

Al Qaeda video warns Brits of more attacks
 Al Qaeda's second-in-command Ayman al-Zawahiri warned Britons of more attacks in a video aired on Thursday, saying Prime Minister Tony Blair's policies would bring them more destruction.

Police out in force 4 weeks after London attacks
 Exactly four weeks after suicide bombers struck the British capital, thousands of police took to the streets on Thursday in a high-visibility security operation to reassure jittery Londoners.

Gaza Palestinians celebrate coming Israeli pullout
 Around 10,000 Palestinians danced and sang, some firing rifles in the air, in early celebrations on Thursday of Israel's coming withdrawal from occupied Gaza and part of the West Bank.

Widespread environmental damage on Earth seen from shuttle
 Commander Eileen Collins said astronauts on shuttle Discovery had seen widespread environmental destruction on Earth and warned on Thursday that greater care was needed to protect natural resources.

Poor U.S. tribe forgoes riches from sacred lake
 Visitors to the eastern shore of Pyramid Lake 35 miles northeast of Reno, Nevada, can scan an area framed by a desert mountain backdrop and not see a hint of mankind.

Astronauts unload cargo as NASA ponders spacewalk
 NASA was deciding Thursday whether it needed another spacewalk to make shuttle Discovery safe for its return to Earth as its crew finished transferring cargo to and from the International Space Station.

Shuttle commander confident
 Space shuttle Discovery Commander Eileen Collins said Thursday she is confident about returning her crew to Earth safely, in part due to the unprecedented repairs to her ship while in orbit.

NATO to assume new role
 NATO-led international troops will be ready to assume responsibility for security across all of Afghanistan by the end of next year, freeing up thousands of American forces, a top NATO general said Thursday.

Enemy in Iraq getting deadlier
 Iraqi insurgents using increasingly sophisticated tactics struck a blow to the American heartland Wednesday, killing 14 U.S. Marines in a roadside bombing. The attack underscores increasingly creative tactics by Iraqi insurgents, which are reaping deadlier results.

U.S. to release Afghans
 Afghans held in U.S. military custody at Guantanamo Bay and elsewhere will be sent back to Afghanistan to be detained here, Afghan and U.S. officials said Thursday.

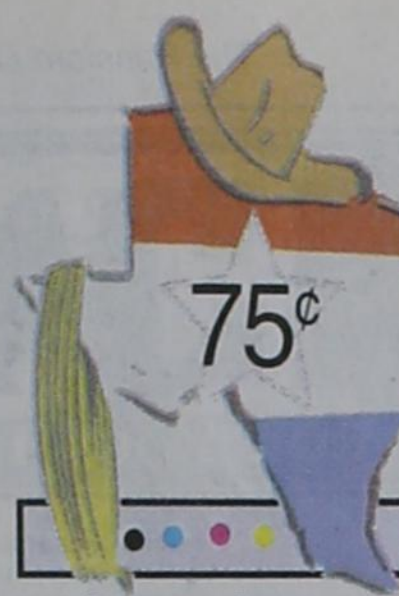
Gov. will return donation
 Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger will return a \$50,000 donation from a partner in a tribal casino project after The Associated Press raised questions about the governor's pledge to limit political contributions, an aide said Wednesday.

Public worries over court
 Americans consider Supreme Court decisions about the rights of detained terrorists as important as its rulings on abortion, a poll found. It also found 65% oppose overturning Roe v. Wade, and over half support same-sex civil unions.

Ohioans mourn Marines
 Rosemary Palmer and her husband were making plans to attend memorial services for six Marine reservists killed earlier this week five of them from the same battalion as her son, Lance Cpl. Edward Schroeder when two uniformed servicemen came down her street. It was her family's turn.

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Strayhorn predicts Texas families will save \$47 million during sales tax holiday

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn predicts that Texas families will save \$47.4 million in sales taxes during the seventh annual Sales Tax Holiday August 5-7. The estimated savings include \$37.2 million in state sales tax and \$10.2 million in local sales taxes.

Since Strayhorn implemented the first Sales Tax Holiday in 1999, taxpayers have saved \$239.6 million dollars, including \$188.8 million in state sales tax and \$50.8 million in local sales taxes.

During the Sales Tax Holiday, most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 are tax-free. Examples of items that can be purchased tax-free August 5-7 include kids' clothes and school uniforms, adults' clothes and work uniforms, shoes, tennis shoes, sleepwear and undergarments. Items that cannot be purchased tax-free include handbags, wallets, jewelry, accessories, athletic shoes and sports apparel that are not considered street wear, backpacks and school supplies.

"I have repeatedly asked the Legislature to add

backpacks and school supplies to the Sales Tax Holiday, along with kids' safety gear such as bicycle helmets and car safety seats, and also sewing supplies such as fabric, buttons and zippers for families that make their clothes," Strayhorn said.

"Regrettably, the Legislature has not acted upon my recommendations, and requests from parents across this state, to add those items to the Sales Tax Holiday to help reduce the cost of getting the kids ready for back-to-school.

"And I want to extend the Sales Tax Holiday from three days to five days, so we don't have a three-day traffic jam," Strayhorn said. "I also support creating a second Sales Tax Holiday during December to help families stretch their holiday shopping budgets. And I want to ease the sticker shock of buying college textbooks by exempting them from sales tax year round."

More information about the Sales Tax Holiday, including a list of tax-exempt items, can be found on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us.

HCHD welcomes new pharmacist



Samantha Wilkerson

Hansford County Hospital District is proud to welcome Samantha Wilkerson, the new Director of the District's Pharmacy. Ms. Wilkerson recently graduated from Texas Tech School of Pharmacy with a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree. She and husband Chad have a two-year-old son, Jack. Many will remember Sam's grandfather, Jesse Davis, who was also a pharmacist in Spearman.

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

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

SHS student registration schedule

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GHS student registration schedule

Gruver ISD will hold new student registration on Monday, August 8th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. for all grades.

Gruver Elementary will hold a "Meet your Teacher" event on Monday, August 15th from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the City Park.

SISD hosts "Meet the Teachers" night

Spearman ISD will host a "Meet the Teachers" night on Thursday, August 11th at the following times: Elementary - 5-6 p.m., Junior High - 6-7 p.m., and High School - 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The Spearman Lynx and Lynxette Booster Club will host their annual "Meet the Lynx" ice cream social at 7:30 in the east parking lot. Everyone is invited to come meet the Lynx football team, the cross country team, the band and the cheerleaders.

Senior swim party

The Spearman Seniors will have a back-to-school swim party on Friday, August 12, 2005 from 8 until 10 p.m. The seniors are asked to bring \$1.00 and a snack. For more information, call Jenna McElroy at 659-2617.

Spearman Lynx and Lynxette Booster Club sets first meeting

The Spearman Lynx and Lynxette Booster Club will hold its first meeting on August 8, 2005 at 7 p.m. at Spearman High School.

During this meeting it will be decided whether to meet on Monday or Tuesday nights.

The booster club is open to anyone interested in supporting and encouraging the students involved in sports. It is not limited to parents - friends, grandparents, other students, other relatives and businesses are welcome. Membership dues are \$10.00 per family and \$25.00 per business.

Members of the booster club actively support the students throughout the year and strive to earn money for the scholarship program. At the end of the year seniors may apply for the booster club scholarships. For a senior to be eligible to apply and receive a booster club scholarship the student, parent or parents must be a current member of the booster club.

Region 16 ESC to host At-Risk Conference

Area educators and interested community agencies and individuals are invited to participate in the Twelfth Annual At-Risk Conference, Soaring to Success, from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17 in the Amarillo Civic Center.

Sponsored by Region 16 Education Service Center, West Texas A&M University and Amarillo Independent School District, the conference will feature two nationally-known speakers and the Samuel High School Deaf Choir from Dallas Independent School District. Presenters include Ruby K. Payne, Ph.D., A Framework for Understanding Poverty, and Murray Banks, Soaring to Success - Teaching with Passion and Style.

An expert on poverty and mindsets of economic classes, Dr. Payne has been a professional educator since 1972, from high school teacher, principal, central office administrator, to educational consultant. Since 1996, she has trained tens of thousands of professionals yearly and has certified more than 4,500 Framework trainers.

One of the nation's most sought after speakers in the area of lifestyle and its impact on perform-

ance, Banks is a world class athlete and honored educator. He was named Vermont's Teacher of the Year in 1982 and has won four national championships in the triathlon, twice finishing among the top in the world. He also won the Masters World Championship two times in cross-country skiing.

Under the direction of Connie Miller, the Samuel High School Deaf Choir has commanded state and national attention by "singing" the words of songs in the air. The group, consisting of 11 deaf and hard of hearing students, has performed for the State Fair of Texas, the Fort Worth Naval Disability Fair, the Office of Homeland Security, a government statewide leadership conference, the Harlem Globetrotters, the Dallas Cowboys, the Texas Rangers, the Dallas Mavericks, the Dallas Sidekicks and a rally for President Bush.

The conference will also include numerous exhibitors and booths with representatives from community programs.

Cost of the conference is \$15, which includes lunch and refreshments. Participants may register online at www.esc16.net. Limited on-site registration will be also accepted between 8-9 a.m. when refreshments and exhibits will be available.

For further information, contact Elaine Wells at 677-5123

Frank Phillips off-campus registration

Off-campus Registration for Frank Phillips College will be Tuesday, August 16, 2005, 5:00-6:00 pm in the Video Conference room at Spearman High School.

Classes available in Spearman will be: Integrated Sci-Bio, MW, 5:30-6:44 p.m.; General Biology I, MW, 5:30-6:44 p.m.; Rhetoric and Composition, W, 7:00-9:44 p.m.; US History 1877, M, 7:00-9:44 p.m.

For more information concerning these classes, contact Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Coordinator, at 659-3233.

WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

FRIDAY - Mostly cloudy in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the lower 60s. Light and variable winds.

SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Public invited to attend Texas Plains Trail Regional board meeting

The public is invited to next month's Texas Plains Trail Regional board meeting in Canyon to learn about the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) partnership grants program. The heritage region is part of the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Texas Heritage Trails Program (THTP), a regional tourism initiative that helps Texas communities promote tourism, revitalize local economies and foster community leadership through historic preservation.

The Texas Heritage Tourism Partnership Grant Program helps communities fund projects that enhance the visitor experience to cultural and historic sites in the heritage region. The THC will award a total of \$30,000 with a maximum of \$5,000 per project in Texas Heritage Tourism Partnership Grant funds to the top scoring applicants in the heritage region. Government and nonprofit organizations in counties within the Texas Plains Trail Region are eligible to apply.

The heritage region encompasses 52 counties: Armstrong, Bailey, Borden, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Floyd, Foard, Gaines, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hardeman, Hartley, Hemphill, Hockley, Howard, Hutchinson, Kent, King, Knox, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn, Mitchell, Moore, Howard, Hutchinson, Kent, King, Knox, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn, Mitchell, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Scurry, Sherman, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler and Yoakum.

Allison Thompson, partnership grants coordinator for the THC, will speak at the board meeting to explain how the grant process works. She will also be available to answer questions from the public. The meeting will be held on August 18th at the Cole Community Center, 300 16th Street, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For additional information on the Texas Plains Trail Region, contact Glenn Barnett at 806/273-0920. For more information about the THC's partnership grant program, contact Allison Thompson, program specialist for the THC's Texas Heritage Trails Program at 512/463-2630.

For additional information on Texas travel events and vacation destinations, visit www.TravelTex.com or for a free Texas State Travel Guide call 1-800-888-TEX.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.

Editorial

by Gary Smith, owner/publisher

In last week's Reporter Statesman, we published an apology by 84th District Attorney Clay Ballman.

Ballman wrote, "On May 12, 2005 I was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated in Borger. For such I take responsibility and plead guilty. I sincerely apologize to all persons of Hansford and Hutchinson Counties for my judgment and actions of that evening."

It is my personal opinion that we, the residents of this district, should certainly forgive Mr. Ballman. Unfortunately, our difficulty is that forgiveness will not solve the problem that we currently face.

Thousands of people witnessed television coverage of Mr. Ballman being forcibly removed from his automobile by a number of police officers.

Mr. Ballman's poor judgment of driving while intoxicated certainly speaks to his ability to make sound judgments. I, as well as other members of our community, do not want Mr. Ballman making life changing decisions for our families. While apologies are good, they do not rectify bad choices.

It is difficult for me to imagine that Mr. Ballman would ever be re-elected. This, however, would not prevent him from serving as an attorney.

It is my hope that Mr. Ballman will resign immediately, so that our citizenry will not have to take appropriate steps to have him removed from office.

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

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

Live, Laugh & Love



by Catherine R. Smith cathysmith@antden.com

My aunt, Delores Watkins, sent me the following story entitled "Being Old." I don't know who wrote it, but thought I would share it anyway.

Being Old

The other day a young person asked me how I felt about being old. I was taken aback, for I do not think of myself as old. Upon seeing my reaction, she was immediately embarrassed, but I explained that it was an interesting question, and I would ponder it, and let her know.

Old age, I decided, is a gift. I am now, probably for the first time in my life, the person I have always wanted to be. Oh, not my body! I sometime despair over my body - but I don't agonize over it for long.

I would never trade my amazing friends, my wonderful life, my loving family for less gray hair or a flatter belly. As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend. I don't chide myself for eating that extra cookie, or for not making my bed, or for buying that silly cement gecko that I didn't need, but looks so avante garde on my patio. I am entitled to overeat, to be messy, to be extravagant. I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon: before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging.

Whose business is it if I choose to read until 4 am, and sleep until noon?

I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 50's & 60's, and if I at the same time wish to weep over a lost love, I will.

I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten: and I eventually remember the important things. Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers? But broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turn gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face.

So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver. I can say "no", and mean it. I can say "yes", and mean it. As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

So, to answer the question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. For the first time in my life, I don't have to have a reason to do the things I want to do.

If I want to play games on the computer all day, lay on the couch and watch old movies for hours or don't want to go to the beach or a movie, I have earned that right. I have put in my time doing everything for others, so now I can be a bit selfish without feeling guilty.

I sometimes feel sorry for the young. They face a far different world than I knew growing up, where we feared the law, respected the old, the flag, our country. I never felt the need to use filthy language in order to express myself. And they too will grow old someday.

I am grateful to have been born when I was, into a kinder, gentler world.

Yes, I like being old!

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 :)

Guest Editorial

Blow out the candles and lead

by Yonce Shelton Sojourners Source: SojoMail http://www.sojo.net/sojmail

Ask your political leaders, ask your religious leaders, ask your congregations and neighbors. Ask them to celebrate, listen and lead. Ask them to bring gifts of conviction and action to Social Security's 70th birthday party this month.

Before Congress left town for its August recess, over 10,000 people (in just 7 days!) signed our petition. You asked congressional leaders to listen and be open to the needs of the people (Isaiah 32:3). You asked them to help broaden the discussion about Social Security so that the "covenant for the common good" could be kept. But they aren't the only ones with power to shape the national discussion.

Social Security is about all of us. Those we see, those we don't; those we know, those who are strangers; those who 'have', those who 'have not'. When the fabric of our nation and communities is at stake, we must provide leadership. Decisions could be made about Social Security in Washington this September that will impact millions of our neighbors. You may not see the impact in every face you pass on Main Street, but the impact - for better or worse - will be evident to families in your community. Will they celebrate?

You have the ability to strengthen individuals, families, and community now and in the future by leading efforts to save Social Security. Speaking prophetically to Capitol Hill is one way to lead. Raising that voice and being a witness in your community is another. Your leadership can help those you see and don't see. Leaders know when to celebrate.

To "do good, seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow" (Isaiah 1:17) includes educating - witnessing to - your friends and congregations about what is at stake for certain commitments we make as a society, and how your religious principles guide your commitments. But we also need to celebrate what we have.

On August 13 and 14 in towns and cities around the country, thousands of people will gather to celebrate the 70th birthday of Social Security.

Social Security has been our nation's greatest anti-poverty program. It has provided a safety net and assurance when life takes unexpected turns. Just as we celebrate family, church and community milestones, we should celebrate the 70 years of what Social Security has meant to our nation.

Take a break - a Sabbath - from the concerns and challenges that lie ahead for Social Security. Take time to ground yourself in your reasons for acting and speaking. Come out and show that you value what you are trying so hard to protect and strengthen. If people of faith can't take time to celebrate and be refreshed, how can we have the strength, vision, and focus to strengthen our social fabric over the next 70 years?

The challenges to Social Security are very real. But so is the need to celebrate with our communities. Strengthen those bonds around Social Security. Take your faith and conviction into the public square and magnify a voice for the common good. Help your congregation, organization, breakfast club, or community center realize the importance of Social Security. It takes leadership, communication, and education at all levels to inspire and equip people to join forces and make a difference.

Join the celebrations August 13-14. Tell your family and friends, publicize in church bulletins, post notices on your Main Street. Celebrate with your community, and keep leading the charge to protect the covenant for the common good.

This month, Social Security turns 70. Sign the petition and join 10,000 of our neighbors in saying that Social Security deserves another 70 years! Visit www.sojo.net/commongood.

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HWYI FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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 22, 2005. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

15th Annual Guymon Boy Scout 4-Person Golf Scramble

The 15th Annual Guymon Boy Scout 4-Person Scramble Team Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, August 6th at the Sunset Hills Golf Course in Guymon. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. There is a \$200 entry fee per 4-person team. Tournament benefits will go toward supporting Guymon Boy Scouts of America programs. Tournament underwriting is generously provided by Love's Travel and Country Stores. For more information, contact Todd Singleterry at 580-338-5811.

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.

Hansford County Circle of Friends Membership Party

Hansford County Circle of Friends will host a membership party in support of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center on August 18, 2005 at 7:30 pm. The event, featuring a steak dinner, auction and raffle, will be held at the O'Loughlin Center. Circle of Friends is a non profit volunteer organization founded to support the philosophy and goals of The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center. The purpose of the Circle of Friends is to provide cancer patients and their families with financial assistance in times of crisis and to support programs in cancer treatment, education and research. Some of the items featured for the raffle and auction include a handmade quilt donated by award winning quilter, Gerry Davis, jewelry from Graham Brothers of Amarillo, Tx., designs from Linda Coombs, Gina Gillespie, Barbara Stavlo, Diane McLain and Ronda Holt, and Tracy Venneman. A chuck wagon meal catered by Paul and Barbara Stavlo. A ribeye dinner for 12 to be served anywhere in Hansford County catered by Richard and Wanda Wagner. For more information or reservations please contact Cathy Davis at 806 733 5061 or Barbara Stavlo at 806 733-2600. Tickets are \$20 per person and \$35 per couple.

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.

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An evening of song, dance and comedy

Escape to the lake Tuesday, August 9th at 8 p.m. as the cast and crew of "Lone Star Rising! 2005" entertain with an old-fashioned variety show. Featured acts will perform all types of singing, dancing and acting. Join us at the Fritch Fortress Amphitheater at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area. Tickets are \$5 with profits used to award student scholarships. Tickets may be purchased at the box office or reserved by calling (806) 677-1706.

Spearman night at Lone Star Rising!

Spearman Night at Lone Star Rising! is Friday, August 5th. Tickets are available at the Spearman Chamber office (659-5555) at the following prices: Adults - \$14, Senior Citizens - \$11; Children (12 & under) \$4.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Spearman Fire Department meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department.
Gruver Fire Department meets the first, second and fourth Tuesday of each month.
American Legion and Auxiliary Post 254 meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Center in Perryton.
Gruver Chamber of Commerce meets the first Tuesday of each month at 12 noon at the El Vaquero.
Hansford County Commissioners Court meets the second and fourth Mondays at 10 a.m. at Hansford County Courthouse.
Stationmaster's House Museum Board of Directors meets the second Monday at 2 p.m. at the Stationmaster's House Museum.
Spearman ISD Board of Trustees meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Spearman High School Library.
Hansford Hospice meets on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m.
Palo Duro River Authority meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the P.D.R.A. office.
Genealogy Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the home of Velma Sanders, 1015 Linn Drive, in Spearman.
Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets the second Wednesday of each month at noon.
Gruver City Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. in Gruver City Hall.
Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets the second Thursday of each month at noon.
Pringle-Morse CISD Board of Trustees meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.
Spearman City Council meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 a.m. in the City Hall Chambers at City Hall.
Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce meets the third Wednesday of each month at noon.
Gruver ISD Board of Directors meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Board Room at Gruver High School.
Hansford County Hospital District Board of Directors meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Hansford Hospital.
Hansford County Historical Commission Board of Directors meets the first Monday of January, April, July and October at 2 p.m. in the Zulu Museum building.

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Happy Birthday!

Editor's Note: This Happy Birthday list is run as a public service by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. We apologize if any names are misspelled. If you know of a name that needs to be changed, added or deleted, please call 659-3434.

August 4

Birthdays - Jim Derington, Marjorie Hendricks, Penny Gammit, Mrs. Dick Kilgore, Cindy McGhee, Jeanetta Montgomery, Billy Joe Rhea, Mike Riley, V.L. Williamson, Nikki Swenn, Misty Pointer, Shelly Rook, Ramon Rosales, Renee Allen, Joe Allen Bullard, Bond Grace Saltman, Lee Blevis, Lane Saltmans, Dawn Weak, Rachel Abernathy, Ronnie Cogdill, Karen Hartgraves
Anniversary - M/M Joe Vanderburg, M/M Joe Bravo, M/M E.A. Williams, M/M Ronnie E. Williams

August 5

Birthdays - 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 - M/M J. Garnett, M/M Roy Flowers, M/M Samuel Sanchez, Danny & Debby Herrington, Rich & Helen Melton

August 6

Birthdays - 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 - M/M Muri Pearson, M/M Rocky Sharp, M/M Tim Stedje, M/M Mack Hoel

August 7

Birthdays - 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 Jacops

August 8

Birthdays - Billy Pat Underwood, Ed Berner, Junior

Vela, Hosa Casas, George Young, Frankie Dominguez, Kathy Boyd, Jenna Abernathy, Ryan Schnell

Anniversary - M/M Leonard Garrard

August 9

Birthdays - Christopher Layton, Reba Miser, Inell Trahan, Roy Dunaway, Karla Latta, Anita Garrard, Bob Rylant, Holly Pipkin, Aurora Vela
Anniversary - M/M Buddy Dosssett, M/M Steve Beville

August 10

Birthdays - 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
Anniversary - M/M Lucio Vela, M/M Riche Randall, M/M J.L. Brock, M/M Erwin Wright, M/M Felipe Alvarez, Jim & Karen Johnson

August 11

Birthdays - Autumn Bateman, Jake McCullough, Clint DeArmond, Jody Rex, Dean McLain, Tootsie Scroggs, Simon Nelson, Kam Taylor, Hank Sutterfield, Tammy Herndon, Tayshia James, Beulah Abston
Anniversary - M/M Gary Johnson, M/M Ervin Wright, M/M Junior Crossland

August 12

Birthdays - 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 - M/M Rudy Saldavar

August 13

Birthdays - 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 - M/M Gary Flowers, M/M Gerald TeBeest

August 14

Birthdays - Leslie Latta, Jimmy Nicholson, Mike Pack
Anniversary - M/M Monty Lusby

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

Our lessons for the Twelfth Sunday in Pentecost are 1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85; Romans 10:5-15; and, Matthew 14:22-43. Jezebel pledges her life to end the life of the prophet Elijah.

Elijah flees, hides in a cave (similar to Moses hiding in the cleft of the rock), fearing all the while that he is the only follower of God left alive. A mighty wind battered the mountains, a great earthquake rumbled and shook the mountains, a great fire consumed much that grew on the mountains, but God was not in these.

Elijah's theophany (encounter with God) comes in the form of a still, quiet voice, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" God sends Elijah back to work - anoint two Kings, anoint Elisha as a replacement prophet in Israel. God tells Elijah, I have seven thousand faithful to me in Israel. When all seems lost, the Believer is never alone.

The Psalmist remembers God's forgiveness of his people in the past, and is assured that He will forgive his people again. God's people are not alone.

Paul in Chapters 9-11 of Romans is taking his fellow Jews to task, for their misunderstanding of how to obtain righteousness through the law rather than faith in God. Paul gives us perhaps the earliest creed of the church--If you believe that Jesus is Lord; if you believe that God raised Jesus from the dead, and if you confess this belief with your lips, you will be saved. It is through the sacrament of baptism, the water and The Word, that we die to the sins of this world, and live on in the body of Jesus Christ, the Church. Jesus contends with the crowds that want to make Him King by force and He sends the disciples on in a boat.

Matthew tells of Jesus walking on the water to aid his frightened disciples. Regardless if you regard this as a miracle, or as an allegory, Jesus did not leave his disciples to fight a storm alone. Peter walks to meet his Lord, and is successful, until he takes his eyes off of Jesus. Jesus rescues Peter and calms the sea.

As you study these lessons, may the Holy Spirit assure you that regardless of your peril, that regardless of your fears, you are not alone; you are a child of God and His arm is not too short to rescue you. Just keep your eyes on Him.

Our Sympathy

Wanda Jean Brinkley Schubert

SPEARMAN - Wanda Jean Brinkley Schubert, 62, died Sunday, July 31, 2005.

Memorial services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ken Cole and the Rev. Derrel Evins officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Schubert was born in Livermore, Calif. She was a member of First United Methodist Church. She married Burton Schubert on July 5, 1961, in Spearman.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Margie Boone of Wichita Falls; a son, Lee Schubert of Spearman; her mother, Imogene Brinkley of Spearman; a sister, Carla Harding of Aledo; a brother, Wesley Brinkley of Liberal, Kan.; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the American Heart Association or a favorite charity.

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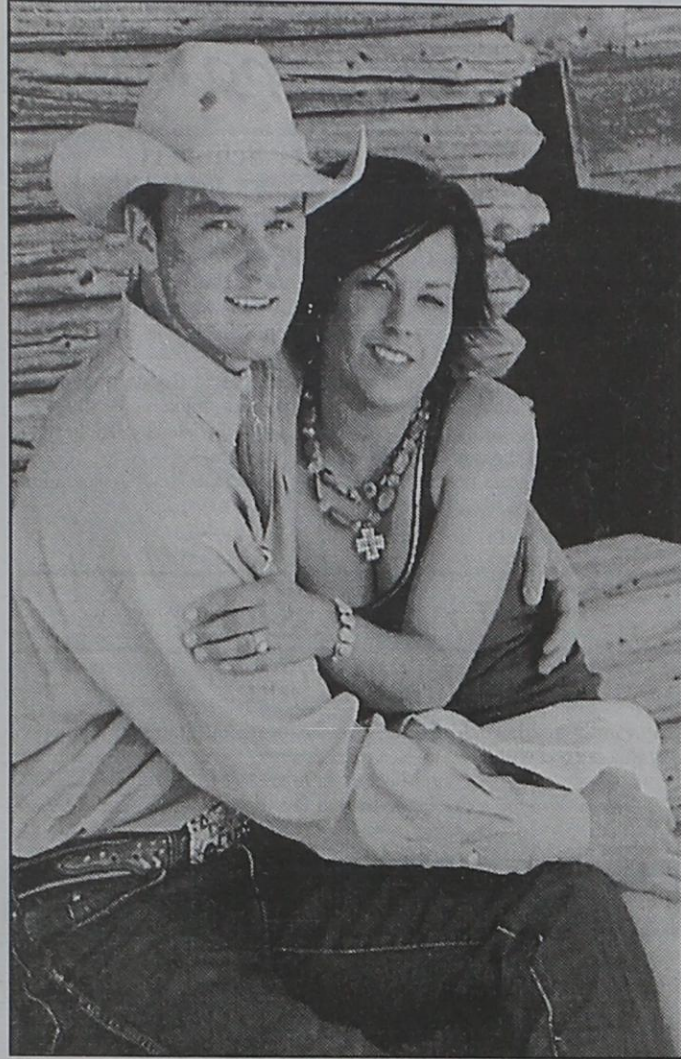
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Engagement Announcement

Shannon and Kay Boyles of Junction, Texas, and Jim and Wanda Eakin of Amarillo, Texas, would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Cassidy Clay Boyles and Marty John Eakin.

The wedding is planned for August 5, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in Junction, Texas at the bride's grandparents home.

Wheatheart wheat and stocker cattle conference

The Texas Cooperative Extension in Ochiltree, Hansford, Hutchison, Lipscomb and Hemphill counties are sponsoring the 7th annual Wheatheart Wheat and Stocker Cattle Conference on Thursday, August 11, 2005.

The conference will be held at the Ochiltree County Expo Center in Perryton. Registration is at 8:30 AM and programs begin at 9:00. All area wheat and stocker cattle producers are invited to hear Extension and industry specialist cover a wide range of topics related to wheat and stocker cattle production and marketing. Plus, 3 CEU's will be provided for all attending with a pesticide applicator license.

Lunch will be provided for a \$6.00 donation to the Ochiltree County FCE clubs and, several door prizes will be given away including a BBQ smoker and grill.

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

Annual golf tournament slated for August 22nd

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will host its Seventh Annual Golf Tournament, sponsored by Amarillo National Bank, August 22, at La Paloma Gold club. Cost is \$300 per foursome and includes dinner catered by La Paloma.

The tournament begins with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start. Player registration deadline is August 15th. Major tournament sponsors include Bell Helicopter Textron, Valero Energy Corporation, Saturn of

Amarillo, HRH of Amarillo and Spellmann & Associates. Numerous area merchants have generously donated door prizes.

Proceeds will go toward the new CMBC state-of-the-art blood collection facility. Coffee Memorial Blood Center is the sole supplier of blood and blood components for 27 counties in the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles. As a non-profit, community blood center, CMBC saves lives and enhances the quality of life for more than 15,000 patients annually.

For information regarding sponsorships, contact Judy Neill, development director, at 331-8853 or Andy Tiner, sponsorship coordinator, at 331-8883.

Food manager training

Texas restaurants are required by law to have certified food managers. To train these service professionals, Texas Cooperative Extension of Hansford County will offer a manager certification course called "Food Safety: It's Our Business" on August 22-23.

The event will be at the Fellowship Hall of Spearman Church of Christ, 121 S. Haney in Spearman. The deadline for registration is August 8.

"This hands-on learning experience equips participants with the latest food safety principles and practices to prepare for the examination," said Peggy Winegarner, Extension Agent Family and Consumer Science in Spearman.

The course fee of \$79 includes training, materials and the state food manager certification examination. New food manager certi-

fications are valid for five years.

On average, one in four Americans become sick each year from a food borne illness. One in 1,000 people are hospitalized and 5,000 die from ingesting unsafe food.

Course instructors will teach ways to identify potential hazardous foods, prevent common errors in food handling, and methods preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food. Other topics will include personal hygiene for employees, compliance with governmental regulations, clean work area, utensil, and equipment maintenance in addition to safe pest control methods.

Dates, locations and contact information for the certification opportunities across the Panhandle is available online at <http://food-safety.tamu.edu>.

For details about the course in Spearman, contact Peggy Winegarner at (806) 659-4131.

Little soldier

welcomed by family

On July 6, 2005 Braeden Matthew was welcomed by his parents, Spec. Sarah George (stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington) and Sgt. Brent Holmes (stationed in South Korea). Braeden was born at 8:27 a.m. at the Madigan Army

and Lottie of Olympia, Wa.; Great-grandparents Jessie Keel of Kennewick, Wa. and the late Bill and Hazel Martin.

Paternal grandparents are Gina Miller and the late Larry Miller of Oologah, Ok.; Great-grandparents Jimmy and Rheau Nell Cramsey of Elk Grove, Ca.

O'Loughlin family reunion

During the July 4, 2005 week-end, thirty members of the Charles and Susan O'Loughlin family reunited in Spearman. Members traveled from Washington State, California and Arizona. They spent the fourth swimming in June O'Loughlin's pool, eating a dinner at the O'Loughlin Center catered by Paula Clemmons, playing volleyball, and watching fireworks.

The family would like to thank Spearman for its hospitality, and in particular, these businesses: Newcomb House, The Bishop's Cottage, Gordon's (especially for the purple 50th anniversary t-shirts and lemonade), Celebrate, Hungry Cowboy, The Bunkhouse, All Occasions Flowers, Patsy's Cakes, Boy Scout Troop 551, Lowe's, and Kathy Bryant at the O'Loughlin Center. The family holds its reunion in Spearman every five years.

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Miranda Thoreson & Heath Hill

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Kathryn & Brian Mancini - 8/13
Robert & Kara (Faries) Womble - 8/13
Melissa & Steve Elliott - 8/14
Chris & Michelle (Bass) Price - 8/21
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It's A Boy! It's A Boy!

Joseph Thomas (Joe T.) Gifford, son of Holly (Venneman) and Justin Gifford of Amarillo, was born February 22, 2005. He weighed 8 pounds and was 21 inches long. He was welcomed home by his big brother, Gus Gifford.

Benjamin Venneman Cooper, son of Kim (Venneman) and Clint Cooper was born July 8, 2005. He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 1/4 inches long.

Both boys are the grandsons of Linda and Joe T. Venneman of Spearman.

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Kara (Faries) & Robert Womble
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Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

The week started off right with the Gaithers singing in the afternoon via video. Thank God for video's!! The Residents visit and have coffee breaks on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Many good friendships have formed here because we are a little community inside of a community. The Residents always know what is going on with each other and keep in good contact with friends that they neighbor with here.

Monday morning we had an entertaining Newscurrents program after our Monday morning chores. Many Residents help with chores such as watering the flowers, tending the birds, pulling weeds from the flower beds and I have seen many just policing up the common areas. It is nice to see that many feel just as at home here as if they were in their own homes. That is the goal that we are striving for.

After lunch we had some sewing, and some playing table games- mostly Skip-Bo- of course some of us like to watch Dr. Phil. Many thanks go out to the auxiliary for hosting bingo Monday night as well as Thursday afternoon. We have a wonderful, caring auxiliary. They are so very respectful of our elders and considerate. Of course I think our elders are great. They have lived very productive, vital lives and deserve all of the respect that we could possibly give them. This is a great community that is so very concerned about our neighbors and friends.

Tuesday morning we had a great exercise session in the living room. When I see staff as well as Residents dancing down the halls I call it a great exercise session. After lunch we met in the activity room for Resident Council. The Residents took care of much business at their meeting. Magda Garnett was elected as the Resident of the Month for August and Suzie Lawrence was elected as CNA of the month for August.

After the meeting we had watermelon and a chatter club session about the 40's. For supper that night the First Baptist Church brought in dish after dish and dessert after dessert for Christian Buffet. Thank you to everyone at the First Baptist Church. The buffet was great. Believe me the Residents look at the new calendars each month to see what night Christian Buffet is on they enjoy it so much.

We were so blessed Wednesday morning as Anne Whitaker led Bible study. Anne you may never know in this lifetime how important this is to the Residents but I will tell you for one that it is wonderful. Thank you.

After lunch the Residents tackled the ceramic pieces that they have been working on. Many of them completed their projects Wednesday and some are still working on them.

Thursday was back to exercise. Gotta stay in shape around here. I remember a friend of mine saying to me one time that they always exercised in school when they were young but no-one ever told them that they needed to do that for the rest of their life if they wanted to live well. As we age exercise

becomes even more important to keep everything limber. I can tell because I haven't been very faithful here lately and my body is speaking out to me in groans.

After lunch the faithful auxiliary was back for bingo. We have also had many youth volunteering this summer to help with bingo, games, flower gardens and anything else that we do. They have been great. Thanks guys.

Friday morning was exercise again. It is never the same we always do something different and the Residents enjoy it and then --- the wonderful birthday party!! The auxiliary brings pie after pie after pie. We eat until we are satisfied and then we had the special treat of Janie's Antique Road Band! Wow, are they ever good. Joel Lee Lackey, Wesley Jarvis, Janie Kunselman, Richard Kirk and of course last but not least Jr. Sparks entertained us all throughout the afternoon. The Residents (and all the rest of us) enjoy their music. We had line dances and all kinds of dances. There was laughter and clapping and tapping the toes. Thank you all for the special treat!

Saturday afternoon we had a special treat hosted by the Church of Christ of Gruver. It was a celebration of 62 years of marriage for Flavil and Josephine Ayers. There were so many visitors and their reception was beautiful. Thank you to the Church of Christ and to everyone that came to celebrate with them and to the Residents here for honoring them. Flavil has been an excellent care giver to his wife and she has appreciated him.

Later in the afternoon, Timberly Thomas, Joanne Tang, Claudine Laxton, and Mary Kay Harbour helped us take Residents to Pokey's Ranch Rodeo at the park. The Residents enjoyed it even though it was so extremely hot that we decided it was best to sit on the van with the air conditioner running. (The new van has the capability of idling for hours.) The large windows along the sides give the Residents a great view of the outside. We are very proud to have it. We stayed through the children's events then returned for supper at the Manor. It was a great week!!

Be sure to call 659-5849 with you entries for the dog show on the 9th of August!! We have a great time seeing all of the different breeds. Last year we did not have 2 dogs alike in the show. Their owners were great with their dogs and the Residents enjoyed it greatly!

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

Well, it is quiet in the museum. This is nice because it gives us time to catch up with our many projects and to investigate other resources. Lovella is reading through our many volumes of newspapers, copying the obituaries, and finding many ads, articles, and tidbits of information that reflect life in Lipscomb county at the time.

This week I offer you some of the information from newspapers of our past:

Follett Times-Lipscomb Limmelight, August 2, 1934: Ethel Skaggs, the editor included the following two tidbits.

"Paris Styles hit Follett"
Slit skirts, slashed to the knee, and other places is one of the latest fads that have hit the United States and Follett, which have traveled all the way from Paris, France. We are just kind wondering just what Eve would say if she could see some of the very latest styles. There is no doubt but what she would begin hunting up her "Fig Leaf."

"Hips Hips Hooray"
On this coming Friday and Saturday nights, August 3-4th, the Criterion Theatre in Follett will have the all-talking picture entitled "Hips,Hips, Hooray" for your entertainment and enjoyment so plan to come in any one of the nights and take in this all-talking show.

She also reported that a Cancer Doctor by the name of Mrs. E. E. Bundy of Boise City died from

injuries received in an auto accident July 4th near Garden City, Kansas. Note that she referred to her as a Mrs. not a Dr. Does this mean that in the 30's your marital state was more politically correct than your professional and educational status?

In this same issue of the paper there was an ad for a Dr. C.E. Death. The ad stated that he was a doctor of chiropractic medicine. He would receive patients in the Follett Hotel and promised to "remove the cause". Disbelieving that anyone would practice medicine or any of the healing arts with a name of death, we asked our loyal volunteer Lavaun to check the 1930 census. She found a Charles E. Death, chiropractor, a resident of Woodward. He evidently traveled the area treating patients. So much for our skepticism.

A 1943 issue of the Follett Times informs us that the theater is now the Follett Theater with the slogan of "The House That Hits Built."

An ad shows a picture of a lapel pin referred to as a "Target" button. It asks the question "are you entitled to wear a "target" button? It continued stated that people were eligible if they invested at least ten percent of their income in War Bonds every pay day. The pin was a badge of patriotism.

August is National Peach Month and promises to be a hot summer month. Please come visit us and see the Lipscomb County 4-H Photographs and the Navajo Textiles before they leave us.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

provided by Virginia Scott

1861- President Lincoln appoints Army dropout Ulysses Grant a general of volunteers in the Union Army, something of an honorary appointment in most cases but in Grant's a step in the rehabilitation of his career.

1903- A Packard completes the first cross-country auto trip, covering the distance from San Francisco to New York in fifty-two days.

1842- Diarist Philip Hone reports after a trip to the countryside that he " frequently heard used the word 'dickering' which until then was new to me. It means 'barter' and is an expression indicating the signs of the times. The valleys...stand thick with corn, but...there is no money in circulation, and the farmer is compelled to 'dicker' his wheat for molasses and tea and sugar, his wool for broadcloths, and must part with a horse or an ox to get fodder for the rest of his stock."

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.

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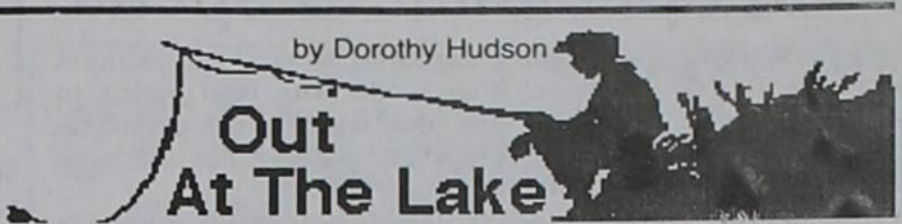
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Out At The Lake
by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Level--August 1, 2005--28 feet (-0.31)

There is still water under the bridge across the Palo Duro in the Park. Jim said that area becomes dry when the lake level falls to 27 feet. He has seen a herd of white tail deer north of the bridge. It was unusual in that a buck was among the does and three sets of twin fawns.

Not many campers used the hookups last week, and there were no fishing reports. The Assembly of God from Perryton had the shelter on Sunday. Jim had a nice experience visiting with three men from Denton and Krum. They were taking a leisurely trip through the country and decided to spend the night at the Park. Their plans were to go on into Oklahoma and Kansas. Since Jim graduated from Denton High School some years back, they knew some of the same people.

Not many people have commented about seeing rattlesnakes this year. However, ten days ago Brianne Stedje, daughter of the Steve and Derryla Stedje of Oslo, had the unfortunate experience of being in the path of an 18-inch long rattlesnake with 5 buttons. The family had gone out to see the stars at 11 o'clock at night had when the snake struck. Steve and LoriBeth, older sister of Brianne, had walked ahead of her without incident. The snake did not rattle until after it had clamped on to Brianne's foot, but she said she knew immediately what had happened from the cold feeling in her foot. As she shook the snake loose, it finally rattled. Steve immediately stomped it in the head, killing it. A call to 911 gave instructions to put her foot in ice and get to a doctor quickly. As it is 20 minutes to Guymon and 45 minutes to Spearman, they chose to drive to Guymon. There she was given an anti-venom shot and hospitalized for the night. Her foot has been very tender, and she was unable to walk on it for a number of days. Otherwise she has been doing fine.

Many of you have probably heard Brianne play the harp. She is a music major at Oklahoma City University, where she completed her freshman year this spring. LoriBeth attends the same school as a master's student.

RETRACTION

On June 9, 2005, the Hansford County Sheriff's Department mistakenly published a Sex Offender Notification in the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman concerning **Mr. Sammy Herpeche**. The information contained in that notification was acquired from the Texas Department of Corrections, but proved to be inaccurate. Mr. Herpeche's offense was not that as listed in the newspaper and does not require public notification. We regret this error.

Hansford County Sheriff's Department

Youth specialist to speak

Small communities face great challenges in fashioning strategies that reverse the trends of population loss and economic decline. In particular, rural leaders are mindful that unless they become more successful in attracting young people to their community, their long-term future is threatened.

Craig Schroeder, a rural community development specialist from Amarillo, Tx, on August 23rd to speak on "Youth Attraction: Key Strategies for Community Development." The program is free of charge, and will be held at the Texas A&M Research Center Auditorium at 6500 Amarillo Boulevard West, from 1:30-3:30pm.

As Senior Associates with the Rural Policy Research Institute Center for Rural Entrepreneurship based in Lincoln, Nebraska, Schroeder's primary focus is community-based business succession planning and youth entrepreneurship, including creation of the Youth Attraction Formula, a tool for Great Plains communities to address persistent youth out-migration. Craig is one of the instructors for the HomeTown Competitiveness (HTC) Training Academy, which will be attended by 75 community leaders in Canadian, Tx, on August 24-28.

HomeTown Competitiveness (HTC) is a framework for engaging rural community leaders, entrepreneurs, young people and charitable donors in systemic change that results in revitalized rural communities. HTC is a community-led and asset-based approach to rural development focused upon helping rural places become more economically competitive and sustainable. This summary briefly introduces the youth engagement component of the HTC strategy.

"It is not just the lure of big cities that pulls young people away from rural communities," notes Schroeder. "It is also the lack of opportunity and encouragement to come back that discourages young people. Our HTC framework teaches community leaders how to create attraction strategies and career opportunities, and how to nurture a sense of ownership and vested interest in the community's long-term future. We are witnessing in our work that a growing number of high school and college students would like to return to their hometown if greater career opportunities were available. The growing trend in entrepreneurship as a preferred career path and the desire to come

back home are creating significant opportunities for rural leaders to begin to reverse youth out-migration trend and revitalize their communities."

HomeTown Competitiveness is a collaborative partnership between the Nebraska Community Foundation, RUPRI Center for Rural Entrepreneurship, the Heartland Center for Leadership Development and the Center for Rural Affairs. To learn more about the HTC framework or the Academy in Canadian, please call Daryl Birkenfield at (806) 938-2529.

2005 Paul Stavlo Benefit Rib Cook-off Results

The 2005 Paul and Barbara Stavlo Benefit Rib Cook-off has come and gone with wonderful participation (between 325-350 people attending) and was a great success.

Results for the rib cook-off are as follows: 1st place went to "Asleep at the Grill"- Mike Cudd and Craig Schumann of Spearman; 2nd place- "The Ribettes"- Clint Irwin, Richard Wagner and Traci Venneman of Gruver; and 3rd place- "The Afterburners"- Dwayne, Justin and Seth

Thompson.

There were two new categories this year- desserts and side dishes. The dessert category the results were: 1st place- Barbara Schnell with brownies and 2nd place; Jim Shirley for blueberry cobbler. In the side dish event 1st place went to Krista Davis for beans; 2nd place was for a pasta dish made by Chris Levis and Gayla James of Stratford took 3rd place for her potato casserole.

The cook-off was held on July 23rd as a benefit fund-raiser for Albert Avila, who has Huntington's Chorea disease. This is a rare genetic disease of the brain.

A chorea is a disorder of the nervous system that causes uncontrollable and irregular muscle movements, especially of the arms, legs and face. Symptoms include confusion that gets worse over time, abnormal posture and involuntary movements. Symptoms develop usually between 35 and 40 years of age with the risk of development decreasing rapidly after age 50 for each year that passes without developing the disease.

The affected portions of the

brain decay slowly, leading to increased chorea and loss of mental abilities. Eventually, abnormal movements and dementia become so severe that the person can no longer care for his or her self. Caretakers must see to the person's basic needs including hygiene, skin care, bowel and bladder care, and feeding plus they have to stay alert to suicide attempts. The person's family often needs emotional support and patient home care is often beyond the family's capacity.

Brother and caregiver Alfred Avila shared this incite with the Reporter, "The most important thing for the caretakers is to be understanding, loyal, firm and loving. The individual who has (HC) can change their minds in minutes on whatever they happen to be doing. The (HC) person sometimes cannot comprehend that they are doing things wrong. The caretakers have to be understanding but firm to protect the well being of the (HC) person. Show lots of love, especially if they are a family member. The (HC) person can take things to heart, the caretakers have to be able to relay information in a

positive way (that can be hard sometimes). Remember the (HC) person does not mean to do all the wrong things on purpose."

At present, there is no cure. The aim is to treat symptoms and support and protect the patient. Drugs can control the chorea somewhat, but benefits are often outweighed by the side effects.

Paul and Barbara Stavlo, Wanda Wagner and other helpers would like to thank all the teams that came and participated. The teams also help cook the meat to serve during the meal. They greatly appreciate their involvement and they certainly want to thank everyone for coming, bringing food and making a "donation". They hope everyone had a good time and enjoyed the music of "Still Looking for a Name Band".

Around \$6,000.00 has been raised so far with a few expenses to come out of that. Donations may still be made by calling Paul or Barbara Stavlo at 733-2600 or Wanda Wagner at 659-4125.

Thanks again, each and every-one!

Spearman Night at "Lone Star Rising"

Chamber of Commerce director, Keith Hight, announced last week in the "Chamber Chatter" that Friday, August 2, 2005, will be Spearman Night at "Lone Star Rising". The Chamber has tickets available- adults- \$14.00; seniors (55 and older)- \$11.00; child (12 and under) \$4.00. Pre-show entertainment begins at approximately 7 p.m. with the show beginning at 8 p.m. Prior to the pre-show entertainment is the bar-b-cue dinner.

This Friday night Smokey Binion Jr. of Stinnett will be part of the pre-show entertainment. Smokey does a "Tribute to Elvis." Spearman will remember Smokey from his many appearances here in Spearman for parades, Elvis stamp cancellations and other performances.

Also appearing in the pre-shoe entertainment will be the grand-children of Juan and the late Maria Avila of Spearman. Beth and John Mark Avila will be dancing and singing. They are the children of Mark and Patricia Avila of Amarillo. The children have also been to Spearman for Heritage Days parades and other entertainment events.

Lone Star Rising is a Neil Hess production and is in its 5th season. Lone Star Rising is performed at the amphitheater at Lake Meredith.

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Stripe Rust May Affect Future Wheat Variety Selections in the Panhandle

Stripe rust resistance may need to be added to the list of considerations when producers make wheat variety selections in the future, said one Texas Cooperative Extension agronomist. Fortunately, those varieties have tested well in this region.

Dr. Brent Bean, Extension agronomist in Amarillo, said stripe rust is not expected to be a constant problem, but it was significant this year.

"It is unlikely we'll experience again anytime soon the widespread infection levels that we saw in 2005," Bean said. "However, I do believe stripe rust is here to stay and we will likely be able to find it in the Panhandle at some level every year."

"For it to be a significant problem, we will again have to have the weather conditions (prolonged cool, wet weather in the spring) to cause it to rapidly spread," he said.

Stripe rust is new to the Panhandle, first showing up three years ago, Bean said. It is now the

dominant rust in the area.

It looks similar to leaf rust, except the rust pustules tend to line up between the leaf veins, giving it a striped appearance. Stripe rust thrives in temperatures from 46 F to 58 F when moisture is present, while leaf rust prefers warmer conditions and thrives in 70 F temperatures.

In field trials this year, those with the highest stripe rust infection level had yield reductions of around 20 bushels under both dryland and irrigated conditions, he said.

"When comparing stripe rust tolerant varieties TAM 111 and Jagger to the susceptible variety TAM 110, yield was reduced 37 percent in dryland trials and 23 percent in irrigated trials by stripe rust," Bean said.

Varieties with stripe rust tolerance were the stars in 2005, Bean said. The most tolerant varieties were TAM 111, AgriPro 4342, Overley and Fannin. These were followed by Cutter, Jagger, 2145,

Deliver, Jagalene, HG-9 and T 81, with moderate to moderately susceptible tolerance.

In irrigated trials, TAM 111 was the best variety for the second year, Bean said. TAM 111 had the highest yield average across locations by more than eight bushels, while yielding in the top 20 percent in five of six locations.

TAM 111 is one of the newest varieties to be released by Texas A&M and is being marketed by AgriPro, he said. This relatively tall variety has good straw strength. Seed should be available this fall, but growers should book seed early, Bean said.

Other varieties yielding in the top 20 percent of at least three of the six locations were T 81, Texas A&M experimental TX01D3232, AgriPro 4342 (experimental), Overley, Jagger and Jagalene.

T 81, a variety from Trio Seed in Colorado with TAM 107 in its background, was looked at for the first time this year, Bean said. The two experimental varieties will not be available for at least a couple of years.

Jagger and Jagalene have performed well in area trials for a number of years, he said. Overley was released by Kansas State

University in 2003 and has both Jagger and TAM 107 in its pedigree. In 2004, irrigated Overley yields were only average, Bean said.

Varieties with stripe rust tolerance also tended to yield the best under dryland situations, Bean said. Varieties yielding in the top 20 percent in at least three of the six locations were AgriPro 4342, Overley, TAM 111, T 81, Cutter, Fannin and the A&M experimental TX00V1117.

Fannin is an AgriPro release with reported excellent fall forage production, he said. This is the second year of its widespread testing. In 2004, yield of Fannin was only average. Overley has been in trials for the last two years and was in the top 20 percent of dryland varieties in both years, Bean said.

While stripe rust was the limiting factor this year on yield, each year is different and all varieties have positive and negative characteristics, he said. Many rust-resistant varieties are susceptible to leaf rust and none are resistant to greenbugs.

In addition, Bean said, just because a variety was stripe rust tolerant in 2005, does not mean it will remain tolerant in 2006. For a brief discussion of each variety in this year's trials, go to <http://amarillo.tamu.edu/programs/agronomy/publications/Wheat/index.htm>.

Farm Service Agency Sets September 9th Application Deadline for 2005 Livestock Assistance Program

According to Rick Hargrove, Executive Director for the Hansford County Farm Service Agency (FSA), September 9, 2005 will be final date to sign-up for 2005 Livestock Assistance Program (LAP) benefits.

LAP provides relief to livestock producers who suffered grazing losses in 2003 or 2004 due to drought, severe weather and related causes. Producers of dairy and beef cattle; bison and beefalo; goats; swine; sheep; and certain equine, elk and reindeer are now eligible to participate in LAP.

To qualify for LAP, grazing land must be located in a county designated as a primary disaster county under a presidential or secretarial disaster declaration. The declaration must have been approved on or after Jan. 1, 2003, for a disaster occurring through Dec. 31, 2004. LAP benefits are not available for contiguous counties.


Eligible applicants must have control of adequate grazing land to support the eligible livestock and possess beneficial interest in eligible livestock that have been owned or leased for at least three months.

During 2003 or 2004, livestock producers must have suffered a 40 percent or greater loss of grazing production for three or more consecutive months due to natural disasters.

"When applying for LAP benefits, producers should be prepared to provide detailed information about livestock numbers, weight range, share and forage type as well as an estimated percent of loss," said Hargrove.

LAP payments will be based on the lesser of the livestock feed allowance or the pasture value. For livestock that were sold in the course of routine business, eligible applicants will receive benefits for those animals only - up to the date of sale. A payment limitation of \$40,000 per person applies, and individuals whose gross revenue exceeds \$2.5 million are ineligible for program benefits.

For more information on LAP including eligibility criteria and application process, please contact the Hansford County FSA at 806-659-3036 ext. 2 or visit the national FSA web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.



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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
Last year's tax rate:		
Last year's operating taxes	1681979	394758
Last year's debt taxes	0	0
Last year's total taxes	1681979	394758
Last year's tax base	447590918	444827839
Last year's total tax rate	0.375785/\$100	0.088744/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:		
This year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	1682046	394781
This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	447686355	444976149
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.375719/\$100	.088719/\$100
Total effective tax rate	0.464438/\$100	
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	0.478371/\$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)	1682046	394781
This year's adjusted tax base	447686355	444976149
= This year's effective operating rate	0.375719/\$100	0.088719/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.405777/\$100	0.095817/\$100
+ this year's debt rate	0.000000/\$100	0.000000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.405777/\$100	0.088719/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	0.501594/\$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 \$ 83.

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	2010880

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 prepared: August 1, 2005

Agriculture Angle

USDA to extend Conservation Reserve Program Contracts

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) today announced that farmers and ranchers with certain Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts expiring this year may extend their contracts for one year.

"Farmers choosing to extend their existing contracts will help to preserve CRP's environmental benefits," said CCC Executive Vice President James R. Little.

The extension option applies to CRP participants with contracts scheduled to expire on Sept. 30, 2005, and whose original contract with the extension will not exceed 15 years. The extension potentially affects 7,000 contracts covering approximately 437,000 acres of land now protected by the CRP. Local offices of USDA's Farm Service Agency will notify eligible CRP participants of their option to modify and extend their CRP contracts. The deadline to apply for this extension is Sept. 2, 2005.

The extension will not change participants' rental rates. All or a portion of the acreage under contract may be included in an extension, but no new acreage may be added. Obligations and responsibilities under the original contract continue to apply to contracts that are modified and extended.

USDA is not planning to offer a general CRP sign-up in fiscal year 2005. However, producers may continue to enroll relatively small, highly-desirable acreage, such as filter strips and riparian buffers, in the continuous CRP at any time at their local FSA office. Extending individual contracts and conducting one general sign-up will be more efficient and cost-effective than conducting two general sign-ups. Currently, CCC is actively developing re-enrollment and extension options as a result of President Bush's announcement in August 2004 to re-enroll and extend contracts scheduled to expire between 2007 and 2010.

The CRP is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers to help them safeguard environmentally sensitive land. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion, and enhance wildlife habitat. In return, CCC provides participants with rental payments for 10- to 15-years and cost-share assistance to establish the conservation practice. Since its inception in 1986, CRP continues to reduce soil erosion, improve water quality and wildlife habitat, and sequester atmospheric carbon

in the 35 million acres currently enrolled in the program.

For more information on the CRP program, contact your local FSA office or visit the FSA Web site at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/crp.htm>.

Crop Disaster Assistance Program Deadline Announced

Producers who suffered crop loss from damaging weather in 2003, 2004 and certain 2005 crop losses are eligible for assistance. The Farm Service Agency announced that eligible producers may sign-up for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) until close of business on September 9, 2005 for the 2003 and 2004 crop years. Signup for the 2005 year is close of business December 16, 2005.

"We are pleased to be able to provide these benefits to producers as quickly as possible," said Rick Hargrove, County Executive Director for Hansford County FSA. "Drought, floods and hurricanes are unpredictable weather events that put farmers and ranchers at risk in producing a dependable and affordable national food supply. Signup for this program opened on March 14 of this year."

Producers suffering a greater than 35-percent production loss

and/or more than a 20-percent quality loss are eligible. The payment rate for CDP has been increased to 65 percent of the established commodity price for insured crops and noninsured crops, and 60 percent of the price for uninsured commodities. Previous disaster assistance provided payments of 50 percent of the established commodity price for insured and non-insurable crops and 45 percent for uninsured crops.

Producers may apply for CDP for any crops that are eligible for coverage under the Federal Crop Insurance or the Noninsured Assistance Program.

For more information on these issues, visit USDA's website at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>

FSA extends County Committee nomination deadline

Hansford County farmers have an extra two weeks to decide if they would like to serve on the Farm Service Agency County Committee or nominate one of their neighbors to run for election. According to, Rick Hargrove, FSA County Executive Director, the county committee nomination period has been extended to Aug. 15 in order to ensure producers have sufficient time to nominate candidates.

"The extension will give agency personnel, community-based groups, farmer organizations and others more time to continue their outreach efforts," Hargrove said.

The FSA county committee applies its judgment and knowledge to make decisions on county price-support loan eligibility, establishment of allotments and yields, conservation programs, disaster programs, employment and other federal farm program-related issues.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others as a candidate. In addition, eligible candidates can be nominated by community-based and other organizations in the county before the close of the nomination period.

Nominations and elections are open to all eligible candidates and voters without regard to race, color, religion, nation origin, age, sex, marital status or disability. The nomination form (FSA-669A) is available at the county office and online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections/>.

Producers should keep in mind several important dates regarding the upcoming county committee elections. Producers can request, fill out and submit nomination forms up to Aug. 15, 2005. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 4, 2005. The deadline to return ballots is Dec. 5, 2005. Elected committee members and alternates take office on Jan. 1, 2006.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS No. 2457 Notice is hereby given that, on July 21, 2005, letters of administration upon the Estate of Fontella Irene McKee, Deceased, were issued by the County Court of Hansford County, Texas, to Robert Boxwell, Representative, Estate of Fontella Irene McKee, in care of Ginger P. Nelson at the Law Offices of Nelson & Nelson, P.C., 1626 S. Washington, St., Amarillo, Texas 79102.

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Class of 1959 Attends Reunion

by Danny Kingsley

The class of 1959, after 46 years since graduation, converged on its alma mater and hometown to attend the Spearman All School Reunion on July 2, 2005. Some of the class members have not missed the "all school" gatherings since its inception and faithfully come to see these "ole" classmates every five years. The class had a great time visiting with other classmates as well as those from other classes and swapping old tales from yesteryear.

Have we changed much in 46 years? No not much. Maybe a little less hair, a few more wrinkles or added a few more pounds but still lost of memories locked into the annals of our history from our days together at Spearman High. The smiles and laughs are still there. The closeness and cherished times still remain. The question of, where is ??? from our class still lingers on.

The classes of 1959 thru 1966 met at Steve Mathew's barn on airport road for hamburgers on Friday evening to start out the week-end of activities. We attended the all school assembly the next day watching two of our classmates Charles Traylor and Carol Ann Pack perform in the 555 Band. Everyone seemed to enjoy the bar-b-que that followed, and the hundreds of former classmates visiting in the hallways.

Our class met at the First State Bank for a reception at 2:00 pm with more food and an opportunity to see old scrapbooks, photos and listen to Gerald Hanners our master of ceremonies read a "Do you remember?" list. By the way, we also celebrated Gerald's ??? birthday. Gerald presented Yvonda Pipkin Stokes and Carolyne Collard Long with two huge lovely homecoming mums for their work in getting our class together.

Both state that this was the first mums that they had ever received. A video was made by those attending the reception to send to Jerry Mitts who was unable to attend the reunion due to being hospitalized for health reasons. A dinner at 6:00 pm followed the reception at the Panhandle Diner and Deli with more food. Now you see how these reunions add on more pounds. Several attended the dance at the O'Loughlin Center to end out the full weekend of activities.

Others from the class of 1959 attending but not pictured were: Gerald Davis, Donnie Pool, and Judy Owen Elliott.

Most of us embellish the usual traditions of a school reunion with special twists of our own. But one thing for sure when the next one rolls around in five years, in the year 2010, I plan to be there. I'm afraid I might miss out on the wonderful memories that are associated with every reunion. Besides all of that our class will be celebrating 50 plus one years. And yes, less hair, more wrinkles and definitely more pounds.



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2005 Property Tax Rates in Hansford County Hospital District

This notice concerns 2005 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	1516001
Last year's debt taxes	0
Last year's total taxes	1516001
Last year's tax base	447576887
Last year's total tax rate	0.338713/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
This year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	1516065
This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	447671253
=	This year's effective tax rate 0.338656/\$100
x	1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing 0.338656/\$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)	1527750
This year's adjusted tax base	447671253
=	This year's effective operating rate 0.341266/\$100
x	1.08= this year's maximum operating rate 0.368567/\$100
+	this year's debt rate 0.000000/\$100
=	This year's rollback rate for each fund 0.368567/\$100
=	This year's total rollback rate

Statement of Increase/Decrease
If HANSFORD COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.338656 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2004 taxes by \$64.

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 \$18,463 from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005 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 \$11,685.

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 prepared: August 1, 2005

Hansford County Hospital District Is Proud to Welcome John D. Hierholzer, M.D.

The Newest Member of Our Healthcare Family

Please Join Us for a Reception for the Hierholzer Family On Wednesday, August 24, 2005 Between 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. In the Blodgett Room, The O'Loughlin Center 502 Brandt, Spearman, Texas