; Austin, Texas 78701

The Honorable Jim Pitts, Chairman, House Committee on Appropriations: State Capitol, Room 1N.09; Austin, Texas 78701

The Honorable Robert Duncan, State Senator, appointed: State Capitol, Room 3E.12; Austin, Texas 78701

The Honorable James Keffer,

Chairman, House Committee on Ways and Means: State Capitol, Room E2.418; Austin, Texas 78701

The Honorable John Whitmire, State Senator, appointed: State Capitol, Room 1E.13; Austin, Texas 78701

The Honorable Fred Hill, State Representative, appointed: State Capitol, Room 1W.3; Austin, Texas 78701

The Honorable Judith Zaffirini, State Senator, appointed: State Capitol, Room 1E.12; Austin, Texas 78701

The Honorable Vilma Luna, State Representative, appointed: State Capitol, Room 4S.03; Austin, Texas 78701

You may also visit the following websites: [www.senate.state.tx.us](http://www.senate.state.tx.us), [www.house.state.tx.us](http://www.house.state.tx.us) and [www.ltgov.state.tx.us](http://www.ltgov.state.tx.us).

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## 2005 Property Tax Rates in Hansford County

This notice concerns 2005 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
<b>Last year's tax rate:</b>		
Last year's operating taxes	\$1,683,870	\$395,211
Last year's debt taxes	\$0	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$1,683,870	\$395,211
Last year's tax base	\$448,093,990	\$445,338,276
Last year's total tax rate	0.375785/\$100	0.088744/\$100
<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>		
This year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$1,682,046	\$394,781
This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$447,686,355	\$444,974,149
This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.375719/\$100	0.088719/\$100
Total effective tax rate	0.464438/\$100	
<b>This year's rollback tax rate:</b>		
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)	\$1,682,046	\$394,781
This year's adjusted tax base	\$447,686,355	\$444,974,149
This year's effective operating rate	0.375719/\$100	0.088719/\$100
1.08= this year's maximum operating rate	0.405776/\$100	0.095816/\$100
this year's debt rate	0.000000/\$100	0.000000/\$100
This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.405776/\$100	0.095816/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	0.501592/\$100	

### Statement of Increase/Decrease

If HANSFORD COUNTY adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.464438 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2004 taxes by \$2,966.

### 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	\$2,010,880

### 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 07/31/2004, 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.

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: Linda Cummings

Title: Tax Assessor-Collector

Date revised: August 19, 2005

## Kick-Off time in the Texas Panhandle

It's time once again for the sport of Texas to begin: High School Football kicks off in Hansford county with the two county teams hosting their opening games each beginning at 7:30, Friday, August 26th at their respective stadiums. The Roughriders of Boys Ranch will ride into Gruver Hound Stadium while the Sunray Bobcats will be on the prowl at Spearman Lynx stadium. As always fans will be ready to support "their" schools decked out in "their" school colors and ready to yell.

### Boys Ranch at Gruver

Boys Ranch has a new head coach, Michael Lozano, who welcomes back 14 lettermen. The Roughriders ended the 2004 season with a 2-8 overall and 1-5 in district. They have 2 returning offensive starters and 7 returning defensive players.

Some of their talent includes defensive back, Derek Williams (5-11, 150) and senior running back and linebacker, Corey Elliott. Elliott is the teams 2004 leading defender with 123 tackles.

Josh Ito, Junior, quarterback passed for 330 yards. Ricky Burns (5-9, 175) made contributions on both sides of the ball. Both of these young men are considered as Lozano's most experienced players.

Returning defensive players include linemen, Nick Chauvin (5-10, 200); Casey Lennon (6-0, 225); defensive end, senior, Matt Glass (5-8, 150); linebacker, Austin DeMasters (6-0, 200); cornerback, Max Borchardt (5-9, 170); and junior free-safety, Derek Williams (5-11, 150). Senior running back/linebacker, Aron Blassingame (5-10, 180); Billy Borchardt (5-5, 130); linebacker and sophomore hopeful, Harland Ray (5-7, 135) rounds out Lozano's team.

The host team of Gruver Greyhounds (District 1-1A) returns 12 players to this year' roster, 6 on each side of the ball. Second year head coach, Terry Feldehoff looks forward to a good 2005 season with a different ending than last years.

Gruver has a large senior class that are good athletes and are hard workers. One of those seniors is quarterback, Matt Messer, who will lead the Greyhound's offense by using the wishbone or a flexbone formation.

Last year as a defensive back Matt completed 38 of 91 passes for 628 yards, 8 scores, 21 tackles, 12 assists and 3 interceptions. He had

4 touchdowns and carried the ball 129 time for a total of 578 yards.

Gruver may well be one of the district's best offensive lines with the return of all-district performers Reid Winger (6-5, 250) and Tanner Irwin (5-11, 220) plus fellow starters Steve Villegas (5-8, 160) and Stephan Salazar (6-0, 170). Unanimous all-district Winger last year was a force to be reckoned with 28 solo tackles, 23 assists and a fumble recovery. While Irwin recorded 28 tackles and 23 assists on defense by starting both ways.

Another returning player is senior all-district defensive backfielder, Tyler Lane. Lane is wiry and fast and works both sides of the ball. His record shows an impressive 415 yards in seven games. As an offensive halfback Lane captured six passes for 102 yards and two touchdowns. Lane will start at corner this year.

Sheldon Atwood, Crispin Borunda and Ivan Briones will complete the defense. Sammy Pena and Brad Clawson will return as senior side ends.

### Spearman vs Sunray at Spearman

Head Coach Ric Smith has 13 years at Spearman with 7 playoff teams in the last 9 years and an overall record of 99-46. He's established a tradition of winners and hard workers.

Last year ended with a double overtime loss to Holiday in what might be called the Bi-District

"Snow Bowl" Overall the Lynx' season ended with a 7-4 record.

Opening this year's pre-season is a match-up with District 1-1A Sunray Bobcats. The Bobcats ended their season last year with a heart-wrenching loss to Stratford in the state quarterfinals.

The big change for Sunray is that their head coach, Bryan Wood is at Pampa and they start afresh with incoming rookie head coach Wesley Teeter. Teeter does come with a good background having been assistant coach at Abilene Cooper, Midland Greenwood and Munday. There's no shabby coaching nor teams with those. It seems that the scene is set for a good game Friday at Lynx Stadium.

Now to the players. For Spearman they start out with two starters back on offense and three more on defense.

Returning starters on offense include all-district first team line-backer, senior, Brock Town with 1,430 yards rushing, 21 touchdowns and 85 tackles. He was also on the all district second team for offense. Despite missing the last three games of the season with an injury the 6-foot-4, 189 -lb. junior quarterback, Collin Gillaspie, had 5 touchdowns and passed for 531 yards last year. In the backfield he had 11 tackles, 10 assists, two interceptions and a touchdown. Can't wait for a full season of Collin!

Along with Gillaspie is Zack Nollner most likely the fullback;

Brynn Garnett and Lance Huddleston as receivers; possibly Aaron Maestas as running back and receiver with Roberto Flores as a running back.

The players most ready for the offensive line are Steven Vaquero, Joel Lopez, Rhett Renner and Cesar Macias.

Defensive line should look to Renner and Huddleston at tackle and end respectively. Add in line-backers Nollner and Stuart Martin. In the secondary veterans Gillaspie, Flores, Jarick Howard and J.J. Gallegos.

Sunray uses a triple option wish-bone offense which depends on the quarterback. That maybe just be all-district first team winner Kevin Moore (running back and line-backer in 2004). Moore had 1,305 yards from 163 carries and 14 touchdowns. Two fumble recoveries (one resulting in a TD), two interceptions, 140 tackles and a sack.

Sunray's offensive line returns four starters: Ryan Lechner, Cole Robinett, Steve Olivarez and Matt Whiteley. Secondary will be safeties Michael Wren and John

Canales. Lechner was all-district second team defense with Robinett being all-district first-team defensive line. Other all-district team members to add to the fray are Jesse Aguirre (93 carries, 432 yards, seven TDs); Tyler Simmons (118 tackles and an interception); and Steve Olivarez. There's more talent to add to the team with returnees Chance Miller, Matt Daffernm Michael Wren and Danny Wilson. Finish off with Matt Whitely and Josh Sims.

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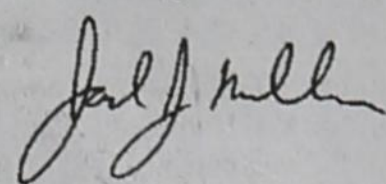
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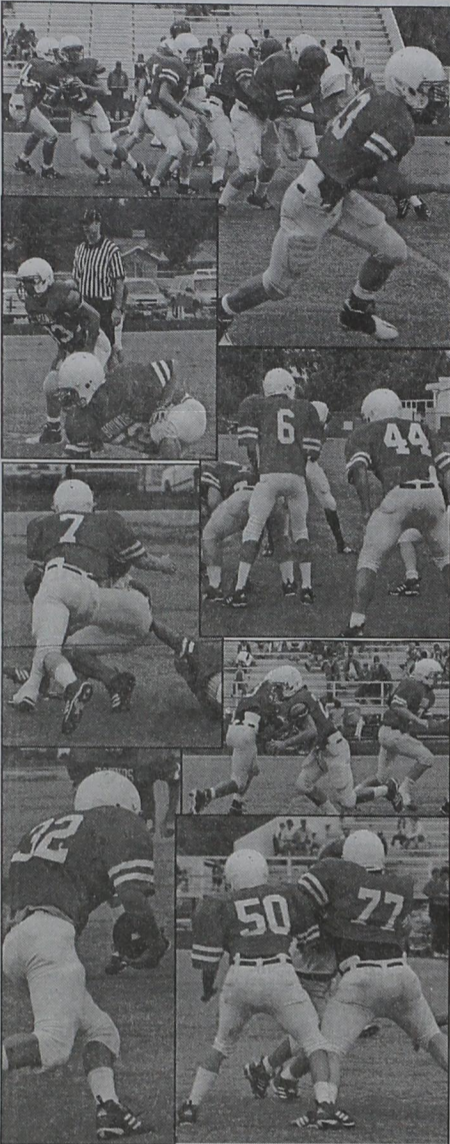
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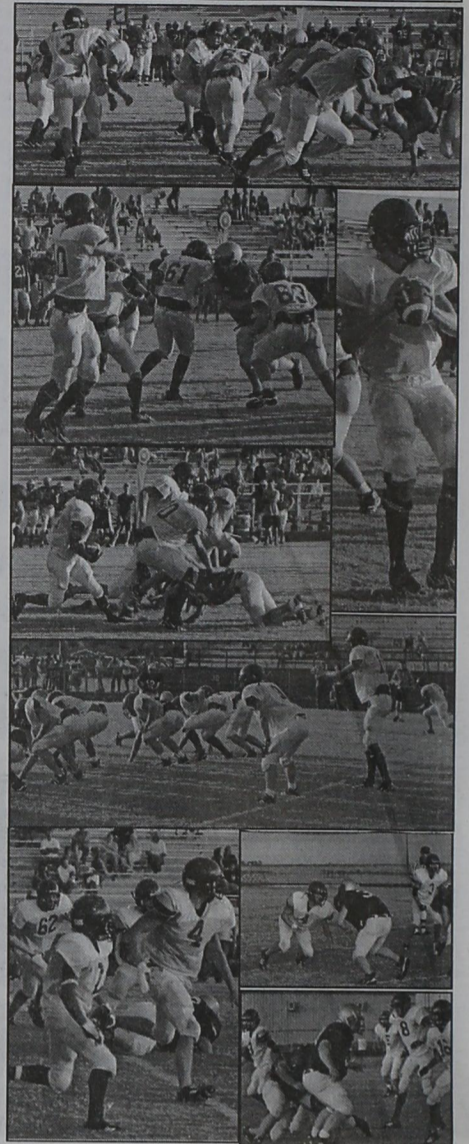
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