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## IN THE NEWS

### Senators eye standard property tax deduction

Homeowners who do not itemize their federal income tax returns would get an additional standard deduction of up to \$1,000 for state and local property taxes under a U.S. Senate bill introduced on Wednesday.

### September 11 charities get share of WTC movie receipts

Four September 11 charities will receive 10 percent of box office receipts for the first five days of director Oliver Stone's new movie "World Trade Center," the charities said on Wednesday.

### Outlook dims in Senate for online gambling bill

Prospects have dimmed for swift U.S. Senate passage of a bill to outlaw most forms of Internet gambling as industry trade groups and lawmakers raise objections, congressional sources said on Wednesday.

### Former President Ford released from Colorado hospital

Former President Gerald Ford was released from a Colorado hospital on Wednesday, two days after he was admitted while suffering shortness of breath, a hospital spokesman said.

### Israel pounds south Lebanon after heavy casualties

Israel launched a heavy air and artillery bombardment of south Lebanon on Thursday after eight Israeli soldiers were killed in the Jewish state's worst 24 hours for casualties in a 16-day-old conflict against Hizbollah.

### Mexican leftist says he is president, vows protests

The leftist contesting Mexico's July 2 election on the grounds of vote-rigging declared himself president on Wednesday and said his supporters would step up a campaign of civil disobedience next week.

### No F-16s to Pakistan without security vow: Rice

Pakistan must provide written security assurances as part of a deal for \$5.1 billion in American-made F-16 fighter jets and no equipment will be transferred until anti-diversion protections are in place, U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has promised Congress.

### Rice says six-way talks on North Korea unlikely at ASEAN

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said on Wednesday she did not anticipate six-party talks over North Korea's nuclear arms activities on the sidelines of the ASEAN conference.

### Iraqi PM speaks to Congress

Seeking to shore up the U.S. military commitment in Iraq, Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki must charm an increasingly skeptical Congress that is wary of his criticism of Israel and concerned about rising violence in Baghdad.

### Saddam prefers firing squad

Saddam Hussein, who had been hospitalized for three days because of a hunger strike, made his last appearance in court Wednesday before it renders a verdict.

### Yates found not guilty

Jurors announced Wednesday that they had reached a verdict after three days of deliberations in the retrial of Andrea Yates, a suburban mother accused of drowning her five young children in a bathtub was found not guilty by reason of insanity.

### 'Green' building booms

A trend that has taken hold across the USA in the past few years is evolving to a new level. What has been a patchwork of "green" buildings in many cities is expanding to whole communities, whole neighborhoods. Portland, well known as an urban-design innovator, is leading the way again.

### Marshals step up protection

Threats against federal judges and other court employees have reached record numbers, the U.S. Marshals Service says.



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## DA Ballman's Reply

At 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25, 2006, District Attorney Clay Ballman called the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. He asked if he could reply to the article that ran in last week's issue. He also stated that the incident report that was printed in the paper was inaccurate.

Following is his response:

To Gary C. Smith:

I have read your article of July 20, 2006, and want to make a brief response. I understand that you made no attempt to contact me for a statement before you printed the article.

The interview I gave the Borger News Herald is accurate and best reflects my statement on the matter. However, the Incident Report you printed in your paper is not accurate.

An officer who never saw my friend or me that night wrote the Incident Report. He is instead quoting from officer Jack Council who was actually present that night. When this report came to my attention over a month after it was written, I contacted officer Council and asked if this is what he had told the other officer. He stated no and further stated he had never seen the report. On July 10, 2006, Officer Council gave an interview to KAMR (Channel 4). He stated on television that neither my friend nor I were intoxicated, and that he saw only two beer cans, not the several quoted in the report.

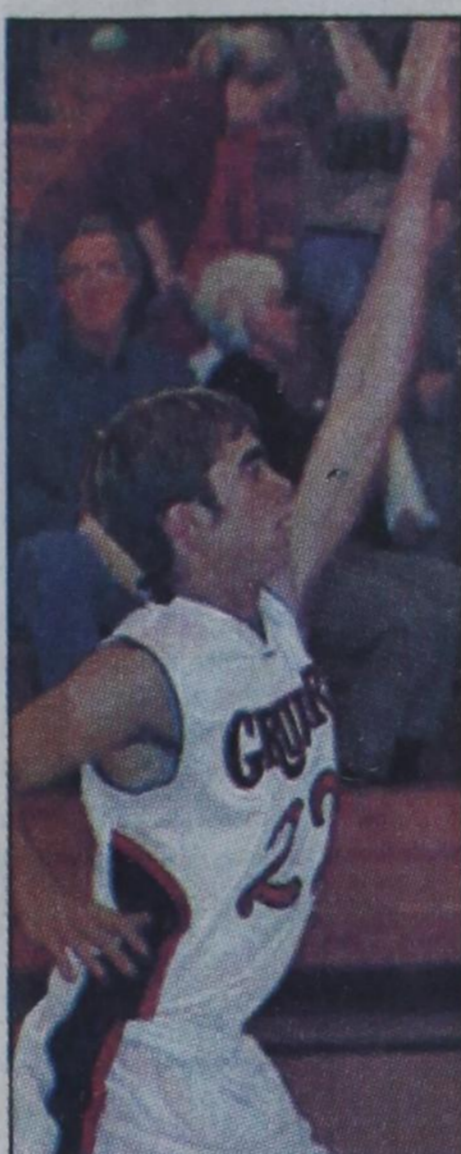
I believe it is best to give emphasis to what officer Richard Lopez has to say about the matter. He was also present that night and made the initial contact with my friend and me. He did not know who I was until the next day. And as with Officer Council, he states there were no signs of intoxication, and he also only saw two beer cans.

Knowing I hold public office, I realize that my personal activities are scrutinized. However, for you to print an incident report in your paper, based on hearsay, which has been repudiated by the quoted officer, and is in direct conflict with statements by the officer who was actually on the scene is -- at best -- unfair to your readers and to my family.

Clay Ballman

At 3:50 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25, the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman contacted the Hutchinson County Sheriff's Department and spoke with Chief Deputy James Qualls. Chief Deputy Qualls insisted that the incident report (67631.1) is accurate.

## Messer to play in THSCA All-Star Basketball Game



Matt Messer

The Texas High School Coaches Association, Inc. (THSCA) is having the THSCA "All-Star Basketball Game" in conjunction with its annual coaching school in Austin, Texas, July 30-August 2, 2006. Matt Messer of Gruver has been chosen as one of the twelve players in the Northern section of the State to play in this North/South competition.

Messer will be traveling to Austin for the game that will be played on Monday, July 31st at 7:30 p.m. in the Frank Erwin Center at the University of Texas. The THSCA handles the transportation and room and board for the all-stars and the players are also presented with a beautifully engraved wristwatch. The THSCA will furnish the game jersey, shoes and game socks which players will be allowed to keep.

Head coach for the North All-Stars will be Jeff Evans of Palo Duro High School in Amarillo. Another 1A athlete playing in the game will be Jake Hoelting of Nazareth. The remainder of the all-star team will be athletes from 2A through 5A divisions in the State.

The THSCA North All-Star Team will be the Home Team. More information can be found at [www.thsca.com](http://www.thsca.com). Messer's parents, Darrel and Lori Messer, will be recognized prior to the tip-off, along with Matt's Houndball Coach, Troy Seagler.

The game will be televised live on Monday, July 31st at 7:30 p.m. on Fox Southwest.

## "Fun Night at the Park"

A fun evening is planned for everyone at the Swimming Pool Park (216 E. 7th Street in Spearman) on Saturday, July 30th.

"Fun Night at the Park" will feature fun, fellowship, competition, and lots of laughs.

"Pokey, the Clown" will be here to conduct the WRCA Junior Ranch Rodeo for young people ages 4-16 years old. Information for teams (4 kids per team) and registration forms will be available by calling Judy Tindell @ 659-2662 or 659-3653, or by stopping by B&B Sales Co. (Thanks, B&B!)

"Pokey" introduced Junior Ranch Rodeo, mirrored after the adult ranch rodeo, in 1997. The goals of the rodeos are to teach young people about our western heritage and to keep the ways of the American cowboy alive. It also teaches young people to act as a team, which is a must for a working ranch.

There will be teams made up of four kids each. These teams will compete in four timed events, "Steer Doctoring", "Steer Branding", "Wild Cow Milking", and "Pony Express". All "live" stock will be handmade wooden cows, steers and horses, NO live animals are used.

In 1998 "Pokey's" Junior Ranch Rodeo's became a part of the WRCA World Championship

Ranch Rodeo held each year in November in Amarillo, Texas. Approximately twelve rodeos are held around the four state area to qualify teams for the championships. There are usually thirty teams competing in Amarillo. In 2001, this event began receiving the sponsorship of The American Quarter Horse Heritage Center and Museum.

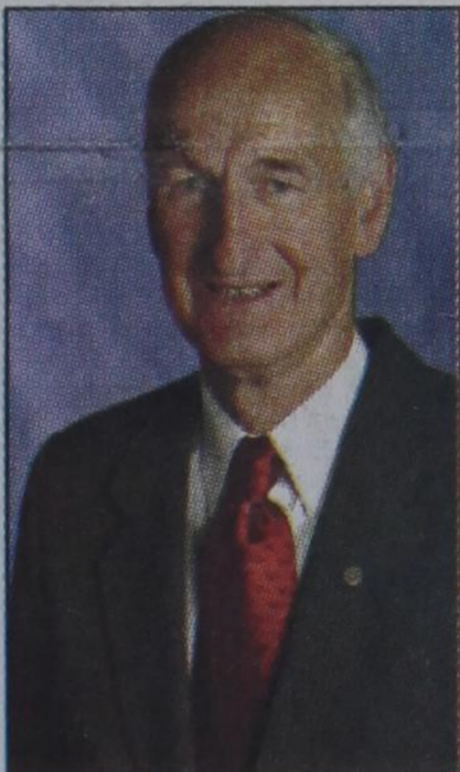
The young people will register at 6 p.m. at the Swimming Pool Park. A table will be clearly marked for this purpose and adults will be there to help them. There is a \$5 entry fee per person (\$20 per team). All information necessary will be on the forms available from Judy.

All proceeds from the WRCA Junior Ranch Rodeo will be donated to Hansford Hospice in Spearman. Donations to Hospice are welcome.

During the evening there will be some fine "livestock" auctioned off. Pokey always brings some of his finest herd. One of these fine steeds would make a wonderful addition to your "Pokey, the Clown" memorabilia or a great gift for some young child. These are handmade stick horses, especially painted for this event.

Mark your calendar now for this fun-filled evening in the Park!

## Rotary's top official to honor Spearman, Amarillo clubs



William S. Boyd will present more than 600 Paul Harris Fellowships to area Rotary members, including 18 in Spearman.

New Zealander William S. Boyd, the president of Rotary International, will travel to Amarillo to attend a banquet on Saturday, July 29th at the Amarillo Civic Center to join in the presentation of more than 600 Paul Harris Fellowships. These Fellowships will be presented to members of many of the 53 clubs in Rotary District 5730, which extends southward from the Texas Panhandle and South Plains to Pecos.

The awards gathering will mark the donation of at least \$260,000 to the Rotary Foundation through the fellowship program named for Harris, who founded the first Rotary Club in 1905 in Chicago.

District Governor Roger Sepulveda will be among those honoring Spearman Rotarians during their regular meeting on Monday, August 7th. Spearman Rotary meets at noon each Monday at the Hungry Cowboy (Hwy 207 south).

Sepulveda will recognize Spearman as for having all their members be Paul Harris Fellows. Local members being honored are: Raymond Birchfield, Rick Hargrove, Jim Derington, Kim Brock, Jason Cantrell, Ginger

Turner, Richie Fletcher, Sally Vaquera, Arbeta Nobles, Larry O'Neal and Maria Sibley. Members who are already Paul Harris Fellows include: Justin Boyd, Gene Cudd, John Hutchison, Bill Pittman, Rick Sander, and Mike Schnell.

He will also assist in the installation of new member Mike Pearson during the August 7th meeting.

Rotarians have contributed more than \$600 million to the foundation's PolioPlus program, which has provided immunization for more than 2 billion children in 122 countries, according to Amarillo Rotarian Tom Higley.

A Paul Harris Fellow is someone who has either contributed \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation or been honored by a \$1,000 contribution made in his or her name.

A \$1,000 donation also qualifies a Paul Harris Fellow to earn an equal number of points with which he or she can honor someone else with a fellowship. Fellows also can split their points to honor several people, who then add their own contributions to reach their individual \$1,000 marks.

The contingent of 619 recipients to be honored at the 6 p.m. banquet Saturday will include 259 new Paul Harris Fellows, and more than 320 people who have achieved "multiple" fellow status will also be recognized.

Thirty-one Rotarians from the district will be inducted into the Paul Harris Society, each having pledged to give \$1,000 a year to the foundation.

Rotary Club of Amarillo and the Spearman Rotary Club will also be honored on Saturday for having all their members be Paul Harris Fellows. The Amarillo organization has more than 100 members, and the Spearman group has about 25.

The visit by Boyd, a retired magazine distribution executive, will be the first by a sitting Rotary International president to Amarillo or the Texas Panhandle, information from Rotary Club of Amarillo said.



Rotary International

Ranks include approximately 1.2 million members in 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries.

Organization milestones:  
1905 - First Rotary club organized in Chicago

1912 - The Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Manitoba, becomes the first club outside the United States to be officially chartered

1917 - Endowment fund, forerunner of The Rotary Foundation, established

1985 - Rotary announces PolioPlus program to immunize all the children of the world against polio

Source: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## NOTICE!

The deadline to submit news and advertising to the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman is Monday at 5 p.m. Items submitted after the deadline will be published at a later date, as time and space permit.

For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 659-3434, or e-mail to [cathysmith@antden.com](mailto:cathysmith@antden.com)



Garold McDaniel was named Chief of Police for the Spearman Police Department by the City Council during their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 25, 2006. McDaniel has served as interim chief since July 1, following the resignation of Lance Swan.

## LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Light and variable winds.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 90s. Light and variable winds becoming southeast around 10 mph in the afternoon.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

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

upper 60s. SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs around 100.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## LIVESTOCK, CROP & WEATHER

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Temperatures were above average to near normal. Soil moisture is short to very short. Corn has tasseled and is in mostly fair to good condition. Spider mites are increasing, and corn borer moths are active. Cotton varies from very poor to excellent. Peanuts, sorghum and soybeans are rated mostly fair. Corn leaf aphids are present in most sorghum. Range conditions have deteriorated. Cattle are rated in fair to good condition.

Live,  
Laugh &  
Love



by Catherine R. Smith  
cathysmith@antden.com

My dear friend Brenton Haworth sent me the following entitled "You know you're in Oklahoma when..." (I believe the same could be said for Texas, though)

## You Know You're In Oklahoma when...

- The birds have to use potholders to pull worms out of the ground.
- The trees are whistling for the dogs.
- The best parking place is determined by shade instead of distance.
- Hot water now comes out of both taps.
- You can make sun tea instantly.
- You learn that a seat belt buckle makes a pretty good branding iron.
- The temperature drops below 95 and you feel a little chilly.
- You discover that in July it only takes 2 fingers to steer your car.
- You discover that you can get sunburned through your car window.
- You actually burn your hand opening the car door.
- You break into a sweat the instant you step outside at 7:30 a.m.
- Your biggest bicycle wreck fear is, "What if I get knocked out and end up lying on the pavement and cook to death?"
- You realize that asphalt has a liquid state.
- The potatoes cook underground, so all you have to do is pull one out and add butter, salt and pepper.
- Farmers are feeding their chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying boiled eggs.
- The cows are giving evaporated milk.

May God bless and keep you; May He make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)

## Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

What is the relationship of God with his people in this world? We study 2 Kings 4:42-44, Psalm 145:10-19, Ephesians 3:14-21 and John 6:1-21. The prophet Elisha receives a food offering, meant for God, and he commands a servant to set it before the hungry people and let them eat. The barley loaves were the food of the poor, but when it was set forth, there was plenty for all to eat and to have some left. The Lord provided for his people through the small gift of one man.

The Psalmist sings of the relation of God to man. The observant Jew was to recite this Psalm three times a day after meditation. Why, because in v. 16 it sets forth the character of God, "You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing". Meditate on this and remember last week in Psalm 23, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want". Consider that neither psalm says "You will have everything that you will ever want". But as long as we have faith in God, we shall not "want".

Paul prays for the early faith community, "that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith". What is "faith"? What does "faith" have to do with our relationship with God? Consider that faith is more than belief that God exists, more than something that we can possess as we possess our car. "Faith" is the gift of God through His grace. Yes, "Faith" is an on-going process; it is a relationship with God that we must renew daily. This is why "doubt" is not to have a lack of "faith"; doubt is a matter of growth in faith, when God has granted us greater understanding of our relationship with Him. Study this carefully, meditate on it.

Jesus is teaching a large crowd. The crowd is hot and hungry, Jesus asks how they shall be fed. Philip, a resident of Bethsaida, knows the region and tells Jesus it would take six months salary to buy food for all the crowd. Andrew, brings a boy to Jesus, the boy gives Jesus all the food he has, five barley loaves and three fish. Jesus has the disciples seat the crowd; Jesus blesses the food; the disciples distribute the food. All eat and are satisfied, and we are told that they gather twelve baskets of leftovers. Jesus has fed the people, just as Elisha fed the people. The people seek to make Jesus King by force; Jesus escapes. The disciples are rowing a boat with difficulty across four miles of lake, the wind blows, the "sea" gets rough. Jesus appears and says "ego eimi [I Am], be not afraid".

This story shows us that Jesus is able to provide for us, but He does not want us to follow Him because He gives us what we want. This story shows that Jesus, although busy with the crowd, did not forget His disciples; He watched over them; He came to them; He brought them to safety. So also He provides for and watches over each of us who believe. May the Holy Spirit through grace grant you daily that faith you need to persevere and prosper.

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## INVENTIONS

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Female sheep, pl.</li> <li>5. Independent Arabian chieftain</li> <li>9. Legendary NFL quarterback Graham</li> <li>13. Marconi's "practical wireless telegraphy"</li> <li>15. Better than never</li> <li>16. Livestock food</li> <li>17. Ar, one of 6 inert gases</li> <li>18. Type of stream or coast</li> <li>19. Ran away</li> <li>20. Alexander Fleming's discovery</li> <li>23. Half the width of em in printing, pl.</li> <li>24. One of the Testaments</li> <li>25. Compact masses often related to cancer</li> <li>27. Some or every or all without specification</li> <li>28. Person in charge of a particular thing</li> <li>30. Clinton or Gates</li> <li>33. "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" author</li> <li>35. Same as luff, pl.</li> <li>38. One of the hipbones, pl.</li> <li>39. Swelling of human organs</li> <li>41. Cuzco valley empire</li> <li>42. That which is proclaimed as true without proof</li> <li>44. Eagerness or ardor</li> <li>45. Dissenting clique</li> <li>46. Overnight lodging from travelers</li> <li>48. Make lacework by knotting or looping</li> <li>50. When on a cruise</li> <li>51. Unit of electrical resistance named after a German physicist</li> <li>52. "Rub A Dub Dub" vessel</li> <li>53. Ford's Model T</li> <li>59. Malaria symptom</li> <li>61. ----caca, South American lake</li> <li>62. Exalts</li> <li>64. Plant stem</li> <li>65. What editors do</li> <li>66. Master of ceremonies</li> <li>67. Often found atop scepters</li> <li>68. Nesses' loch</li> <li>69. Not straight anymore</li> </ol> | <p><b>DOWN</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Paleozoic or Victorian, e.g.</li> <li>2. Time distortion in science fiction</li> <li>3. Movie "Bridget Jones: The ___ of Reason"</li> <li>4. Priory of ___ in "The Da Vinci Code"</li> <li>5. Chilly</li> <li>6. Heavy, long-handled hammer</li> <li>7. Contraction of "it will"</li> <li>8. Popular free item at fast-food restaurants</li> <li>9. Bug spray</li> <li>10. A. G. Bell is widely considered to be its foremost inventor</li> <li>11. Those of age 13 through 19</li> <li>12. "Against all ___"</li> <li>14. Brings tears in the kitchen</li> <li>21. Bonnie's bank-robbing partner</li> <li>22. Nothing</li> <li>26. Advocate of Maoism</li> <li>27. Los ____, where the bomb was built</li> <li>28. Ancient round invention</li> <li>29. ___-Ata</li> <li>30. Offer farewell</li> <li>31. International Labor Organization</li> <li>32. Thomas Edison's invention</li> <li>34. Tool used to shape a wooden wheel</li> <li>36. Federal Communications Commission</li> <li>37. College entrance exam</li> <li>40. Poetic although</li> <li>43. Seawards</li> <li>47. Make taut</li> <li>49. Walk leisurely</li> <li>50. Read tea leaves, e.g.</li> <li>51. Delects</li> <li>52. Mexican cuisine staple</li> <li>54. Rises and falls in ocean</li> <li>55. Performer of "(Sittin' On) the Dock of the Bay"</li> <li>56. Stressed-unstressed pattern in poetry</li> <li>57. Co-Founder of Time, Inc.</li> <li>58. Cain lived East of it</li> <li>60. 1/6 inch in printing, pl.</li> <li>63. Arrange</li> </ol> |
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**Gruver Cemetery Seeking Donations for Improvements**  
In the near future, the Gruver Cemetery Association will be adding roads and driveways to allow access and expansion in the new section of the cemetery. We are asking area citizens and those with loved one interred in the Gruver Cemetery to make donations and memorials to help the committee complete the work that is needed and to maintain the cemetery in such a way that reflects the honor and respect our loved ones deserve. For more information, contact Rick Barkley, President of the Gruver Cemetery Association, at (806) 733-2500. Please make all donations and memorials payable to the Gruver Cemetery Association, and mail them to Margaret Ralston, Treasurer of the Gruver Cemetery Association, at P.O. Box 629, Gruver, Texas 79040.

**Pringle-Morse & Campbell's Team Up**  
Over the past 32 years, Campbell's Labels for Education program has delivered over \$105 million in free merchandise to schools nationwide. To kick-off this years label collection drive, Pringle-Morse CISD School is asking parents, teachers and friends in the community to collect Campbell product labels that can be redeemed for free educational merchandise. For more information on how to be a part of Pringle-Morse CISD School's Labels for Education contact VeAnn Clark, at 806-733-2507 or mail labels to Pringle-Morse CISD, Box 109, Morse, Texas 79062. The 2006-2007 program began June 1, 2006. Pringle-Morse School appreciates your continued support.

**Benefit Fund Established for Shelley Jean Pledger**  
An account has been set up at First State Bank in Spearman to help the family of Shelley Jean Smith Pledger. Donations may be made at First State Bank.

**Medical Fund Established for William Bettis**  
A medical fund has been established at Gruver State Bank in Gruver for the William Bettis family. William was seriously injured in an automobile accident. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

**Panhandle Crisis Center offers new Online Hotline**  
The Panhandle Crisis Center is joining a new Online Hotline, where individuals seeking help due to sexual assault can chat live with trained volunteers giving secure crisis support to victims, their families and friends. The Panhandle Crisis Center is seeking volunteers for this Online Hotline. For more information, call Janice at 435-5008 or 1-800-753-5308.

**Breast Cancer Screening Clinic**  
The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S Roland, in Spearman on August 28, 2006. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

**Spearman Booster Club**  
Spearman Booster Club will meet Sunday afternoon, July 30th at 3:00 p.m. in the First National Bank Hospitality Room. Everyone is invited to attend. We will be planning for the upcoming school year for all sports. Everyone is welcome to attend. You do not need to be a parent of child in sports or school to participate! We would love to have all interested! For more information contact Rick Howard, Kyle Nollner or Art Maestas.

**Hansford County Circle of Friends**  
Hansford County Circle of Friends will host a membership party in support of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center on August 17, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. The event, featuring a steak dinner, auction and raffle, will be held at the O'Loughlin Center. Circle of Friends is a non profit volunteer organization founded to support the philosophy and goals of The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center. The purpose of the Circle of Friends is to provide cancer patients and their families with financial assistance in times of crisis and to support programs in cancer treatment, education and research. For more information or reservations please contact Cathy Davis at 806-733-5061 or Barbara Stavlo at 806-733-2600. Tickets are \$20 per person and \$35 per couple.

**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 get the extra help he or she needs if the disability interferes with his or her education. Please call your elementary campus to get more information or call Perryton SSA, 435-4412. Our staff will answer your questions about early intervention.

**8th Grade Graduation Pictures Available to Pick Up**  
The 8th grade graduation pictures are in and may be picked up at the Spearman ISD Business Office, 403 E. 11th St., Mon.-Thurs., 8 a.m.- 12 noon and 1-5 p.m.

**33rd Annual Banker's Golf Tournament**  
The 33rd Annual Banker's Golf Tournament will be held July 29th & 30th at the Hansford Golf Club. This two-man scramble is hosted each year by First State Bank and Gruver State Bank. The field is limited to 54 teams and there will be 6 flights. For more information, contact First State Bank (659-5565) or Gruver State Bank (733-5061).

**Spearman Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament**  
The Spearman Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament has been changed from August 12th & 13th to September 16th & 17th. For more information, or to sign up, contact Keith Hight at 659-5555.

**Top of Texas Quilt Shop Hop**  
Ten quilt shops in our regional area have joined together for the 4th Annual Top of Texas Quilt Shop Hop, providing a fun-filled weekend for anyone who enjoys quilting and fabric arts. The theme for this year is "Summer Time Fun at the Park." Door prizes, refreshments and special gifts will be given to all who visit the quilt shops from Thursday, July 27th-Sunday, July 30th. For a complete list of participating businesses, contact Jo's This 'n That at 659-3999, 300 Main Street in Spearman.

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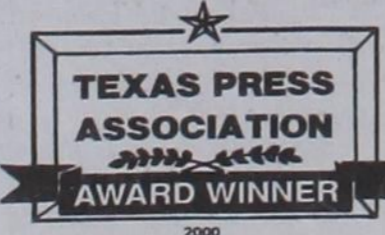
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# Happy Birthday!

Editor's Note: This Happy Birthday list is run as a public service by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. We apologize if any names are misspelled. If you know of a name that needs to be changed, added or deleted, please call 659-3434.

Thank you, Catherine

## July 27

**Birthday** - Tracy Beville, Misty Kauffman, Marvin Jones, Bobby Don Smith, Nancy McIntyre, Kay Beeson, Bob Dennis, Frank Salgado Jr., Olivia Renteria, Michael Wayne Ross, Carl Kizzar, Donny McMahan, Josh Lackey, Robin Capps, Ashley Swan, Bill Hand, Ryan Phillips, Able Eaton, Valerie Burnum

**Anniversary** - Bos & Sis Stator, Keith & Jodie Hight, Ed & Tanja Whitefield, Ronald & Elaine Swan, M/M Owen Montgomery, M/M Sonny Patterson, Tom & Beth Dortch, M/M Lonnie Clemmons

## July 28

**Birthday** - Letecia Favela, Holly Hart, Jordan Hicks, Wendy Rodriguez, Ray Gibson, Frances Williams, Jo Garcia Jr., Lee Shaver, Marlane Taylor, Maria Ochoa, Reagan Karlin, Wendy Rodriguez, Patsy Reddin, Verlin Winegarner

**Anniversary** - Harry & Hazel Stumph, M/M Alfred Bayless, M/M Ted Vela

## July 29

**Birthday** - Macee Casdorph, Rex Ralston, Brent Stedje, Scott Stedje, Martin Ochoa Jr., Kammy Goodheart, Lucille Hagerman, Robert Graham, Christi Close, Tracy Wilson, Kenny Red, Carol Rushing, Valorie Shields, Aaron Witten, Tanner Hand, Kristi Ramon, Jessica Montgomery, Richard Trantham, LoRee Booth, Ruth Mary Whitson, Mae Wofford, Dallas Trosper, Marlee Castillo, Tracy Burk, Pete Vera IV

**Anniversary** - M/M Jack Sparks, Teddy & Mary Lou Vela, Betty & Ron Dunaway, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Dahl, Richey & Karen Thompson

## July 30

**Birthday** - John Reed, Pat Tucker, Jim Nicholson, Lynn Ann Sanders, Ronda Cook, Pamela Cates, Sandra Cummings, Kara Pipkin, Raquel Saldivar, Alec Cenicerros, Alice Cook, Katie Gibson, Johnny Bennett, Joanne Graves

**Anniversary** - M/M Davin Winger, M/M Alfred Avila, M/M Hoyle Holliday

## July 31

**Birthday** - Mary Ruth Connelly, Bonnie Jones, Kathy Vanlandingham, Danna Close, Sherry Brand, Jessie Burke,

Jody Harnish, Hector Nava, Mike Slater, Ronnie Lusby, Cary Collier, Cecil Biggers, Jennifer Marrs, Cody Reynolds, Nancy Garcia

**Anniversary** - Doug & Shannon Barnes, Jason & Amber TeBeest

## August 1

**Birthday** - Lisa Link, Kyle Irwin, Frankie Leatherman, Annie Mayhew, Gyene Spivey, Benjamin Williams, Johnnie Williams, Ronnie Williams, Tommy Lovett, Jo Brown, Leann Swan, Yvonda Stokes, Anita Clemmons, Kevin Kirk, Rob Barber, Kelli McWhirter, David Swan, Jim Scarborough, Kiki West, Hershey Martin, Joyce Crooks, Alfonso Cenicerros, Larry Trosper, Patricia Quillin, Gabriel Lopez, Sara Wright

**Anniversary** - M/M Mike Minter, M/M Tommy Cathey, Jr.

## August 2

**Birthday** - Eddie Clemmons, Mary Brock, Frosty Hickerson, Dirk Umphress, Colby Griffin, Earl Griffin, Daniel Bort, Yuki Bort, Misty Vera, Roland Graeber, Neely Hicks, Ryan Wells

**Anniversary** - M/M Billy Kelly, M/M Larry Hays, M/M Dan Ralston

## August 3

**Birthday** - Clay Gillispie, Tyson Sparks, Mary Wisinger, Laurie Swenn, Kent Guthrie, Kenneth Coates, Olivia Salgado, Sam Abston, Dibrell Kirk, Racheal Garza, Tencha Cazares, Olivia DeSantiago, Maxine Little

**Anniversary** - M/M Don Schroder, M/M Shane Reagan

## August 4

**Birthday** - Jim Derington, Marjorie Hendricks, Penny Gammil, Mrs. Dick Kilgore, Cindy McGhee, Jeanetta Montgomery, Billy Joe Rhea, Mike Riley, V.L. Williamson, Nikki Swenn, Misty Pointer, Shelly Rook, Ramon Rosales, Renee Allen, Joe Allen Bullard, Bond Grace Pittman, Lee Blevins, Lane Salmans, Dawn Weak, Rachel Abernathy, Ronnie Cogdill, Karen Hartgraves

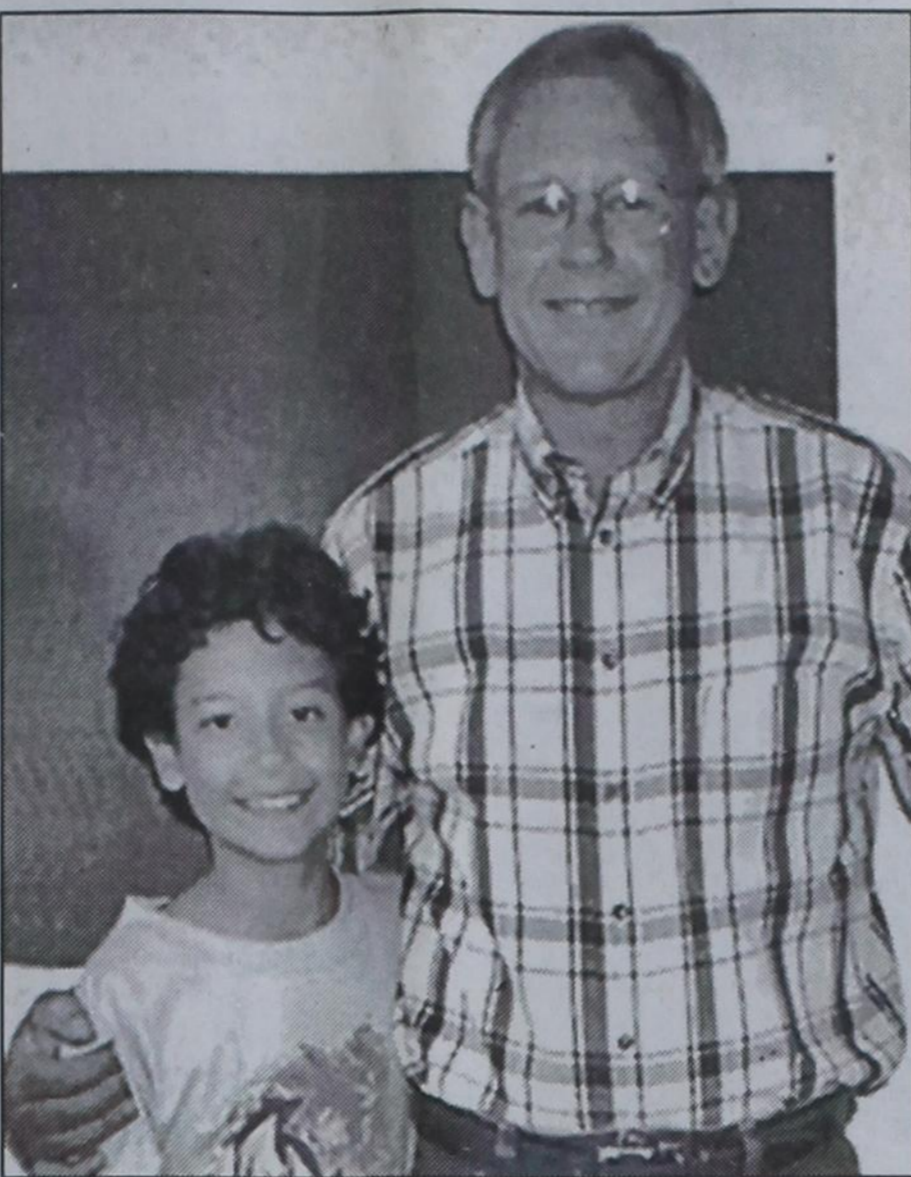
**Anniversary** - M/M Joe Vanderburg, M/M Joe Bravo, M/M E.A. Williams, M/M Ronnie E. Williams

## August 5

**Birthday** - Chase Reagan, Beth Ann Holt, Tina Adams, Billy Miller, Shirley Stafford, Erin Boxwell, Stephen Poole, Emidia Borunda, Paul Winn, Maria A. Parra, Susan Renick, Rodney Sumner

**Anniversary** - M/M J Garnett, M/M Roy Flowers, M/M Samuel Sanchez, Danny & Debby Herrington, Rich & Helen Melton

## Derington named BBBS Volunteer of the Month



Big Brother Jim Derington (right) with his Little Brother, Kevin.

Jim Derington has been named June Volunteer of the Month by Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Derington was matched with his Little Brother, Kevin, through the organization's school based program, Bigs in Schools, at Spearman Junior High on 9-19-05. The match transitioned to the community based program on May 30th.

This award recognizes a "Big" who has connected with the "Little" in a special way or gone above and beyond to establish and nurture the relationship. It is designed to communicate appreciation for the difference the volunteer is making in the child's life. "We have so many wonderful people involved in our program," Kimberley Lopez, agency case manager, said. "Each one demonstrates a commitment to helping kids that constantly amazes me! Every child who is helped by our program is helped by a volunteer. This award is just one way to say thank you."

Derington and his Little Brother have met together every Monday since September. They have enjoyed playing UNO and monopoly as well as sports on the playground. "Kevin is really talkative, so he makes it easy," Derington said. "He is a wonderful young man. I enjoy meeting with him."

Kevin wrote a letter to share what he thought about Jim after they had only been matched a couple of months. He wrote that Jim is "special for so many things - like you are kind to others. I remember the other day when we were playing soccer or the other time we played football and Frisbee. Those times might not have been a long time but it's already a memory and a nice one too...You make me feel special when I'm around you - like a baby when it's playing with his dad. You've made a difference in my life by changing the sadness of my dad's death into happiness. Thanks for being my Big Brother."

Matches in the school program do not have contact outside of school by phone or in person. "Whenever I talked with Kevin about his match, the only thing he wished were different was having more time to spend with Jim," Lopez said. "So when it came time to put the match on hold over the summer, the two of them decided to start meeting as a community based match."

Through this program, the volunteer and child meet for about two hours a week and do things like work in the yard, bake cookies, play games, run errands, go to ballgames or church and community events. "The point is not to find two more hours in your busy schedule, it is to invite the child along with you to participate in activities that you and your family already do," Lopez explained.

So far, Derington and Kevin have gone fishing and to the movies and spent time at the lake watching wildlife. "I asked Kevin if his match with Jim is what he thought it would be," Lopez said. "He said, 'No - it's funner!'"

Kevin is one of 16 children matched in Perryton, Spearman and Booker through the agency's community program. Anyone interested in learning more about the program may call Lopez at 434-0016 or toll free at 1-877-716-3424.

## Our Sympathy

### ANNALEE PITTMAN

SPEARMAN - Annalee Pittman, 89, died Thursday, July 20, 2006. Services were at 10 a.m. Saturday in Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home Chapel in Perryton with the Rev. Mindy McLanahan, Mrs. Pittman's granddaughter, officiating. Burial was in Ochiltree Cemetery in Perryton by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mrs. Pittman was born Aug. 12, 1916, in Lineville, Iowa, to Wayne and Grace Lovett. She married Bill McLanahan on June 15, 1934; she later married Wendell Pittman on Dec. 17, 1982, in Spearman.

Survivors include a daughter, Virginia Lane of Balko, Okla.; a sister, May Linn Ayres of Spearman; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to a favorite charity.

### J.W. Sebastian

BORGER - J.W. Sebastian, 82, died Sunday, July 23, 2006 at Northwest Texas hospital in Amarillo.

Services are pending.

Mr. Sebastian was born July 29, 1923 in Benson, Louisiana.

He was a millwright worker in the petroleum industry. He was a Borger resident and a member of the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Elizabeth Marjorie Sebastian in 1981.

He is survived by his wife, Alta Ruth; two daughters; Charlotte Bates of Lampasas, and Carla Landy of Indianapolis, Ind.; one son, Ronnie Sebastian of Dallas; one brother, Oran Sebastian of Thomson, Ga., and several grandchildren, including a step-grandson, Damon Sibley of Spearman.

Arrangements are entrusted to Brown Funeral Directors of Borger.

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## Cluck's celebrate golden anniversary

Del and Barbara Cluck of Gruver recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with their immediate family at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs. Ralph Delano Cluck and Barbara Jean Bort were married on June 22, 1956, in the Gruver Methodist Church. Since then, they have made their home in Gruver where they have farming and ranching interests.



Children of the couple are Nanette Cluck Haines and husband, Tom, of Roswell, New Mexico, and Brad Cluck and wife, Mary, of Amarillo. Grandchildren are Bennett Haines and Maison Haines of Roswell, and Samuel Cluck and Maddie Cluck of Amarillo.

## It's Twin Boys!

Joe and Kyna (Shields) Hudson announce the birth of their sons, Garrett and Baylen, born early April 15, 2006 in Amarillo, Tx. The twins weighed in at 2 lbs. 8 oz. and were 15 inches long.



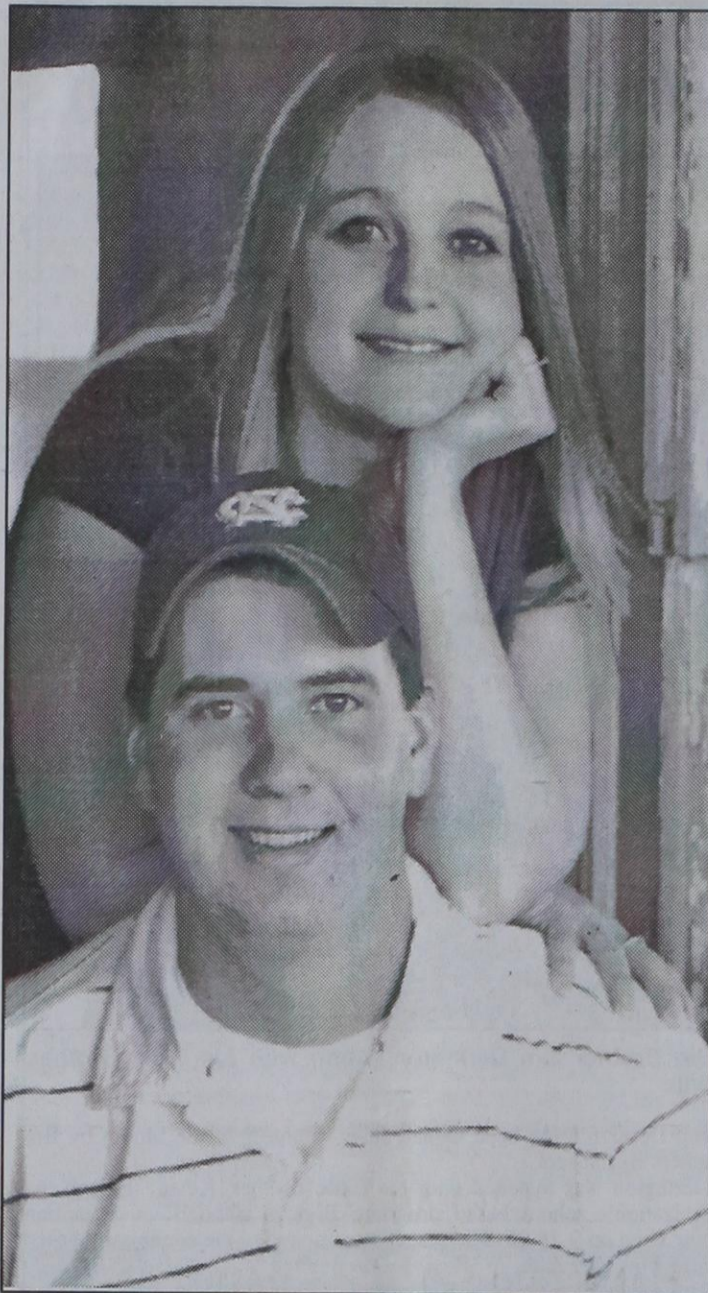
Grandparents are Lonnie and Le Ann Shields of Spearman, And Richard and Pamela Hudson of Amarillo. Great-grandparents are Leland and Pat Reeves of Oklahoma, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Garrett of Tennessee and Nor and the late J.T. Hudson of Michigan. The boys are home now doing fine and weighing over 7 lbs.

## It's A Boy!

Phillip and Lynna Renner are proud to announce the arrival of their grandson, Grant Renner Haynes. Grant was born July 17, 2006 in Amarillo. He weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. Proud parents are Ronda and Leonard Haynes of Clarendon. Great-grandparents are Glen Mackie, Eloise Renner and Norma Jean Mackie, all of Spearman and Dertye Haynes of Johnson City, TX. Grandparents are Frank and Brenda Haynes of Round Mountain, TX.

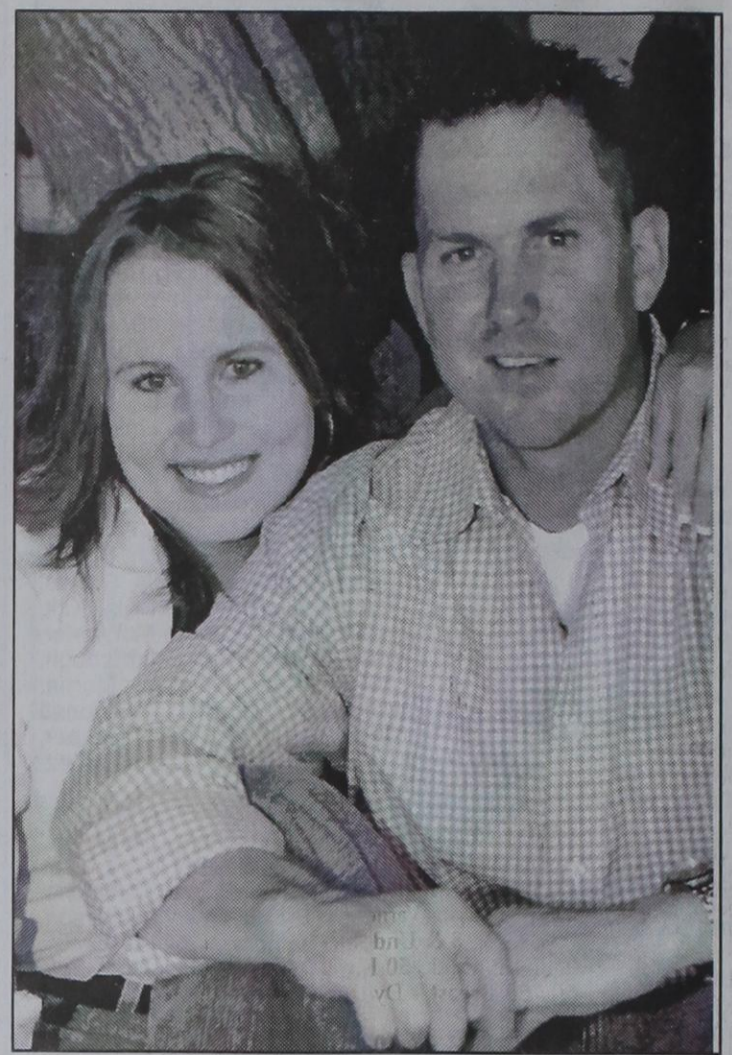
## High Plains Observer

by Gary Smith, Publisher  
There is a new internet web site that is worth observing. It is called the High Plains Observer and it includes news and happenings from Hansford County. It is a very well designed website and it contains useful information. You can find the website at [www.highplainsobserver.com](http://www.highplainsobserver.com).



## Engagement Announcement

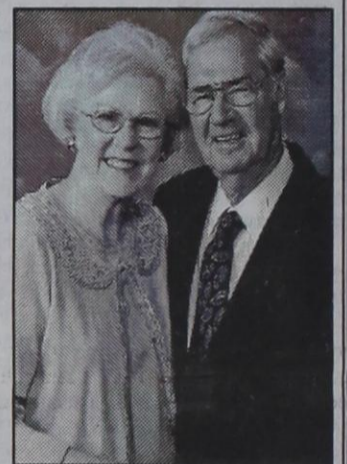
Tiffanye Leigh Ross and George Edward King, both of Elk City, announce their engagement and upcoming wedding plans. Tiffanye is the daughter of Jerry and Laurie Ross of Elk City. She is the granddaughter of Melvin and Nikki Swenn of Spearman and Jerry Ross and the late Pat Ross of Claude. George is the son of Paul and Gloria King of Elk City. He is the grandson of Eugene and Gertrude Kamphaus of Canute and the late W.H. Kamphaus and May King of Elk City and the late E.W. King. Tiffanye is a 2003 graduate of Elk City High School. She recently graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University with a degree in accounting. She is employed with MidCon Compression of Weatherford and will work in the Chesapeake office in Elk City. George is a 2003 graduate of Merritt High School. He graduated from Spart Aeronautics with a degree in aviation maintenance. He is currently employed at Schlumberger in Elk City. The couple will exchange vows on August 5, 2006 at 3 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church in Elk City. They will make their home in Elk City.



## Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Darby Adams of Lubbock wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Alexis Adams, to Ryon Atwood. Ryon is the son of Phil and Toni Atwood of Gruver. Alexis graduated in 2006 from West Texas A&M with a master of science degree in animal science. She is currently the equine specialist at Hi-Pro Feeds. After attending Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell, OK and playing arena football in Charleston, South Carolina, Ryon is currently employed by Cactus Feeders in the engineering and fabrication department. The wedding is set for September 16, 2006 at Country home Weddings in Canyon, Texas.

Beth and Tom Dortch request the pleasure of your company to celebrate 50 years of marriage. A reception hosted by their daughters, Teresa and Vicki and their husbands, will be held on July 29, 2006 from 6-9 p.m. in the Morse Community Building.



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The couple request no gifts, please.

You are invited to attend a  
**Baby Shower**  
honoring  
Grant Renner Haynes

(son of Ronda (Renner) & Leonard Haynes)  
on Saturday, August 5th  
from 10:00-11:30 a.m.  
in the home of Ginger Pittman  
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You are invited to attend a  
**Bridal Shower**  
honoring  
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(bride-elect of Eric Vasquez)  
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- Lori Green & Eric Vasquez - July 29
- Marcy Cherry & Taos Weldon - Aug. 19
- Laurie Soane & Chris Strawn - Aug. 26
- Kasandra Drennan & Donnie Davis - Sept. 2
- Halee Beasley & Steve Scott - Sept. 9
- Brianne Burkhammer & Erick Eslick
- Hillary Holmes & Matt Archer
- LaDonna Campbell & Chris Parks
- Laura Long & Kolby Sumner
- Jessica Crossland & Matt Dunninghoo
- Andi Hager & John Stafford
- Micha Lewis & Brandon Casdorff
- Jessica (Moreno) & Steve Villegas
- Farrell Farley & Garrett Griffin

### Wedding Dates

- Alexis Adams & Ryan Atwood - Sept. 16

## Baby Registry

- Ronda (Renner) & Leonard Haynes
- Heather Hamilton
- Steffany & Jason Ward

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### Couples Currently Registered

- Kassi Wilson & Steven Foster - TBA
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- Marcy Cherry & Taos Weldon - Aug. 19
- Laurie Soane & Chris Strawn - Aug. 26
- Halee Beasley & Steve Scott - Sept. 9
- Kasandra Drennan & Donnie Davis
- Sarah Stanfield & Tanner Hand
- Angela (Bivins) & Coley Griffin
- Terry McCann & Michael Witten
- Hillary Holmes & Matt Archer
- Brianne Burkhammer & Erick Eslick
- LaDonna Campbell & Chris Parks
- Jessica Crossland & Matt Dunninghoo
- Micha Lewis & Brandon Casdorff
- Andie Hager & John Stafford
- Laura Long & Kolby Sumner
- Farrell Farley & Garrett Griffin
- Tisha Ralston & Eric Cudd

## Baby Registry

- Heather Hamilton
- Leonard & Ronda (Renner) Haynes - TBA
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### Three pool records set at Championship Swim Meet

Taylor Varnon set three pool records at the Combined Championship Swim Meet held on July 15-16 at Hays, Kansas. She set the pool record individually in the 8 & Under Girls 50 meter butterfly and the 50 meter backstroke as well as being a member of the 200 meter freestyle relay team.

Other girls on the record setting relay team were Payton Harrell, Brantly Shields, and Lilly Patterson. Taylor was also the champion in the 50 meter freestyle, 50 meter breast stroke, 200 Individual Medley, and the 200 Medley Relay team. Payton Harrell, Brantly Shields, and Lilly Patterson were also on the winning 200 Medley Relay team.

Other individual champions from Spearman were Dylan Kemp in the 50 meter breaststroke and 50 meter butterfly, and Blaine Pack in the 800 freestyle.

Spearman placed fifth in the team results. The Stingrays swam against 10 other teams from Kansas and Oklahoma.

These are the results for the Spearman swimmers.

**8 & Under Girls**  
**200 Free Relay** - Spearman 1st (Pool Record) - Taylor Varnon, Payton Harrell, Brantly Shields, Lilly Patterson, Spearman - 9th - Finley Garnett, Abby Howell, Ryanne Howell, Carlee Johnson; **50 Free** - Taylor Varnon - 1st, Payton Harrell - 4th, Brantly Shields - 10th, Finley Garnett - 32nd, Carlee Johnson - 36th, Lilly Patterson - 38th, Abby Howell - 40th, Ryanne Howell - 41st; **50 Fly** - Taylor Varnon - 1st (Pool Record), Payton Harrell - 2nd; **50 Back** - Taylor Varnon - 1st (Pool Record), Brantly Shields - 7th, Payton Harrell - 8th, Finley Garnett - 23rd, Carlee Johnson - 25th; **50 Breast** - Taylor Varnon - 1st, Payton Harrell - 2nd, Brantly Shields - 11th; **200 IM** - Taylor Varnon - 1st, Payton Harrell - 2nd; **100 Free** - Taylor Varnon - 2nd, Payton Harrell - 4th, Brantly Shields - 12th, Lilly Patterson - 25th; **200 Medley Relay** - Spearman - 1st - Brantly Shields, Payton Harrell, Taylor Varnon, Lilly Patterson

**8 & Under Boys**  
**50 Free** - Dylan Kemp - 6th; **50 Fly** - Dylan Kemp - 1st; **50 Back** - Dylan Kemp - 5th; **50 Breast** - Dylan Kemp - 1st; **100 Free** - Dylan Kemp - 3rd

**9 & 10 Girls**  
**200 Free Relay** - Spearman - 4th - Kim Gibson, Hannah Patterson, Slade Garnett, Jayme Pack; **50 Free** - Slade Garnett - 4th, Kim Gibson - 19th, Jayme Pack - 26th, Hannah Patterson - 29th; **50 Fly** - Slade Garnett - 5th, Kim Gibson - 7th, Hannah Patterson - 12th, Jayme Pack - 18th; **50 Back** - Jayme Pack - 16th, Hannah Patterson - 19th, Kim Gibson - 20th; **50 Breast** - Hannah Patterson - 3rd, Kim Gibson - 8th, Slade Garnett - 13th, Jayme Pack - 15th; **200 IM** - Slade Garnett - 5th, Hannah Patterson - 10th, Jayme Pack - 11th; **100 Free** - Slade Garnett - 4th, Kim Gibson - 11th, Hannah Patterson - 18th, Jayme Pack - 20th; **200 Medley Relay** - Spearman - 3rd - Kim Gibson, Hannah Patterson, Slade Garnett, Jayme Pack; **200 Free** - Slade Garnett - 5th, Kim Gibson - 9th, Jayme Pack - 18th

**9 & 10 Boys**  
**50 Free** - Zane Hughes - 12th, Seth Carson - 16th; **50 Back** - Zane Hughes - 15th, Seth Carson - 19th; **50 Breast** - Zane Hughes - 16th, Seth Carson - 17th; **100 Free** - Zane Hughes - 7th, Seth Carson - 11th; **200 Free** - Seth Carson - 5th

**11 & 12 Boys**  
**50 Free** - Blaine Pack - 5th (Division 2), Brent Hansen - 11th; **50 Fly** - Blaine Pack - 3rd (Division 2); **50 Back** - Blaine Pack - 3rd (Division 2); **50 Breast** - Blaine Pack - 6th; **200 IM** - Blaine Pack - 4th (Division 2); **100 Free** - Blaine Pack - 3rd (Division 2), Brent Hansen - 11th; **200 Free** - Blaine Pack - 3rd (Division 2); **400 Free** - Blaine Pack - 3rd, Brent Hansen - 6th; **800 Free** - Blaine Pack - 1st, Brent Hansen - 3rd

**13 & 14 Girls**  
**50 Free** - Stevie Couch - 19th; **100 Back** - Stevie Couch - 18th; **100 Breast** - Stevie Couch - 21st; **100 Free** - Stevie Couch - 18th; **400 Free** - Stevie Couch - 8th

**13 & 14 Boys**  
**50 Free** - Chance Pack - 2nd (Division 1), Zack Hughes - 10th; **100 Back** - Chance Pack - 2nd (Division 2); **100 Breast** - Chance Pack - 3rd (Division 2), Zack Hughes - 11th; **200 IM** - Chance Pack - 2nd (Division 2); **100 Free** - Chance Pack - 2nd (Division 2), Zack Hughes - 9th; **200 Free** - Chance Pack - 2nd (Division 2), Zack Hughes - 9th; **400 Free** - Chance Pack - 2nd, Zack Hughes - 10th; **800 Free** - Chance Pack - 2nd

**15 & Over Girls**  
**50 Free** - Kim Bergan - 21st; **100 Fly** - Kim Bergan - 13th; **100 Back** - Kim Bergan - 7th; **100 Breast** - Kim Bergan - 17th; **200 IM** - Kim Bergan - 11th; **100 Free** - Kim Bergan - 17th; **400 Free** - Kim Bergan - 12th

We had several swimmers qualify for the Division 2 meet in Derby, Kansas. Those results will be in next week's paper.

Chance Pack has also qualified for the Division 1 meet in Lenexa, Kansas.

Jay Pack and Ashley Patterson have done a great job coaching the swimmers this year. We are very proud of all our Spearman Stingray swimmers!



### Spearman Band Notes

by Amber TeBeest, Spearman Band Director  
 The following is the summer band camp schedule for Spearman High School. All students enrolled in band need to attend camp. If you are not enrolled, but want to participate make sure you are at camp! Also, any new students that would like to be in band also need to attend.  
 I look forward to another exciting year of Lynx Band activities.

#### Summer Band Schedule

**Tuesday August 1st:** 9 a.m.-12 noon - Freshman (new band members), Section and Squad Leaders; 1-3 p.m. - Freshman (new band members), Section and Squad Leaders  
**Wednesday August 2nd:** 9 a.m.-12 noon - Freshman (new band members), Section and Squad Leaders; 1-3 p.m. - Freshman (new band members), Section and Squad Leaders  
**Thursday August 3rd:** 9 a.m.-12:00 noon - Freshman (new band members), Section and Squad Leaders; 1-3 p.m. - Freshman (new band members), Section and Squad Leaders  
**Friday August 4th:** 9 a.m.-12 noon - Freshman (new band members), Section and Squad. A full band kick-off pool party will be held from 6-8 p.m. at the community pool. Only current high school band members and their parents will be allowed to attend  
**Monday August 7:** 9 a.m.-12 noon - Full Band; 1-3 p.m. - Full Band; 3 p.m.-? - Uniform Check-out Seniors/Juniors  
**Tuesday August 8:** 9 a.m.-12 noon - Full Band; 1-3 p.m. - Full Band; 3 p.m.-? - Uniform Check-out Sophomore  
**Wednesday August 9:** 9 a.m.-12 noon - Full Band; 1-3 p.m. - Full Band; 3 p.m.-? - Uniform Check-out any who missed  
**Friday August 7:** 9 a.m.-12 noon - Full Band; 1-3 p.m. - Full Band  
 If hard work continues, Friday band will be cancelled as a reward.

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August 10: **Lyric Matinee** will begin at 10:30am. The movie will be an age-approved movie for \$6. This includes admission, coke and popcorn for grades K-5.

For information, or to participate in any of these activities, please contact Cindy Blackman at 659-3233.

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# Minutes & Meetings

Spearman and Gruver ministers will be contacted about attending a pastor's class.

The next Hospice volunteer meeting will be August 14 at Gruver State Bank.

## Gruver ISD Trustees July 18, 2006

The regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees, Gruver Independent School District was held Tuesday, July 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Lee Bob Harper, Brent Stedje, Paul Stavlo, Traci Venneman, Curt Fitzgearld, Dwayne Thompson and Superintendent, David Teal. Board member Jeff Graves was absent.

Curt Fitzgearld opened meeting with prayer.

The Board received the following visitors: Debby Odom, Terry Felderhoff, and Kevin Black.

Motion by Lee Bob Harper, second by Curt Fitzgearld to approve the minutes from June 19, 2006 meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Traci Venneman, second by Dwayne Thompson to accept the fuel bid from Sunray Coop. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Curt Fitzgearld, second by Dwayne Thompson to approve the field lease to the Little League. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lee Bob Harper, second by Curt Fitzgearld to approve the field lease to the Lion's Club. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board reviewed the following discussion items: Regular Board meeting - August 14, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.; Renovation project report; Finance Report - Revenue/Expenditure

Board member Paul Stavlo left at 8:05 p.m.

Motion by Brent Stedje, second by Curt Fitzgearld to adjourn at 8:09 p.m.

## Gladiola Flower Club News June 1, 2006

The Gladiola Flower Club met on June 1, 2006, at Judy's Place, with Dorothy Buzzard serving as hostess.

The meeting was called to order by Muriel Boyd. The subject of roll call was a superstition. Minutes of the May 18th meeting were read and approved. Kathleen Sutton gave the treasurers report.

June Jackson gave a program on bracelets she has made. She had several bracelets on display, explaining the materials used (beads, charms, etc).

Those in attendance were: Muriel Boyd, Verna Brown, Dorothy Buzzard, Margarette Evans, Ann Flowers, Estelle Jackson, June Jackson, Norma Jean Mackie, Eloise Renner, Kathleen Sutton, Virginia Trindle and Judy Yarbrough.

The hostess for the June 15th meeting will be Virginia Trindle.

Members attending were: Wanda Brown, Dorothy Buzzard, Betty Jean Davis, Donetta Greene, Estelle Jackson, June Jackson, Norma Jean Mackie, Eloise Renner, Pam Schnell, Kathleen Sutton, Virginia Trindle, Judy Yarbrough and guests Eula Henton, Millie Purer, Josie Hudson and children, and Alisa Holt.

Members attending were: Wanda Brown, Dorothy Buzzard, Betty Jean Davis, Donetta Greene, Estelle Jackson, June Jackson, Norma Jean Mackie, Eloise Renner, Pam Schnell, Kathleen Sutton, Virginia Trindle, Judy Yarbrough and guests Eula Henton, Millie Purer, Josie Hudson and children, and Alisa Holt.

The new bed has come in, but is not the one we expected. It is a better bed, but weighs 580 pounds, so will not be suitable for moving to patients' homes. It will be put in a hospice room at the hospital and we will get another bed from the hospital to use for home care. We can possibly get an air mattress for the home bed.

The Hansford Hospice office computers are old and outdated. For \$1000 we can get 2 new CPUs and get them hooked into the hospital system. Mary Kay Harbour moved and June Jackson seconded that we purchase new computers. Motion carried.

The Pokey the Clown Rodeo will be August 12 at the Swimming Pool Park. Discussion was held about having the rodeo again next year. It is a good fundraiser for hospice but a lot of work and not well attended.

The annual picnic will be September 12. A short meeting will follow. Doyle Jackson made a motion and Jo Linda Hutchison seconded that we have the picnic at the Bunkhouse at 6:30 on September 12. Motion carried.

A water leak has been repaired at the Hospice building and vents installed to dry it out. Volunteers are encouraged to use the Hospice library.

Discussion was held about having a bereavement group. A possible leader will be approached. Also

## Gladiola Flower Club News July 6, 2006

Members of Gladiola Flower Club met with Gwen Smith as hostess on July 6.

Muriel Boyd Called the meeting to order. Roll call was naming a Patriotic song. Minutes were read and approved. The treasurers report was given by Kathleen Sutton.

New business was discussion on selling nuts this fall. Virginia Trindle made motion that we sell nuts. Verna Brown seconded. Motion carried.

Kathleen Sutton introduced Sandi Johnson who gave the program on Nutrition. Sandi gave guide lines for foods needed for a healthy body.

Flower winners were Gwen Smith with a plant and June Jacksons home grown arrangement.

Members attending were: Muriel Boyd, Verna Brown, Betty Jean Davis, Estelle Jackson, June Jackson, Eloise Renner, Kathleen Sutton, Virginia Trindle and Gwen Smith.

The next meeting, with Eloise Renner serving as hostess, will be held on July 20.

## Hansford Hospice July 10, 2006

Hansford Hospice volunteers

## Gladiola Flower Club News June 15, 2006

The Gladiola Flower Club met on June 15, 2006 in the country home of Virginia Trindle, who served as hostess.

Norma Jean Mackie called the meeting to order. Members answered the roll call by naming a home remedy. Minutes were read and Kathleen Sutton gave a treasurers report.

Flower winners were: Dorothy Buzzard with a Hib specimen and Virginia Trindle for an African Violet house plant.

Virginia introduced Eula Henton, who displayed quilts she had made. The quilts were pieced, appliqued, quilted and embellished, each on uniquely beautiful.

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An earless lizard - photo by Frank Edwards

Lake Level--July 24, 2006--18.75 feet (-0.34)

Jim said this was another slow week. In the hot summer the fish don't bite as well, and not many people were "catching." We did have some campers -- there were 3 on the office side during the week and 3 behind the dam on the weekend.

Alfredo Anima, who now works full time for the PDRA, camped with his family. They were delighted to see a raccoon, a bobcat, a skunk, and a deer.

The big event of the week was the wedding at the Pavilion on Saturday night of Curtis and Kayren Harbour. Jim said the Shelter had been reserved for another wedding in August.

### Lizzard

The picture this week was taken recently by Frank Edwards at a gas well north of the Park. With his new job as a pumper for Latigo and its parent company Pogo, Frank covers a lot of territory. He has his eye out for the local wildlife and is getting some excellent pictures.

This picture of a earless lizard caught my fancy. Outside of being a fan of Horny Toads (really horned lizards), most lizards I have seen were gone so fast I had trouble describing them. I asked Frank how he got this one to pose.

"He was as curious about me as I was of him. My first time to see him at a gas well head, I had forgotten my camera. Another day there he was again as if waiting for me. I got my pictures. My third encounter with the lizard, he let me touch him lightly under his chin."

Frank said the little fellow was about 10 inches long from head to tail. The markings on the lizard's lower back and tail are deceptive because that half of the lizard was wet. This made it more difficult to identify this lizard among Texas' 48 different species of lizards. More than likely it is either a Holbrookei maculata bunkerii or a cophosaurus texanus.

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# “POKEY, the Clown”



Doug Smith, also known as “Pokey, the Clown,” began clowning in 1960. Doug’s grandmother played a big part in his clowning. When he was a youngster, his grandmother was his treasured audience. “If you can make someone laugh, you’ve made their day a little better,” she told him. He will be celebrating his 46th year during 2006.

In 1993, “Pokey” was selected as a winner for KVII’s “Seven Who Care Award” for volunteer service to the community. He has helped raise funds for many organizations; Paws for a Cause, Make-A-Wish, Funfest, Ronald McDonald House, Children’s Miracle Network, March of Dimes, Muscular Dystrophy, SRCA Cowboy Crisis

and Scholarship Fund along with various Chambers of Commerce, volunteer fire departments, hospice, and other local and area organizations.

In 1997, he introduced everyone to the Junior Ranch Rodeo, mirrored after the adult ranch rodeo, but geared to involve young people, ages four through sixteen. It has become a part of the WRCA World Championship Ranch Rodeo held in November each year in Amarillo, Texas. In 2001, The American Quarter Horse Heritage Center and Museum began its sponsorship of the Junior Ranch Rodeo World Championships. The Junior Ranch rodeo results have been featured on ESPN and in

articles in Western Horseman Magazine.

Doug and his wife, Karen, live in Panhandle, Texas, where he owns Plains Aluminum Industries/Dust Stoppers. (Custom built storm windows and doors.) They have three grown children, Stacy, Jeff and Steven. They enjoy their children and especially their GRANDchildren.

Doug and Karen have given many years of their lives helping to make people laugh, to learn good sportsmanship and teamwork, and to help people help others. Their unselfish “labors of love” are appreciated - they are “much loved” friends.



Taylor Varnon, set a new pool record in the 50M Backstroke. She also set a record in the 50M Butterfly.



Lilly Patterson, Taylor Varnon, Brantly Shields, Payton Harrell set a new pool record at the Championship Meet in Hayes, KS. in the 200M Freestyle Relay. The old record was 4:20.11. The new record is 4:07.33.



Taylor Varnon, set a new pool record in the 50M Butterfly. The old time was 54.34. The new record is 53.66. She also set a record in the 50M Backstroke.

## North Plains Research Field Day set for Aug. 9

by Kay Ledbetter

An information-packed field day offering something for most agriculture producers is scheduled Aug. 9 at the North Plains Research Field southeast of Etter, said Dr. John Sweeten, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station resident director in Amarillo.

The program begins at 8 a.m. with registration. Field tours will run from 8:30-11:45 a.m., followed by a luncheon, said Thomas Marek, research engineer and North Plains Research Field superintendent.

Guest speakers during the sponsored lunch will be State Rep. David Swinford, who will give a legislative update, and Dr. Steve Amosson, Texas Cooperative Extension economist, who will provide an outlook on energy expectations and irrigation considerations.

Experiment Station and Extension personnel will discuss cotton, alternative crops, wheat, corn, irrigation, forage production and dust control at confined animal feeding operations during the morning field tour.

This past season's processing statistics from Moore County Gin will be highlighted, giving producers a glance at how rapidly cotton is being adopted in the area in place of corn acreage, Marek said. Also, new local oil processing facilities will be discussed for producers considering sunflower and guar production contracts.

The tour also will include an update on efforts concerning variable-rate irrigation and plans for the new center-pivot system and drip-irrigation facilities, he said.

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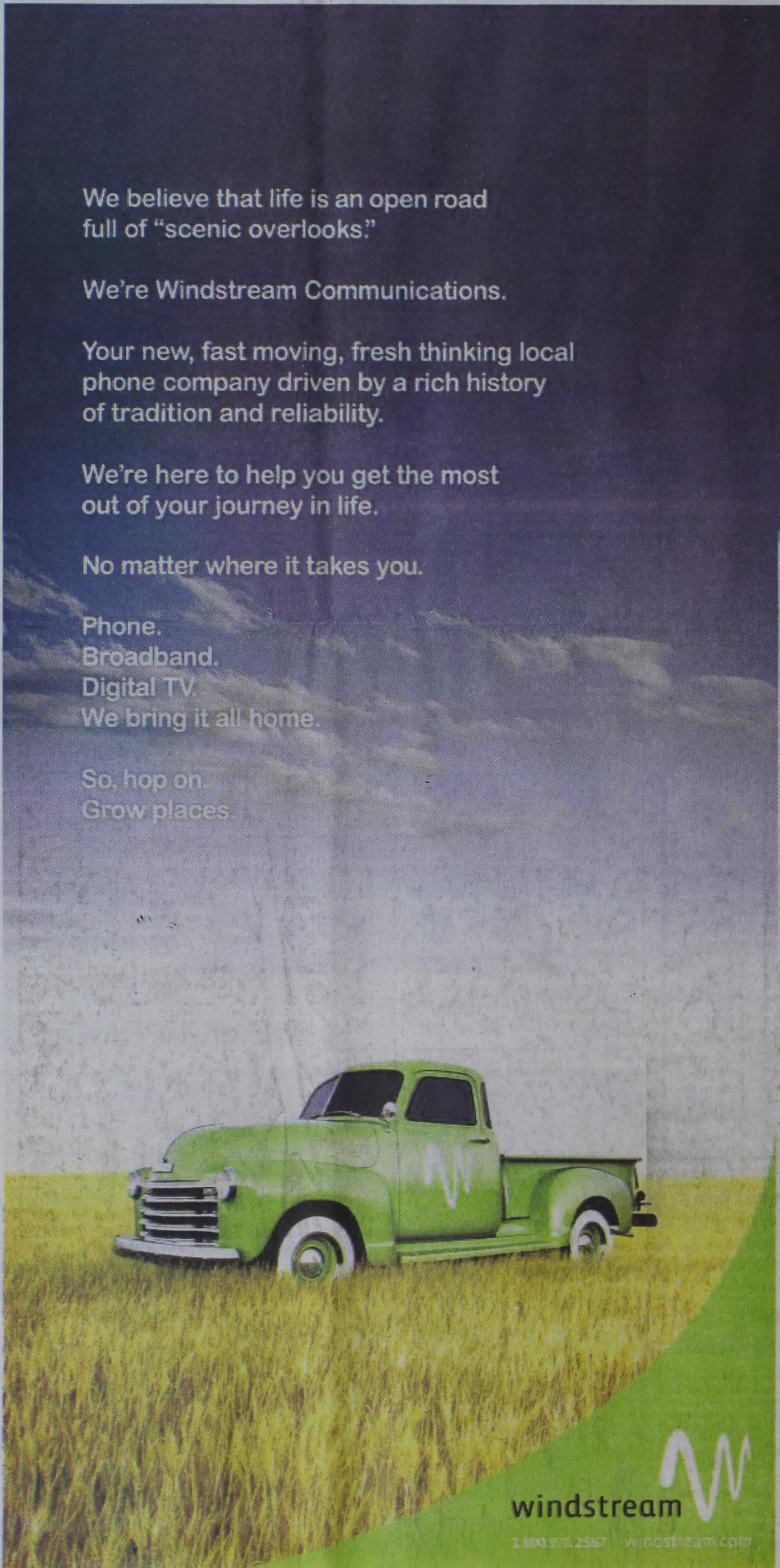
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