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Hansford 4-H Livestock Team Competes at OSU

The Hansford County 4-H livestock judging team competed July 20, 21, and 22 in Stillwater, Oklahoma at the "BIG 3" livestock judging contest. 1138 youth competed in four divisions in the three day contest.

The sheep evaluation contest was held the first day. In the Senior 4-H division, Brenna Reid placed 21st, Audrey Lieb finished 33rd, and Callie Stedje placed 43rd. In the Junior 4-H division, Jaci Burgin placed 30th out of 258 contestants.

The cattle competition was held on the second day. The Hansford team placed 9th in cattle. They were paced by Brenna at 28th, John Bergin at 35th, Audrey at 45th, Travis Stedje at 50th, and Jacob Lieb in 51st.

The final day was the swine contest. Hansford placed 5th in swine. Individually, Brenna placed 11th, Jennifer Crowl placed 17th, Callie was 25th, Audrey placed 28th, John was 36th, and Travis finished 40th.

In the overall sweepstakes tally, Hansford placed 7th out of the 22 senior 4-H teams. Local youth that placed in the top 50 individuals overall out of the 96 contestants that participated in senior 4-H were Brenna at 14th, Audrey at 26th, John at 34th, Callie at 40th, and Travis at 45th.

The team will compete at a couple of regional contests in Liberal and Guymon in preparation for the Tri-State Fair contest which will be held in Amarillo in September. Bret Burgin and Burt Williams would like to thank Nick Slough and Emily Jackson for sharing their expertise with the Hansford youth while in Stillwater.

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

FRIDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds 5 to 10 mph.

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SATURDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 90s.

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SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs around 100.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60s.

MONDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs around 100.

MONDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60s.

TUESDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs around 100.

TUESDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

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

Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/forecast/w-spearman-Texas.html#ixzz0sLJYLPsf>

Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Parts of the region received only a trace of rain while others recorded as much as 4 inches. Only a few fields of wheat were yet to be harvested. Producers were irrigating corn where there was no rain, but overall the crop was in good condition. Spider mites were becoming a problem in areas. Other corn producers had to apply fungicide because of wet conditions. Where there wasn't rain, cotton received good heat units and progressed well. Sorghum and soybeans were in fair to good condition. Peanuts were in excellent condition. Cattle were in good condition with some problems with horn flies. Rangeland was in good to excellent condition.

2010 SHS All-School Reunion

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the special photo section of the 2010 SHS All-School Reunion will be printed in the August 5, 2010 edition instead of this edition.

If you would like to share your information, stories and photos from the 2010 SHS All-School Reunion, you may e-mail them to: reporter@spearmanreporter.com.

Ramirez Named Xcel Energy's New Community Development Manager in Perryton

Xcel Energy has named a veteran operations manager, Ernest Ramirez, to the newly created post of manager for community and economic development, based in Perryton.

Ramirez joins a team of community managers across the company's Texas and New Mexico service area that acts as a liaison between the company and city and county governments, as well as providing assistance to local civic organizations and nonprofits. From his home base in Perryton, Ramirez also will serve the communities of Pampa, Gruver, Canadian, Wheeler, Mobeetie, Darrouzett, Higgins, Lefors, Follett, Spearman, Miami, Booker and McLean.

"The northeastern Texas Panhandle is

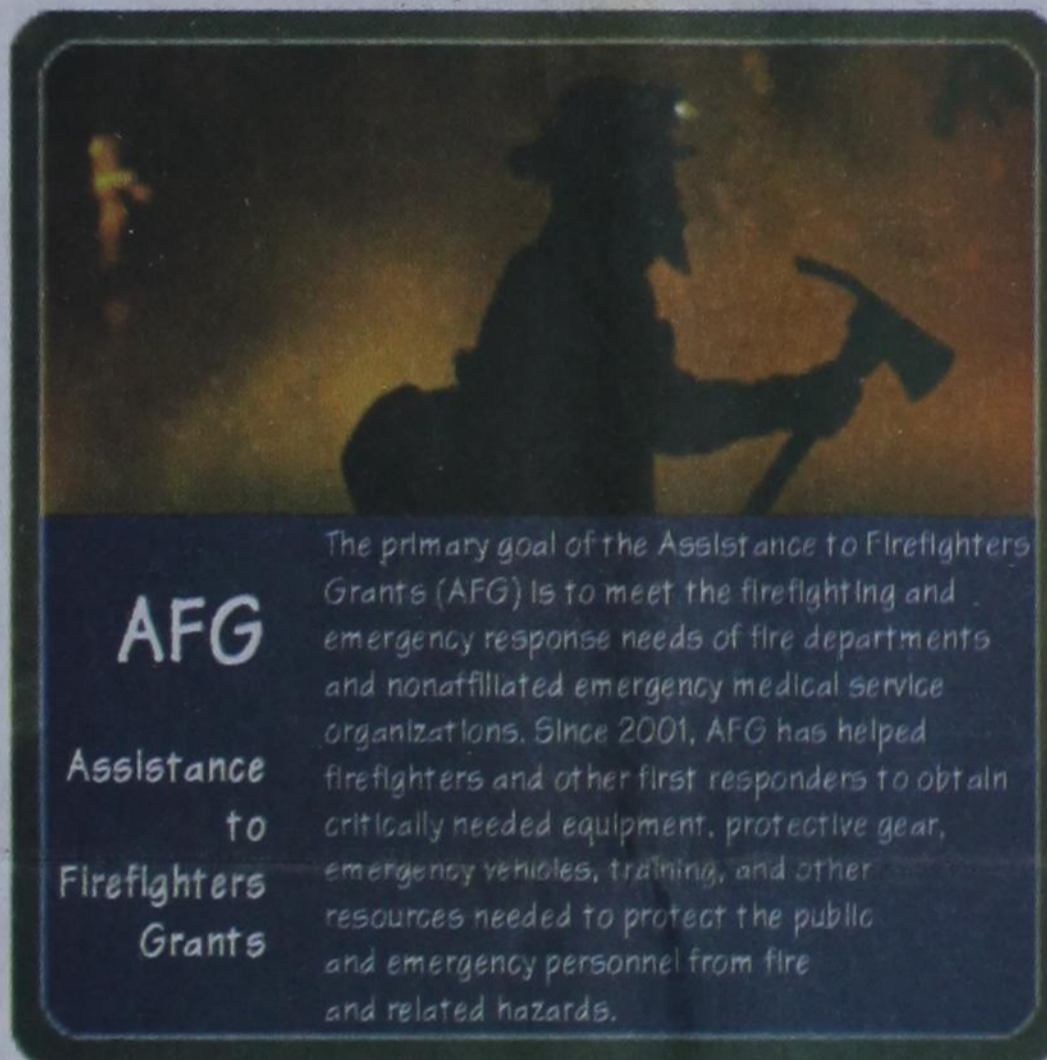
vibrant, growing part of our territory, and it's critical we offer more support to our community leaders who are working to sustain this growth and improve the quality of life for their citizens," said Wallace Hill, regional manager of community and economic development in Amarillo. "We're thrilled to expand our presence in this area."

Ramirez is a native of Amarillo, and he holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from West Texas A&M University. His past work experience includes the position of local manager in Dalhart, district manager in Pampa; and his most recent job as regional manager of Xcel Energy's Construction, Operations, and Maintenance group in Roswell, N.M.

He has a record of community service in all these locations, including membership in the Rotary Club, the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the Pampa Economic Development Board of Directors.

Xcel Energy (NYSE: XEL) is a major U.S. electricity and natural gas company with regulated operations in eight Western and Midwestern states. Xcel Energy provides a comprehensive portfolio of energy-related products and services to 3.4 million electricity customers and 1.9 million natural gas customers through its regulated operating companies. Xcel Energy's headquarters are located in Minneapolis. More information is available at www.xcelenergy.com.

Over 120 Area Fire Departments Can Soon Benefit from Recently Awarded Grant



The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

Submitted by Ron Antalek, Spearman Volunteer Fire Department

By fall of this year, benefits to training for firefighters from across the region will become reality due to a grant recently awarded from the Federal Emergency Management Administration. The Assistance to Firefighters Grant for \$120,868 will provide access to instructor and student resources to over 120 fire departments in 38 counties of the High Plains from Lubbock north.

The regional grant was developed by the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department after determining that resources for training were very limited to many smaller departments. The SVFD applied for the grant in March of 2009 and received the notification of award this past Friday, July 23.

The matching grant requires a twenty percent match from the applicant and this became an obstacle in the infancy of the proposal. It was determined that a regional grant should not be a burden to any specific community so Spearman VFD approached the Amarillo Area Foundation

to see if they would assist. Amarillo Area Foundation agreed that the proposal was beneficial and agreed to provide the match of \$24,173. As a result firefighters from all 38 counties involved in the proposal will soon receive additional training opportunities.

The grant will provide access to student manuals and instructor equipment to 6 divisions in the 38 counties. The training will focus on the State Fireman and Fire Marshal's Association of Texas certification program. Training in this program is divided into four distinct levels; introductory, basic, intermediate and advanced training. Use of the resources obtained through the AFG is expected to allow firefighters the opportunity to achieve their advanced level of training within three years.

The proposal is being administered by a group of fire service leaders, both volunteer and career, in an organization named the "Top of Texas Rural Fire Academy". Although not an official site academy as most public safety academies are normally, this system will utilize instructors and facilities throughout the expanse of the Texas Panhandle and South Plains. Logistically, the 38 counties will be divided north and south, then into smaller 5 or 6 county sectors. The departments located in the smaller sectors will access the training through Sector Coordinators. For

details of the system and contact information see the Top of Texas Rural Fire Academy website at: <http://www.panhandlefireacademy.com>.

The resources soon to be purchased will be organized in a system for access utilizing the National Incident Management System protocol. The Incident Command System of NIMS will be the method for fire departments to access the system of instructors, equipment and student materials. Using the ICS makes it possible to provide the resources over such a large area to numerous departments and firefighters.

As a result of the grant the "Top of Texas Rural Fire Academy" is being organized. The new organization is comprised of fire service leaders from the 38 counties from Lubbock to the top of the Panhandle. A board of directors along with a website is being created to administer the resources and provide the firefighters access to the SFFMA training. The mission for the TTFRA is: "The Top of Texas Rural Fire Academy will provide current firefighter training in both knowledge and skills, promote professionalism, and enhance interoperability of operations for firefighters in the 38 counties of the Panhandle and South Plains of Texas by utilizing certified instructors." The website is located at: <http://www.panhandlefireacademy.com>.

This grant with existing resources from other agencies such as the Texas Forestry Service, Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service and Amarillo College and others will fulfill the certification requirements for many firefighters that otherwise not have adequate access to training.

One portion of the grant is to enlist nationally recognized instructors and speakers from outside of the region to provide training in current problems faced by firefighters such as recruitment and retention and unusual incident command considerations through regional seminars. Some of the proposed speakers include; Chief Lasky of Lewisville Texas, retired Chief Jon Hansen of Oklahoma City Fire Department and retired Chief Alan Brunacini of Phoenix Arizona.

It is expected that resources will begin being offered by September of this year.

12th Annual Wheatheart Wheat Conference

Texas AgriLife Extension is sponsoring the 12th annual Wheatheart Wheat Conference at 8 am Wednesday August 11, 2010 at the Ochiltree County Expo Center for area wheat producers. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

Those attending the event will hear educational topics related to wheat soil fertility, insect management, disease management, weed control, variety selection, marketing, and insurance. Three CEU's will be offered to pesticide applicators and lunch will be sponsored by Equity Exchange.

A meal will be sponsored by Equity Exchange.

Winners of the 2010 Wheat judging contest will be announced.

For more information call the following Texas AgriLife Extension Service offices: Burt Williams, Hansford (806)659-4132 Tom Benton, Hutchinson (806)878-4026; Kyle Barnett, Hemphill (806) 323-9114 JR Sprague, Lipscomb (806)862-4601; or Scott Strawn Ochiltree (806)435-4501

Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

If you need an interpreter, materials in alternate formats or other accommodations to access this program, activity or service, please contact the program coordinator as soon as possible preceding the scheduled event so that proper arrangements can be made in a timely fashion. All requests will be confidential.

4-H Clothing Workshop Open to Area Youth

Area youth wanting to learn the steps for making a basic, yet fun, skirt can do so at an upcoming 4-H workshop entitled "Skirt Work," presented by Kassie Carrell, owner of Lil' Women clothing line.

The workshop is scheduled from 4:30-6 p.m. on Aug. 16 at the Texas AgriLife Extension Service office in Potter, 3301 E. 10th, (on the Tri-State Fairgrounds), Amarillo.

Those attending will learn the development of designs and basic finishing techniques used on the skirts found in Carrell's product line, according to Sue Church, AgriLife Extension family and consumer sciences agent for Potter County.

It is suggested but not required that youth bring a sewing machine with scissors and thread to the workshop, Church said.

Youth also will be asked to donate an item that will go toward a local community service project called "A Step Up," she said. Participants will experience the passion Carrell has for a mission project helping women in Nicaragua, which led her to the creation of her fashion business.

In addition to hands-on sewing, participants will be inspired to think about other clothing-related service learning opportunities available to them, Church said.

To register for this free workshop, participants are asked to call the AgriLife Extension office in Potter County at 373-0713 to reserve a space.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

It was a busy week! Georgia and I enjoyed our trip to Amarillo for a workshop on Strategic Planning. These workshops, sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission and Texas Association of Museums, provide education for small museums and also a time we can network together and share ideas. It is always fun and educational to see other museum people and learn from experts in the field.

Wednesday was both productive and a near missed disaster. We had apparently overloaded a shelf in the archives. Several of our team was working in the area and the shelf collapsed sending them out of the room in a hurry. One described their look as pale and eyes like "a deer's in the headlights." Luckily no one was hurt, but we will be ordering new shelving and rearranging the collection to ensure our safety.

HISTORICAL MUSINGS

After the Amarillo workshop, Georgia and I ventured to Canyon to pick up a saddle (that belonged to Alex Young) from the Panhandle-Plains Museum. They are loaning it to us indefinitely.

The saddle is a Frazier saddle and is in pretty good shape. Alex was reportedly the first citizen of Lipscomb County and owned the first ranch in the county.

He came to this area in the 1870's and worked as foreman for the Y. L. Cattle company. In 1878, He bought a ranch on the Kiowa and built a ranch house four and a half miles northeast of the present town of Darrouzett.

In 1886, he married Mary McClure and moved her and her three children down from Medicine Lodge, Kansas. Mrs. McClure (you might remember) was the first school teacher in Lipscomb County teaching from 1887 to 1891. They had three children: Jessie, Mary, and Alex, Jr.

They moved to Higgins when it was time for the children to go to school. Alex spent most of his time at the ranch with the children and Mary joining him on weekends. He died on December 25, 1917.

He was considered a good citizen, helpful neighbor and one of the most prosperous ranchers in the county. We are pleased to have his saddle in our collection to tell the stories of our ranches.

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

Nice week in spite of the heat, grasshoppers, and bag worms. We are trying to save our trees by asking the pest control person to spray

everything. Lets hope it works.

We spent Wednesday policing the museum and hanging paintings, rearranging exhibits. The newest dress was put on display by Friday by Lovella. The wedding travel suit is a great example of late 1800 style and fashion. We retired the prom dress. We are supposed to rotate our textiles often because the light and methods of exhibiting them stresses the fabric.

We are in the process of changing out some of our displays. We also spent time playing the reorganization of our storage area. We have really out grown our space.

The Alex Young saddle is on display now and is our oldest saddle from the early 1880's.

Summer visitors are coming in, so it has been fun showing our visitors our history.

A summer reminder that if you need a good historical book about WWII, the Dust Bowl, or Lipscomb County in the past, come browse our gift shop.

Next Wednesday, August 4, 2010, representatives from Florentine Film Production will be at the Museum to look through out archives for 1930 photos and invite everyone with family photographs to bring them in for scanning.

They bring their equipment and scan on location so you go home with your original. This is for a Ken Barnes film, so it will be a good one. Please share your family photos. Everyone from our area is invited Hemphill, Wheeler, Ochiltree, Roberts, Hansford County come see us and bring your photos. Those of you east of the border are also invited (Beaver, Shattuck, Arnett). See you on Wednesday!

HISTORICAL MUSINGS

With the work on our history book and preparing for the Dust Bowl visit, we have been looking through our files a lot. It is amazing what documents we have acquired over the years. One file includes essays by Lipscomb County Students. It contains the entries from the high school students in the county in 1969. There were 25 entries (if we have them all) and the First Place winner was Carol Ivie with her essay entitled the "The Old Drift Fence" about the first fence built in the 1880's. Other topics were "Timms City," "the Dust Bowl of the 30's," "The Dirty Days," "The History of the Organization of Follett," "Progress in Darrouzett" and "The Escape of Lydia (Meier) Rutz." Students included Danny Cochran, Danny Krienke,

Clydene Bechtold, Cliff Ives, Chris Smith, Sandra Peil, Sam Morgan, Sherri McGee, Bonnie Elmore, Sue Gillespie, Candace Becker, Charles Imke, and Stan Crump.

The essays are well researched or were interviews of Lipscomb County residents. Here is a description of Mrs. Henry Frass in the essay about her by Mike Crum: "Mrs. Frass was a conservative woman, some even remarked she was 'plain tight.' Mrs. Frass loved the outdoors and grew large gardens that would feed half of the town of Darrouzett. She planted these large garden until she was 90 years old. ...She gave money to the community projects she thought were good and was truly a person to remember". A nice tribute to one of our early residents.

Have a good week, and come Wednesday and share your photos.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum. Museum Hours: Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 2 to 4 p.m. Special hours upon request. Museum Information: 13310 Hwy 305, PO Box 5, Lipscomb TX 79056; telephone: 806-852-2123; website: www.wolfcreekheritagemuseum.org

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS



by Ed Sterling

Congress' passage of unemployment benefits extension to help many Texans

AUSTIN — Out-of-work Texans will have until Nov. 27 to qualify for unemployment benefits, the Texas Workforce Commission reported July 23.

This is thanks to passage of the Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2010 by Congress on July 22. President Obama signed the act into law without delay.

About 150,000 Texans had exhausted their unemployment benefits, the Texas Workforce Commission said.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the federal government's basic extended benefits program provides up to 13 additional weeks of benefits when a state is experiencing high unemployment.

The national unemployment rate was 9.5 percent for the month of June. Texas' unemployment rate was 8.2 percent that month.

Milestone arrest is made

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott announced that as of July 13, his office's Fugitive and Cyber Crimes units had combined for more than 2,000 arrests in the last seven years.

"Thanks to the hard work and perseverance of these dedicated peace officers, more than 2,000 criminals have been taken off the streets and held accountable for their unlawful conduct," Abbott said on July 22. "We are grateful to the local, state and federal law enforcement officials from around the state who helped make this milestone possible and continue to work with us to protect Texas families."

The 2,000th, Kirk Brandon Muller, 41, of Austin, was arrested in Travis County for having unauthorized contact with a child, a violation of his mandated parole requirements.

In 1993 in Travis County, Muller was convicted on four counts of indecency with a child by sexual contact and sentenced to 20 years in prison. Muller's victims were four young girls ranging from nine to four years old, Abbott's office reported.

Vets' mortgage rates lowest

Mortgage rates for Texas veterans hit a record low last week of just 4.33 per-

cent for a 30-year fixed rate loan, Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson announced July 22.

Disabled veterans can borrow at even a lower rate of just 3.83 percent, he added.

"This is great news for Texas veterans," Patterson said. "Rates this low help those who served buy homes now and keep them later." The record low rate was set July 16 by the Veterans Land Board, which Patterson chairs.

Before, the lowest interest rate ever available to Texas veterans was 4.51 percent in June. The highest rate ever offered by the Veterans Land Board was 10.145 percent in 1985.

Uninsured vehicles on decline

Since the launch of the TexasSure auto insurance verification program two years ago, the number of uninsured vehicles on Texas roads is showing signs of decline, the Texas Department of Insurance reported last week.

Soon after its launch, the database showed that statewide, nearly one fourth of vehicles registered in Texas could not be matched to an insurance policy.

By June 2010, the number of unmatched registered vehicles had declined to 21.65 percent.

TexasSure "uninsured notices" are sent to the owners of registered vehicles that appear not to have auto liability insurance.

Customers are provided with the vehicle registration

information on file and instructions to resolve issues. Customers may respond by mail, phone or online.

The program's database helps law enforcement confirm whether a Texas-registered vehicle has valid auto liability insurance. It is able to match nearly all reported auto insurance policies to a registered vehicle.

The database has been available to all 254 county tax assessor-collectors since June 2008 and to Texas law enforcement since October 2008.

Vote would help charter schools

The State Board of Education on July 23 voted 7-6 to allow up to \$100 million of the Permanent School Fund to be used to build or buy buildings the state could lease to charter schools.

But the funds could only be used that way with approval from the attorney general or after passage of a new legislation.

Presently, the Permanent School Fund, which is currently worth about \$22 billion, may only be used to purchase textbooks and other instructional materials.

DPS celebrates 75th anniversary

The Texas Department of Public Safety celebrated its 75th year on July 25.

To commemorate the anniversary, 20 motorcycle riders left the DPS office in Austin on a 2,376-mile tour of the state.

SUDOKU. Presented by StatePoint Media, Inc. Volunteermatch.org. Where volunteering begins. A 10x10 grid with some numbers and symbols. Below it: Volunteermatch.org. Where volunteering begins.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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.

Ted & Barbara Scroggs Fund
One couple experienced excessive flooding of their home during the recent rains and flooding. Ted & Barbara Scroggs home, located at Old Hansford near the Palo Duro Creek, was flooded not only in the basement, which was full to the top, but also the water went up to about 13" in the main part of the house. Ted & Barbara have also experienced good out of this flooding experience, help from friends and neighbors. Much as in the "Old Days," when neighbors all pitched in to help in times of natural disasters Our area has always been very good at helping neighbors. Barbara had tried to buy flood insurance many times but could not get it due to the government rules on flood areas, the government had placed their home in a non-flood area. A fund has been set up in their name at the First State Bank of Spearman. If you would like to contribute to this fund take or mail your contribution to The First State Bank, PO Box 247, Spearman, Tx 79081. Thank you.

Hansford Gun Club Rifle Shoot
The Hansford Gun Club holds a .22 rifle shoot on the second Sunday of each month, starting at 1:30 p.m. at the gun range (located on Hwy. 15 between Spearman and Gruver). Everyone is invited to join the fun.

Hansford Golf Club Hosts Tuesday Night Scrambles
The Hansford County Golf Club has begun their Tuesday Night Scrambles. Tee-time is at 6 p.m. sharp. The cost is \$10 per person. Teams are drawn. For more information, or to sign up, call 659-2233.

Tri-City Community Concert Association
Janie Kunselman is the representative for the Tri-City Community Concert Association of Borger and Liberal, and is selling memberships to attend concerts for the 2010-2011 season. Concerts are as follows: Borger - September 18 - An Evening With Kenny Thames, January 11 - Pianafiddle, March 8 - Riders in the Sky, and May 6 - Jim Witter. Season memberships are: Adults - \$40, Sr. Adult - \$35, Students - \$20, and Family - \$100. Contact Janie Kunselman at 659-2631 for more information. Tickets purchased from Tri-City Concert Association admit members to reciprocity concerts in Pampa and Plainview.

Liberal Community Concert Association
Janie Kunselman is the representative for the Liberal Community Concert Association of Liberal, KS. The Liberal Community Concert Association is selling memberships to attend five special concerts in the 2010-2011 season. Concerts are as follows: September 14 - Buddy Jewell, October 12th - Dallas Brass, February 24th - The New Christy Minstrels, April 3rd - Legacy of Floyd Cramer featuring Jason Coleman, and May 9th - Jim Witter. Season memberships are: Adults - \$50, Students - \$25, and Family Pass - \$125. For more information, contact Janie Kunselman at 659-2631 or James Jackson at 620-624-5995.

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

SPWA Seeks Volunteers
The Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association is seeking the next generation of volunteers to continue the work of restoring and maintaining the windmills of the SPWA. If you have an interest in windmills and their upkeep, and/or maintenance of the park, you are needed. For information, call Dwayne Mitchell, 270-0291 or Don Reed 330-0745.

O'Loughlin Center Hours
The O'Loughlin Center is open for the following hours: Monday-Thursday, 6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; Friday, 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (noon). For more information, contact Jada Breeden, Manager, The O'Loughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt, PO Box 733, Spearman TX 79081, 806-659-3030.

Perryton Parkinson's Disease Support Group
The Perryton Parkinson's Disease Support Group meets the 2nd Friday of each month at 12 noon in the Perryton Mennonite Church, 2821 S. Ash. The next meeting will be October 9th. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Meets
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meets on Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. at the First Christian Church in Gruver. Anyone interested is invited. Contact Marilyn Been at 806-733-2087.

Child Find
Your school district is looking for children ages 3-21 years who may be slow in developing communication skills, social interactions, walking skills and/or have major physical disabilities. We want to give your child the chance to receive the extra help he/she needs, if the disability interferes with his/her education. Please call your elementary campus to get more information or call Perryton SSA, 435-4412.

Beware of FAFSA Web Scam
Seniors, senior parents, and parents of college students should use the web site www.fafsa.ed.gov when filling out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. There is currently a website that has found an interesting way to get in the college-bound's pocket. Known as fafsa.com, the website charges a fee for submitting the application. There is no fee for submitting the fafsa form on the www.fafsa.ed.gov site.



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Engagement Announcement

Ernie Hood of Williams, Arizona is pleased to announce the engagement of his daughter, Adrienne Tara Hood to Kevin Ross Baker.

Adrienne, also the daughter of Frank & the late Gloria Wrather of Amarillo attended Riverside Community College & Monterey Peninsula College in California and currently works for Panhandle Workforce Solutions in Amarillo.

Kevin, the son of Buford & Mary Baker of Spearman, Texas graduated from WTAMU with a degree in business and is the sales manager for Sage Oil Vac Inc. of Amarillo.

An August wedding is planned at Three Falls Cove in Sanford, Texas.

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Our Sympathy

AVO JONES TOPE GRAY



SPEARMAN - Avo Jones Tope Gray, 80, died Monday, July 26, 2010.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 30, 2010 in Spearman Church of Christ. Burial will be in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Avo was born June 1, 1930, in Spearman to William Lee Jones and Ora May Sanders. She married George Tope on Dec. 31, 1949. He died in 1966.

She then married Nick Gray on Jan. 1, 1984. He died in 1987.

Avo was a lifelong resident of Spearman and graduated in 1947 from Spearman High School. She worked for more than 30 years as a grocery clerk for several stores including Cates, M&M, Ideal, Thriftway and Lowe's.

After health issues prevented her from continuing grocery store work, she worked for Hansford County Soil and Water Conservation District until November 2008.

Her greatest joys in life were in loving and serving people, and in her cherished family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands; two sisters, Viola Campbell and Joyce Phillips; and a grandson, Ryan Tope, who died Oct. 2, 1983.

Survivors include a brother, Hershel Jones and wife Wanda of Shallowater; two daughters, Sharon Bailey and husband Bruce of Spearman and Karen Goodman and husband Keith of Follett; three sons, Darrell Tope and wife Rhonda of Tulsa, Okla., Jerry Tope and wife Linda of Dove Creek, Colo., and Jim Tope of Spearman; seven grandchildren, Pete Mauk and wife Jenny, Christie Stallings and husband Michael, Katherine Jones and husband Zac, Russell Tope, Kelly McDonough and husband Franklin, Clint Goodman and wife Erika, and Cynthia Goodman; and 14 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be to Spearman Station Masters Museum, 30 Townsend St., Spearman, TX 79081-2644; Hansford Manor, Empty Stocking Fund, 707 S. Roland St., Spearman, TX 79081; or a Christian ministry of choice.

KENNETH PALMER

PERRYTON - Kenneth Palmer, age 60, died Tuesday July 27, 2010.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 29, 2010 at Boxwell Brothers Chapel with Reverend Jeff Owens officiating. Burial will be in Liberal Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Perryton.

Kenneth was born in Liberal, Kansas on September 22, 1949. He lived in the Perryton area since 2002. He was employed as a truck driver and was a member of the Bethel Holiness Church of Perryton.

His mother, Clara Belle Palmer of Perryton, two daughters, Melody Martinez of Spearman, Misty Bridenstine of Tyrone, Oklahoma, one son, Daniel Palmer of Stillwater, Oklahoma, two sisters; Shirley Smith of Liberal, Kansas, Wanda Valverde of Springtown, Texas and six grandchildren survive him. His father, George Palmer precedes him in death.

The family request memorials be to the Funeral Fund, c/o Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1256, Perryton, Texas, 79070.

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Words from Faith & Grace



by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

We learn something of the disciples' attitude toward wealth as we study Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23, Psalm 49: 1-12, Colossians 3: 1-11, and Luke 12: 13-21.

Qoheleth (some call 'The Preacher' or One who teaches in the assembly) ponders the meaning of his life. He comes to believe that all is "hevel" which is vanity. This teacher finds that we cannot justify our lives by our own reason. He concludes that to live our lives (to eat, drink and be merry) is an act of faith toward God. Note that all of Ecclesiastes and Job are criticisms of what some call "Wisdom Theology", which is that 'good deeds merit rewards and bad deeds lead to punishment'; a modern cynic would say, "Sometimes." The only things that we do that will endure are those things that we do in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Psalmist sings a teaching psalm. Those who trust in their wealth and boast of their abundance shall die. Who will then have all their wealth? There are no pockets on a shroud! It is God who ransoms us and it is God who provides meaning for our existence. Dear Christian, if you would be rich, be rich in your Lord, Jesus Christ.

Paul continues to exhort the Colossians to stay true to the gospel. We learn that we pass through the waters of baptism to be clothed in a new persona, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Therefore our lives are 'hidden' in Christ so that when he returns, we shall be revealed with him in glory. Paul points out that when we have put on this new persona, we have put to death all the evil things we once held dear and we must rid ourselves of anger, wrath, malice, slander and abusive language, and greed. Note that this is a continuing process, our old habits die hard. These lessons are being taught to us again in the economic circumstances of our country and world. Jesus did not give us a "prosperity" gospel, we did not receive a gospel of Christian Greed! Rabbi Jesus told us, "One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions". Dear Christian, if you would be rich, be rich in the love of Jesus Christ.

Jesus responds to a question about dividing an estate with the parable of the "Rich Fool". The Rich Fool is concerned only with himself, "What should I do? I will do this." Note that Jesus did not say that he had gained wealth by cheating others, nor did he gain wealth illegally; yet, he could not see beyond himself. He was chained to the unholy Trinity of "Me, Myself, and I".

What should we then conclude from our study? Perhaps that life itself is the purpose of our existence, but that life should be lived in Jesus Christ. Do your daily tasks as to the Lord; this is not 'hevel' or vanity.

May the Holy Spirit enable you to live the disciple life and amass riches in the Lord.

Concours Show Comes to Canadian

The weekend of July 30 - August 1, 2010 will provide guests from near and far an uncommon escape with the beauty of the High Plains at the IV Lodge and Citadelle in Canadian, Texas.

The Citadelle Art Foundation will present Concours d'Elegance, an elegant car show that will rival those of Pebble Beach, Amelia Island and the shores of Lake Michigan. The three-day event will feature the top 50-100 available antique, elegant, special interest, classic and rare motor vehicles to ever be shown together and displayed at the IV Lodge Vineyards. Featured cars include rare and one of a kind Corvettes, Mustangs, T-Birds, Cadillacs, vintage Fords, and an Aston Martin, Excalibur, Rolls Royce, Delorean, Porsche, Mercedes-Benz, and others will be on view. The weekend will begin with a welcome wine tasting and gathering at the Lodge on Friday evening, car show and elegant lunch on Saturday, capped off with the Dinner d'Elegance Silver Ghost evening at the Gardens of the Citadelle. The evening will feature a New York style fashion event, spectacular entertainment and live car auction. Sunday morning will begin with a Gospel Jazz Brunch in the Gardens and final viewing of the cars at the IV Lodge.

The show will be open to the public on Saturday, July 31 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and on Sunday, July 31 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The car show tickets are \$10 per person and 12 years old and under \$5 per person per day. A beverage, snack bar and sales tent will be available at the site. Parking and shuttle bus transportation to the IV Lodge on

Lake Marvin Road will be at the Hemphill County Rodeo Grounds.

The Saturday evening gala is \$500 per couple or \$250 per person. The Citadelle Garden will be turned into an elegant evening of food and entertainment provided by faculty and students from the WTAMU Sybil B. Harrington School of Fine Arts. The featured after dinner entertainment will be New York Metropolitan Opera tenor Garrett Sorensen, originally from Lubbock, Texas and now resides in Kentucky. The evening will close with a runway fashion extravaganza featuring over

75 designs from Tootsies of Dallas. The show is provided by Jan Strimple, couture fashion model recognized world wide as one of high fashions most glamorous and professional runway models. Throughout her career, her face regularly graced the pages of W, Vogue and leading European fashion magazines. Designs will include Robert Rodriguez, Tory Burch, Rebecca Taylor, Marc Jacobs, Nanette Leapore, Moschino and many others. Fashions will also be offered for purchase. The evening will also include a live car auction by Assister Auctioneers and a special auction of

over \$1 million in rare estate jewelry offered by Duncan & Boyd. Tickets for all events for the three days are \$1,000 per couple or \$500 per person.

This event will only be possible through the generosity of sponsors, donors and volunteers. Doris Alexander of Amarillo is Chairman, and Janice Moore of Canadian is Co-Chair. Honorary Chairmen are Dr. Malouf and Therese Abraham.

For information on weekend events, tickets, and sponsorship, please contact Wendie Cook at 806-323-8899 or Charlotte Rhodes at 806-376-4521.

Circle of Friends

The Hansford County Circle of Friends will host a membership party in support of The Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center on Saturday, August 28, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The party will be held at the O'Loughlin Center at 502 South Brandt in Spearman, Texas. The cost is \$20/single and \$35/couple. Host couple/single memberships are also available for \$100. The party will feature a catered dinner by Richard & Wanda Wagner. There will also be a raffle, silent and live auctions featuring some great items donated from Hansford County residents and businesses and surrounding community supporters.

The Circle of Friends is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping cancer patients and their families in times of need. Through its affiliation with Harrington Cancer Center, the Circle of Friends develops and implements fund raising ac-

tivities to provide financial assistance and patient care and support programs for those affected by cancer. The Circle of Friends also works with Harrington Cancer Center to provide cancer educational opportunities for people throughout the region. Examples of Circle of Friends support of Harrington Cancer Center patients includes:

- Two furnished apartments for out-of-town patients to use when going through treatment
- Pediatric Patient/Family Gatherings (a day at Wonderland Park, Camp Alphia)
- Supplies for weekly

support groups
Materials for chemotherapy classes, new patient books

Refreshments for patients during treatment
Assistance with patients' travel, insurance premiums, rent or mortgage payments, medication, nutritional supplements, utilities and breast prosthesis

For more information on the Hansford County Circle of Friends or if you are interested in attending and/or volunteering to help with the event please contact Holly McLain (806) 733-2268 or Tonni Yanke (806) 733-2008.

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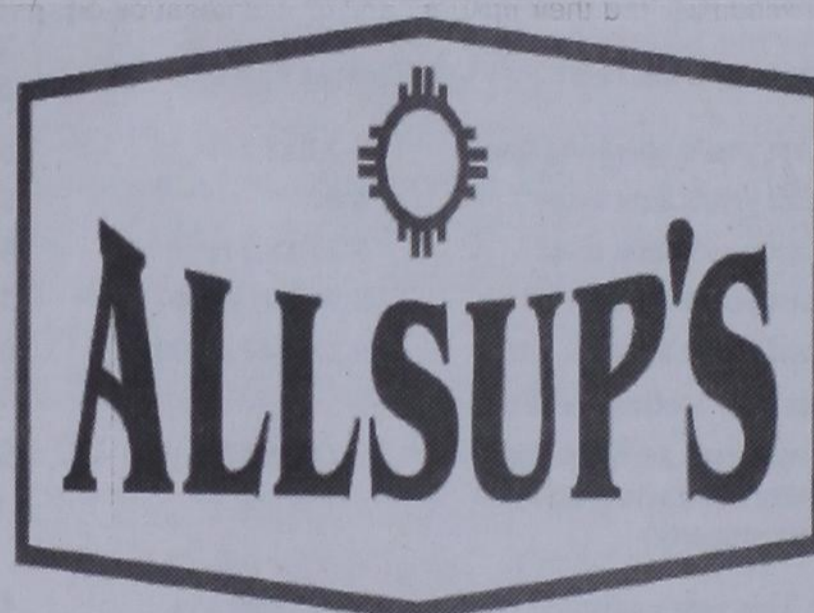
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North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Project Aims at 200 Bushel Corn



Water for irrigation may be limited by reduced supply or government regulations in the near future. A project currently underway in the Texas Panhandle hopes to find ways to maintain yields with less irrigation.

At least two of the three field demonstration projects initiated this year by North Plains Groundwater Conservation District seem to be on track to reach their goal of producing 200 bushels of corn per acre with only 12 inches of irrigation. That was the report given to the District's Board of Directors today during their regular board meeting.

Board member, Danny Krienke of Perryton, reported to the Board that above average moisture this year is certainly helping the cause, but even if the moisture slowed down for the rest of the season, at least two of the fields would have a good chance of reaching the goal. The third field in the demonstration, that of board member Phil Haaland of Dallam County, is actually under a different protocol that is not specifically designed to reach the 200/12 goal, though it should realize water savings compared to his normal operation.

The idea for field-scale demonstrations to show the feasibility and profitability of producing 200 bushels of corn on 12 inches of irrigation has been discussed by the Board for several

months. If the project is successful it would result in an average reduction of about 6 inches per acre. The District is planning on a much larger scale demonstration in 2011 and is working to secure funding to protect producers who cooperate in future demonstrations from possible revenue losses.

However, Krienke, Haaland and Harold Grall, board member for Moore County, decided to commit their own land to the project this year without any guarantee of reimbursement for reduced yields. "We believe in the project. This will give us an additional year of data, even if it is on a somewhat smaller scale than the full-blown project. I think we will learn some things this year that will benefit the demonstrations next year."

Krienke reported the total rainfall amounts for each field, as well as the total amount of irrigation since the fields were planted in May. Krienke and Grall's fields averaged 8.77 inches of rainfall since planting, while they have applied 5.24 inches and 2.34 inches of irrigation, respectively. These irrigation numbers are as of the board meeting and will

change, since both Krienke and Grall are irrigating currently.

Both fields are in critical stages in plant development. At this point, any stress due to lack of adequate water will seriously reduce yields. The plant's current water need, coupled with the recent hot and dry conditions, will make it necessary to irrigate more and will offset some of the early, extra moisture.

Nevertheless, Krienke, Grall, and District Conservationist and Project Coordinator Leon New are still positive, "We are confident

that the remaining amount of irrigation, combined with the moisture retained in the soil, will be enough to finish the crop successfully," said New.

Board President, Bob Zimmer, put the demonstrations into perspective, "With an inch of water costing at least 5 dollars to get to the crop, saving two inches across the 1,000,000 irrigated acres in the District is a savings of \$10,000,000 a year that stays in the area economy." That's also a savings of 166,000 acre-feet or 54 billion gallons of water each year.

Several County Extension Agents from the District attended the meeting to find out how the project is progressing. "While there are differences in the fields in the demonstration, I like the fact that the bottom line is the same. It's 200 bushels on 12 inches, and you are showing growers that it can be done," said Texas AgriLife Ochiltree County Extension Agent, Scott Strawn.

While the District does have rules in place that will reduce allowable water production to 1.5 acre-feet by 2012, General Manager, Steve Walthour said the

demonstrations are not an indication that the District is planning to reduce allowable production to 1 acre-foot. "The reasons for the demonstrations are to assist growers in making adjustments to the reduction to 1.5 acre-feet in 2012 and to adapt to naturally occurring limited water conditions," said Walthour.

For more information on the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District's "200-12 Reduced Irrigation Project" call the District at (806) 935-6401.

Spearman, Perryton Welcome Exchange Students

Both Perryton and Spearman high schools have had foreign exchange students placed with host families through CIEE this upcoming school year.

Frank and Darla Rhoden and their Perryton are hosting their second student, Eike Mueller of Kelkheim, Germany (near Frankfurt). Eike is a 15-year-old boy who loves sports and says he hopes there are many sports activities in his American high school. On his application he also describes himself as "a boy who laughs very much and has nearly always a good mood." Besides sports, he is also active in his school choir and enjoys singing. Eike arrives in mid-August and is going to live with the Rhoden family during the first semester of school, returning to Germany around Christmas.

Wes and Kay Hull of Spearman are also hosting again, this year they are

taking in two exchange students into their family. They are welcoming Magdalena Otte of Augsburg, Germany for the full school year. This 17-year-old German girl is the youngest child of her parents and has a 21-year-old brother and a sister and two brothers who are 19-years-old (triplets). Magdalena speaks German, English, French, and Spanish and has been studying nursing and thinks someday she might work with handicapped children.

The Hulls second host daughter is 15-year-old Jieun Lee from Seoul, South Korea. Her favorite school subjects are English and fine art. Her hobbies are watching movies, listening to music, drawing, and photography. She and her family attend Catholic mass on Sundays in South Korea.

All three students are placed and supervised by Local Coordinator Stacie

Reid of Guymon, Okla.

Another host mother for Reid, Mary Ann Shaddy, describes her experience of hosting. "I will be hosting my fourth exchange student this year, Pedro Cruz from Brazil. My first student was Stella Pena from Italy, second was Nikola Ilik from Macedonia and last year was Roman Vavro from Slovakia. The experience has been priceless. My daughter, Devery has enjoyed all of them. I said I wouldn't host another year because Devery is a senior this year and I thought it would be all about her but she said, 'Why not?' So I am in it again. I would encourage any young family with junior/senior high children to please take this opportunity to host an exchange student. It WILL change your life. My co-workers at PTCI are always anxious to find out who I get and they become involved with the students as

well. Try it, you will like it. It rounds out your square world."

Stacie Reid of Guymon is the local coordinator for the Rhoden and Hull placements. Kay Hull has also signed up and been trained to be a new CIEE local coordinator for the area and would love to talk to anyone interested in hosting. Anyone wanting more information about the hosting experience through CIEE can contact Hull at 806-330-0062, kayhull@ymail.com or Reid at 580-338-3743 or 580-651-2157 or nanareid@ptsi.net. You can also go online to www.ciee.org/highschool/ to visit their website.

"We have some wonderful kids that still don't have host families and would love to talk to anyone interested in learning more about the program," says Hull.

2010 Property Tax Rates in Hansford County

This notice concerns 2010 property tax rates for Hansford County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	General Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 2,088,211	\$ 499,430
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 2,088,211	\$ 499,430
Last year's tax base	\$ 760,048,699	\$ 757,377,696
Last year's total tax rate	0.274747 /\$100	0.065942 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 2,086,876	\$ 499,072
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 746,698,154	\$ 744,010,051
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.279480 /\$100	0.067078 /\$100
Total effective tax rate	0.346558 /\$100	
<i>(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)</i>		
This year's rollback tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 2,086,876	\$ 499,072
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 746,698,154	\$ 744,010,051
= This year's effective operating rate	0.279480 /\$100	0.067078 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.301838 /\$100	0.072444 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.000000 /\$100	0.000000 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.301838 /\$100	0.072444 /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	0.374282 /\$100	

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Hansford County adopts a 2010 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.346558 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2009 taxes by \$6,438.

Schedule A: General Fund - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operations	\$3,980,000

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 14 NW Court, Spearman, Texas 79081.

Name of person preparing this notice: Linda Cummings
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Date Prepared: July 25, 2010

2010 Property Tax Rates in Hansford Hospital District

This notice concerns 2010 property tax rates for Hansford Hospital District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,940,910
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,940,910
Last year's tax base	\$ 760,041,352
Last year's total tax rate	0.255369 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,939,669
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 746,698,154
= This year's effective tax rate	0.259766 /\$100
<i>(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)</i>	
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 1,967,537
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 746,698,154
= This year's effective operating rate	0.263498 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.284577 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.000000 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	0.284577 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Hansford Hospital District adopts a 2010 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.259766 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2009 taxes by \$4,859.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operations	\$6,881,836

Schedule F - Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures

The Hansford Hospital District spent \$58,928 from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$27,868.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 14 NW Court, Spearman, Tx 79081.

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by Dorothy Hudson

Out at the Lake

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The Buddy Dossett family camps at the Lake Palo Duro campground, each summer. Buddy's mother Sara, lives in Spearman. Two daughters could not be here. From the left, Janie, Lorena, Madison, Becky, & Buddy are pictured.

Lake Level--July 26, 2010--58.10 feet

Two weeks ago the level was 59.74, so in two weeks we have gone down 1.64 feet. The Saturday afternoon and evening rains were very spotted. Spearman had rains of three inches and Gruver had light rains. The office gauge showed an inch. Horse Creek ran, but Jim said he did not go back into the canyon to see if it made it to the Lake.

An annual event at the Park has been the arrival in July of the motor home of Buddy and Becky Dossett and family. They make the 800 mile or more trip from Harlingen at the southern tip of Texas to the top of Texas to see Sara Dossett of Spearman. Sara is Buddy's 96 year old mother.

She is still able to do her own work and drive. Her father lived to be 100. Buddy and Becky have four daughters. This year they had two of the daughters and a granddaughter with them. They arrived on Saturday and left on Wednesday.

Another family camping at the Park told Jim they had seen deer and a bobcat. They also had caught 2 pound bass in the Kids' Pond.

Wild Horses Continued
There were several methods of catching the mustangs in our area. In the little booklet "Some Experiences of Boss Neff in the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandle" he tells of roping a yearling mustang colt.

In 1889 Boss Neff and his brother Ira had a little ranch in the area where the Lake and Park are now. Boss had taken a summer job for the Hardesty Brothers over the line in Okla-

homa on Chiquita Creek. One June day while riding his best roping horse Fay, he was returning to the Texas ranch by way of Cottonwood Creek. He tells the story:

"To my surprise I rode within 200 feet of some 30-odd mustangs watering at the pools. They had no doubt been there long enough to get full of water. Their range was out east of this water and up on the high plains....

I could readily see that the mustangs were very much frightened, so I put spurs to old Fay and, by the time I was among them I had my rope and loop in position to catch one of them. Naturally I knew to catch a young one, for a

full grown one on the rope by myself would have been a real problem. In fact I had lost a good rope a few weeks before then when I roped a full grown mustang on the head of Palo Duro.

Now in this fleeing herd was a beautiful yearling strawberry roan. Unerringly I flung out my rope and the strawberry roan was mine."

There were some cottonwood logs close, so he tied the colt to one and rode on the 3 or 4 miles to their ranch. He and his brother Ira took their burro, Socrates, over to where Red was tied. Soon they had them necked together and in the pasture.

Campus Corner FPC

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Greetings from the Northernmost Facility of Higher Education in the Great State of Texas! During the first 10 months of the 2009-2010 academic year the Allen Campus served 3,871 students and other residents of Perryton and the surrounding area. Academic classes account for 284 of these students, while Continuing Education classes have served 1,278 students and Community Service classes and events have served an additional 2309 people.

This summer the Frank Phillips College Allen Campus continues to offer a wide variety of continuing education and community service classes and events. Starting August 6th-8th, 2010 there will be a Scuba Diving Certification Class. Cost of the class is \$349.00; and includes gear rentals, certifi-

cation and class fees. Families interested in taking the class together can do so, however no children younger than 10 will be eligible for certification. Deadline to register is July 30th.

On August 9th-10th, 2010 we will be having our first cake decorating class at 7:00 p.m. at the Allen Campus. Cost of the class is \$65.00 which includes your starter kit! If you already have the decorating tips, bags and spatula you do not need to purchase the starter kit, so the cost is only \$42.00.

On Saturday August 14th there will be a Beginners Photography class taught by Tamara Stiles. The class will be Saturday only from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. and the cost is \$100.00. Deadline to register is August 4th!

On August 31st Coffee

Memorial Blood Center will be holding another blood drive at the Allen Campus from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Also starting in August is another Certified Nursing Assistant class. Class will begin August 23rd and the class meets on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tuition is \$295.00 (this does not include the cost of the text book).

Classes coming soon are Introduction to eBay, Woodworking and other craft classes, workplace Spanish, nutrition class, Cajun cooking, web page design, and basic crochet. For more information on any of these classes or would like to teach a class please contact Jaci at the Allen campus at 806-648-1450.

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