

IN THE NEWS

Hamas ambushes Gaza convoy, one killed

GAZA - Hamas gunmen ambushed what the Islamic group said was a convoy carrying weapons to Mahmoud Abbas's presidential guard in the Gaza Strip on Thursday and at least one person was killed and 17 were wounded, residents said.

Afghan assembly grants immunity for war crimes

KABUL - Afghanistan's parliament has granted immunity to all Afghans involved in the country's 25 years of conflict, lawmakers said on Thursday, despite calls by human rights groups for war crimes trials.

Somali Islamist leader out of Kenyan custody

NAIROBI - Top Islamist leader Sheikh Sharif Ahmed -- seen by many as a key to reconciliation in post-war Somalia -- has left the custody of Kenyan intelligence and was reported by a Web site to be heading to Yemen.

Chirac says France can't accept nuclear-armed Iran

PARIS - France cannot accept a nuclear-armed Iran, President Jacques Chirac's office said on Thursday, back-tracking on earlier remarks by the president that it would not be dangerous for Iran to have an atom bomb.

Blasts hit Baghdad as deaths hit new high

BAGHDAD - Nine people were killed in bomb blasts in central Baghdad and mortars rained down on a Sunni neighborhood on Thursday as new figures showed that Iraqi civilians deaths reached a new high in January.

Two men face charges after Boston security scare

BOSTON - Authorities plan to charge two men on Thursday after an elaborate publicity stunt -- planting blinking devices that were mistaken for bombs -- caused Boston's biggest security scare since the September 11 attacks.

U.S. identify theft losses fall: study

NEW YORK - Americans lost about \$49.3 billion in 2006 to criminals who stole their identities, an 11.5 percent decline that may reflect increased vigilance among consumers and businesses, a study released on Thursday shows.

Young U.S. blacks believe in politics: study

CHICAGO - Many young U.S. blacks are as confident as their white and Hispanic peers that they can use politics to make things better, but a majority of young blacks feel alienated from today's government, a study said on Thursday.

New York AG expands student loans probe-source

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo, investigating whether lenders encourage colleges to steer students their way, expanded the probe by sending letters to more than 50 educational institutions, a person familiar with the matter said on Thursday.

Exxon posts record U.S. corp earnings

NEW YORK - Exxon Mobil Corp. reported a slight decline in fourth-quarter earnings Thursday due to lower natural gas prices and shrinking profits from gasoline sales.

Tokyo, Chicago bourses to begin tie-up talks: paper

TOKYO - The Tokyo Stock Exchange and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) will begin talks on a possible business tie-up, the Nikkei business daily reported in its evening edition on Thursday.

U.N. panel says "very likely" humans cause warming

PARIS - The U.N. climate panel agreed on Thursday it was "very likely" that human activities were the main cause of global warming in the past 50 years, stepping up certainty from a 2001 report, delegates said.

Hansford County Hospital District Holds Annual Employee Banquet

by Carol Sell

Hansford County Hospital District recently held their annual Employee Awards Banquet.

Hansford County Hospital District's Hospital and Manor Employee Fund Board, who sponsored the event, decorated the O'Loughlin Center in a western theme with "The Duke" watching over the proceedings.

Employee of the Year 2006, Jan Ellsworth, R.N. at Hansford Manor, has worked for HCHD since December 27, 2001. She is very loyal to the District and to the Manor Residents. Jan is known for finding the way to a good solution in bad circumstances; one example of her devotion to her duties is that she took it on herself to initiate the acquisition of a motorized wheelchair for a needy resident. Jan is known for being helpful to visitors and staff members and is a front-line helper when it's time to volunteer.

CNA of the Year 2006, Manor CNA Todd Ware is a two-time winner of this award which has been in existence only four years. Todd has a difficult role to play in an area which is mostly female, and he does it extremely well. He has been employed by HCHD since November 1, 1999, and is respected by Residents, their family members, and his co-workers as well. The CNA of the Year is determined solely by

the Residents of Hansford Manor, making the award an especially precious award.

Leader of the Year 2006, Jackie Nelson, Director of Human Resources has worked at HCHD since August 9, 2004. Jackie is busy with the duties of her position and makes time to take on the responsibilities of Secretary of the H&M Employee Fund Board, as well as participating in many areas of the District's functions.

Others recognized include:
Years of Service Awards: 20 Years - Cindy Beck; 15 Years - Janie Kunselman, Carol Dunnihoo and Lelia Bynum; 10 Years - April DeLaRosa and Teresa Morales; 5 Years - Gabriela Enriquez, Adela Lopez, Marilyn Cline, Mona Sandoval, Diana Cantu, D'Anda Widener, Eva Espinosa, Liz Hartsell, Scott Beedy, Karen Devers, Suzie Lawrence, Sue Watts, Merry Gale Sparks, Anna Navarrete and Jan Ellsworth

Employees of the Month: January - Tim Taylor; February - Ernestina Salgado; March - Nikie DeLuna; April - Elsa Martinez; May - Erin Bergin; June - Denise Karlin and Dennis Baker; July - Deatta Sparks; August - Olivia Lopez; September - Jan Ellsworth; October - Mitzi Mires and Carla Willimon; November - Laurel Lane and Gina Biggers; December - Janice Garrard

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum To hold reception for Dallas Artist



The public is invited to a reception for Janice Hamilton, pastel and oil artist from Dallas, Texas on Sunday, February 4th, from 2-4 p.m.

Ms. Hamilton has a degree in education and has studied art with a number of nationally known artists. Since 1986, her pastels and oils have garnered many awards. In 1998, Ms. Hamilton was included in the Artists of Texas, Volume IV, Fine Arts Catalogue. In 1994, one

of her pastel paintings was included in the Dallas Museum of Arts' Beaux Arts Auction.

Her work has been featured in one-woman shows at the Grand Kempinski, the Goodrich Gallery in Dallas and the Irving Art Center in Irving. It has also been included in shows at the Degolyer Estate Cultural Center Gallery, Medical City and the Dallas Repertory Theatre. Her Pastel painting "Watermelon & Daisies" was

accepted in the Pastel Society of America Show in New York and her oil paintings have been included in numerous Oil Painters of America exhibits around the country.

Janice was featured as one of the "master pastel artist of the world" in the 2003 June-July issue of International Artist Magazine. Her paintings are hanging in private collections in the states and abroad as well as corporate offices. a

She is brought to the Panhandle through Mark Weaver of Follett who has a private collection of Janice's paintings which are featured in this exhibit.

Ms. Hamilton will be in attendance at the Sunday reception and looks forward to meeting and visiting with local patrons of the arts.

The reception will be held from 2-4 p.m. at the museum. Museum is located at 13360 Hwy 305 in Lipscomb, Texas. Call the museum at 806-852-2123 for additional information.

The museum is open week days: Mon thru Fri from 10am to 4pm and Sunday 2pm to 4 pm. Ms Hamilton's art will be on display until March.



HCHD Leader of the Year

Merry Sparks presents Jackie Nelson with the Hansford County Hospital District 2006 Leader of the Year Award. Jackie is Director of Human Resources.

Photo by Carol Sell



HCHD Employee of the Year

Rosetta Barrera presents Jan Ellsworth with the Hansford County Hospital District 2006 Employee of the Year Award. Jan is an R.N. at Hansford Manor.

Photo by Carol Sell

Cotton Marketing Planning Meetings Scheduled in February

by Kay Ledbetter

Three "Developing This Year's Marketing Plan for Cotton" meetings will take place in February in the Panhandle, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

The meetings, scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, will be:

- Feb. 7 at the Carson County Gin at White Deer;
- Feb. 8 at the Moore County Gin near Etter; and
- Feb. 9 at the Hereford Community Center in Hereford.

Dr. John Robinson, Texas Cooperative Extension specialist/cotton marketing in college Station, and Mike Stevens, cotton specialist for the commodity

division of Swiss Financial Services and hedging advisor, will teach the sessions.

Stevens, who is from Mandeville, La., is considered one of the leading cotton marketing experts in the nation, said Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension economist in Amarillo.

Producers can learn about fundamentals, technicals and seasonal trends in cash, basis and contracts, Amosson said. They also will learn to evaluate pre- and post-harvest marketing strategies and cash marketing tools.

Participants can expect to leave with a written marketing plan for their operations for the upcoming

year, he said.

The short course is a part of the Advanced Topic Series hosted by Extension's Master Marketer Educational System, Robinson said.

Advanced registration is required by Feb. 2. A fee of \$75 will cover instruction, materials and lunch. Couples can attend for the same individual cost.

To register, contact Amosson at 806-677-5600.

For more information on the Advanced Topic Series, visit the Master Marketer Web site at <http://mastermarketer.tamu.edu>.

8th Annual Crop Production Clinic Scheduled in Goodwell

The 8th Annual crop production clinic will be held on Thursday, March 8, 2007 at the Panhandle Research & Extension Center in Goodwell, Oklahoma. Sponsored by: White Wheat Producers Alliance, Jack Lyons - DuPont, Panhandle Implement.

The program is as follows:

- 8:00-8:30 a.m. - Registration
- 8:30 a.m. - Marketing May Be a Waste of Time by J. C. Hobbs, OSU
- 9:30 a.m. - First Hollow Stem in Wheat by Jeff Edwards, PhD, OSU
- 10:30 a.m. - Forage Sorghum for Bio Mass Ethanol Production by

Chris Cogburn, NSP

11:30 a.m. - Lunch - Kim's Ribs (Please RSVP by March 6th) Quality Based Wheat Marketing by Mark Hodges, Oklahoma Wheat Commission

12:30 p.m. - Equipment for Sensor Based Nitrogen Mgt. by Randy Taylor, PhD, OSU

1:30 p.m. - Strip-till in Dry Land Sorghum by Rick Kochenower, OSU

2:30 p.m. - Is Herbicide Resistance Coming to a Field Near You? by Curtis Bensch, PhD, OSU

There are six (6.0) Certified Crop Adviser CEU's approved,

including 1.0 Soil & Water Mgt., 2.0 Crop Mgt., 1.0 Nutrient Mgt., 1.0 Pest Mgt., and 1.0 Professional Dev.

If you have questions or to pre-register, call (580) 349-5440

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HCHD CNA of the Year

Anne Snow congratulates Todd Ware for being named the Hansford County Hospital District 2006 CNA of the Year. Todd works at Hansford Manor, and is a two-time winner of this award.

Photo by Carol Sell

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Live,
Laugh &
Love



by Catherine R. Smith
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My dear friend Bill Pittman sent me the following anonymous quotes. I don't have room to run all of them, so I will be sharing them with you over the next couple of weeks. I hope you enjoy them.

- ~ A Christmas sign outside a church: "The original Christmas Club."
- ~ A clean desk is a sign of a cluttered desk drawer.
- ~ A clean house is the sign of a cluttered closet.
- ~ A lot of people want to serve God, but only in an advisory capacity.
- ~ A man's best friend is his dog. That's assuming you want a friend who messes on your carpet and drools on your newspaper.
- ~ A penny saved is a Congressional spending oversight.
- ~ A procrastinator's work is never done.
- ~ A smile is contagious; be a carrier.
- ~ All reports are in...life is now officially unfair.
- ~ Anything not nailed down is a cat toy.
- ~ As a kid he didn't have imaginary friends. He had imaginary enemies.
- ~ Asked to write a composition entitled, "What I'm thankful for on Thanksgiving," little Johnny wrote, "I'm thankful that I'm not a turkey."
- ~ Being in politics is like being a football coach. You have to be smart enough to understand the game and dumb enough to think it's important.
- ~ Better the world know you as a sinner than God know you as a hypocrite.
- ~ Christmas is weird. What other time of the year do you sit in front of a dead tree and eat candy out of your socks?
- ~ Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.
- ~ December is the month when the kids begin to discuss what to get Dad for Christmas. Some insist on a shirt; others a pair of socks, and the argument always ends in a tie.
- ~ December is the most popular month for nose jobs.
- ~ Despite the high cost of living, it remains popular.
- ~ Do you ever wonder why you gave me your email address?
- ~ Do you know what they call the guy who graduates last in his class at med school? "Doctor"
- ~ Does pushing the elevator button more than once make it arrive faster?
- ~ Each day I try to enjoy something from each of the four food groups: the bonbon group, the salty-snack group, the caffeine group, and the "whatever-the-thing-in-the-tinfoil-in-the-back-of-the-fridge-is" group.
- ~ Even crime wouldn't pay if the government ran it.
- ~ Every morning is the dawn of a new error.
- ~ Everyone has a photographic memory. Some don't have film.
- ~ Fall seven times, stand up eight.
- ~ Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses.
- ~ Funny, I don't remember being absent minded...
- ~ Gardening Rule: When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.
- ~ Ginger Rodgers did everything Fred Astaire did, but she did it backwards and in heels.
- ~ God enjoys receiving knee-mails.
- ~ God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones that I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.
- ~ God is more interested in tomorrow than yesterday.
- ~ God made man before woman so as to give him time to think of an answer for her first question.
- ~ Have you ever tried to actually wrap any bubbles with bubble wrap?
- ~ He does the work of three men: Larry, Moe and Curly.
- ~ He who has no Christmas in his heart will never find Christmas under a tree.
- ~ He who smiles in a crisis has found someone to blame.
- ~ I bought a box of self-improvement tapes titled "How To Handle Disappointment." I got it home and the box was empty.
- ~ I decided to stop worrying about my teenage son's driving and take advantage of it. I got one of those bumper stickers that says "How's my driving?" and put a 900 number on it. At 50 cents a call, I've been making \$38 a week.
- ~ I had amnesia once -- or twice, I forget which it was.
- ~ I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.
- ~ I walk into a restaurant and ask the maitre D', "Could you please tell me how you prepare your chicken?", to which he replies, "Yes. We let them know right up front they're not going to make it..."
- ~ I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one.
- ~ I was the next door kid's imaginary friend.
- ~ I went to San Francisco. I found someone's heart. Now what?
- ~ If a cluttered desk means a cluttered mind, what does an empty desk mean?
- ~ If all is not lost, where is it?
- ~ If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a song about him?
- ~ If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?
- ~ If you believe in telekinesis, raise my hand.

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 :)

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1. On the top
5. Something regarded as female
8. Performed with leis
12. Farm work
13. Sailor call
14. Bundled
15. Geological time periods
16. Coerce
17. Idealized imaged of someone
18. An affectionate couple?
20. Floor covering
21. Little hills
22. Right-angle building extension
23. Slanders
26. Court jokers
30. Politician
31. Spanky or Alfalfa
34. S-shaped molding
35. Young Montague
37. Bristlelike appendage on grass
38. Acute or obtuse
39. A holly
40. Entangle
42. Cupid's action
43. She sings "My Funny Valentine" in "Babes in Arms"
45. Valentine's Day offering, pl.
47. "___ my party, and I'll cry if I want too..."
48. Prevents slipping
50. Rounded protuberance
52. Used to flatten
56. Something twisted and tight
57. October birthstone
58. Office communicque
59. A signature
60. Matchstick game, pl.
61. Fleur-de-lis
62. Opposed the Allies in WWII
63. Dental group
64. The center

DOWN

1. Cain's victim
2. Tropical tuberous root
3. Popular Norwegian name
4. Former Spanish monetary unit
5. Half step higher than given note
6. Carries
7. Target of lovebirds' gaze
8. Lord Nelson's mistress
9. ___ Bator, Mongolia
10. Child's building block
11. "Much ___ About Nothing"
13. Doctrine of non-violence
14. Buffalo's team
19. Donkey in Mexico
22. Unagi
23. Parsley amount
24. Loot
25. He hunts wabbits
26. Tarzan's Valentine
27. Moth with nonfunctional mouthpart as adult
28. Lit again
29. Gives a certain impression
32. Castle material
33. Semicircular basin in a mountain
36. Bookplate
38. In front
40. Half the width of ems
41. Found in #32 Down
44. Island with a circular coral reef
46. Deterrent weapon?
48. Romantic archer
49. Camel's cousin
50. Computer operating system
51. New Testament sages
52. ___ fide
53. Freezing in Celsius
54. Chieftain in Arabia
55. This is red and violets are blue
56. General Services Administration

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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

SPEAKER PICKS CHAIRS, MEMBERS FOR HOUSE COMMITTEES

It took a couple of weeks to see how House Speaker Tom Craddick's somewhat contentious re-election would play out. Craddick announced his picks for chairs and committee assignments on Jan. 26. The Midland Republican survived a challenge that vaporized on Jan. 10, the second day of the 80th Texas Legislature, and was elected to a third term. Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, made a run against Craddick but bowed out in the 11th hour, before a final vote. Craddick reassigned Pitts and rewarded loyalists. Pitts served as Craddick's pleasure in the 2005 session as chairman of the state budget-writing House Appropriations Committee. Craddick named Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, to replace Pitts as chair and kept Rep. Jim Keffer, R-Eastland, as chairman of House Ways & Means, the committee charged with raising revenue. Without Craddick's post-challenge support, Pitts used his own seniority to secure a non-leadership post on Ways & Means. Here are a few of Craddick's other chair appointments:

- Beverly Woolley, R-Houston, Calendars, the committee that serves as gatekeeper for bills to move to the House floor;
- David Swinford, R-Amarillo, State Affairs;
- John Smithee, R-Amarillo, Insurance;
- Rob Eissler, R-The Woodlands, Public Education;
- Mike Krusee, R-Round Rock; Transportation;
- Aaron Pena, D-Edinburg, Criminal Jurisprudence; and
- Patrick Rose, D-Dripping Springs, Human Services.

Perry applauds appraisal ideas. Gov. Rick Perry on Jan. 23 praised his Task Force on Appraisal Reform on the release of its report recommending that lawmakers pass five statutory changes and two constitutional changes to fix what some have called a "broken system."

The recommendations, from a governor's office news release:

- Require voter approval for any local taxing entity (excluding schools) to charge or collect revenues from ad valorem taxes in excess of the approved prior year's budgeted tax revenue, plus 5 percent;
- Improve fairness and consistency in the appraisal process. Appraisal boards would be comprised of five members, including two taxpayer representatives, and taxpayers would have new options in challenging property valuations.
- Change the comptroller's property valuation study, which is used to equitably distribute state funding to schools and provide uniformity in local property appraisal practices.
- Prohibit the state from passing unfunded mandates to local governments.
- Require sales price disclosure.
- Pass legislation to change the state constitution to allow taxpayers the option of calculating their property taxes using a five-year rolling average of the property's appraised value.
- Pass legislation to change the state constitution to lower the residential appraisal cap on city and county taxes from 10 percent to 5 percent, double the local property tax homestead exemption to \$6,000, and allow local governments the option of conducting an election to enact a half-cent countywide sales tax constitutionally dedicated to property tax reduction. The appraisal cap could be lowered to 5 percent only in counties that vote for a half-cent countywide sales tax increase.

More from governor's office. Gov. Perry announced Jan. 22 that FEMA will extend by six months the housing aid deadline for people displaced by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The aid was due to expire in February. Also on Jan. 22, Perry announced the expansion of Operation Wrangler, a border law enforcement project teaming local, state and federal law enforcement. Perry said the effort is structured to stem crime, illegal international drug trafficking and human trafficking.

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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.

Thank you, Catherine

February 1
Birthday - Mary Fern Terry, Lynn Whitefield, Kenneth Lee McClellan, Ann White, JoeBob Breedon, Terri Goodknight, Lacie Baker, Clint Linde, Anthony Renteria, Brian Johnson, Cherlynn Thompson, T.J. Vasquez, Charles Davis, Skylar Tidwell
Anniversary - M/M George C. Lowe

February 2
Birthday - Sergio Favela Jr., Margie Boone, Michael T. Davis, Sheila Brand, Grace McDade, Nadine Bishard, Connie Garcia, Cayla Simon, Toby Thompson
Anniversary - Jeff & Chris Spencer, Bill & Dalene Baker, Louis & Mary Miesner

February 3
Birthday - Jerry Kiser, Joanne Hays, Kelly Davis, Jr. Hart, Pip Craig, Glenna Dibbern, Todd Ware, Donna Roberts, Beth Baker, Jerry Laird, Roy Dee Martin, Evelyn Burch, Traci Cliff
Anniversary - M/M Shawn Cook, Bob & Candy Boxwell, M/M Jose Salgado

February 4
Birthday - Mary Dawn Henson, Bill Logsdon, Argelia Rodriguez, Heath Tolleson, Misty Barnes, Roy Lee Uptergrove, Linda Davis, Dale Hendrick, Tina Marie Jenkins, Andres Ortiz, Chris Evans, Cynthia Goodman, Ted Widener, Joan Farr, Bonnie Ball, Landri Burnam, Samantha Myatt
Anniversary - M/M Nick Jordan, Lenis & Holly Simpson

February 5
Birthday - Rose Lopez, Jerry Tipps, Kym Williams, Dorothy Cator, Reba Phillips, Cody Pipkin, Theron Spencer, Zachary McCammond, Matt Wallington, Matison Jones, George DeSantiago, Larue Mayo, Julie Richter, Larry Murphy, Vance Snider II
February 6
Birthday - Erica Blount, Larry Irlbeck, Mrs. Nell Patterson, Carlos Espinosa, Cora Lesly, Ruben Vera, Bradly Laxton, Ofelia Zamora, Courtney Jo Myers, Betty Allen, Kimberly LaFarr, Becky Brown, Moses Lomeli, Tammie Purvines
Anniversary - M/M Jeff Hohertz, Patsy & Jerry Hunt, M/M Curt Fitzgeard

February 7
Birthday - Alicia Barkley, Chris Johnson, Buddy Lowe, Mike Stedje, Monique Yancy, Virginia Poole, Tracy Taylor, Calvin Pearson, Jill Havens, Kay Atkinson, Michelle Bass, Janice Noble, Dustin Mackie, Sara Eisfeld
February 8
Birthday - Louise Etter, Bobby

Mosier, Ben Vaughn, Domingo Salazar III, Verlin Beck, Dorothy Karns, Jesse Briseno, Verlene Bass, Zachary Logsdon, Sue Watts
Anniversary - M/M Tony Herndon

February 9
Birthday - Loren Dahl, Andy Hoel, Elena Salazar, Carole Hall, Sara Avila, Paula Garza, Doris Breedon, Jackie Pearson, Linda Rodriguez, Lori Williams, Rossetta Barrera, Michelle Laughlin, Armando Borunda, Drew Mireles, Betty Scribner
Anniversary - M/M Martin Ochoa, Bill & Alice Miller, M/M Cecil Reynolds, M/M Dwayne TeBeest

February 10
Birthday - Karen Cotter, Mark Irwin, Tammy White, Robbie Cator, Mary Ann Lasater, J. Travis Garnett, Evelina Martinez, Gregory Brand, Jimmy McLeod, Charles West, Fanetta Pierce, Josie Holt, Debbie Eslick, Karen Schnell
Anniversary - M/M Perry Dixon

February 11
Birthday - Angie Clawson, Craig Schuman, Kari Lou Russell, Joan McClellan, Denise Harbour, Lillian Cooksey, Roy Harbour, Leigh Anne Winger, Addie Williams, Sloan Dominguez, Leo Cummings
February 12
Birthday - Rod Been, Lynn Burk, Louise Evans, Brian McClenagan, Brandon Reagon, Kaci Renteria, Sister Criselda Vela, Mae Hargis, Kelly Goodman, Anselmo Vela, Mary Dixon, Glynn & Lynn Pattison, Jennie Lou Connely, Jana Hawkins, Roy Sutton, Mary Virden, Troy James, Derrick Burnett, Clayton Vanderberg, Stephen Jacobs, Walter Postoak
Anniversary - M/M Buck Tidwell, M/M Gary Evans, M/M Roy Lee Uptergrove, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ross

February 13
Birthday - Rick Barkley, Rosi Chisum, Kristi Williams, Sherry Lee, Richard Ooley, Bill Watson, Catalina Espinosa, Esther Vargas, Mari Ann Bartimos, Maura Gaspar
Anniversary - M/M Eddy Rojas

February 14
Birthday - Alice Goodman, Ti Harbour, Nick Nelson, Janice Holt, C.W. Kirk, Tommy Thomas, Laura Umphress, Bubba Smith, Donna Ball, Lena Kathryn Harbour, Betsy Sutterfield, Kenneth Baker, Josiah Lee Vasquez, Courtney Wood
Anniversary - M/M Kip Francis, M/M Roney Clark, Ricky & Cindy Dowdy, Hal & Jeanie Bennett, Terry & Tammy Burch, M/M Omar Sutton, M/M Salomon Tarango, M/M Tony Swink, M/M Rod Holland, M/M Delfino Parra, Rev. & Rev. Josepha Weaks, Garrett & Mika Gumfory

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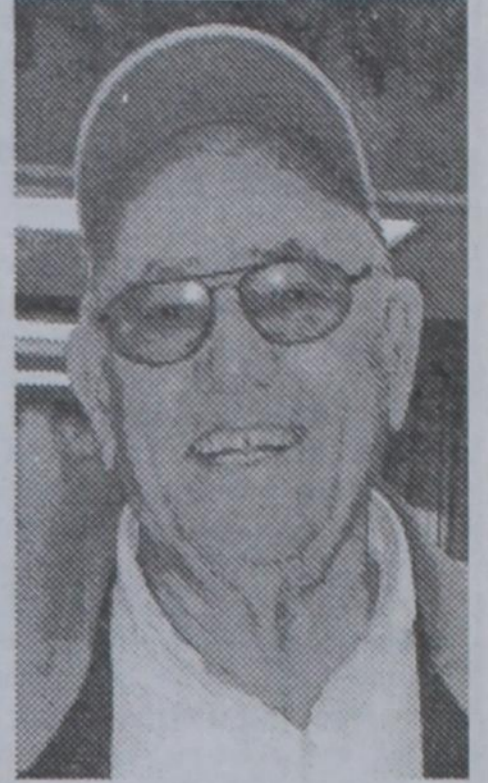
SPEARMAN - Spearman - Happy Bess, 91, of Borger passed away in Spearman after a short illness Wednesday, January 24, 2007. Services will be Tuesday, January 30, 2007 at 2:30 PM in Bible Baptist Church of Borger. Leonard Forsythe, pastor, will officiate assisted by James Washburn, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church of Spearman. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery by Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.



Mr. Bess was born October 13, 1915 in Saint Jo, TX, the son of Clyde Major Bess and Mollie Emma Wade on the family farm. He served in WWII joining the US Army after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and was a Purple Heart Recipient. He served in the South Pacific the duration of the war and was honorably discharged as a Private First Class. After the war he worked for Phillips Petroleum Company for 30 years, retiring as a yard foreman. Mr. Bess was a member of Bible Baptist Church and Local 351 AFL/CIO. He married Betty Jane Holder in Borger, TX on December 15, 1950. Hap and Betty enjoyed serving the Lord together, working in their yard and built the family home in Borger together. Mr. Bess was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Judith Bess. He is survived by his beloved wife of the home, a daughter, Mary Catherine Moore and husband, Donald of Spearman, a son, Donald LeRoy Bess and wife, Sheila, of Waco, seven grandchildren, Jesse Browning and Redonna Moore of Borger, Stephen Moore of Datong, China, John Bess and Michael Bess of Minnesota, Robert Bess of Missouri and Jason Bess of Waco and 5 great grandchildren, Dale Lorraine Wilson of Spearman, Elizabeth Bess, Meghan Bess, Dallas Bess and Colin Bess of Minnesota, a brother, Bill Bess and wife Hazel, of Muenster, TX, a sister Babe Ruth "Pat" Baker, of Saint Jo, TX, one nephew and two nieces and their children and his beloved friend and pastor, Leonard Forsythe of Borger. In lieu of flowers, Mr. Bess' request was that contributions be made to Bible Baptist Church, PO Box 1380, Borger, Texas 79008.

AUBREY RASOR

GRUVER - Aubrey Rasor, 79, died Thursday, Jan. 25, 2007. Services were at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007 in Gruver First Baptist Church with the Rev. Scott Curry officiating. Burial was in Gruver Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.



Mr. Rasor was born Sept. 27, 1927, in Indianola, Okla. He married Melba Jean Morrison on Aug. 4, 1946, in Erick, Okla. He was a farmer and a member and deacon of First Baptist Church of Gruver. He was a member and director of the Hansford County Farm Bureau and a director of the Texas Farm Bureau. He loved his wife, children and grandchildren. And he loved the soil. Survivors include his wife, Melba Rasor; two sons, Richard Rasor and wife Nana of Singapore and Marty Rasor and wife Sherri of Amarillo; a daughter, Sandra McNett and husband Dean of Gruver; a brother, Bob Rasor of Miami, Okla.; six grandsons, Calvin Rasor and wife Melody of Sacramento, Calif., Daniyal Rasor of Singapore, Kevin McNett of Gruver and Kyle McNett and wife Stephanie, Corey Rasor and wife Dorelen and Christopher Rasor, all of Amarillo; five great-grandchildren; and a special friend, Ramon Ramiro Ruiz of Gruver. The family suggests memorials be to the American Heart Association, 6605 W. Interstate 40, Suite A-6, Amarillo, TX 79106 or a favorite charity.

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Spearhead AA Group
 The Spearhead AA Group meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Pittman-Shieldknight building. Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. For more information, call 662-1111.

Panhandle Crisis Center Outreach Office
 Panhandle Crisis Center (PCC) has an Outreach Office and Resale Store at 306 Hancock, in Spearman. In case of emergencies, please continue to call the hotline, 1-800-753-5308. To schedule an appointment with a worker in Hansford County, please call 659-3391 to leave a message, or call the hotline number above. Panhandle Crisis Center serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Please call for more information regarding PCC's services. Hours for the Resale Store in Spearman are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Working in Windows XP
 Learn to use the Windows Operating System most effectively. In the Windows environment, you will learn to switch between and quit programs, create folders, edit, and saving the files, learning your way around the internet and emails. This class is a 4 week class beginning Thursday, January 25 with the last class on Thursday, February 15. The class is in room 101 at Spearman High School from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The cost of the class is \$45. To register for this class or more information call the Community Resource Office, Cindy Blackman, 659-3233, ext. 1005. This class could advance to an intermediate level.

Hospice Training Class
 Hansford Hospice Volunteer Training Classes will begin on February 19, 2007, at 6 p.m. at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, Spearman, Texas. To sign up for the classes or more information, please call 659-5811. These classes provide excellent training for anyone interested in learning more about the Hospice program.

Project Graduation
 The parents of the Spearman High School Senior Class of 2007 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement exercises Friday, May 25th. 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, the community, who supported and encouraged these seniors these past 13 years of school, would be willing to share in the final "Class of 2007" memory, making this project special, please contact Teresa Maestas, 659-1025, or Lynna Renner, 659-3587. Contributions can be mailed to: Teresa Maestas, PO Box 337, Spearman, TX. 79081. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

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Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister
 In the fifth week of Epiphany, as we discover God in our lives, we study Isaiah 6:1-13, Psalm 138, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, and Luke 5:1-11. Isaiah, circa 739 BCE, has an epiphany. He beholds the Lord God, Almighty seated on His throne filling the temple. Isaiah exclaims, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts!" An angel approaches Isaiah and touches his lips with a coal from the altar saying, "your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out". Isaiah hears the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Isaiah says, "Here am I, send me!" Such is the beginning of Isaiah's sixty-some years of service to the Lord. The Psalmist sings a hymn of thanksgiving to God for His steadfast love and faithfulness. The Psalmist shows God to be above the kings of the earth who will sing praises to the Lord. The Psalmist praises God for his protection and his guidance.

The Corinthians, struggling to maintain unity in the Church, have some members denying the bodily resurrection of the dead. Paul answers them by reminding them of what he taught them—"Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me." Paul affirms that he is what he is by the grace of God, and even though Paul has done many great things and worked hard, it is the Holy Spirit within him that has accomplished this.

Simon Peter has an epiphany while he is engaged in his occupation of fishing. Jesus gets into one of Simon's boats to talk to the crowds following him. When he finishes speaking, Jesus tells Peter to take the boat out a little further from the shore and to cast his nets. Peter, who had been fishing all the previous night and had caught nothing, humors Jesus and does as he asks. Peter catches so many fish, he must call his partners to bring another boat to gather all the fish. Peter falls on his knees and says, "Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man!" Jesus tells Simon, James and John that now they are going to fish for men.

There is a similarity in the stories of Isaiah's call and in Peter's epiphany while fishing. Isaiah's theme is the "revelation of God", Luke's is the "revelation of God in Jesus Christ". Dear Christian it is through the Holy Spirit we are guided to "catch" others so that they may live and abide in Christ Jesus; do not despair if you are not a great speaker, the Spirit will guide you, for faith unpracticed is not faith at all. May the Holy Spirit touch your lips so that you too can say, "Here am I, send me!"



Engagement Announcement

Richard and Faynel Davis of Lubbock, Texas wish to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Reagan Davis, of Austin, to Mickey Schoenhals, also of Austin. Mickey is the son of Mark and Margy Schoenhals of Spearman, Texas.

The couple will wed on March 3, 2007 in Lubbock with Treb Praytor officiating.

Maid of honor will be Blair Davis, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids will be Meredith Praytor, Stacy Lovelless, Karey Lander and Anne Marie Curtis.

Best man will be Doran Schoenhals, brother of the groom. Groomsmen will be Carlos Lopez, Billy Streu and Kelsey Henton.

Flower girls will be cousins of the bride. Reagan is a graduate of Texas A&M University. She is a resident service manager.

Mickey is a graduate of Texas Tech University. He is a financial analyst.

Following a honeymoon in Colorado, the couple will live in Austin.

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by Dorothy Hudson

Out At The Lake



The Palo Duro River Authority Board of Directors took the oath of office on Tuesday, January 9th during their meeting in Dumas. Board members are (L-R): Don Savage, Dr. Arthur Davidson, Margarette Evans, Jack Lane, and Moore County Judge Rowdy Rhodes.

Lake Level--January 29, 2007-- 21.83 feet

Panhandle was home to both the Eastern and the Western

The Lake was just under 17 feet at the low point.

It has been over a month since the moisture in the form of rain, snow, and ice first raised the level 5.5 feet to 22.5 feet. The additional snow has kept the raise at almost five feet.

The Lake is now frozen, and Jim said in his report that there were few visitors. The fishermen can't fish. Mid-February thru March are good fishing times usually.

The eagle count varies from day to day. He had seen none this morning, but 10 days ago he counted 11.

After a stay of 3 weeks in the hospital and Manor, Don (my husband) has been able to come home. Despite having excellent care at both places, we are both thrilled to be back in our own home.

While I traveled on snowy roads from Gruver to Spearman, I noticed numerous meadowlarks huddled on strips of bare pavement. Their feathers were puffed out, making them stocky little birds. Meadowlarks are one of the most numerous of the Panhandle birds that stay year around.

Two years ago I learned that the

Meadowlarks. The bubbling, flute-like melody of the Western Meadowlark is my favorite bird-song, but one day I heard a different meadowlark song. It was a short little song and not at all what I expected. I didn't know if it was a young bird just learning to sing, but research convinced me I had heard an Eastern Meadowlark.

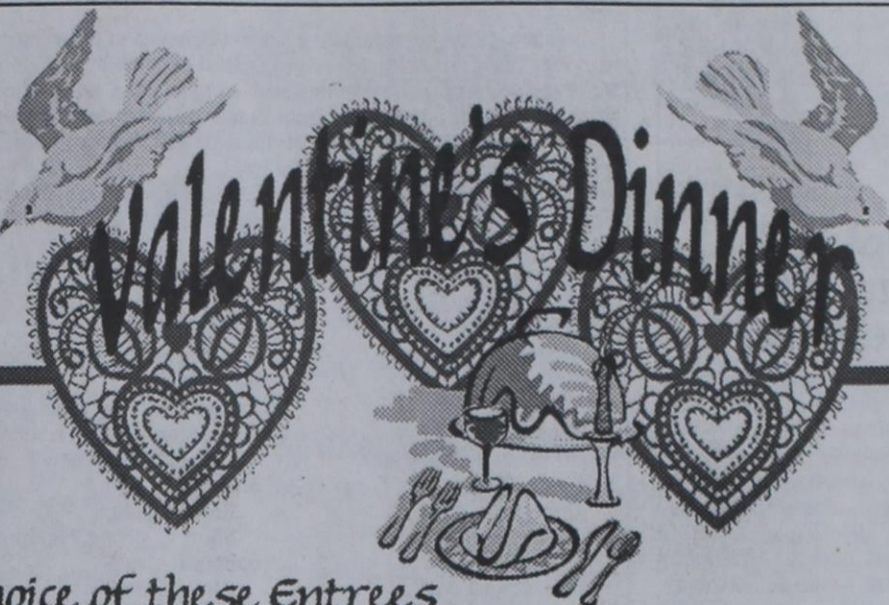
The January Newsletter of the Panhandle Bird Club has an article by Jim Luce on how to identify the two meadowlarks. Both species have the black V-shaped necklace over the yellow underparts, but the yellow extends up to the beak area on the Western but not on the Eastern bird. The Western has dark brown stripes on the crown, where-

as the Eastern Meadowlark has a black crown.

Perhaps this spring with the birds in breeding plumage, someone will be able to tell us if we have both species in the Park.

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, visits, flowers and food. Your thoughts and prayers were greatly appreciated in the loss of our loved one, Oliver Barnes. Again, many thanks and God bless you. The Oliver Barnes Family



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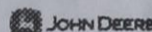
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Wayland Baptist University

A Wayland Baptist University student from Gruver was named to the honor roll for the recent fall term.

The President's List includes full-time students who earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the term. Included on that list is Bethany Harris of Gruver.

Alpha Chi Installs New Members

Oklahoma Panhandle State University welcomed twelve new members in the Alpha Chi initiation held Sunday, November 19. Alpha Chi, a collegiate national honor society, admits college students from all disciplines. OPSU juniors must have a 3.75 grade point average while seniors must have a 3.5 GPA to be eligible for membership.

OPSU is proud to honor Christie Michelle McDowell of Spearman as a new Alpha Chi member.

Frank Phillips College

Twelve students (11% of semester enrollment) attending the FPC Allen Campus in Perryton received academic honors for the fall semester 2006.

Five students from Perryton: Austin Buschman, Stephen Cano, Robin Davis, Andy Gee, and Leota Ramirez, and one student from Follett; Joseph Kellin, earned places on the President's List. To receive this honor, a student must be enrolled in 12 or more credit hours (this constitutes a full time load of classes) and have a grade point average (GPA) of 4.00 for the semester.

Three students from Perryton: Ivan Altamirano, Brandi Anderson, and Shay Lacy, as well as three other local students: Yamile Rosales (Booker), Selene Garcia (Canadian), and Rita Presley (Follett), were named to the Dean's List. To receive this honor, a student must be enrolled in 12 or more credit hours and have a GPA between 3.50 and 3.99 for the semester.

The FPC Allen Campus takes great pride in congratulating each of these students for a job well done.

Spearman ISD Gifted & Talented Nominations

Spearman ISD is now accepting nominations for the Gifted & Talented program. Students in Kindergarten through 12th grade may be nominated. The gifted education program is designed to challenge students with above average potential in academic, creative and productive thinking skills to accelerate above and beyond the regular school curriculum.

Anyone wishing to nominate a student believed to be an intellectually or creatively gifted learner is encouraged to come by the Elementary, Jr. High, or High School office and complete the nomination form. Nominations will be accepted from January 22nd through February 23, 2007. Nominated students will go through a screening process in the spring semester to determine eligibility.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the school offices at 659-2565 (Elementary), 659-2563 (Jr. High), or 659-2584 (High School).

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Western Art Show and Sale

Now in its 8th year, the Panhandle-Plains Invitational Western Art Show and Sale provides the only museum-quality venue in northwest Texas for contemporary western artists. The Friends of Southwestern Art will sponsor the show and sale beginning February 4 and continuing through March 4, 2007.

More than fifty artists from Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, California and Oklahoma have been invited to the exhibition. Each artist has been

asked to submit at least one work inspired by the "Urban West," the museum exhibition theme for 2007.

Artists who have exhibited in the past include Emilio Caballero, Barry Jones, Don Ray, Jack Sorenson, Amy Winton, Jim Ward, and Marilyn Yanke, from the Panhandle area, and Curtis Fort, Walt Gonske, Mimi Litschauer, Deborah Paris, Greg Skol, and Curt Walters from outside Texas.

This year's Panhandle-Plains Invitational is dedicated to Ben

Konis and Don Ray, who passed away during the 2006 year. 2007 is the first year deceased artists will be in the exhibition.

Proceeds from the Invitational benefit area residents by funding additions to PPHM's art collection and bringing the finest in historic Southwestern art to the region. Last year the Invitational had more than \$70,000 in sales, the commission from which went to purchase works by artists such as E. A. Burbank, Bonnie MacLeary, and W. Herbert Dunton.

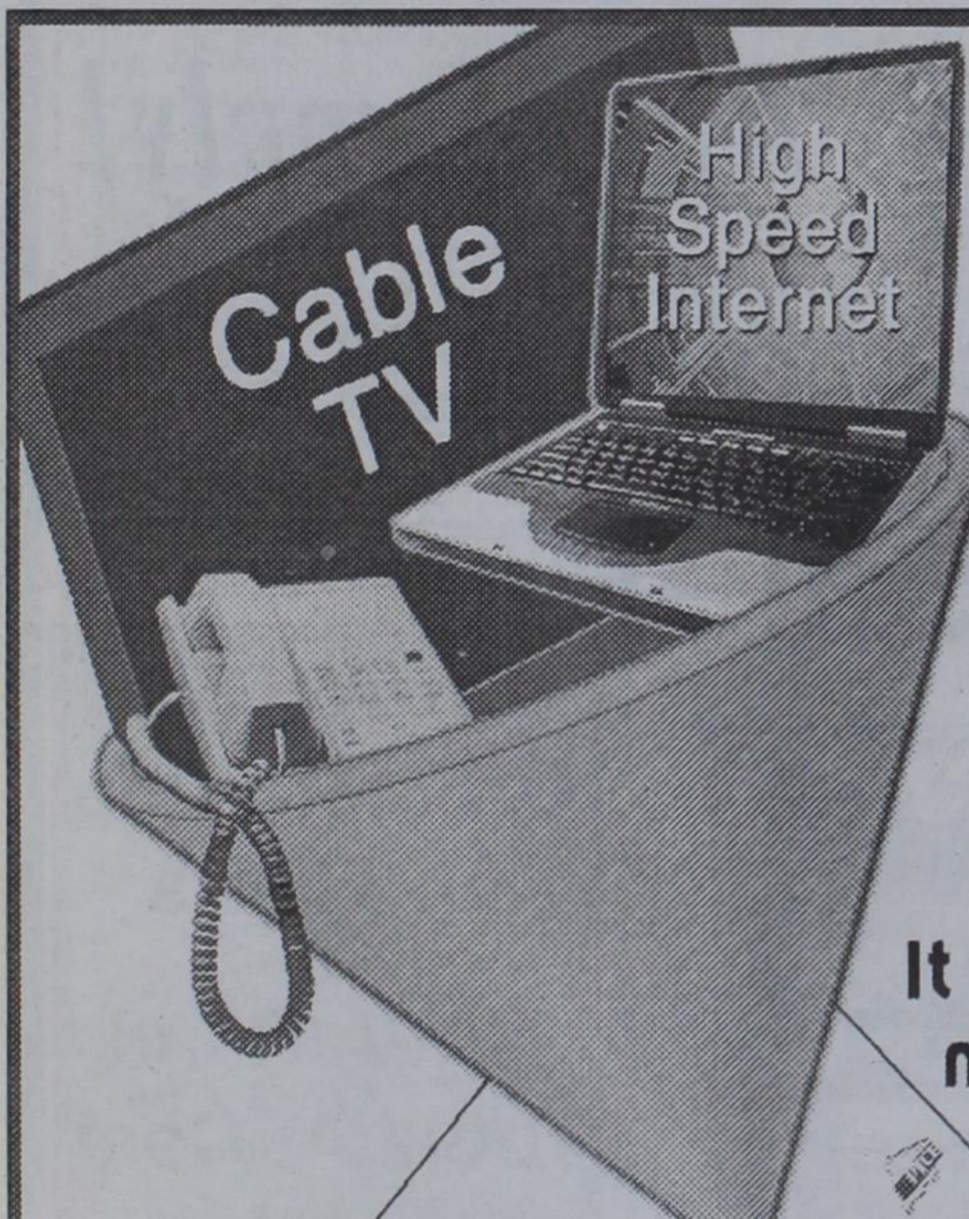
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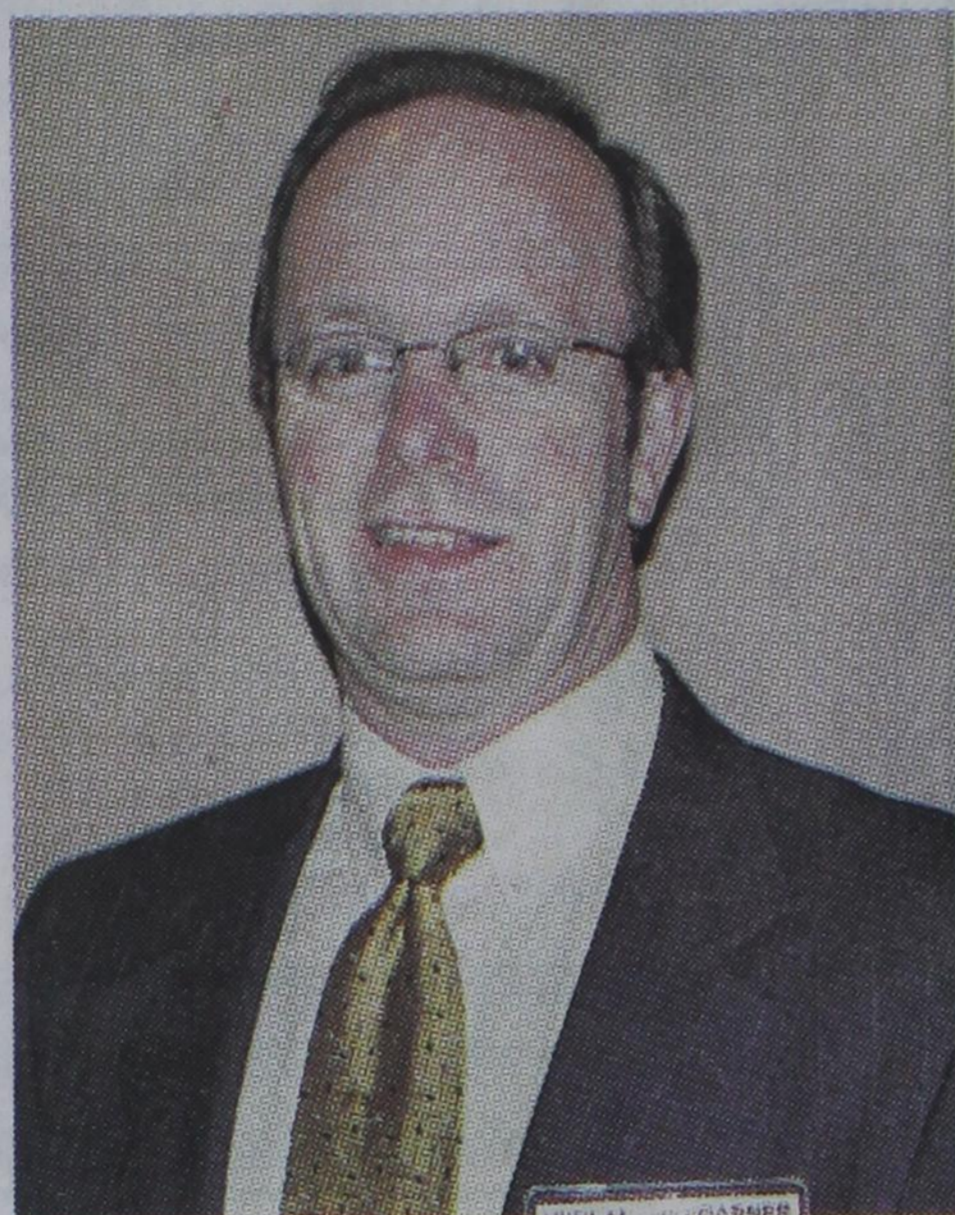
Spearman teacher takes concerns to lawmakers

A Spearman ISD teacher joined more than 300 of his colleagues from around the state to make his case for improving public education to lawmakers at the Capitol Monday.

Verlan Winegarner, a teacher at Gus Birdwell Elementary School, was part of the Association of Texas Professional Educators' (ATPE) biennial Lobby Day event, which gives educators an opportunity to share his views with his elected officials.

"It's important for all educators to be active in the political arena, not just to protect the rights and benefits of educators across the state, but for every Texas student," said Winegarner. "By taking part in this event, we are letting our elected officials know the people of Texas are committed to public education."

The educators, part of the 108,000-member association, emphasized the need for a renewed focus on teacher retirement, as well as fixing standardized testing and preventing the institution of private school voucher programs.



Verlan Winegarner



Spearman Business of the Year

PTCL was named 'Business of the Year' at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce banquet on Thursday, January 18th. Pictured are PTCL employees (L-R) Chris Purdy, Travis Clark, Evelyn McMillian Plo, Frank Salgado, Teresa Barkley and Deblen Francis.

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY - Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow. Highs around 30. North winds 5 to 10 mph shifting to the southwest 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.

THURSDAY NIGHT - Cloudy. Slight chance of snow in the evening - then a chance of snow after midnight. Lows around 15. South winds 5 to 10 mph shifting to the north after midnight. Chance of snow 40 percent.

FRIDAY - Cloudy. Chance of snow in the morning - then a slight chance of snow in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 20s. North winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of snow 40 percent.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Lows around 10. North winds 5 to 10 mph.

SATURDAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 20s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 14.

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 30s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 20.

MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s.

TUESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s.

TUESDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.

WEDNESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s.

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