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Telephone Phishing Scam Alert

First National Bank, Spearman - Dumas has been alerted by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency of a new scam that has occurred in the Lubbock district.

Thieves target a telephone prefix and use a computer to call random numbers. The recording tells the person answering that there is a problem with their debit or ATM card issued by "first national bank." The recording gives instructions to call a number to take care of the problem. If a person calls the number they are asked for their card number and their PIN.

Please remember these key facts:

- No bank will ever ask for your PIN.
- No bank will ever call and ask for your card number as they already have it.
- No bank will ever call and ask you for any other personal information.

There are cases where a bank may verify the last few digits of your card number over the telephone, but this will always be when you have initiated the call in need of assistance.

Do not be a victim, protect your personal information and report any suspicious calls trying to trick you into giving out your personal information.

If you are contacted in the manner described above please contact First National Bank at 806-659-5544 or go by the bank to talk to one of their officers.

If you have any questions about protecting your identity you may contact your local bank.

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the south after midnight.

FRIDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds around 10 mph shifting to the southeast in the afternoon.

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

SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.

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

SUNDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows around 70.

MONDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s.

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

TUESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.

Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Temperatures were near average, with soil moisture rated adequate to very short; most areas reported adequate. Corn varied from very poor to good with most areas reporting fair, and was tasseling in most areas. The cotton crop was squaring and setting bolls. Peanuts were rated mostly fair with most fields pegging. Sorghum was rated mostly fair. Rangeland was rated mostly fair. Cattle were in good condition.

The Main Event

The Main Event is a community celebration being sponsored by the churches of Spearman and the surrounding area. It will be held August 21-24, 2008 at 8 p.m. at the Walking Park, east of Spearman High School. A pre-service concert will be held each night beginning at 7:15 p.m.

Funds are needed to help underwrite this event. Please make donations to your church marked "Main Event," or mail them to: Main Event, PO Box 97, Spearman TX 79081. Donations can also be taken to Hansford Abstract.

Spearman Chamber of Commerce's

Yard of the Week

Ronnie Lusby
711 Haney

Felix Sandoval
418 Hoskins

Claude Sheets
610 Kenneth

If you have a yard you would like to nominate, please contact the Spearman Chamber of Commerce at 659-5555.

Spearman Stingrays Win Championships

The Spearman Stingrays Swim Team took first place in the 2008 Western Kansas Swim Club Championship Meet held July 19 & 20 at Garden City, Kansas.

The Spearman Stingrays range in age from age 5 to 18, with Connor Holton being the youngest swimmer and Kim Bergan the oldest.

The Spearman Stingrays entering 29 swimmers in the Championship meet, compared to Guymon's 98, and win with a score of 817, followed by the Golden Belt Swim Squad with 675, Guymon with 617, Garden City YMCA Seahawks - 563, Ulysses Sharks 302, Southwest Aquatics Team - 294, Dodge/Cimarron Swim Team - 223, Lakin Dolphins Swim Team - 218, Hays Hurricanes - 113, Scott City Stars - 103, Wichita County Swim Team - 77, Colby Swim Club - 39

Teams accumulate points with each win. The Stingrays teams won almost all of their relays, as well as many individual races.

Spearman also won the meet they hosted on July 12th.

Coaches for the Stingrays are Jay Pack - ages 11 and up, Ashley Patterson and Mandi Lusby - ages 10 and under.



Harper Earns Eagle Scout Rank

Boy Scout Troup: #256 of Perryton, Texas has a new Eagle Scout member. Tyler Harper of Spearman earned this rank on January 17, 2008. He is the son of Terrie and Tim Harper and the grandson of Royce and Shirley McClure of Perryton and the late Carroll and Joyce Harper of Spearman.

Tyler joined Scouting in 1997 as a Tiger Cub with Pack #256. He moved along the trail to Wolf, Bear, and two years of Webelos, receiving the Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouting, in November 2001.

He joined Boy Scout Troop #256 in December 2001 and earned Scouter, Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class, Star, and Life Ranks. He earned 27 total merit badges, 21 badges are needed to earn the rank of Eagle, and 12 of those are Eagle required.

He has served as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Order of the Arrow Representative. Tyler was voted into the Order of the Arrow June 2003. He attended summers camps at MK Brown in Pampa, Camp Don Harrington in Amarillo, Camp Parnell at Lake Fryer, and Camp James Ray in Pottsboro, Texas. He attended numerous camporees, winter camps, merit badge colleges, and Philmont Family Weekend in Cimarron, New Mexico.

Tyler's Eagle Project was to landscape the Lindbergh Historical Marker located 1/4 mile South of Spearman for the Hansford County Historical Commission.

Funds for this project were donated by Athena Energy, Inc., Tim and Terrie Harper, Jr. Lusby "Cats" Contractors, Rock Ranch, Ltd., Coutler Gardens and Nursery, B&B Sales, and Willis Boyd Backhoe Service.

A senior at Spearman High School, Tyler is a member of the National Honor Society, Varsity Lynx football team, Varsity Lynx basketball team, and a member of the Lynx golf team for 3 years. His future plans include college and playing college golf.



Hansford Manor now has a Coffee Club that meets every morning at 10 a.m. On Saturday mornings at 10 a.m., the residents enjoy listening to a book read by Madalyn Fuqua. The group meets at the North end of the dining room.

"It is a real joy for me to read to the residents, and they seem to enjoy our time together, too," said Madalyn.

Pictured are (Front Row, L-R) Minnie Lee Perkins, Betty Jean Mullins, Willie Leona Clement, Dolly Margaret McWhirter and Edna Joyce Lamb Jennings; (Middle Row, L-R) May Lynn Ayres, Ima Jean Schott and Beth Phelps; (Back Row, L-R) Madalyn Lane Fuqua and Sandi Kay Foster.

Gruver Community Blood Drive

Coffee Memorial Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in Gruver on Tuesday, August 12th, from 2-7 p.m. in the La Casita Room at Gruver State Bank.

Every eligible donor will receive a t-shirt, and you can

vote for your local HERO either the Fire Department or Law Enforcement.

To schedule an appointment, please call 1-877-574-8800.

ALL BLOOD TYPES ARE CURRENTLY NEEDED!

The need is real. There is no substitute for blood. It can only come from volunteer blood donors. Please support the patients of the High Plains Region...Give the Gift of Life!

Rosa Lee Butt Memorial Auction to Benefit The Golden Spread Center

The Golden Spread Center and The O'Loughlin Center Boards are thrilled to be honoring the memory of Rosa Lee Butt as they host the Annual Golden Spread Auction. The 2008 Auction, The Rosa Lee Butt Memorial Radio Auction to benefit the Golden Spread Center, will be held on Saturday, August 2nd and Saturday, August 9th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Perryton radio, KXDJ-FM. Chris Samples Broadcasting has generously donated these 8 hours of radio broadcasting for this event.

Rosa Lee Butt was involved in the early days of The Golden Spread Center, as early as 1978. Our community has benefitted from the efforts of the organizers of Golden Spread Center for 30 years. This auction celebrates this 30-year milestone as we recognize Rosa Lee Butt, who gave of her time and her resources to perpetuate this organization for the benefit of senior citizens in the Spearman area.

Please mark your calendars as this auction will be "live" on KXDJ-FM, on consecutive Saturdays, August 2nd and August 9th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

If you have anything you would like to donate to this event, please call The O'Loughlin Center, 806-659-3030, or contact any board member. We will be able to receive your donations beginning Friday, July 25th, at the center, 508 S. Brandt, in Spearman. Your generous donations will be greatly appreciated!

In the past, we have had great response to those creative donations, like "dinners, trips, events or anything special" or any car, boat, RV or golf cart. This event promises to be a fun-filled time that benefits the senior citizens of the Spearman area. Look-around, you might have just the item we need for this special event!

GISD JH/HS Girls Athletic Physicals Tuesday, August 5th

	Time(s):
Seniors	9:00 a.m.
Juniors	9:30 a.m.
Sophomores	10:00 a.m.
Freshman	10:30 a.m.
8 th Grade	11:00 a.m.
7 th Grade	11:30 a.m.

Instructions: Parents will need to attend the physicals with the athletes to sign appropriate forms.

Lullabies, Legends & Lies

by Parson Smith, the Prime Minister of Laughter

A friend of mine sent me the following and I thought it was cute. I hope you enjoy it. Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch while others do the work. They are called "Spec Taters".

Some people never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work. They are called "Comment Taters".

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but don't want to soil their own hands. They are called "Dick Taters".

Some people are always looking to cause problems by asking others to agree with them. It is too hot or too cold, too sour or too sweet. They are called "Agie Taters".

There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to

actually doing the promised help. They are called "Hezzie Taters".

Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not. They are called "Emma Taters".

Then there are those who love others and do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others. They are called "Sweet Taters".

Until the next time,
May God Bless.

State Capital HIGHLIGHTS

AUSTIN - Hurricane Dolly hit the Texas coast at South Padre Island on July 22, causing wind damage, power outages and flooding that affected an estimated 1.5 million people.

Levees along the Rio Grande withstood rains of up to 12 inches that pelted the region.

Gov. Rick Perry "pre-deployed" a wide range of state agencies and other aid-providing groups to South Texas communities before the hurricane made landfall.

On July 23 the governor requested a disaster declaration from President George W. Bush. U.S. Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn backed Perry up by asking the president to expedite assistance from FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

On July 24, Bush signed a Major Presidential Disaster Declaration covering Aransas, Bexar, Brooks, Calhoun, Cameron, Hidalgo, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr, Victoria and Willacy counties.

Dolly weakened to a tropical depression on July 24, but dumped heavy rains on Laredo and Eagle Pass on its way west.

An early estimate of property and infrastructure damages was \$750 million.

Grand jury indicts ranch suspects

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on July 22 announced the Schleicher County grand jury had that day issued indictments containing nine counts of sexual assault, bigamy and related charges against six suspects associated with the Yearning For Zion ranch compound near Eldorado.

Warren Jeffs, leader of the polygamist sect that occupies the ranch, was charged with sexually assaulting a child, a first-degree felony. Jeffs is incarcerated in Arizona and awaiting trial on separate charges.

Also indicted were four other suspects charged with felony sexual assault of girls under age 17. One of the four suspects was charged with bigamy. Yet another suspect was charged with three counts of failure to report child abuse.

The indictments are part of a criminal investigation combining the efforts of the Texas Attorney General's

HURRICANE DOLLY POUNDS SOUTH TEXAS, HEADS WEST



by Ed Sterling

Office, the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Texas Rangers, 51st Judicial District Attorney Steve Lupton, and Richard B. Roper, the U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Texas.

The state has not made public the names of the suspects other than Jeffs.

In early April, after hearing allegations of child abuse at the ranch, a San Angelo state district judge ordered law enforcement and state agency personnel to take custody of more than 400 children who resided on the 1,700-acre property.

Nearly two months later, Judge Barbara Walther rescinded her order after an Austin state appellate court and the Texas Supreme Court found insufficient evidence to merit state intervention at the level implemented.

The children soon after were returned to their parents.

New secretary of state is named

Gov. Perry on July 23 named Esperanza "Hope" Andrade of San Antonio as Texas' 107th secretary of state.

The secretary serves as the state's chief elections officer, the governor's liaison on border and Mexican affairs and Texas' chief protocol officer for state and international matters.

In 2003, Perry appointed

Andrade to the Texas Transportation Commission, the body that oversees the Texas Department of Transportation.

Andrade succeeds Phil Wilson, who served from July 1, 2007, to July 6, 2008. Wilson resigned to accept a position with Luminant, a Dallas-based energy company.

Clothing tax holiday coming up

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs reminds shoppers they will get a break from state and local sales taxes Aug. 15-17 in the annual sales tax holiday.

A law passed by the Texas Legislature in 2007 exempts most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes. Backpacks under \$100 and used by elementary and secondary students also are exempt. Not included are luggage, briefcases, athletic, duffel or gym bags, computer bags, purses or framed backpacks.

State executes third prisoner

Derrick Sonnier, 40, was executed by lethal injection on July 23 for the 1991 murder of a woman and her 2-year-old son. Sonnier was the third Texas death row inmate to be executed in the current year. The state of Texas also executed convicted murderers Carlton Turner, 29, on July 10 and Karl Chamberlain, 37, on June 11.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

I played hooky last week to spend the day with my daughter, granddaughter, and great grandsons. The Ladies were taken to lunch by a town gentleman gardener. So if you came by the museum at lunch and we were closed, that is the reason.

Everyone is busy planning next year's schedule and planning new exhibits or updating old ones. We like to refresh, review, and redo exhibits periodically for two reasons. One is to make the museum interesting on every visit for our return visitors. Second to rotate our artifacts, it is not good for artifacts to be exposed to light, etc for too long. If you have a favorite story or piece of history that you would like us to do an exhibit on, send the topic to us.

This weekend is Will Rogers day, August 2, in Higgins. Visitors are always surprised when they see our photos of Will with Frank Ewing and others, when he visited Higgins throughout his life. Be sure to join the townspeople for their parade, barbecue and fun activities like Bingo. The school will also have their reunion.

Dorothy has been busy adding items to our gift shop. We now have puzzles and new books on buffalo hunters, German immigrants, adobe walls, and sports history. A good variety of History with local applications.

HISTORICAL MUSINGS

When Lovella was reviewing our newspapers and processing them, I asked her to keep a list of all the different titles that the Skaggs and others used in the Lipscomb Limelight and Follett Times.

Here is a sample of their imagings: *Purely Homespun, Plum Creek Local Dots, Skunk Creek, Lakemp Whispers, Local Overflow, A*

Few on the Side About Town & Country, Pansy Blossoms, Shadeland Notes, Higgins in Brief, Local Paragraphs, View Point Pointer, Still Water Siftings, Shattuck Siftings, Jolts from Fifth Creek, Goodwin in Brief, Darrouzett Digest, Wolf Creek Valley Ripples, Local Lore and Booker Breezes.

The contents of these columns lived up to the names of the columns. As an example here is the *Plum Creek Local Dots* for January 2, 1912 - *Morris McKee butchered a fine hog Monday. Chas. Thomas is busy hauling straw for cattle these days. Ed. Zimmerman and F.N. Henwood threshed the first of the week, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Keffer arrived Monday evening to attend the funeral of his little nephew, James Arthur, returning to their home at Miama Wednesday evening. Mr. Hartman north of Shattuck, came up Monday for a short visit with G. H. Latus and also to look after some well drilling while up here.*

This column was on the back page of the newspaper.

On the front page was the article reporting the death of James Arthur Keffer, age 4, who drowned in the frozen waters of Plum Creek. The child had wandered away from his mother and other siblings while visiting neighbors. He wandered out onto the frozen ice of plum creek and the ice broke and he drowned.

In writing the article, Mr. Skaggs described death as follows: *"Death, at all times is a veil of gloom; the rose so pink and fragrant for a time spreads perfume, gathers in its folds and is no more; the green sword forms a mate, wonderful work of nature, in the fall loses its luster and the leaves of the sturdy elm with the coming of the frost lets go their hold and come tumbling to the ground, so it is in death, the babe blessed with the breath of life today is turned to dust on the dawning of another day."* He sure had a way with words.

Have a good week. It has started well with rain as I write this on Monday morning.

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ON THE GO

These games are brought to you by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman

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 - A fragmentation grenade
 - Copycat
 - *Eat on the run
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 - Jason's ship in search of Golden Fleece
 - Small island
 - Thinner
 - Meat and potato dish
 - Lowest point
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 - Dirty blemish
 - *Drive-_____
 - Sun's mark
 - Fertilized egg
 - "For Your Eyes _____"
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 - One thing on a list
 - Along a line
 - Bond creator
 - *Not the lane for singles
 - What siren does
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 - Half-way around the world
 - Where 8 seconds is the goal
- DOWN**
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 - Homer's "Iliad," e.g.
 - Not far
 - *Done on the go
 - Gateway to Japanese temple
 - One who eggs
 - Point of entry
 - *Notoriously unhealthy
 - Irritate
 - Afresh
 - Come into possession
 - Bicycle built for two
 - Scrooge, e.g.
 - Gambler's chance
 - 17th letter of Greek alphabet
 - Indifferent to emotions
 - Mediterranean republic
 - Six feet where?
 - Youngster
 - Cut open
 - Malicious satisfaction
 - Bible songs
 - Hard egg prep
 - *Jack and Jill did it
 - On payroll
 - *Opposite of "on the go"
 - Lincoln lumber
- 41. U.K. Prime Minister, 1945-51**
- 42. One up**
- 43. Angora fabric**
- 44. Goes with Christmas**
- 45. Lake scum**
- 46. Not your father's journal**
- 47. Mother _____**
- 48. Third power**
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Public Asked to Comment on Desired Future Conditions for the Ogallala Aquifer

The Board of Directors and staff of North Plains Groundwater Conservation District will hold stakeholder's meetings in the coming weeks across the Panhandle, and the public is invited to attend. A meeting will be held in Dumas on August 12, in Dalhart on August 14, and in Spearman on August 19. The public is invited to attend to give input on setting the Desired Future Condition (DFC) for the Ogallala aquifer in fifty years.

The District is required by the state of Texas to set the DFC for the entire District, which will guide measures to be taken to manage the aquifer and attempt to conserve the groundwater resources of the aquifer into the future. The District must also work with three other Groundwater Conservation Districts in the Panhandle in the development of the DFC for the aquifer. Public input is being sought to ensure that the wishes of the people of the District are taken into consideration in the development of the DFC.

The District's Board of Directors is seeking input and ideas from the public about how much water they would like to see left in fifty years and possible measure that could be taken to achieve those goals.

These three public meetings are the second series of meetings to be held, after input was received from the public in the spring of 2008. At this time, the groundwater production information and water well level measurements have been compiled for 2007, which will give attendees an even more accurate picture of the groundwater usage and depletion that are occurring within the District.

Anyone wishing to make comment on the process of deciding the DFC is invited to attend any or all of the meetings. The August 12 meeting in Dumas will be held at 7:00 PM at the Moore County Amarillo College Campus auditorium at 1220 East 1st Street in Dumas. The Dalhart meeting will be held at the Dalhart Coliseum, 1219 West F.M. 281 in Dalhart on August 14 at 7:00 PM. **The meeting in Spearman will be held August 19 at the O'Loughlin Center, 502 South Brandt Street, at 7:00 PM.**

Members of the public interested in making comment on the setting of the Desired Future Conditions for the aquifer can also contact the District's General Manager, Steve Walthour, at 806-935-6401 or the Public Relations and Education Coordinator, Rhonda Artho at 806-935-6401 or artho@npwd.org.

Final Order Announced In CRP Critical Feed Use Lawsuit Thornberry Says Grandfathering Applicants Who Relied On USDA Right Result

Congressman Mac Thornberry today provided the following comments on the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington's Order entering a permanent injunction affecting the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) management of the Conservation Reserve Program's Critical Feed Use initiative.

"The Judge found that the USDA violated the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) when they decided, on the basis of their 'Environmental Evaluation,' that the Critical Feed Use initiative would have no significant adverse environmental consequences, and accordingly concluded that a more stringent Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement was not necessary," said Thornberry. "Fortunately for the many landowners and ranchers who relied on the USDA's actions, the Judge also 'grandfathered in' their participation in the program."

According to the Permanent Injunction, applicants for the Critical Feed Use initiative (CFU) who had applied and been approved for participation on or before entry of the initial temporary restraining order (TRO) on July 8, 2008, are grandfathered and may participate in the CFU as the program was announced, with the originally stated November 10 ending date for haying and grazing.

Applicants who had applied but not been approved before entry of the initial TRO, and who have been or will be approved subsequently for participation in the CFU, will be permitted to participate but must end haying activity by September 30 and grazing activity by October 15.

Anyone who applies to participate in the CFU and can demonstrate detrimental reliance, by having expended \$4,500 or more, may be approved for and participate in the CFU but also must end haying activity by September 30 and grazing activity by October 15.

There will be no reduction in CRP rental payments for those participating in the CFU.

The clock for managed haying and grazing will be restarted for any participant who hays or grazes under the CFU.

"Naturally, I would have liked to see the injunction lifted entirely, because I continue to believe that individual property owners are the best stewards of the land," concluded Congressman Thornberry. "But given the circumstances, preserving the contracts of those individuals who honestly relied on the USDA's actions is probably the best result that could be obtained."

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Engagement Announcement

Janice and Robert Adams of Gruver announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica, to Kevin Black. Grandfather of the bride-elect is William F.D. Eting.

Black is the son of Barbara Black of Amarillo and Bob Black of Muleshoe. Grandparents of the prospective groom are Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Evins.

The couple plan to wed August 21 at Three Falls Cove in Sanford.

The bride-elect is a 1983 graduate of Skyline High School in Salt Lake City, Utah. She graduated in 1988 from The University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Science degree.

The prospective groom graduated in 1987 from Dumas High School. He graduated from West Texas A&M University in Canyon in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science degree and in 2003, with a Master of Education degree.

It's A Boy!

Darrell and Kelly Scroggs of Shallowater, Texas wish to announce the birth of their son, Dallen Michael Scroggs. Dallen was born on Tuesday, July 8, 2008. He weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Dallen was welcomed home by his sisters, 9-year-old Haley and 3-year-old Lily.

Proud grandparents are LaDelle and Steven Greever, the late Dallen Scroggs, and the late Maryanne Townsend.



Barnhill, Brown Wed



Mrs. and Mr. Travis Brown

Miranda Rose Barnhill and Travis Bill Brown were united in matrimony on June 14, 2008 at The Grace Museum in Abilene, Texas. Jerry Hendrix of Abilene officiated the ceremony.

Miranda was given in marriage by her parents, Rob and Cindy Barnhill of Abilene. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Margaret Guy and Mrs. Marge Barnhill.

Travis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Brown.

The Matron of Honor was Mrs. Maggie Hunt of Abilene, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Miss Leslie Scott and Miss Shanna Smith, college friends of the bride, Miss Hope DeLaO, high school friend of the bride, Mrs. Ashley Lowe, sister of the groom, Miss Stormey Wilson and Miss Aimee Tucker, college friends and roommates of the bride, and Miss Chandra Chapma, high school friend of the bride.

The flower girl was Anna Collums, friend of the bride. Ring bearer was Layne Collums, friend of the bride.

The Best Man was Tracy Brown, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Lance Baker and Paul Bynum, life-

long friends of the groom, Matt "Pigeon" Dowling, college friend and roommate of the groom, Lang Nolen, Gerald Mitchell and Paul Schuab, college friends of the groom, and David Hunt, brother-in-law of the bride and Adam Lowe, brother-in-law of the groom.

Ushers were Eric Welch and Brady Welch, cousins of the bride, Martine Barroso, friend of the groom, and Greg Roberts, friend of the bride.

Scripture readings were by Erin Rae Welch, cousin of the bride, and Morgan Allred and Miles Allred, family friends of the bride.

The room was decorated with Roman columns with cream, purple and green hydrangeas and lavender. The bride's bouquet was Virginia purple roses with lavender stock. The bridesmaids bouquets were lavender bouquets with silk ribbon. The corsages were Virginia roses in lavender.

The bride wore a Champaigne-colored Maggie Sottero designed dress with pearl trim at the bodice and throughout the dress. A champagne wedding veil adorned the beautiful dress.

Miranda graduated from Abilene High School in 2004. She graduated from Hardin Simmons University in 2008 with a degree in Sports, Leisure and Fitness and Business Management. She is a sales representative for Crayton and Morris, based out of Dallas. Miranda will work out of Abilene.

Travis graduated from Spearman High School in 2003. He graduated from Hardin Simmons University in 2007 with a Business/Finance Degree. He is in sales for Barnhill Office System and Interiors in Abilene.

A reception followed the wedding ceremony at the Grace Museum with a wonderful selection of appetizers and Prime Rib. The String Unlimited Orchestra played, followed by music from Superstar DJ.

Following a week-long wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple will make their home in Abilene.

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Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister



This week we learn something of our relationship with God and our relationship with others as we study Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 17: 1-7, 15, Romans 9:1-5 and Matthew 14:13-21.

Jacob has been told by God to return to his homeland. Jacob's name means "little liar," manipulator, cheater. Jacob the con-man. He coned his brother, Esau; he coned his father Isaac; he attempted to con his father-in-law, Laban. Jacob fears that his brother Esau will kill him. Esau is approaching Jacob's caravan with a force of 400 armed men. Jacob cleverly splits the caravan into two columns, sends servants ahead with a series of gifts for his brother, sends his wives and daughters across the river, Jabbok, ahead of him. Jacob waits alone on the far side of the river away from his brother's forces. As Jacob tries to summon his courage to meet his brother, a "man" appears. Jacob wrestles with this man until dawn and eventually prevails. The man dislocates Jacob's hip and before Jacob will allow him to leave, the man blesses Jacob. Declaring, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and humans, and have prevailed." Note the name of the river, Jabbok, means "wrestle." So Jacob wrestled at the river, Wrestle. Jacob then calls the place, "Peniel" or "Peniel" which means the "Face of God". Jacob, now Israel, has met God face to face, and Jacob has become a new man, Israel. The name "Israel" means "strives with God". This story teaches us that God does not despise us for our supplanting and deceit nor despise us for our sin; rather, God gives us new chances to follow him. We should recognize that to forgive is not to condone or to excuse the harm done to us but that the act of forgiving frees us from the chains of anger. The Psalmist sings for God's assistance against a mortal enemy and longs to meet God face-to-face that his joy may be complete.

Paul, who some portray as "anti-semitic," wrestles with the problem that his people, the Jews, have not all embraced Jesus as Messiah. Paul notes that God has given the Jews the Law, the worship of God (the temple), the covenants, the patriarchs of faith; yet, not all believe. Paul has great sorrow and unceasing anguish.

Matthew shows us Jesus leaving the crowded west shore of the Lake of Galilee and moving to the unpopulated eastern shore to heal and teach the people. Jesus shows compassion healing the sick and when evening starts to fall, he performs the miracle of feeding the five thousand. The disciples bring five loaves and two fish to Jesus. Jesus looks to heaven, breaks the bread and distributes the food to his disciples, who distribute the food to the people. Now we can assume this is a miracle of multiplication of food stuff, or we can assume that it is the miracle of Jesus touching the hearts of the people with the gift of love causing them to share their hidden food. Matthew thus shows us Jesus as Messiah.

As you wrestle with the problems of this life, may the Holy Spirit meet you "face to face" that your life may be changed and your needs met.

Wheatheart Wheat Conference To Be Held

The Texas AgriLife Extension offices in Ochiltree, Hansford, Hutchinson, Lipscomb and Hemphill counties are sponsoring the 10th annual Wheatheart Wheat Conference on Thursday, August 14, 2008.

The conference will be held at the Ochiltree County Expo Center in Perryton. Registration is at 8:00 am and programs begin at 8:30 am. All area wheat producers are invited to hear extension and industry specialists cover a wide range of topics related to wheat production and marketing. Plus, 5 CEU's will be provided for all attending with a pesticide applicator license.

Lunch will be provided and there is no charge to attend the meeting.

For more information about the conference you may contact the Texas AgriLife Extension in Ochiltree County at 806-435-4501.

SAVE the DATE for the Pork Bowl!

The OPSU Football season gets underway Saturday, August 30, and the Oklahoma Pork Council has sponsored the Pork Bowl, offering all fans FREE admission! In addition, Seaboard is sponsoring the pre-game tailgate party and will provide pork burgers and pork on a stick. Tailgate party begins at 5 p.m. near the entrance to Carl Wooten Field. Kick-off is scheduled for 7 p.m., Aggies vs. Fort Lewis College. Plan now to come see your Aggies in Action!

Texas County Fair Books Online

Texas County fair books are online this year. For the past four years, Texas County fair books have been online at www.texascountyfair.org. With rising printing costs, postage and labor, the Texas County Fair Board has again made the fair book available online to help with budgets.

"We value all our fair entrants. Access to the fair book with the ability the search for keywords has been appreciated in the past. We're already

gotten entries just from our website this year. This year's book is ready for viewers to click on now at www.texascountyfair.org," said Rocky Richardson, fair grounds manager.

Hard copies of this year's Texas County fair book are available at the fair grounds at 5th and Sunset in Guyton. The Texas County Fair is August 13th -16th and entry day is August 12th.

Wind Energy and Wildlife Seminar Scheduled for Aug. 8-9

The Panhandle Wind and Wildlife Conference on Aug. 8-9 in Amarillo is an effort to provide landowners with an impartial view of wind energy development, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

AgriLife Extension, the Texas Wildlife Association and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are working together to offer the two-day conference at the Ambassador Hotel, 3100 W. Interstate 40, in Amarillo.

The program will begin with registration at 7:30 a.m. and run through 5 p.m. on Aug. 8. The second day will also begin at 7:30 a.m. with coffee and doughnuts, followed by an 8 a.m. departure for a tour of Wildorado Wind Ranch.

"Getting an impartial handle on all of the ins and outs, the pros and the cons, the advantages and disadvantages, is a daunting task," said Ken Cearley, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist in Canyon.

The meeting is aimed at objectively educating landowners and the general public about the many issues associated with wind energy opportunities that should be considered before signing a contract, including the impacts on wildlife, Cearley said.

Some of the topics covered will be: the history and current state of wind energy; its future and viability; what is known about its impact on wildlife; power transmission issues; and land appraisals and the impact on real estate value by wind energy development.

Discussion panels will include landowners, operators and state-elected officials. Panels also will include rep-

representatives from universities, agricultural organizations, conservation organizations, the wind energy industry and state and federal agencies.

A visit to the Wildorado Wind Ranch will provide participants with an up-close introduction to the day-to-day operations of a wind-energy project, as well as what is involved in site determination and construction, Cearley said.

The fee is \$75. To register, contact Kassi Scheffer at 800-839-9453 or kscheffer@texas-wildlife.org.

For more information on the conference, contact Cearley at 806-651-5760 or kcearley@ag.tamu.edu.

Infection Prevention Topic of August Senior Seminar

West Nile Virus, "superbug" Methicillin-resistant Staph Aureus, shingles, flu and pneumonia are just a few of the infections or illnesses that can seriously affect senior citizens.

How an older person can help prevent the onset of such diseases will be the topic of the August senior seminar. Entitled "Infection Prevention—It's in Your Hands", the seminar will begin at 11 a.m. Aug. 14 at the Amarillo Senior Citizens Center, 1217 S. Tyler, Room 115.

Ona Montgomery, nationally certified in infection control and responsible for infection control at the Amarillo VA Health Care System, will review some key principles to help seniors stay healthy and avoid infections.

"With weakened immune systems, the senior-aged population is at increased risk for easily acquiring infections," said Sue Church, Texas AgriLife Extension Service family and consumer sciences agent for Potter County. "This seminar will help older adults learn how bodies fight infections and reexamine some of the myths about antibiotics."

The seminars are open to the public free of charge. For more information, contact AgriLife Extension - Potter County at 373-0713.

Door prizes will be donated by Scott's Flowers.

Senior Seminars are sponsored by the Potter Coalition on Aging and Amarillo Senior Citizens' Association.

2008 Property Tax Rates in Hansford County

This notice concerns 2008 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	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,997,319	\$ 477,607
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,997,319	\$ 477,607
Last year's tax base	\$ 622,663,902	\$ 620,027,262
Last year's total tax rate	0.32077 /\$100	0.07703 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,995,636	\$ 477,129
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 751,438,883	\$ 748,455,324
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.26557 /\$100	0.06374 /\$100
Total effective tax rate	0.32931 /\$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)	\$ 1,995,636	\$ 477,129
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 751,438,883	\$ 748,455,324
= This year's effective operating rate	0.26557 /\$100	0.06374 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.28681 /\$100	0.06883 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.00000 /\$100	0.00000 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.28681 /\$100	0.06883 /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	0.35564 /\$100	

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Hansford County adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.32931 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2007 taxes by \$18.

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 and Operations	\$3,800,000

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, Tx 79081.

Name of person preparing this notice: Linda Cummings
Title: Tax Assessor-Collector
Date Prepared: July 24, 2008

2008 Property Tax Rates in Hansford Hospital District

This notice concerns 2008 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	\$ 1,728,502
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,728,502
Last year's tax base	\$ 628,041,465
Last year's total tax rate	0.275221 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,727,058
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 751,438,883
= This year's effective tax rate	0.229833 /\$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)	\$ 1,728,107
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 751,438,883
= This year's effective operating rate	0.229973 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.248370 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.000000 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	0.248370 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Hansford Hospital District adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.229833 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2007 taxes by \$120.

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 and Operations	\$4,907,601

Schedule F - Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures

The Hansford Hospital District spent \$33,699 from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 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 \$1,049.

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HANSFORD COUNTY

BETSY DAHL, WAAC

I was born in the Oslo Community of Hansford County and received my first seven years of schooling there in the one room Oslo school. As there was no local high school at the time, I was sent to the Clifton Junior College Academy for my freshman year. Finally Oslo got a school bus, and I completed my last three years at the Gruver High School, graduating in 1938. Then I attended Amarillo Business College before beginning to work for J.B. Cooke, Sheriff and Tax Collector at the Hansford County Court House.

While I was working there, War was declared. On May 14, 1942 President Roosevelt signed a bill creating the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. I had seen Fern Gower, the daughter of Dr. Gower of Spearman, wearing her uniform as a member of the WAVES. This made me want to serve my country, too.

In late summer of 1942, I enrolled at Lubbock, Texas and then reported at Fort Des Moines, Iowa for three months of basic training. Upon completion, I became Private First Class and was assigned as Company Clerk there. I was delighted, as this meant no more mess assignments, such as cleaning the kitchen and mess halls.

Our foot lockers were our big problem. It was to be just so, like a regular male soldier's. Well, we didn't wear the same clothes as they did. Where could we put our bras and other personal items? Sometimes inspection was passed but many times not with never an explanation. Quite often it was left in a mess.

Sometimes we would see General George C. Marshall on a visit. He seemed to enjoy watching our parades the most.

In December, 1942, I was transferred to the now defunct Fort Simms in Washington, D.C., where I was a clerk for the Officers' Payroll (home and overseas). We traveled in a blacked-out train from Des Moines to Washington, D. C.

In March of 1943, I was promoted to Tech 5 grade and became part of the 150th Tech Company of Washington, D. C. In May I was sent back to Fort Des Moines to attend Officers Candidate Course with three other WAACs. After graduating in July, I was commissioned 3rd Officer or 2nd Lieutenant in the WAAC. Next I attended Intermediate Officer School and completed those courses in August. Besides training in leadership, communication, and administration, we also studied hygiene, first aid and marching. We covered so much material that they called us the "90 day wonders".

Due to the distance from Oslo to Des Moines and gas rationing, none of my family could attend my graduation, but two aunts that I had never met, came the 70-miles from Hampton, Iowa to be with me.

By this time a new bill had been passed that discontinued the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. Many conservative army officers, as well as enlisted men, hated the idea of women in the army.

But by this time we had proven we could do our jobs and release the men who had done them to fighting overseas. A new group called the Women's Army Corps became part of the regular army, and everyone was discharged from the first group. Not all re-enlisted, and I was one of those. While I had been away, my only brother, John Dahl, was sworn in the army, and my father had become ill. I was needed on the farm back in Oslo. An honorable discharge on September 18, 1943 ended my military service, but I have never regretted the year I spent in the WAAC.

Before leaving Fort Des Moines, I was able to go to Hampton to see my mother's brothers and their wives who had come to see me graduate. I had never had a furlough, so I was eager to get back home after the little side trip.

Upon my return to Hansford County I again worked under J.B. Cooke at the Court House in Spearman and then became head of the Gruver City and School Tax Office. Jewel Ward and I married and raised a family on the farm southeast of Gruver where Jewel's parents had moved in 1917 when he was 5 months old.

Our son J. W. and his wife Rhonda live in Gruver. Our daughter Karen was the first girl to be born in the Ward family in 40 years. She died at the age of five of leukemia. Our second daughter Ann and her husband Russell McClure live outside Amarillo.

After we had celebrate our Golden Wedding and had two more years, Jewel died January 5, 2001. I still live on the family farm southeast of Gruver. For fun I like to travel, read, and do oil paintings.



Pictures and information for this feature may be submitted to the Reporter-Statesman (310 Barkley Street), mailed to Hansford Heroes, % Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman TX 79081, emailed to reporter@spearmanreporter.com, or they may be given to Dorothy Hudson, 733-2562, 806 Cluck Avenue, Gruver TX 79040, or emailed to dhudson862@gruver.net.

Spearman Booster Club

The Spearman Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, August 4th in the portable building behind the high school. Anyone interested in supporting junior high or high school athletes is invited and encouraged to attend.

If you would like more information, please contact Don Schroeder or Tammy Benton.

The Mandatory Drug Awareness meeting for incoming 7th Grade through 12th Grade boys and girls will be held on August 12, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Spearman High School Auditorium.

This is a mandatory meeting for all students who wish to participate in any UIL sanctioned event.

Spearman Booster Club is in the process of their annual membership drive. Membership dues are \$25 for businesses and \$10 for individuals and families.

If you would like to join the Spearman Booster Club, please contact Kellye Buchanan at 659-5102.

The Spearman Booster Club is also selling ads for the Football Program, Football/Basketball Poster and the Basketball Book. Anyone can join Booster Club at any time, but if you want an ad in the football program on the football/basketball poster and/or in the basketball book, the deadline is August 3rd.

Prices for these ads are as follows:
Football Program: All ads \$25
Football/Basketball Poster: Signature Ad - \$10, 1x2 ad - \$45, 2x2 ad - \$65, 2x3 ad - \$105

Basketball Book: Receive Basketball Book with any of the following: Signature Ad - \$20, 1/16th Page Ad - \$45, 1/8th Page Ad - \$70, 1/4th Page Ad - \$100, Half Page - \$185, Full Page - \$300

If you have not been called or contacted by a Senior, but want to join, please contact Rhonda Baker 659-5056. The deadline for football program ads, poster and basketball book ads is August 3rd.

Texas AgriLife Extension Agriculture Agents Meet in Amarillo

Texas AgriLife Extension Service agriculture and natural science agents from across the state will gather in Amarillo Aug. 3-6 for the annual Texas County Agriculture Agents Association meeting.

The annual meeting, which will be held in the Civic Center and the Ambassador Hotel, is expected to bring 275-300 people to Amarillo, said J.R. Sprague, AgriLife Extension agent in Lipscomb County.

The meeting serves as a venue to update agents on management programs, as well as recognize outstanding agent work on the state level, Sprague said. During a banquet on Aug. 5, the group will present its annual Man of the Year awards to seven individuals from across the state. Guest speakers will be Dr. Ben Welch, director of the Center for Executive Development from the Mays School of Business at Texas A&M University.

John Erickson of Perryton will entertain with his Hank the Cowdog stories.

An auction will be held to raise money for educational scholarships for members, as well as some for youth. A trade show is held in conjunction with the event, with 30 industry booths expected this year, Sprague said.

Professional development tours will be offered to all the agents, he said. Agents will be able to choose one of the following tours: horticulture in Potter County, dairy and cheese in Dallam County, beef and ethanol in Deaf Smith County, and a range and wildlife tour in Roberts County.

Additionally, tours have been set up for spouses to take them shopping around town, and for the youth to visit Palo Duro Canyon, Splash and Wonderland Park.

For more information, contact Sprague at 806-862-4601, jsprague@ag.tamu.edu.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, THAT:

The City of Gruver, Texas proposes to institute annexation proceedings to enlarge and extend the boundary limits of said city to include the following described territory, to-wit:

5.5175 acre tract of land located in the Wm P.B. DuBose Survey, Hansford County, State of Texas, bordering the Fred Cooper Addition at the East City limits of the City of Gruver.

Two public hearings will be held by and before the City Council of the City of Gruver, Texas on the 13th day of August 2008 at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the City Hall of the City of Gruver, Texas, for all persons interested in the above proposed annexation. At said time and place all such persons shall have the right to appear and be heard. Of all said matters and things, all persons interested in the things and matters herein mentioned, will take notice.

Dated this the 29th day of July 2008.

City of Gruver

By **LINDA WELLER**
City Manager

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the governing body of the above named City of Gruver is a true and correct copy of said Notice and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board, in the City Hall of said City in Gruver, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Notice was posted on July 29, 2007 at 9:40 am, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, large print or Braille, are requested to contact Linda Weller at 806-733-2424 prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated this the 29th day of July 2008.

City of Gruver

By **LINDA WELLER**
City Clerk

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HELP WANTED: First State Bank, Spearman, has for a full time position open in bookkeeping. Applicant must have a high school diploma or equivalent, typing and ten-key skills required, customer relation and telephone skills are very important. Background in accounting, word processing and spreadsheets is helpful but not required. Benefit program includes group hospitalization insurance, retirement, vacation pay, sick leave pay and holiday pay. Apply with Ginger Turner at First State Bank, PO Box 247, Spearman, Tx, 79081, (806) 659-5565. Equal Opportunity Employer. 2(7-24-08)B

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Boy Scout Troop Celebrates Summer

Boy Scout Troop 551, of Spearman, has had a busy and fun summer so far this year. We have had a number of fun activities as you can tell by the pictures included. On about May 3 the troop went on a weekend campout to Camp MK Brown, near Wheeler and performed a service project of planting about 50 trees. Also, in May the Troop assisted with the first grade fieldtrip to Lake Palo Duro. The Scouts helped out with fishing and hiking. The Scouts got in a little fishing themselves. June was a very busy month for the boys. Some of the Troop served as staff at the Webelos cub scout camp at Lake Fryer and the Troop

also served the meal at the annual Heritage Days Celebration. The Troop also participated in the Heritage Days Parade as the Color Guard. Right after Heritage Days, the Troop packed their bags and headed to summer camp at Camp MK Brown near Wheeler for a week. We took 10 boys to summer camp and they all were able to earn several merit badges. They also managed to get in a little fishing and boating. Troop 551 was also the winner of the Camp Eco Challenge which is a race involving a number of skills learned in scouting, such as archery, knots and lashings, identifying plants and physical fitness.

The week after summer camp, Jake Willimon and Taos Anderson went to another week long camp at Camp Don Harrington, near Amarillo for National Youth Leader Training. At this camp they learned how to be better leaders for their troop. Their participation in this camp makes them eligible to attend more leader training next year at Philmont Camp near Cimarron, NM. In July the Troop went to a shooting sports camp at Camp Don Harrington. We took nine scouts and seven of the nine took their own shotguns. We were the best armed troop at camp. The guns were kept locked up when not in use. The boys

learned alot about the proper handling of firearms and archery equipment and they did a lot of shooting of bows and arrows, .22 rifles, pellet guns and shotguns. We had several boys place very well in competitions in archery, shotguns, and pellet guns. The boys got to see a demonstration by the Amarillo SWAT team. They had some really cool weapons that made lots of noise. They also got to see a demonstration of blackpowder pistols and

rifles as well as getting to see a number of firearms dating to the middle to latter 1800's. Scouts and leaders who participated in these activities were, Matthew Jarvis, Jake Willimon, Taos Anderson, Conner Wolf, Connor Willimon, Seth Carson, Richard Jarvis, Alan Biggers, Trey Bridwell, Peyton Garnett, Cayton Limbocker, Omar Mendoza, Brock Schroeder, Alex Valles and Beau Brown. Scout

leaders are Britt Jarvis, Mikal Willimon, Bill Carson, Travis Wolf, Kimberly Anderson, Don Schroeder and Will Jarvis. The Scout Troop meets every Tuesday at 7:00 at the Scout Hall which is right behind the O'loughlin Center on 5th Street. Any boy that has completed 5th grade or is at least 11 years old is encouraged to come and have some fun with our Troop.



by Dorothy Hudson
Out at the Lake
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A fitting roost for these buzzards, don't you think, a dead wood pile.

Lake Level--July 28, 2008--18.11 feet (-.68)

Jim reports a routine warm weather week. The Shelter was used on Saturday, and there were a few campers. However, more fishermen were out. Lights ring the Lake at night, and he is hearing more reports of big fish caught.

Jim's picture of the turkey buzzards on the pile of wood sent me to the Birds of Texas

by John I. Tveten. To my surprise I found these big sailplane birds do not build nests. They find a protected spot on a rocky ledge, a hollow log or tree, or even a deserted house to use as a nesting site.

It takes 38 to 41 days to hatch the two white eggs into white downy chicks with black heads. Then after both parents wait on them by regurgitating food for them for 11 weeks, they are ready

to fledge. Buzzards are really vultures, but just as buffalo are bison, I like the old speech habits. These birds are gregarious and hang together except during the time they raise their young. I wonder if Jim's picture means the 4 month period is over, and we will soon see the buzzards flying in the large kettles over the area.

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