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Commissioners Court Lifts Burn Ban

submitted by Benny Wilson, Hansford County Judge

The Hansford County Commissioners Court in a called meeting voted to lift the burn ban in Hansford County effective April 16, 2009.

It was decided by a 4-0 vote to end the burn ban. With volunteer firemen busy with their jobs, we ask your cooperation to avoid fire runs that are not necessary. Before igniting any fire (does not include cooking fires or campfires), please contact the Sheriff's Office at 659-4140 or 733-2901. After your call, the appropriate fire department will be paged to inform the volunteers if they need to respond.

As always, anyone starting a fire will be held liable for any damage to property resulting from your action. Also, be advised that there are certain rules set by the TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) that need to be followed, regardless of Burn Ban Status.

Morse Reunion

Saturday May 23, 2009, from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the

Pringle -Morse School Cafeteria Morse, Texas. This is open to anyone who has ever attended the Morse School.

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Class of 1973: Vicki Dortch Urban - 806-733-2323, home 733-2651 work, e-mail gruvermc@antden.com

Class of 1974: Linda Lou Lewis - 806-733-9496 home, 338-0114 cell.

Please help us by passing this info on to other classmates that we might have been unable to locate. We also plan to serve refreshments and it would be helpful if you would contact us and let us know how many will be coming with you.

We look forward to seeing you and catching up on old memories!

Project Graduation

A Project Graduation meeting will be held on Monday, April 27, 2009 at 6 p.m. at the First State Bank. A Pizza Hut Fundraiser will be held on Tuesday April 28, 2009. A portion of all sales between 5 and 8 p.m. will be donated to Project Graduation.

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. South winds around 15 mph.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 15 to 25 mph.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds 20 to 25 mph.

SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s.

SUNDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s.

MONDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s.

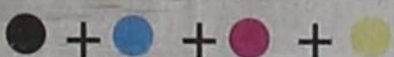
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WEDNESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.

Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Temperatures were near average. Most areas reported some moisture. Soil moisture varied from surplus to very short with most areas reporting short to very short. Wheat was rated fair to very poor with most areas reporting very poor. Producers were still assessing freeze damage to the wheat. Corn planting was slowed by wet conditions. Range conditions were rated mostly very poor. The danger of wildfire remained high.



Library To Host Book Signing

Hansford County Library will host a book signing for Elaine Littau of Perryton on Wednesday, May 6th. The book signing will feature "Elk's Resolve," Littau's second novel in the Nan's Heritage series. This book answers questions unanswered in her debut novel, "Nan's Journey."

"The library was pleased to present Elaine with her first novel, and look forward to this new opportunity to feature local talent," said Margaret Ruttman, library director.

The public is invited to visit with Littau from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in the adult reading room of the library.



"Gardening in a Dry Climate" Class

If getting out in the snow for a gardening class the day after the big blizzard didn't seem like such a good idea, you now have another chance to attend the class! The "Gardening in a Dry Climate" class sponsored by North Plains Groundwater Conservation District has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2009. The free class will provide participants with loads of information on selecting plant species that will thrive and be beautiful in our dry Panhandle climate. Attendees will learn about plant and tree selection, amending soils for a healthier and lower maintenance landscape, and methods of controlling pests without extra chemicals. The class will be taught by Angie Hanna, an experienced gardener, teacher and consultant who maintains the informational website www.highplainsgardening.com. Participants will also leave with lots of informational materials on xeriscaping, drip irrigation and rainwater harvesting.

The class will be held from 9:00 AM- 12:00 noon at the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District offices at 603 East 1st Street in Dumas, Texas. Class registration is not required, but those interested are encouraged to register by contacting Rhonda Artho, Education & Public Relations Coordinator at 806,935-6401 or by e-mailing to artho@npwd.org so that she can insure that sufficient materials are prepared ahead of time.

Gruver FFA Qualifies For State Livestock CDE

by Weston Born

The Gruver FFA livestock judging team competed in several different contests this spring and found themselves earning a trip to state in the livestock career development event. This is the 2nd time in three years and the 4th out of six years the Gruver FFA has had a livestock team compete in the state competition. This year's team consists of John Bergin, Jordan Hicks, Jacob Lieb, Brenna Reid and Reagan Karlin as the teams alternate. Jordan is the only returnee to the state competition from our last state livestock trip in 2007 and John was on the Perryton state qualifying team last year as well.

The team began the spring at the Texas Tech Invitational contest with a great finish of 5th out of 112 teams that competed. Jordan Hicks was the 12th high individual at this contest with more than 400 participants. The team then traveled to WTAMU for their second contest and had a difficult time with this con-

test and was only able to finish 23rd. The weekend of April 4th the team competed at the district and area level. They were able to score high enough to place them 9th in the overall contest of 91 teams, 6th in our Area of 51 teams, and 2nd in District 1 point behind Perryton the district champions. Jordan was also the 8th high individual in the overall contest of 350 participants. This was a good enough score to allow these students to advance on to the state competition that will be held in College Station this weekend. These students will compete on Saturday and will leave this Wednesday as they will judge at several different college campuses on their way to College Station.

These competitions are a great way for students to become eligible for many different



types of scholarships at the junior and senior college levels. Jordan, our only senior, will be talking to several different colleges on our way to the state competition and I feel confident that he will be offered several different scholarships for a chance to compete at the college level. Please wish John, Jordan, Jacob, Brenna, and Reagan good luck at this week's competition.

OPSU's Choir Tours Chicago

by Debbie Ansley-Kravig

Oklahoma Panhandle State University's Choir returned home Saturday, March 28th, just after the storm, following a "train track snow plow" as the last of many experiences for our week.

Our group traveled by Sante Fe Amtrack arriving in Chicago Saturday evening, March 21st. During the week, under the direction of Dr. Matthew Howell, we represented the university with two separate performances at the beautiful Saint Clement Church, and The Catholic Theological Union. We sang for and were critiqued by Dr. Robert Sinclair, the Concert Choir Director at The Chicago Vandercook College of Music (a prestigious graduate music education program). We were also able to sing with his choir.

OPSU Bands and Choirs to Present Early Concert

By Dr. Matthew C. Saunders, Music Department Chair

Oklahoma Panhandle State University's bands and choirs will present a concert in Hughes-Strong Auditorium on the campus of Oklahoma Panhandle State University at 7pm on Friday, April 24.

The OPSU Concert Band, under the direction of Dr. Matthew Saunders, the OPSU Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, under the direction of Dr. Matthew Howell, and the OPSU Show Band, under the direction of Steven Banks, will present a program ranging from the music of J.S. Bach to works by tongue-in-cheek composer P.D.Q. Bach.

The OPSU Show Band will conclude the concert with a set of current and classic popular works.

General admission tickets are available at the door for \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for seniors (55 or over). Admission is free for OPSU and high school students, faculty and staff. To reserve tickets in advance, contact Matthew Saunders at (580) 349-1483 or matthew.saunders@opsu.edu.



At the Civic Opera House, we attended an opera performed by the Lyric Opera; a Pietro Mascagni & Ruggero Leoncavallo production Cavalleria Rusticana & Pagliacci; and took a Back Stage Tour of the Civic Opera House. Our group attended a London Symphony Orchestra performance, music by Sergei Prokofiev featuring Vladimir Feltsman (piano), with Valery Gergiev as conductor. Later in the week, we attended The Chicago Symphony Orchestra as they performed Beethoven, featuring Dmitri Alexeev, piano, and Daniele Gatti conducting. We also took a Chicago Symphony Tour at the Symphony Center. Each of these engagements represented separate and unique opportunities.

Touring museums; absorbing the History; attending another Opera performance by the Lyric Opera at the Civic Opera House, a Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart production, The Abduction from the Seraglio; window-shopping; sightseeing; mastering transportation objectives; exploring the waterways; experiencing Chicago's fine dining; attending various Blues

and Jazz performances; and enjoying various cultures, lifestyles, people, and music the environment constantly provided, were among other ventures experienced by our group.

Traveling Choir members were Tiffany Acevedo, Debbie Ansley-Kravig, Michael Ask, Ann Burton, Tyler Boyd, Travis Boyd, Theresa Brott, Emily Dye, Evan Dye, Scott Garrison, Melody Gum, Spencer Leiter, Krista Margrave, Angelena Reed, Josiah Royse, Adam Semisch, Maegen Smith, Laura Torres, Kevin Wale, Nathan White, Jacob Whiteley, and Victoria Willett.

Attending instructors were: Dr. and Mrs. Matthew Howell, Dr. Matthew Saunders, and Mrs. Mariah Carrel-Coons.

We wish to thank the OPSU music department for the many opportunities that have been made available to us on a regular basis.

We wish to thank all the wonderful people who supported us in the many different ways. Your contributions and devotion to our cause made this learning adventure attainable. We all Thank You ALL so very much.

Lullabies, Legends & Lies by Parson Smith, the Prime Minister of Laughter

I found this poem from a man who lived over 400 years ago. Francis Quarles was a Renaissance poet from England. Quarles was "morally-earnest and totally sincere in what he did, determined to serve God, his King and his family to the best of his ability."

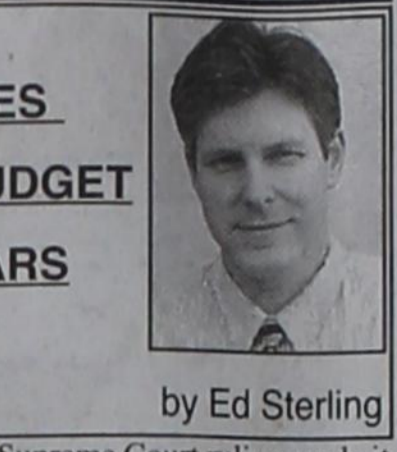
are still the same. God and the soldier we like adore, In times of trouble, not before. When troubles ended and all things righted, God is forgotten and the soldier is slighted. Francis Quarles Until the next time, May God Bless.

State Capital HIGHLIGHTS

AUSTIN - The Texas House of Representatives spent Friday and Saturday, April 17-18, amending and finally passing SB 1, the upper chamber's proposal for the 2010-2011 state budget.

HOUSE PASSES \$178 BILLION BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 2010-2011

bacco use Grants available from the Texas comptroller's office are intended to help keep tobacco away from underage users. Grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$150,000 can be used for tobacco education, keeping schools and school events tobacco free and sting operations to catch retailers selling tobacco products to minors.



Supreme Court ruling made it too difficult for mesothelioma patients to prove the source of their cancer. Duncan's bill is subject to a vote by the full Senate before it can move to the House for consideration.

Texas Senate Review Week in Review April 17, 2009

(Austin) The Senate approved a bill late Thursday that would allow the state to access federal unemployment insurance funds as part of the federal stimulus package. Gov. Rick Perry initially declined the money, because he believed that the one time payment could lead to future insolvency, in addition to requiring changes to the state's unemployment system in order to be eligible for funds.

to refocus our resources to reward quality outcomes." The bill, SB 7, would direct the Department of State Health Services to develop several pilot programs to explore various strategies.

Though the Legislature had a short week, the Senate passed nearly 70 bills in regular session. These include: - SB 1049, by Uresti, would raise the legal age to purchase cigarettes and other tobacco products to 19.

The tax-writing House Committee on Ways and Means is working on legislation to fund the appropriations. Committee eyes smoking ban Two dozen other states have outlawed smoking in public venues. Texas would join them if SB 544, considered April 14 by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, passes.

The House version of SB 1 totals \$178 billion while the Senate version totals \$182.2 billion. The House version represents a 2.5 percent annual increase for the two years, a rate below projected rates of inflation and population growth for Texas.

Now, SB 1 goes back to the Senate, where the body either can accept or reject changes made by the House. If any of the House version's more than 400 amendments rubs senators the wrong way, the bill will go to a conference committee of senators and House members. Differences must be reconciled before the bill can be forwarded to the governor.

The bill, by Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, would extend the ban to all cities in the state. Already, 28 cities in Texas have ordinances against smoking in public places. In laying out his bill for consideration, Ellis said there is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke, and second-hand smoke presents a public health risk.

"Our state and our state's employers need to embrace policies and programs that will truly clear the air, improve health for every Texan, and make a positive contribution to managing rising health care costs in Texas," he said. Tobacco purchase age may rise The Texas Senate on April 15 approved a bill by Sen. Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio, raising the minimum legal age to purchase cigarettes and other tobacco products from 18 to 19 years of age.

Senate bill analysts say Uresti's SB 1049 may cost the state about \$12 million in tax revenue from tobacco sales. But Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville, pointed out, "You are going to save the state multiple times this amount of money in tobacco related illnesses that we would see on down the line."

State grants to stem to

Cuba policy changes are asked The White House on April 14 announced the relaxing of restrictions on travel to Cuba and on sending money to the Caribbean island nation that has been under communist rule since 1959.

Upon that news, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples wrote a letter to President Obama asking for two more changes: 1. The easing of travel restrictions for Cubans seeking trade opportunities with the U.S. and those traveling for educational purposes; and 2. The authorization of a Texas-based air service that will offer direct flights to Cuba.

While I disagree with Cuba's political philosophy, Staples said, "I believe by expanding trade, Cubans can see the success of democracy and embrace a free market society, and at the same time, Texans will benefit through job growth."

Following a four-hour floor debate, the Senate on April 16 tentatively approved CSSB 1123 by Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock. The bill would expedite the process of lawsuits filed by patients with mesothelioma, a type of lung cancer related to exposure to asbestos. Duncan said a recent Texas

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor, I would like you to put this in your papers to keep it from happening to any other pet owners. If there is a charge let me know and I will take care of it. Thanks, Lisa Pipkin I have debated for some time to write to the papers concerning the recent loss of both of our cats Rocky and Bullwinkle. Rocky (black & white) was 11 years old and Bullwinkle was only three yrs old.

I called the Sheriff's office again to see if they had picked up our yellow cat. This is when I found out a live trap had been placed across the street by the animal control at request by a local resident. I have read the city policy for pets on HPO and found out that any unrestrained animal can be impounded in the animal shelter for three days. In our case I talked with Officer Michelle Mahaffey who told me it is city policy to "put down" any feral animal (any animal without a collar and tags) immediately. I just wanted to alert other pet owners of this practice here in Spearman and remind them to be sure to put a collar on all their pets. Cats are hard to keep collars on so good luck on that. If your pet does come up missing call the Sheriff Office immediately at 659-4140 to see if you have

any live animal traps in your area and hopefully keep this from happening to anyone else. I have missed Rocky and Bull a great deal and this summer will be much worse as they were usually by my side as I planted flowers or worked in the yard. I realize there are much worse things in this life than missing a pet, but they do bring so much comfort and companionship to those who know and love them.

Lisa Pipkin



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Medical Fund for Krystal Puentes

A medical fund has been established for Krystal (Burkhammer) Puentes at First National Bank, Spearman. If you would like to make a contribution you may make a deposit with any teller or mail a donation to First National Bank, Krystal Puentes Medical Fund, PO Box 337, Spearman TX 79081.

Medical Fund for Rene Griffin

A medical fund has been established for Rene Griffin at First State Bank, Spearman. If you would like to make a contribution you may make a deposit with any teller or mail a donation to First State Bank, Rene Griffin Medical Fund, PO Box 247, Spearman TX 79081.

Medical Fund for Bruce Duncan

A medical fund has been established for Bruce Duncan at First National Bank, Spearman. If you would like to make a donation you may make a deposit with any teller or mail a donation to First National Bank, Bruce Duncan Medical Fund, PO Box 337, Spearman TX 79081.

Medical Fund for Nancy DeLuna Jernberg

A medical fund has been established for Nancy DeLuna Jernberg of Stinnett. Nancy was recently diagnosed with a rare malignant brain tumor and will be undergoing treatment. If you would like to make a contribution you may make a deposit with any teller or mail a donation to H&H Federal Credit Union, 104 Main Street, Stinnett TX 79083.

Project Graduation 2009

The parents of the Spearman High School Class of 2009 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement exercises Friday May 29th. Graduates will be provided with food, games, activities, and fun! In addition, to encourage the graduates to stay the entire night, door prizes are awarded throughout the evening. The graduation party will culminate with the distribution of grand prizes. Prizes, gift certificates, and cash are needed for the evening's gifts. If you would be willing to share in the final "class of 2009" memory, making this project special, please contact Patti Schnell at 659-2919, Paula Cooper at 659-3133, Shannon Barnes at 659-2164 or Maria Sibley at 659-1037. Contributions can be mailed to: Project Graduation - Maria Sibley, P.O. Box 74, Spearman, TX 79081.

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 the fourth Monday of each month. 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.

Tabernacle Experience

The Tabernacle Experience is coming to First Baptist Church of Borger. From April 18-26, a full replica of the Tabernacle of Moses will be open to guests at First Baptist Church, 100 S. Hedgecote, Borger. This fully interactive exhibit has seven stations that lead visitors through an Old Testament journey that is formative as well as informative. Visitors are welcome Monday-Friday from 4-8 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m.-8 p.m., or Sundays from 1-5 p.m. Cost per person is \$5.00. Weekdays are available for reservation by school groups at a discounted rate of \$3 per student. For more information, call Matt Cox at First Baptist Church of Borger, 806-273-5621, or visit the church's Web site at www.borgerfbc.org.

Spearman Police Dept. "Meet & Greet"

The Spearman Police Department will be hosting a "Meet and Greet" at the Spearman City Hall in the Council Chambers on April 23rd at 6 p.m.. This event will allow citizens to meet with Chief West and the other members of the Spearman Police Department in an informal gathering, allowing them to will address the concerns of those present about operations of the SPD. The Spearman Animal Control Officer will also be in attendance also. The ACO will take any questions on animal related issues.

Ignite! Marriage Seminar

The First Baptist Church of Spearman is hosting a marriage seminar entitled "Ignite!" The seminar will be held April 24-25 at the First Baptist Church, 123 S. Bernice Street. Call 659-5557 or come by for more information.

11th Annual Pot of Gold

The 11th Annual Pot o' Gold is coming at 7:00 p.m. on April 25th! Lucky participants will be dining on delicious tenderloin, entertained by the popular band "Insufficient Funds", and have a chance to win the \$2,500 Pot o' Gold! There will be consolation prizes, too! But, don't forget about the Calcutta; it can't get much better than that! Tickets are \$60 each and can be purchased from an O'Loughlin Center Board Member, Jada Breeden or Kristina Howell. For more information, please call us at 659-3030 or stop by and visit us at 502 S. Brandt. Come and try your luck on April 25th and get some green in your wallet.

Amarillo Panhellenic Mother/Daughter Rush Info Meeting

Amarillo Panhellenic will host a mother/daughter Rush Information Meeting on Sunday, April 26th at 3:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 1100 S. Harrison, Amarillo TX. (Please enter through the north side doors.) All Amarillo area high school senior women who are interested in going through Rush for membership in college sororities should attend this meeting to receive information on Rush packets and deadlines. A short discussion will be part of the meeting. For information, please contact Beth Robinson at drwrobinson@aol.com or 806-671-7045.

Timeless Treasures Quilt

Timeless Treasures Quilt meeting April 25, 2009 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Guyton Oklahoma. Sally Schneider from Albuquerque, NM will be our speaker and have a trunk show on Saturday morning at 10:00. She has been quilting since 1971. New members are welcome. Bring a friend. Breakfast brunch at 9:30. Bring a salad for the noon meal.

AAI to Present "Outdoor Painting Tips and Practices"

Local artist Richela Chapman will present "Outdoor Painting Tips and Practices" in a 2-day workshop next month. The workshop will meet from 2 to 5 p.m. May 14 at the Amarillo Art Institute, 3701 Plains Boulevard #117, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 15 at Palo Duro Canyon State Park. Chapman's nationally recognized landscapes vividly depict the beauty of the earth. From the grandeur of Palo Duro Canyon to the cobblestone streets of France, she recreates scenes that emphasize the interplay of light and shadow. Workshop tuition is \$80 and enrollment is limited to 10 participants. Chapman also teaches Pastel and Oil Painting from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Amarillo Art Institute. For additional information, call 354-8802 or email to jneill@amarilloartinstitute.org.

Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant

The Women's Division Spearman Chamber of Commerce will host the 2009 Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant on June 9, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spearman High School auditorium. The theme for this year is "A Pink Tie Affair." Entry forms will be available and may be turned in at the Spearman Chamber Office, Spearman City Hall, Gruver City Hall, and First National Bank of Spearman. Entry forms MUST be turned in by 5 p.m. on May 8, 2009. For more information, contact Heather Garcia (806) 681-5147 or Amanda Thompson (806) 338-0810.

S.T.A.R. "Back in Control" Parenting Workshop

S.T.A.R. (Services-To-At-Risk Youth & Their Families) is hosting a "Back in Control" Parenting Workshop on Saturday, May 9, 2009, from 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m. The class will be held at the ASCI in Dumas, located at 310 E. 1st, #200. All participants must pre-register by calling 806-359-2005. Instructors are Janice James, MA, QMHP and Bobby Medford, LPC. CEUs available for LPCs & MSWs; General CEUs available, also. (Must attend full class for certificate) There is no charge for the workshop, and seating is limited. Childcare will not be provided. STAR is a TDFPS funded program of TPMHMR.

GHS Baccalaureate Scheduled

GHS Baccalaureate will be held on Wednesday, May 13, at 7:30 at the Gruver United Methodist Church. Commencement will be on Friday, May 29, at 8:00.

SISD Bad Weather Day

Spearman ISD will make up for Bad Weather Day (school was closed due to snow storm) on Monday, May 25, 2009.

Fire Department Donations

Persons wishing to make donations to the Fire Departments in Hansford County may do so at the following addresses: Spearman Fire Department, Box 37, Spearman TX 79081; Gruver Fire Department, Box 947, Gruver TX 79040 or Morse Fire Department, Box 28, Morse TX 79062

Fund for Cross Country Lynxette Championship Rings

A fund has been established at First National Bank, Spearman for the Spearman Lynxettes Cross Country 2008 State Championship Team. The fund has been established to purchase a ring for each team member and their coach in honor of their achievement. If you would like to give money to support this endeavor, please contact Stephanie Brock at 659-1774, or take your check by First National Bank.

Gladiola Flower Club News

March 19, 2009

The Gladiola Flower Club met at the home of Ann Flowers for the Spring Luncheon.

The meeting was opened by Chairman Dorothy Buzzard, reviewing the past year's accomplishments.

Thank you cards were read from the Spearman Fire Dept., Stationmaster's Museum and Virginia Trindle.

Kathleen Sutton read a letter from Project Graduation, and a motion was made and seconded to send them \$50.

Project Chairman Estelle Jackson began sign-up for Meals on Wheels in April.

Those present were Muriel Boyd, Dorothy Buzzard, Betty Jean Davis, Margarette Evans, Ann Flowers, Helen Holt, Estelle Jackson, June Jackson, Pam Schnell, Gwen Smith, Kathleen Sutton, and Virginia Trindle.

The April 2nd meeting will be held at the home of Dorothy Buzzard.

April 2, 2009

The Gladiola Flower Club met at 3 p.m. in the home of Dorothy Buzzard.

Roll call was answered with suggestions for a field trip.

A thank you card was read from Project Graduation.

Ann Allen presented a request from Hansford County Library for help in a project for the children in June. The motion was made and passed.

Judy Yarbrough presented a very interesting program on pillowcases for the cancer children in hospitals. The project is called "Conkerr Cancer" for Children. Judy is very excited about this and has begun working towards an organization in Spearman to make pillowcases for the cancer patients in Amarillo. Margarette Evans made a motion to give \$30 for 10 pillowcases. The motion was seconded by Ann Allen, and carried. Several members also volunteered to make the pillowcases.

Those present were: Ann Allen, Muriel Boyd, Dorothy Buzzard, Betty Jean Davis, Margarette Evans, Ann Flowers, Helen Holt, Estelle Jackson, June Jackson, Sabrina Landrum, Kathleen Sutton, Virginia Trindle and Judy Yarbrough.



Wedding Announcement

Barry Trent Eddleman and Suhaily Marie Gregoria Pratt were married on March 5, 2009 in Vlaardingen, Netherlands and again on March 8, 2009 in Santa Rosa, California.

Susy is the daughter of Migardo and Olivio Mendes Semedo of Vlaardingen, Netherlands. Barry is the son of the late Duane Eddleman and Edith Eddleman of Spearman, TX.

The couple will return to Cape Town, South Africa, where he is an associate pastor of Victory Outreach Church of Capetown.

Thank You!

Sometimes it is easy to overlook what an exceptional community we all share. Recently I was reminded how fortunate I am to live here. After surgery in another hospital, I was sent back to Hansford Hospital to recover. How lucky I was to get to come back to recuperate among the best! Dr. Garnett, the caring nurses, the food service, and the facility were first-rate. Thank you to all the hospital staff, doctors, and administrations for providing exceptional care and service. We are a fortunate community.

Carolyn Gressett

April 24th
Arbor Day

April 25
Red Hat Society Day

May 1st
School Principals' Day

Stepmother's Day

May 5
Cinco de Mayo

National Teacher Day

May 6
National School Nurse Day

National Nurses Day

May 7
National Day of Prayer

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Gruver Prom May 9th

Together with their parents
Miss Jessica Villarreal
and
Mr. Isaac Samuel Herndon
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presence at their wedding
Saturday, the twenty fifth
of April, two
thousand nine
at four o'clock
Union Church
Spearman, TX

You are invited to a
Wedding Shower
honoring
Jessica Villarreal
(bride-elect of Isaac Herndon)
on Saturday, May 9, 2009
from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the
Union Church
31 S. Endicott Spearman, TX

You are invited to a
Wedding Shower
honoring
Claire Zellers
(bride-elect of Richard Varnon)
on Saturday, May 9, 2009
from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the
home of Lynn Woolley
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Bridal Registry

Erin Thomas & Bailey Reid - 4/25
Cassie Myatt Chad Rose - 5/12
Lacey Decker & Ben Wade - 5/13
Claire Zellers & Richard Varnon - 5/19
Jessica Villarreal & Isaac Herndon - 5/19
Clara Shieldknight & Chris Simmons - 5/23
Adrienne Simpson & Brent Jackson - 5/30
Christina Calcote & Travis Loomis - 5/30
Laura Gillaspie & Josh Powell - 6/22
Lisa Espinosa & Dave Pope - TBA
Erin Boxwell & Phillip Vaden - TBA
Kristi Talbott & Reagan Renner
Amy Harris & Matt Lohse
Katie Weaver & Jared Shufeldt

Baby Registry

Courtney & Travis Ferguson - 5/19
Madeline (Reed) & Jeremy Schenk - 4/25
Tiffany Hand & Chancey Servantez - 6/20
Christen & Michael Lozano - TBA
Brooke & Wade Stewart

NEW SIDEWALKS COMING SOON!

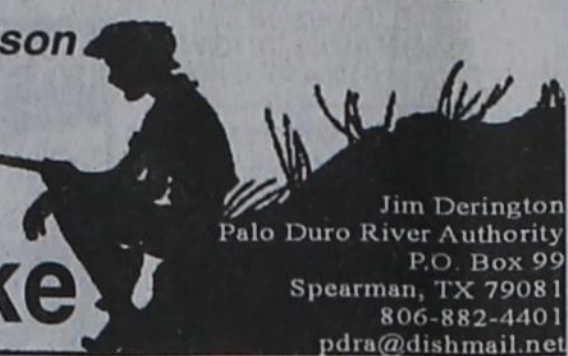
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by Dorothy Hudson

Out at the Lake



Jim Derington
Palo Duro River Authority
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Spearman, TX 79081
806-882-4401
pdra@dishmail.net

Lake Level--April 20, 2009--24.53 feet (+4.71)

The office gauge showed 2.12 and Ramon's gauge on the north side showed 2.50 inches from the recent rain. The rise in lake level didn't quite make 5 feet, but it gave a different look to the Lake. Some of the peninsulas that the fishermen were using are now covered with water again. Most of the water came down Horse Creek and from west of the dam. Farwell Creek ran some, but it gave out at the Gibner Crossing. Palo Duro

Creek was running in certain spots, but it didn't make it on down to the Lake either. Thus the tumbleweeds that showed up with other trash and foam must have come down from Horse Creek. Already many of them have sunk. Jim says that when a fisherman hooks one of them, he may think he has a big fish until he tugs it out.

This morning Jim saw around 40 of the big white pelicans on the Lake.

Santa Fe Trail

A few days ago, David Murrah stopped by for a visit.

He graduated from Gruver High School in 1960. After receiving a BA from Hardin-Simmons in Abilene, he garnered an MA and a PhD degree from Texas Tech University. He has been retired from working as a history professor at Tech for some years, but he is still very busy. He has just completed a book on the History of the Northwest Conference of the Methodist Church. It comes out the first of June.

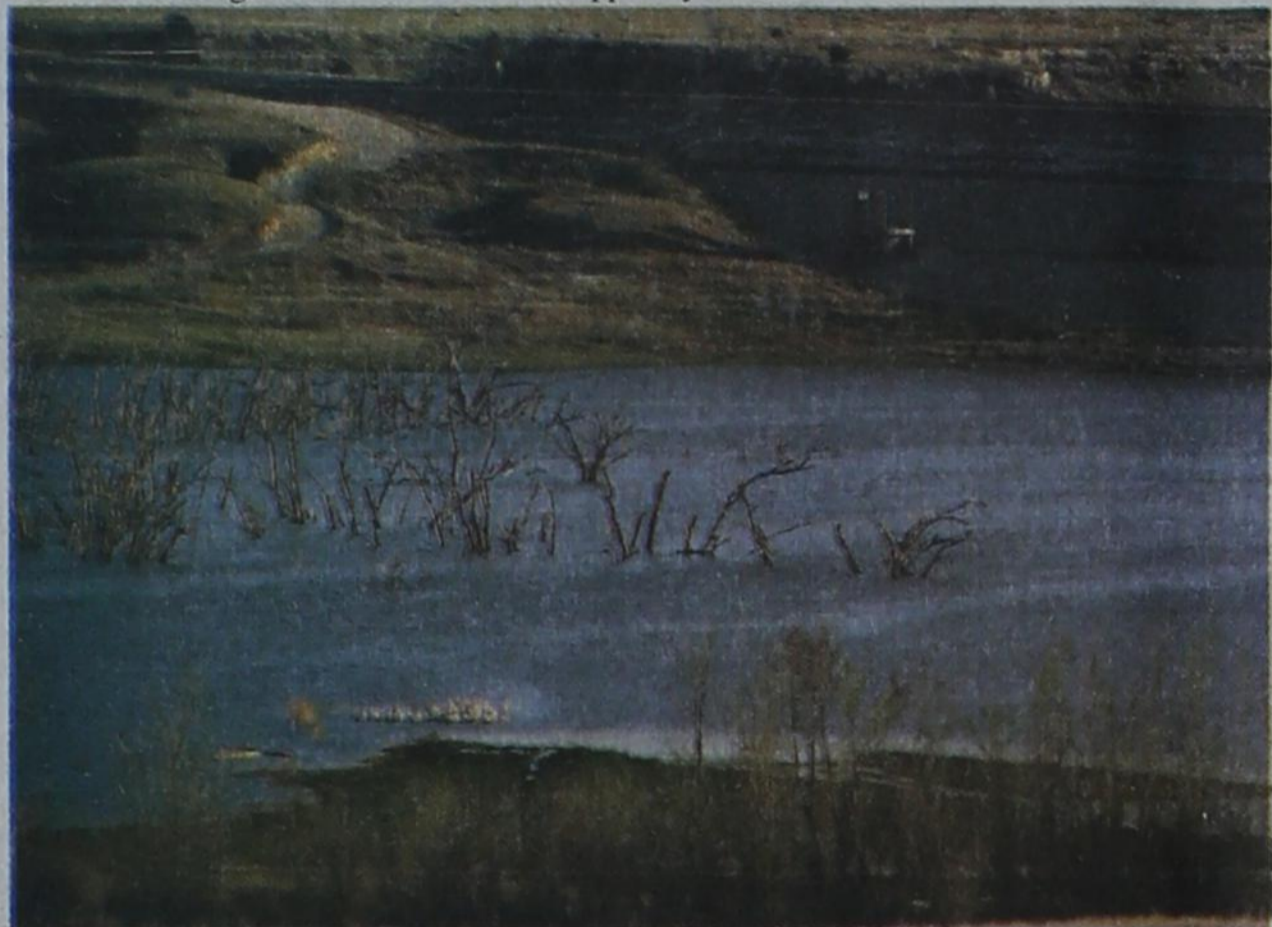
David had come this way to research an article on the

courthouse fight between Gruver and Spearman. After the railroads bypassed Old Hansford, it was necessary to establish a new courthouse in one of the towns with a railroad. Three elections were held in March 1927, August 1927, and March 1929. Spearman easily won each election, but the results of the first two were contested. I'll be looking forward to seeing what David has to say on this topic.

David told me that there is a citation with the Santa Fe National Trail history that tells of two cutoffs from the trail. Here in this area most of us are familiar with the Cimarron Trail Cutoff, but it was news to me that there was one called the Palo Duro Cutoff. The material I had found said that the major trail through Hansford County was a military supply road between Fort Dodge in Kansas and Fort Bascom (nine

miles north of Tucumcari) in New Mexico. Now it seems that there may be an earlier trail.

I keep a file on the Dodge City Trail, but I have never been able to complete a map of it in Hansford County. We know that it went through the Lake Palo Duro Park as well as through Zulu. If anyone could help map it, let me know. Perhaps it can still be done.



This is a picture of Lake Palo Duro, after a rise of almost five feet. Notice the pelicans, at the edge of the water.

Bunkhouse Restaurant

The Bunkhouse would like to welcome our new cook, Phil Wey. Phil will be cooking from 6 a.m. - 2 p.m., Monday-Friday. Thursday nights will be "Phil's Night."

New Hours, Beginning April 1st
Sun-Fri, 6 - 10:30 a.m. - Breakfast; Sun-Fri 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Lunch (Lunch Buffet)
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