







# Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott

### MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

The students who invaded the museum this week were the Higgins Elementary. Having kindergarten thru 5th grade is always fun because we group the students into teams representing all grades to move around the exhibits. The older kids acting as guides with the assistance of a lead teacher. As always, the kids did great and fun was had by all. Darrouzett is coming this week. If you have a group that would like to have a meeting or a special tour of the museum, please call us and arrange the event. We welcome all ages and interests.

### LIPSCOMB COUNTY HISTORY

April 22, 1887 marks the date that the first issue of the Panhandle Interstate newspaper was published. The first issue had ads from a Surveyor and Land Agent, a Drugs and Sundries dealer, a Livery, Feed and Sale stable, the First State Bank of Kiowa, A Farm Implements co., the Southern Kansas Railroad, a lumber company, and a Dentist. Most of the companies were in Kiowa, Kansas. An Article "Kiowa to Lipscomb by Stage" tells us that a W.L. Brown has put on a hack between Lipscomb and "Buzzard Roost" making close connections with the stage between Kiowa, Kansas, and Mobeetie, Texas, thus giving through passage form Kiowa to Lipscomb without an lay over the entire distance.

This first issue described the weather, the first settlers, the railroad, and our geography. Letters were published and a page of Items of interest were published. an example of interest was Woodson Bro's put up quite a quantity of ice last winter, with which they will supple the Lipscomb market when the hot days come.

On its 118th anniversary, we are still enjoying and learning from our first newspaper.

### MUSEUM QUESTIONNAIRE

As mentioned last week, the museum board will be having a work session soon to establish priorities and projects. Below is a questionnaire that requests your comments and opinions on three topics of interest to us. Please cut the out and send us your thoughts. You can also email us at Wolfcrk@amaonline.com or call at 806-852-2123. Your assistance in our planning process is appreciated.

#### Which activity would you participate in to provide the Museum with funds?

- Pay a membership fee
- Buy items from the gift shop
- Donate money as memorials, a designated charity
- Pay an admission fee to Museum
- Pay an admission fee to programs
- Attend fundraisers (i.e. musical programs, silent auctions, etc.)
- Donate funds to a specific project

#### I would volunteer to assist the Museum with:

- Special projects (specific topic and defined time frame)
- Donating items (crafts, homemade objects) for gift shop
- Keeping the Museum open on Sundays
- Hosting a special program
- Teaching a class
- Serve on the Museum board
- Serve on a committee (fundraising, exhibits, volunteers)

#### I would attend the following programs:

- Community programs (how-to classes, historical lectures, book clubs, etc.)
- Children's programs (book clubs, demonstrations, fun days, etc.)
- Theatrical/musical programs
- Receptions for artists, authors, etc.

#### I am interested in being involved with the Museum, contact me

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

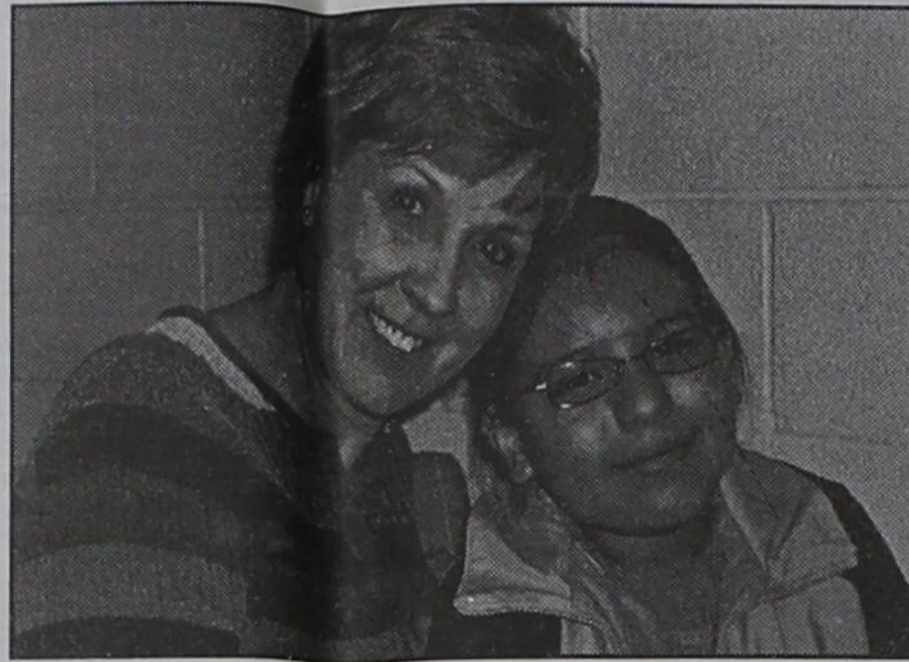
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E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this questionnaire to: Wolf Creek Heritage Museum, Box 5, Lipscomb TX 79056.

**Museum Hours:** Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 2 to 4 p.m. Special hours upon request.  
**Museum Information:** Hwy 305, Lipscomb; telephone: 806-852-2123; fax: 806-852-217; email: wolferk@amaonline.com; website: www.wolfcreekheritagemuseum.com

# Spearman girls get 'Big Sisters'



Karen Thompson poses with her new Little Sister, Melissa.

Two more Spearman girls now have Big Sisters. Big Sister Karen Thompson was matched with her Little Sister, Melissa, on February 22 and Big Sister Cindy Blackman was matched with her Little Sister, Katy, on February 23 through the local Big Brothers Big Sisters agency.

The organization's mission is to match children with caring volunteers who serve as mentors helping them develop positive life skills and social values. Volunteers are matched with children who can benefit from one-to-one attention and support. They become trusted friends who help the children through life's ups and downs.

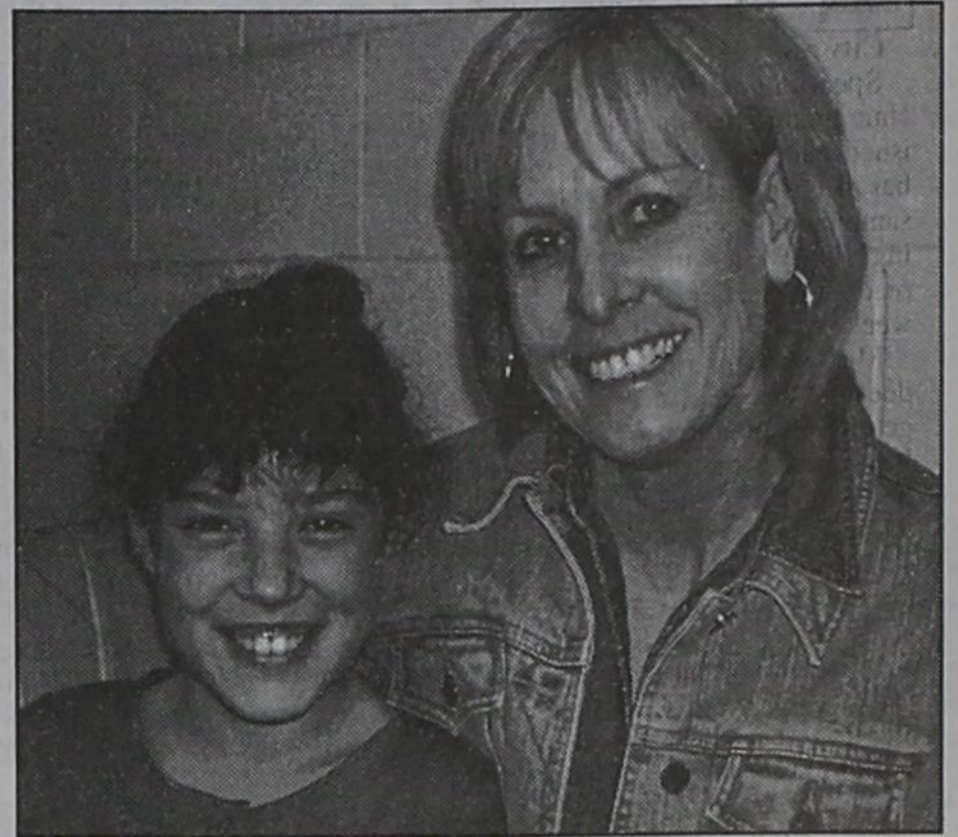
The matches spend an average of two hours a week together. "We ask that the mentors don't spend a lot of money on their matches or try to always plan elaborate entertainment," said Kimberley Lopez, local agency case manager. "They just bring the child along for whatever activity they are already doing like planting flowers, baking cookies, doing crafts or community service projects. The kids love to

help decorate for the holidays, go to Lynx games, or ride the combine. It doesn't take a lot to have a fun afternoon."

Thompson and Melissa are looking forward to working in the yard, watching movies, reading and cooking. "Karen plans to involve Melissa in her church and family activities as well as some of her school projects," Lopez explained. "Melissa and her father recognized that she needs a positive adult female role model, someone all her own to talk to."

Blackman and Katy had been matched since October in the school based mentoring program of BBBS, Bigs in Schools. In this program, no contact outside of school by phone or in person is allowed. "Cindy and Katy hit it off right away," Lopez said. "Now that they have transitioned to the community program they will be able to spend more time together."

The two plan to play games, do crafts and watch movies. "Cindy always has something going and I expect to see Katy right alongside her helping," Loped added. "Katy



Katy is pictured with her new Bib Sister, Cindy Blackman.

is pretty active herself. I know Cindy will always be cheering on the sidelines."

Currently, 18 other children are matched with mentors in the school and community based programs in Spearman. There are two girls and one boy on Spearman's waiting list. "We need more caring people like Karen and Cindy to volun-

teer," said Lopez.

Anyone interested in learning more about the program is encouraged to call the local BBBS office at 434-0016 ( toll free at 1-877-716-3424) or contact Hansford county's representatives to the agency's board of directors, Jason Cantrell at 659-3133 or Tara Leicht at 435-9180.

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- Delma Hernandez & Hector Diaz - 5/7
- Amy Marsh & Tony Clement - 5/7
- Dineke Travis & Brett Holmes - 5/21
- Leah Mackie & Marc Strickland - 5/28
- Holly Hart & Marcus McLean - 5/28
- Nicole Lozano & Wesley Clymer - 7/10
- Cassandra Harrison & Landon Swan
- Kyna (Shields) & Joseph Hudson
- Mika McLain & Matt Devaney
- Kortney Henton & Eric Klein
- Jill Clement & Steve Crum
- Amanda Anderson & John Gunning
- Lindsey Dalluge & Clay Neff
- Heather Murrell & David Houston

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- Leah Mackie & Marc Strickland - 5/28
- Tandalee Leo & Ben Harris - 5/28
- Nicole Lozano & Wesley Clymer - 7/10
- Tomi Woodruff & Jeffrey Price (grandson of Glen & Faye Harris)
- Cassie Harrison & Landon Swan
- Kyna (Shields) & Joseph Hudson
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- Kortney Henton & Eric Klein
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# Question & Answer

**Editor's Note:** Spearman ISD Superintendent Rodney Summer has agreed to answer questions regarding the Spearman ISD bond election. The following questions were sent in by a taxpayer in Spearman ISD.

**Q. Have our school personnel applied for any grants or state funding of any type? If yes, what is the status of that? If no, why not?**

A. In the past the district has applied for various types of grants; however, I am unaware of any grants out there that relate specifically to facility improvement. The only state program is the Instructional Facility Allotment (IFA). This program provides assis-

tance to school districts in making debt service payments. Districts can only apply for IFA funds after a bond election has passed and before bonds are purchased. The amount of state aid under the IFA program is based on the size of the district, its property values, the number of students in average daily attendance (ADA), and the amount of the annual debt service. It is important to note that the IFA program is not fully funded by the legislature and has limited funds available to assist school districts. Therefore, districts are ranked by need with property poor districts at the top of this list for available funds. Since we are considered by the state above average in terms of property wealth we will probably

not qualify for any state assistance. However, we will apply for the IFA funds anyway in the case that we might receive any amount of state assistance.

**Q. We see the estimates are from an architect. Have any contractors of ANY type estimated these costs? I have spoken to two contractors who both state that every single time they have been involved in a job of this sort the architect's estimates have been at least 1/3 lower than the actual cost. My fear is that we will approve this bond assuming we will end up with everything that has been presented to us, but instead we will end up with a lot**

**less than we thought we were going to get. Please clarify this.**

A. As we started working on this project estimating cost was particularly difficult. In trying to develop the most accurate cost possible, we asked our architects to work with teachers and administration to identify as closely as possible all the space requirements needed for the project. The architects keep a data base of costs for every aspect to the project and regularly update this data base in order to give cost estimates based on most recent projects. NO contractors have been contacted. It costs significant money to design a project to the point that it is ready to bid. Before a contractor can give an estimate they would need actual architectur-

al blue prints. Due to the cost of producing blue prints and since the district does not have authorization to complete this project, the district has not proceeded any further until final approval is given by the taxpayers. However, not having enough money to complete the project due to cost overruns and the volatility of construction costs is a concern we all fear. We hope that the architects cost estimates are on the high side and in all actuality the cost will come in lower than the project price tag. Any money left over could be used toward improvements at the high school or be used to lower the bond principal. In addition because of this fear, the board has set aside the Gus Birdwell fund as a contingency in

case there are cost overruns on the project.

**Q. Are we asking for MORE facility improvement that what we actually need?**

A. Both the Board of Trustees and the Citizen's Facility Committee identified the following facility needs:  
1. New Junior High School  
2. Additional room/space at the elementary school  
3. Better parking and traffic flow at the elementary/ junior high campus  
The actual bond proposal addresses these identified needs and nothing more.

## Guymon Pioneer Days Rodeo

On May 6-8, 2005, thousands of spectators and over 900 contestants from all around the world will converge on Guymon, Oklahoma to enjoy a wide range of activities, including the 72nd annual rodeo. That translates into over one and a half million dollars of economic impact for Guymon and the surrounding area. Over \$385,000 will be paid out in prize money over the week of competition.

Once again, you will be hearing the voices of Hadley Barrett, Kersey, Colorado and Curt Robinson, from Pendleton Oregon, echo over the Henry C. Hitch Pioneer Arena. These two have become an intricate part of the Pioneer Days tradition. Joining them in the arena will be returning bullfighter, Allen Nelson from Perry, Arkansas and a new face to Pioneer Days, Aaron Loewe from Nebraska. Our funny barrel man this year will be Jeff "Slim" Garner.

This year will bring a new and exciting venue, not that it hasn't always been a great rodeo. However, Guymon will have the best of the best in stock at our Guymon Pioneer Days Rodeo. The rodeo committee, acting as their own contractor, has hired the best

of bunch. We will have bucking stock provided by Jim Korkow, Stace Smith, Harry Vold, Mike Cervi and Bronc Rufford. This will allow us to bring the top bucking stock of all these PRCA contractors together for what will prove to be the most exciting rodeo we've seen.

This year marks the sixth consecutive year that Guymon is part of the exclusive Wrangler ProRodeo Tour! Ken Stonecipher, rodeo chairman, said, "I think we should see about 99 percent of the top 20 PRCA money winners from every event here in Guymon. This is the last stop on the Wrangler

ProRodeo Tour. Contestants will be battling for the rights to go to the Wrangler ProRodeo Tour Finals slated for Las Vegas the third week in May."

Pioneer Days is more than just a rodeo. It is a community celebration, honoring the pioneers that settled the panhandle so many years ago. It was an event started in the 1933 dust bowl days to bring folks to town to try and overlook the hard times. It has an annual parade, dances, arts and crafts show, barbecues, carnival, golf tournament, old timers celebrations and many other activities taking place at this special time of year.

### Texas crop and weather report

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Soil moisture is short to adequate. Temperatures were cool but warmed to normal by the end of the week. A light rain was reported. High winds continue to dry soil surfaces. Wet and cold soils are slowing corn planting. Only a few fields have been planted. Wheat continues to rated mostly good to excellent but needs rain. Rangeland conditions are fair to good. Cattle are in fair to good condition. Some horn fly problems have been reported.



I am Joe Garcia. I am a candidate for the Spearman ISD Board of Trustees. Mary and I have raised our three children in the Spearman educational system. I want to be your voice. I would appreciate your vote on May 7th.

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### Help Keep Gruver Clean and Safe

The City of Gruver would like to remind everyone how important it is to keep all property mowed. Yards, vacant lots and alleys that are not kept mowed and picked up of old debris harbor insects, snakes and of course hinder our progress in eliminating the cat and skunk population. With the rabies outbreak in Hansford County the City of Gruver needs the help of all citizens to keep our city a safe place to live. Again, please remember that alleys are the responsibility of the owner/renter to keep mowed. Thank you all for your help in making Gruver a beautiful and safe place to live.

## ---FOR!

I have a **Vision of Purple Pride** in academics as well as athletics. I will support the Spearman ISD Bond Election on April 23, 2005. I believe the 75-year-old junior high building has been renovated and repaired to the point that further expenditures are not the best use of our tax money. The music building and the older part of the elementary are in the same category. I believe the students in our community are worth the investment. My signature can be published as a sign of my support.

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- David Johnson
- Cindy Blackman
- Lynell Williams
- Brenda Ferguson
- Larry Murphy
- Rhonda Baker
- Brenda Evins
- Donnie Mitchell
- Francisca Ortego
- Virginio Ortego
- Dwayne Mitchell
- Linda Latta
- Tom Latta
- Dennis Nelson
- Mary Anne George
- Reba Ooley
- Marva Hohertz
- Sheri Benton
- Maria Carbajal
- Lance Swan
- Kristi Jarvis
- Dorothy Buzzard
- Susan Pearson
- Claude Sheets
- Mark Allen
- JoNell Sheets
- Mark Sheets
- Joann Schneider
- Carol Stumpf
- Jim Baker
- Viola George
- Helen Melton
- Dickie Allen
- Margarette Evans
- Eloise Renner
- Candy Boxwell
- Linda Wilkerson
- Charles Eaton
- Lynna Renner
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- Marsha Murphy
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- John Adams
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- Kathleen Sutton
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- Carol Dunning
- Teresa Maestas
- Brenda Winegarner
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# Texas Businesses should file property tax renditions

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn reminds Texas businesses that April 15th was the deadline to render their property with county appraisal districts. To render is to list the taxable inventory, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment and other property that a business owned or managed as of Jan. 1, 2005. Appraisal districts may use the information to set property values.

Texas business owners are subject to monetary penalties if they file their annual property tax rendition late, fail to render or file an incomplete or false rendition.

"If some businesses are not paying their fair share of property tax, that places a greater tax burden on honest, hardworking business owners and homeowners," Strayhorn said.

Rendering allows property owners to record their opinion of their property's value and ensures that the appraisal district sends them a notice before changing a value on their property. Owners do not have

to render exempt property, such as church property or a farmer's equipment used for farming.

If more than one appraisal district appraises a property, the property owner should render in each appraisal district office.

Property owners who need more time to file their renditions may file a written request with the chief to receive an automatic extension to May 15. The chief appraiser may also grant an additional 15 days after the May 15 deadline if necessary.

The Comptroller's office also announced that owners whose property was damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year may file a special decreased value report that could lower their final tax bills. Property owners should file the decreased value report immediately, which indicates their property's condition on Jan. 1, 2005.

Rendition forms and decreased value report forms are available from the appraisal district or the Comptroller's office. The rendition

forms ask for the property owner's name and address, general description of property by type or category and the property's location. For property with an aggregate total of more than \$20,000, the property owner also must provide a general estimate of quantity of inventory and the owner's good faith estimate of the property's market value. The owner may provide the historical cost when new and the year the property was acquired rather than the good faith estimate.

For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact the Hansford Appraisal District, 709 West 7th Ave., or call (806) 659-5575 or 800-372-5411, e-mail the Comptroller's property tax division at <ptd.cpa@cpa.state.tx.us> or call the property tax hotline at 1-800-252-9121. In Austin, call (512)305-9999. The Comptroller's forms are available on the Web at <www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/axforms/02-forms.html>.

# Elderly or disabled homeowners may defer property taxes

Texans aged 65 or older or who are disabled may postpone paying delinquent and current property taxes on their homes. They may take advantage of a tax option called "tax deferral" by signing an affidavit at the Hansford Appraisal District office.

"If the affidavit is on file, an older homeowner or one who is disabled cannot lose a homestead because of delinquent property taxes," Paddy said.

This special form of tax relief also halts a lawsuit filed to collect delinquent property taxes on an older or disabled Texan's home, according to Alice Paddy, chief appraiser of the Hansford Appraisal District. "To stop a delinquent tax suit," Paddy said, "the age 65 and older or disabled homeowner files the deferral affidavit with the court in which the suit is pending."

Once a homeowner files a tax deferral affidavit with the appraisal district, no taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit for delinquent taxes as long as that person owns and lives in that home.

Two new provisions in the law now address how an age 65 and older or disabled homeowner with a pending sale to foreclose on the

homestead's tax lien may halt that sale. And, the law extends the tax deferral to the surviving spouse of an individual who deferred the taxes on the homestead if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age when the deceased spouse died.

Paddy stressed that the tax deferral only postpones paying taxes on the home; it does not cancel them. During the deferral time, taxes and interest of 8 percent per year continue to add up. She said, "When the qualified homeowner or qualified surviving spouse no longer owns and lives in the home, the taxes become due. If the taxes are not paid, taxing units can then sue to collect all the deferred taxes and interest."

There is no penalty on the taxes during the deferral time. However, filing the deferral affidavit will not forgive penalties that were already due. Also, if the taxes remain delinquent after the deferral ends, a taxing unit may charge an added penalty if the account goes to a delinquent tax attorney beginning on the 181st day after the deferral ends.

Tax deferral forms are available at the appraisal district office. "The homeowner should fill out the form and have the signature witnessed by a notary public," Paddy said. For more information, taxpayers may contact the Hansford Appraisal District, 709 West 7th Ave., or call (806) 659-5575 or 800-372-5411.

# Hansford Honeys celebrate National Red Hat Day, April 25th



The Hansford Honey's from Gruver and Morse joined Gruver Mayor Mark Irwin as he signed the National Red Hat Day Proclamation in Gruver City Hall. Standing from left to right are: Alma Ross, Jean Armes, Fran Duncan, Gareda Meier, Beth Dotrch, Sue McCloy, Deena Ramsey, and Beverly Pool. Seated from left to right are: Louise Heddins, Mayor Mark Irwin and Nan McCloy.

The Red Hat Society is a unique "disorganization" of women who gather together in small groups, large crowds and even massive throngs in order to share one another's lives and make their own fun. These ladies desire fun and friendship and refuse to conform to the old-fashioned image of a woman over 50 who is often seen as a mature woman anticipating life in a rocking chair with a shawl over her shoulders rocking the years gracefully, or even worse, not seen at all. All are making a conscious choice about what kind of older woman they are on their way to becoming, embracing life and one another in equal measure.

The Red Hat Society traces its roots to 1998 when Sue Ellen Cooper, of California, gave her friend a red hat along with a copy of a poem called "Warning," which begins "When I am an old woman, I shall wear purple/ With a red hat which doesn't go and doesn't suit me.

There are now over eight hundred thousand Red Hatters across the U.S.A., Canada and around the world and more than 36,000 chapters in the U.S.A.- Red Hat ladies

can be easily spotted throughout the country as their quest for fun takes them to ships, restaurants, theaters and sites of public interest in "Full Regalia" of pins, boas, and of course a purple outfit with a red hat if the lady is 50 years of age or older, and lavender outfit with pink hats for women under 50 years of age.

The local Hansford Honeys was formed in 2003, started by Marva Hohertz and Patty Spoonmore of Spearman and currently consist of over 42 members, and growing each month, from all over Hansford county. Gruver, Spearman, Morse and Hardesty, Andrea Woolley is currently the Hansford Honeys Queen Mother.

When you see "Red Hatters," know they are having a good time and forming friendships, and to be there for others; husbands, children, home, work, church, business organizations, associations and to find time for "self". They are mostly woman of 50 or older and strive not to be ignored or forgotten.

There is one rule of the Red Hatters and it is that there are no rules just fun.

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| Joclin Baca         | Maria Martin          |
| Kaley Barnes        | Felicia Martinez      |
| Jessica Blun        | Lizni McCubbin        |
| Jeffrey Brock       | Kylie McGaha          |
| Tracy Brown         | Dana McLaughlin       |
| Rossilyn Bulls      | Adriana Mendoza-Pinon |
| Orie Cooksey        | Jessica Moreno        |
| Maira Davila        | Brandon Nava Sauz     |
| Salvador Davila     | Marcos Navarrete      |
| Erik Diaz           | Justin Parker         |
| Cricket Elwood      | Miranda Paul          |
| Christen Ferguson   | Kathleen Reed         |
| Deremy Fleetwood    | Gerardo Ruiz          |
| Eric Flores         | Christopher Russell   |
| Homar Flores        | Nicole Sander         |
| Jessica Freeman     | Brodie Savage         |
| Wayne Gibson        | Chase Schubert        |
| Caleb Gillaspie     | Cayla Smith           |
| Martin Grajeda      | Ashley Swan           |
| Macy Harbour        | Mark Thomas           |
| Ashley Hernandez    | Michael Torres        |
| Carlos Hernandez    | Clete Vanderburg      |
| Isaac Herndon       | Jeanette Vasquez      |
| Daniel Kern         | Lisha Whitefield      |
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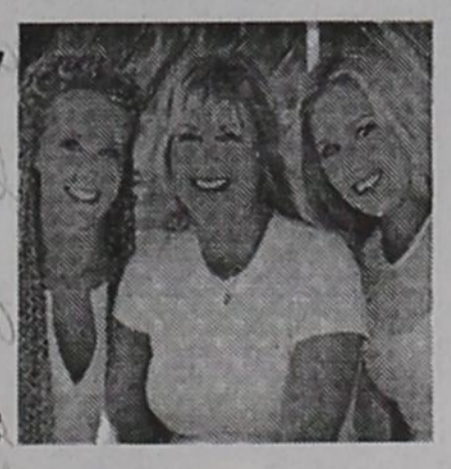
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Emily Miser won top hand Saturday at the Walkathon held at the Spearman Walking Track. Mayor Steve Benton determined the winning hands with Lynna Renner, Jordan Miser and Judy Nelson drawing the top hands. Texas Cooperative Extension sponsored the "Deal a Winning Hand for Women's Health" as walkers kicked off their spring exercise program. Donors for the event were Pizza Hut, Gordon's Drug, Sarah's Nails, B&B Sales, Murmurs, Simple Simon's, Dairy Queen and Bunkhouse.



Patty Sheppard was recognized for 50 year membership in Happy Homes Extension Education Club at the annual Spring Conference, April 12, in Amarillo. Also attending were Delinda McLaughlin, Judy Yarbrough, Rosie Martinez, Janie Kunselman, and County Extension Agent, Peggy Winegarner.

## WTAMU conference focuses on child sexual abuse

Child sexual abuse and its aftermath will be the focus of the fourth annual Title IV-E Child Welfare Conference from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday, May 6 in the Virgil Henson Activities Center Ballroom on the West Texas A&M University campus.

"Sexual Abuse Through the Eyes of a Child" will provide information about child sexual abuse, community responses to such abuse, characteristics of child sex offenders and the effects on victims and their families. Dr. Wayne Duehn, professor of social work at the University of Texas at Arlington, will lead the conference.

Duehn is a national lecturer and trainer involved in clinical research

on sexually abusive parents and juvenile sex offenders. He has conducted training workshops for law enforcement personnel, schools, CASA staff and volunteers and social service/mental health agencies throughout the United States. He is the co-author of Beyond Sexual Abuse: The Healing Power of Adoptive Families.

Duehn created a child abuse prevention program for the Department of Defense Dependents Schools that has been implemented worldwide. He is a recognized authority and educator in the intervention and treatment of sexually abusive families.

"The conference is appropriate for anyone who deals with or is

interested in knowing more about the effects of sexual abuse," Melody Loya, instructor of social work, said.

The symposium is presented by the WTAMU Department of Behavioral Sciences social work program and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. The conference is free for Child Protective Services staff members, child placing agency staff members and foster families. Cost for others is \$25 per person if preregistered by Friday, April 29. Cost after April 29 is \$30. Continuing Education Units are available. For more information, call 806-651-2594 or the WTAMU Continuing Education Center at 806-651-2037.

by Dorothy Hudson

## Out At The Lake



Frank Edwards caught this Bald Eagle in flight, at Lake Palo Duro.

Bowers of Pampa, grandsons of Joel Lee and Joyce Lackey, were in the group. Jim said they really did a nice job of cleaning up their camping site.

Does and their yearlings were more visible than usual this week. Jim saw them in groups of six to eighteen. They were looking a little rough as they were still wearing their winter coats. The bucks are still in hiding.

Be on the watch for snakes. Jim has seen his first rattlesnake of the spring. This one was crossing the road.

This has been an unusual spring for weeds and flowers. I have been surprised to see so many wheat fields yellow with flax weed, pastures covered with bright yellow bladderpod, and byways adrift with blue mustard and filagree.

Another spring surprise was a spruce tree with what appeared to be reddish blossoms. Marguerite Nelson brought a cutting from the tree owned by Bobby and Carolyn Hicks here in Gruver. Bobby, one morning with the sun shining full on the tree, noticed the red blossoms and called his wife to come look. They have had this tall spruce since 1973 when they bought the house, but had never seen it with the redbud finery before.

With the help of the internet, I learned that the male cones of a spruce tree are found in the spring near the branch tips and are often mistaken for reddish buds. These cones have a short life. The female cones, which appear near the top of the trees, are produced in the summer and are not fertilized until the next spring.

Lake Level--April 17, 2005--31.10 feet

The lake level recording from the morning of April 17 is the last that we could get before press time on April 21. However on the evening of the 17th we had a half inch of rain at the office and a little more at the shop, so surely the level rose some. By now maybe water will be running across the bridge!

On the weekend of April 16-17 5

RVs from Guymon were on the north side and one RV was at the office hookups. Some of the people from Guymon brought little electric scooters and were having fun running them on the pavement in the park. Also out this weekend was a group of fraternity men from West Texas A&M who camped on the Gibner beyond where the water quits. Hunter Bevil of Gruver, Ty West and Tim Bynum of Spearman, and Chance and Collin

### Football Coach Jones Resigns Effective Immediately

West Texas A&M University head football coach Ronnie Jones resigned Tuesday, April 19 following a University investigation that concluded he used state and school resources for personal gain.

The resignation was accepted and placed into effect immediately by Ed Harris, WTAMU athletics director.

Jones had been placed on paid administrative leave April 13 pending outcome of the investigation.

This September, Jones would have begun his fourth year at the helm. The Buffaloes posted a 5-27 record in three seasons under Jones.

Harris said WTAMU assistant coach and offensive coordinator Lee Hays will serve as acting head coach.

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