## Sumners Welcome "Other Son" Back Home

by Catherine Smith
Terje Thogersen of Fredikstad, Nor-
way recently returned to Spearman for a way recently returned to Spearman for a
visit with his "other" parents, Anita and visit with his "other" parents, Anita and
Dwight Sumner. Terje's children, Linn Elisabeth, 14, Siri, 12 , and Hans, 10, joined him for the three-week extended visit. Terje currently works as a Business
Developer for an Information Technology Developer for an Information Technology
Services company, and has previously Services company, and has previously
worked within the oil industry, banking
sector sector and Intereret business mostly man-
aging chane related activites aging change related dactivities. Terie became part of the Sumner family
in 1982 when the Norway native was liv ing in Spearman as a foreign exchange student.
Terje said he chose to become an ex-
change sudent in the U.S. because the change sudent id he and because ex-
country interested him and was more exotic than for example Germany and not as
foreion as countries such as $\begin{aligned} & \text { anpan }\end{aligned}$ foreign as countries such as Japan.
Norwegians begin studying English in
about the 2nd grade so he had a workin about the 2 nd grade, so he had a working
understanding of the language. "It improved quickly after having to use it every day," commented Terje.
While attending Spearman High
School, Terije participated in the hand School, Terie earticicpated in the band. He
also remembers receiving a couple of also remembers receiving a couple of
awards during the end of year awards assembly
"I remember the laughs at graduation when the ony foreigner got the award for
American History," says Terie American history, says terie.
Triesie especially enjoyed the hospitality,
friendliness curioisity and frankness that friendininess, curiosity and frankness that
he experienced in Spearman. It is a he experienced in Spearman. "It is a
warm and caring community due to it's limited size," "ontinued Terije. changed and influenced his life, Terie responded "Staying in a different country for a whole year as a $17-18$ year old ma-
tures you rather quickly, as yourre com tures you rather quickly, as youre com-
pelled to interact with quite a different community with other conventions for social interaction.
"This maturing process perhaps helped
me see multiple shades of gray, compared me see multiple shades of gray, compared
to the black and white that one usually sees as an 18 -year-old," continued Terije.
"I did not recognize this at the time, but
. noticed this rather clearly a s I returned to
school in Norway school in Norway, comparing myself with
my fellow students. my fellow students.
 he regards them as sisters and brother. I'm Mom and Dwight is Dad. We have been
"We kept in touch through the years, mainly at Christmas," "continued Anita. "Terry first came back to Spearman in September of 2004 when he surprised
Dwight for his 6 th birthday. Then, three years ago, for my 60 th birthday, we trav-
elled to Norway to see him and meet his family. so gracious. They took us on a tour of
Norway and into Sweden," continued Anita. "In Norway they don't normally drive long distances, they fly, so this was the first time his children had ever been
on a 7 -hour car trip. It was quite an expeon a 7 -hour car trip. It was quite an expe-
rience for them, across the mountains and through all 56 tunnels."
Since Terje brought his children this time, many of their activities revolved They attended a rodeo at Canadian on July 3rd. While in Canadian, the went up on the hill to visit Audie, the dinosaur, to the disbelief of the locals. Spey also went
to Wonderland Park and Splash in Amar-


Pictured above are Terje Thogersen of Fredrikstad, Norway (back, center) with ner of Spearman. Terje and his family were in Spearman recently for a visit with the Sumner family.
busy," addded Anita. "and we never heard the kids say 'We are bored..
"They ate a foot-long at Sonic in Perry ton and loved the American Hamburgers. They absolutely loved snow cones, too.
"A lot of the time was spent just visiting A lot of the time was spent just visiting Amarillo, enjoying experiencing news sensations ${ }^{\prime \prime}$
"Terje loves a GOOD cup of coffee, so he enjoyed going in to Prairie Garden and
working with them to get a good, strong working with them to get a good, strong
cup of coffee (Dwight called it cowboy coffee.)
"One of
"One of the funny things I remember is they could not believe that people here eat
pickles as a snack" continued Anita "Linn pickes as a snack" continued Anita Linn
loved hash browns, Siri loved MY aluminum glasses (so I let her take one home with her) and Hans loved the pancakes and sausage links.
One of the things that in turn surprised
the Texans was that Norwegian children
the Texans was that Norwegian children
are not spanked. Period "It is in fact even
illegal, just to make the point," added

## Local Land Bank Welcomes New CEO

Gregg Lloyd has been named the chief
executive officer of Panhandle-Plains Land Bank effective July 1 . Lloyd follows Robert R. Williams, Jr, who is retiring June 30 after having
served in farm credit lending for 38 years served in farm credit lending for 38 years.
He has served as the chief executive officer since 1997. Williams began his career in 1972 with the Federal Land Bank of Houston. In 1975, he was named manager
of Spearman-Pampa Federal Land Bank of Spearman-Pampa Federal Land Bank
Association (FLBA) where he served until 1982, when the association merged with the FLBA of Perryton to form High Plain FLBA. He served as president of
this new association until he began his apthis new association until he began his ap-
pointment as CEO of Panhandle-Plains Land Bank.
During his tenure as CEO, the Panhan-
dle-Plains Land Bank has grown substantially while maintaining its mission to
provide long-term rural real estate financing for area farmers, ranchers, and investors. Since the merger in February
1997: loan volume has increased from 1997; loan volume has increased from "Adding value to membership." the asso ciation was about more than growth. A competitive rate and $100 \%$ cash patron-
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more than $\$ 13.5$ Million in cash to cus Closed Notice

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mit.

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usual.

## program.

"The association is fortunate to have had Bob at the helm for the past 13 man. "Under his leadership Board Chairman. "Under his leadership, the association acquired a position of strength in
agriculture mortgage lending in our area agriculture mortgage lending in our area.
His leadership helped see us through the past 18 months, when financial times were tough." Lloyd's Lloyd's career with the agriculture
lending system began in 1982, as vice president with the High Plains FLBA in
Pampa. He became CEO of the FLBA of


Terje. "And Norwegian kids are still at
Ieast as well-behaved as Iocal kids." (Food for thought for all.)

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Reeves, Rick Sander, Mike Schnell, Maria Sibley, Hank Sutterfield, Ginge Turner, Araseli Vaqu
for more information

QuickBooks Pro Courses Scheduled in Amarillo and Lubbock courses on Aug. 18-19
Aug. 24-25 in Lubbock The training will run from 9 a.m. to 4
p.m. each day at each location, said
DeDe Jones, AgriLife Extension risk management specialist in Amarillo, who
will coordinate the event in that city. Jay
Yas Yates, AgriLife Extension economist in
Lubbock, will coordinate the Lubbock course.
Both events will be held at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Cen
ter in their respective cities. .hey are lo cated at 6500 W . Amarillo B-vd. in
Amarillo and 1102 E . Farm-to-Market Road 1294 north of Lubbock.
QuickBooks QuickBooks Pro is a double-entry
business accounting program often used by agricultural lenders and producers
Jones said. In the two-day course, participants will learn how to enter transac
tions into the program and analyze cost and profits. No prior computer experi-
ence is necessary. Registration for each two-day course
is $\$ 75$ and covers computer-lease pay
ments and teaching materials, she said Couples are encouraged to attend an
will be charged only one registration fe if they share a computer. Payment is due
upon arrival on the first day of the
course. Class size for each course is limited to
15 to provide a hands-on experience for all participants, Jones said. To register for the Amarillo course
send name, address and phone number to DeDe Jones, Texas AgriLife Exten
sion Service, 6500 W . Amarillo Blvd
Amarillo, Texas 79106 . For the Lubbock course, send information to Jay Yates
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For more information, contact Jone at 806-677-5667 or Yates at 806-746-
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Hansford Gun Club Rifle Shoot
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Hansford Golf Club Hosts Tuesday Night Scrambles
The Hanstord County Golf Club has begun their Tuesday Night Scrambles. Tee-time is at 6 p.m. sharp. The cost tis $\$ 10$
per person. Teams are drawn. For more information, or to sign
up, call 659-2233. You are invited to a day of awesome Christian music, inspir-
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Spearman Spearman Swimming Pool Park from 10 a.m. -7 p.m. Hansford Gun Club Rifle Shoot The Hansford Gun Club holds a. 22 ritite shoot on the second
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ing and getting involved! We need all parent that have kids in cross country, football and basketball - to help out! Spearman Booster Club Organizational Meeting
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meeting on Monday July 26 , 2010 at 7 pm on the east side meeting on Monday, July 26,2010 at 7 P.m. on the east side
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Timeless Treasures Guild Meets Timeless Treasures Guild will be meeting on saturday, July
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New members are welcome. Bring a friend. Bring a salad for
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- $\$ 50$, Students $-\$ 25$, and Family Pass $\$ 122$. For more informa-- $\$ 50$, Students - $\$ 25$, and Family Pass $-\$ 12$
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