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Spearman High School graduation was held on Friday, May 25, 2007 in the high school auditorium. A total of 45 students received their diploma. Photos of the graduates are online at [www.spearmantexas.biz](http://www.spearmantexas.biz).

## GOLF SCRAMBLE

### Hansford Hospice

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 2, 2007  
(shotgun start 8:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.)

**WHERE:** Hansford Golf Club

**FEE:** \$30.00 per player  
(Includes green fees & lunch)

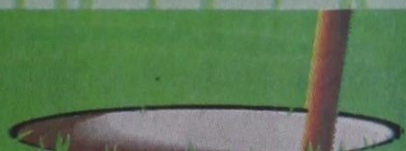
**FORMAT:** 2-person scramble  
(Players must be at least 18 with no high school eligibility left. Players furnish own carts)

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### Crop Pest Scouting Workshop Set for June 1 in Plainview

by Tim W. McAlavy, 806-746-4051, [t-mcalavy@tamu.edu](mailto:t-mcalavy@tamu.edu)

Producers and agriculture consultants can hone their pest management and crop production skills at the High Plains Crop Pest Scouting Workshop on June 1. The event is sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension.

The free workshop will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ollie Liner Center. The center is south of Plainview on Business Highway 27.

"We will cover crops such as cotton, corn and grain sorghum," said Greg Cronholm, Extension integrated pest management agent for Hale County. "Our goal is to provide a basic knowledge of the pests common to these crops. We will also cover weed identification and herbicide injury, plant diseases and how to recognize and promote beneficial insects."

Morning presentations by Extension specialists and agents will focus on cotton growth and development, cotton insect pests and beneficial insects in field crops.

Levon Harmon, Texas Department of Agriculture, will discuss worker protection standards and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requirements for a pesticide handler's card.

"We'll have a morning and an afternoon break, so participants can visit and view insect specimen displays," Cronholm said. "Those interested in obtaining a pesticide handlers card can attend the 11 a.m. to noon session only if they wish. The card is valid for a five-year period. We'll also take a one-hour lunch break."

Afternoon workshop sessions will cover weed identification and herbicide injury, corn and grain sorghum insect pests, and cotton, corn, grain sorghum and peanut plant diseases.

Those who attend can earn up to five continuing education units; four in integrated pest management and one in laws and regulations. All continuing education units are approved by the Texas Department of Agriculture, Cronholm said.

For more information, contact Cronholm at the Extension office in Hale County at 806-291-5274.

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

### WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

FRIDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s.

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SATURDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent

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SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

SUNDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

MONDAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

### Football & Fiesta

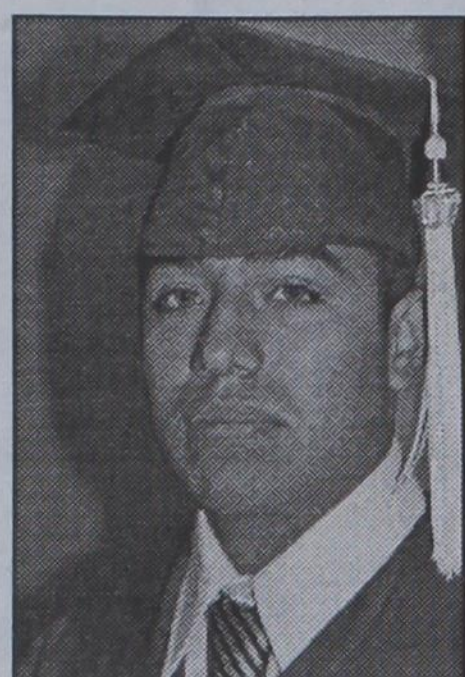
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# Class of 2007

Photos of Francisco Briseno, Britt Fleetwood and Jessica Jarvis were not included in last week's senior section of the newspaper. We wish to congratulate them and wish them every success.



Francisco Briseno



Britt Fleetwood



Jessica Jarvis

## Editors Note...

Freedom of speech is one of the guarantees of the First Amendment of our Constitution, so we encourage readers to express themselves, even if we don't agree with what is said. However, freedom involves responsibility. Therefore, the only letters we will consider publishing are from individuals who are willing for their names to appear with the letter. Letters must contain the telephone number, address and a personal signature of the writer. We will not knowingly publish any letter containing libelous statements.

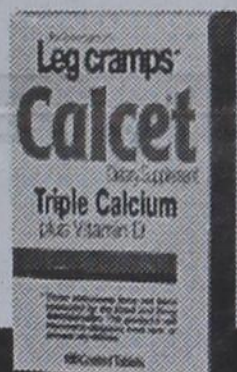
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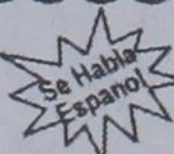
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- Chieftain in Arabia
- French school
- Don't leave home (with your baby) without it
- Repeat a passage
- License for absence from a religious house
- Great Britain's airforce
- Beaches in Mexico
- Par for the course
- He likes green eggs?
- Course for expecting parents
- Abounding with elm trees
- Concerning, archaic
- Retirement investment
- Where mobiles hang out, pl.
- Swimmer's row
- Away from intended path
- Clinton \_\_\_ Rodham
- Traditional deliverer
- What #38 Down does
- Chronic drinker
- Sibyllic
- Mountain lake
- Popular eating place for babies
- Mushroom top, pl.
- Abel and Cain's father
- Fairy tale start
- Three-stringed violin
- Greek salad cheese
- Contains a hydroxyl group bonded to a carbon atom
- Native-American storytelling tradition
- The little one cried, "Wee! Wee! Wee! All the way home!"
- PlayStation maker

### DOWN

- One less traveled
- Not in favor of
- Roofed colonnade
- Quarrelled with Caesar and fled to Egypt
- Cuban dance
- Member of Uniat Church
- Titanic enemy
- Baby soother
- Heavy metal band "Quiet \_\_\_"
- A small island
- "\_\_\_ whiz!"
- Nobel Prize-winning nun
- Summary
- Glorify
- Dark bread
- A sacred song
- Hawaiian veranda
- Set right
- Russian monarch
- "Crazy" singer
- Public alert
- Recuperations
- Expense, cost
- Open to interpretation
- Supplanted by TV news
- Faultfinder
- At the stern
- Causes wheezing
- Not Doric nor Corinthian
- Voices in a tunnel
- It "killed the radio star"
- Impure form of quartz
- Wedding cake layer
- Actress Jessica
- Weapon handle
- The A in A.D.
- Desktop picture
- To bank on
- Play for pay

## State Capital



by Ed Sterling

## HIGHLIGHTS

### LIKELY PASSAGE OF ROAD BILL

#### LESSENS PROSPECT

#### FOR SPECIAL SESSION

AUSTIN - Here's a Friday, May 25, snapshot of what's going on at the state Capitol with sine die, the end of the 80th regular session of the Texas Legislature, set for 10 p.m. Monday, May 28.

A conference committee of House and Senate members concurred on SB 792, the transportation bill that lawmakers had to rework to avoid the governor's calling a special session. Gov. Rick Perry said he would summon the Legislature back to Austin if the bill stripped too much authority from the Texas Department of Transportation in devising a new, comprehensive road plan.

So, the bill satisfies Perry and gives lawmakers and their constituents a two-year study period they can use to get a better picture of how their own local and regional road plans might interface with Perry's statewide plan.

#### Senate kills voter fraud bill

HB 218, the "voter I.D." bill, died in the Senate. Under the bill, Texans would have had to present a valid picture identification card or two other forms of identification other than their voter registration card in order to cast a ballot.

Rep. Betty Brown, R-Terrell, the author of HB 218, said her bill was meant to prevent voter fraud. Opponents said the bill targeted minorities, the elderly and the disabled. Opponents also disputed allegations of widespread voter fraud enabled by false identification at the polls.

Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Galena Park, who is recovering from a liver transplant, disobeyed doctor's orders by remaining at the Capitol to help block the bill from further consideration by the full Senate.

#### Memorial Day observance is held

Because the end of the legislative session coincides with Memorial Day, May 28, the House and Senate met in a joint session on Thursday, May 24, for an early observance.

Lawmakers, the governor, lieutenant governor and other state officials honored present and former members of the military and especially the loved ones of military men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan since March 2003.

Family members and friends were seated in the House chamber and came forward to be recognized as the names of fallen military members were called.

#### TYC-fixing bill moves forward

Texas Youth Commission reform is in the works with the adoption of the conference committee report on Committee Substitute to SB 103 by Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen, and sponsored in the House by Rep. Jerry Madden, R-Richardson.

At early presstime for this column, the legislation was due for a final vote by the full House, and delivery to the governor's desk.

Investigative reporting initially published by The Dallas Morning News spurred a growing body of detail bringing to light corruption at the agency, including rape, abuse and mistreatment of TYC inmates.

Public outcry prompted management changes at the agency and public hearings drew input from people across Texas. Lawmakers filed more than two dozen bills, including SB 103, to fix problems at the agency.

#### Final work due on state budget

A Sunday, May 27, vote was expected for the \$150 billion 2008-2009 state budget.

Passage of a budget is the Legislature's primary and only constitutionally mandated duty.

The budget bill, HB 1, was in conference committee at press time for this column.

#### Speaker change rumors continue

On and off huddles of lawmakers and murmurs in the halls and House gallery in the final week of the session kept rumors alive about a possible ousting of Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, as speaker.

Lawmakers could attempt to remove the speaker by a vote of no confidence or wait until after sine die to mount campaigns for the powerful post.

Already mentioned as definite or possible candidates are Reps. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, Brian McCall, R-Plano, and Jim Keffer, R-Eastland. Another name to emerge is Rep. Fred Hill, R-Richardson.

But Craddick appeared unruffled about the prospect of challengers and stuck to his assertion that he intends to finish his third and current term as speaker and run for a fourth.

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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

**May 31**  
**Birthday** - Jessica Favella, Buster McLain, Virginia Taylor, Jeri Lynn Maize, Brandon Reed, Ronnie Lusby, John Sutterfield, Carl Cook, Shauna Poole, Curtis Newman, Olena Shelton, Brent Fuller, Tommie Dewberry  
**Anniversary** - Mike & Michelle Davis, M/M Wayne Garrett, M/M Chet Pittman

**June 1**  
**Birthday** - Lexy (Spivey) Glass, Kevin Rook, Avo Gray, Ken Pracher, Kim Reed, Bryon Sutterfield, Phil Sanders, Ivonne Sullivan, Jean Zable, Anthony Arjona, Evan Cudd  
**Anniversary** - Jim & Donetta Greene, M/M Doyle Jackson, M/M Dale Hendricks, Steven & Susan Poole, M/M Craig Cooper, Joe & Debbie Clement, Don & Mavis Floyd

**June 2**  
**Birthday** - Weslyn Maupin, Lance Williams, Helen Dickson, A.D. Reed Jr., Johnny Reed, Scotty Reed, Don Fisher, Tyson Dettman, Buddy Newman, Hope Baker, Bessie Swan, Blayne Baker  
**Anniversary** - M/M James Cunningham, M/M Wesley Brinkley, M/M Larry Evans

**June 3**  
**Birthday** - Parthena Harvey, John Lopez, Anne (Potts) Jackson, Joe T. Venneman, Tonja Kay Whitefield, Mary Nava, Manuela Vela, Robert Renteria, Zach Nollner  
**Anniversary** - Carl & Janeen Baumgardner, M/M Albert Graves, Robert & Jackie Graham, Sara & Mark Eisfeld

**June 4**  
**Birthday** - Keith Cassady, Cody Cazzares, Cambry Cooper, Victor Raylor, Ann Marie Pacheco, Elizabeth Browning, Davey Turner, James Russell, Donna Trantham, Roy Riley, Lori Schultz, Susan Thompson, Clarissa Anaya, Lanie Snider  
**Anniversary** - M/M Ron Womble, Mr. and Mrs. Bart Shapley

**June 5**  
**Birthday** - Carolyn Hicks, June Edwards, Henry Freeman, Bambi Torres, Larry Scroggs, Florida Vasquez  
**Anniversary** - M/M Mike Stewart, M/M Bob Womble, Wendell & Jenny Neff

**June 6**  
**Birthday** - David Armes,

Brandea Hicks, Mark TeBeest, Darren Goodheart, Ruth Brown, Joe Bynum, Jan Blackwell, Jane Flowers, June Potts, Margaret Reed, Charles Chritton, Mick Reimer, Melodie Shields, Arturo Huerta Jr.  
**Anniversary** - M/M Bob Farr, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Stedje

**June 7**  
**Birthday** - Bobbie Evans, Vangie Johnson, Janet Miller, Charlie Stavlo, J.W. Ward, Monty Blackman, Donna Giddens, Georganne Hutchison, Jim Kunsleman, Lonnie Clemmons, Pete Mauk, Joe Salgado, Shane Harnish, Kimbre Townsen, Clint Townsen  
**Anniversary** - Gene & Joy Byrd, M/M Ted Evans, M/M David Grotogut, Cecil & Mona Slater

**June 8**  
**Birthday** - Lauren Bergin, Scott Hindergardt, Rex Freeman, Melanie Kenny, Brian Williams, Cheryl Whitefield, Efen Hermsillo, Lance Baker, Mendy Heltzer, Leah Mackie  
**Anniversary** - Rod & Janice Fulce, M/M Matt Lair, M/M Ed Dear, M/M Tim Barkley, M/M Tim McCloy, M/M Archie Nelson, M/M Hugo Vella, M/M Max Baggerly

**June 9**  
**Birthday** - T.J. Been, Edith Kaufmann, Corky Kizzar, Danny Rodriguez, Christi Garcia, James Scroggs, Larry Scroggs, Mike Schnell, Joel Ray Warren, Susan Steart, John Hinson, Omie Moyer, Joan Marsh, James George, Manuel Morales, Chambrey Cox  
**Anniversary** - M/M Ralph Mireles, M/M Jerry Williams, M/M Trevor Williams, M/M Robert Dahl

**June 10**  
**Birthday** - Ed Castillo, Roy Deeds, Nick Holt, Jerry Reed, Dawn Jackson, Kevin Williams, Don Smith, Steve Holton, Norian Winegarner, Marty Miesner  
**Anniversary** - Jesse & Rebecca Browning, Rodney & Sharon Farber, Lolo & Estella Rodriguez, Chris & Malissa Taylor, M/M Kerry Foster, M/M Kenneth Irwin, M/M Todd Williams, M/M James Knoll, M/M Frank Pouty, M/M Roy Dean Coates

**June 11**  
**Birthday** - Mickey Delano, Aimee Tunnel, Chad Johnson, Bob Burke, Charolette Sheets, Maureen Garner, Effie Sutton, Mrs. Jessie Bratton, Toby Walker, Linda Heffley, Sam Pierson, Rhonda Bynum  
**Anniversary** - Thane & Sue McCloy, M/M Charles Eaton, M/M Larry Murphy

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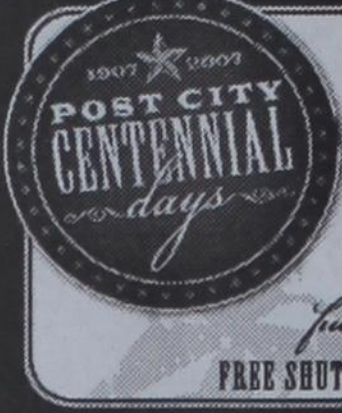
Several awards were presented during eighth grade graduation ceremonies at Pringle-Morse Junior High on Tuesday, May 22nd.

Maci Forrest and Jesus Lopez were recognized as Salutatorian and Haden Hart was recognized as Valedictorian.

Other awards include **Athletic Award**, by Jeff Forrest - Danny Bonilla and Maci Forrest; **Band Award**, by Anna Marie Holland - Wil McCloy, Jesus Lopez, Haden Hart and Maci Forrest; **President's Award for Educational Excellence**, by Kent Hargis (Grade point average of 90 or above and recommendation from a teacher plus one other staff member) - Maci Forrest, Haden Hart, Jacob Lieb, Jesus Lopez, Wil McCloy and Tori Sheets; **President's Award for Educational Achievement**, by Kent Hargis (show tremendous growth but did not meet criteria for President's Award for Educational Excellence) - Danny Bonilla, Sol Pittman, Kaitlyn Poole and Samantha Ward; and the **Kathy Stedje Memorial Award - All-Around Achievement Award**, by Cindy Lieb - Wil McCloy.

Service pin awards were also given to the following staff members: **5 Year Pin** - Kent Hargis and Mary Sue Adams; **10 Year Pin** - Jeff Forrest and Janet Wilson; **20 Year Pin** - Eva Sue Schick

Diplomas were given to the following eighth grade graduates - Danny Bonilla, Maci Nicole Forrest, Haden Victor Hart, Jacob Dean Lieb, Jesus Manuel Lopez, Wil Carson McCloy, Uriel Ortega, Sol Emmett Pittman, Kaitlyn Alexandra Poole, Tori Diane Sheets, Cheyenne Brittany Sparks, Shyloh Tiffany Sparks, Guadalupe Daniel Trejo and Samatha Taylor Ward.



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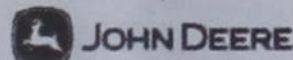
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## Our Sympathy

L.A. WILLIAMS



GRUVER - L.A. Williams, 81, died on Sunday, May 27, 2007.

Graveside services will be held on Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at Gruver Cemetery with Gaylord Cook officiating. Interment will be under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Williams was born on October 3, 1925 in Reynolds County, Texas. He married Faren Odom on August 23, 1946 in Borger. He was a farmer and a veteran of Navy and World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Faren, of the home; two sons, Morris Williams of Payson, Az and Neal Williams of Gruver; a daughter, Brenda Henderson of Freising, Germany; a sister, Jackie Smith of Granbury; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to be to Hansford Hospice or Hansford Manor, 707 Roland, Spearman TX 79081.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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**Spearhead AA Group**  
The Spearhead AA Group meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Pittman-Shieldknight building. Alcoholics Anonymous\* is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. For more information, call 662-1111.

**Al-Anon**  
If you are concerned with someone else's drinking or addiction, the Al-Anon program can help you. Each Al-Anon Family Group has but one purpose - to help families and friends of alcoholics and addicts. The Spearhead Al-Anon Group meets every Tuesday night at 8 p.m. in the Pittman-Shieldknight Building, 511 SW 11th Avenue, Spearman. For more information, call 806-330-0349.

**Panhandle Crisis Center Outreach Office**  
Panhandle Crisis Center (PCC) has an Outreach Office and Resale Store at 306 Hancock, in Spearman. In case of emergencies, please continue to call the hotline, 1-800-753-5308. To schedule an appointment with a worker in Hansford County, call 659-3391 to leave a message, or call the hotline number above. Panhandle Crisis Center serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Call for more information regarding PCC's services. Hours for the Resale Store in Spearman are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Tuesday Night Golf Scrambles**  
The Spearman Golf Course has begun their Tuesday Night Scrambles. Tee-time will be at 6 p.m. sharp. For more information, or to sign up, call 270-0157 or 659-2233.

**Gruver College Fund**  
The Gruver Lion's Club is in charge of the Gruver College Fund, which raises money for scholarships for Gruver graduates. The gifts are tax-deductible and no amount is turned away. The committee will try to contact every potential donor by phone, but some will be missed. So don't wait if you would like to make a contribution send your check today to: Gruver Lion's Club, PO Box 566, Gruver, TX 79040 or a committee member: Benny Wilson, Terry Sherrill, Kermit McKee or Bob Gillispie.

**Hansford County Library Spring Sale**  
Hansford County Library staff has begun to clean the store room and is eager to share its many valuable finds with the public. For an indefinite time, paperback grab bags and individual surplus hardback books will be on sale at the library. Grab bags, sorted into Romance, Fiction and Western categories, are on sale for \$5 each. Each grab bag contains approximately 20 books. Hardback books are priced at \$1 each.

**Hansford Hospice Community Golf Scramble**  
The Hansford Hospice Community Golf Scramble for Guys and Gals will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2007 (shotgun start 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.) at the Hansford Golf Club. The entry fee is \$30 per player, and includes green fees and lunch. This is a 2-person scramble. Players must be at least 18 with no high school eligibility left. Players furnish their own carts. PRIZES: Cash Payback - Hole -In-One Prize for Every Hole-In-One on #7 & #16. Bush Hot Estate Riding Mower Donated by Five Star Equipment. Lots of Door Prizes to Be Given Away! All Proceeds to Benefit Hansford Hospice. Call one of these numbers to register your team: Pat Sutterfield-659-3637 or Verna Lee Shirley 659-5345 or Hansford Hospice 659-5811.

**Hansford Hospice Raffle**  
Hansford Hospice Volunteers are selling raffle tickets for a Gas Cooker donated by B&B Sales. Co. & for a Traeger Cooker donated by Hansford Implement Company. The tickets are \$5.00 each and there will be two drawings. The first drawing will be for the Gas Cooker donated by B&B Sales. Co. and the second drawing will be for the Traeger Cooker donated by Hansford Implement Company. The drawings will take place at the Hansford Hospice Golf Tournament and you do not need to be present to win. If you would like to buy a raffle ticket, please contact any Hansford Hospice Volunteer or the Hansford Hospice Office at 659-5811. All funds raised will benefit our local Hansford Hospice program. (Reminder to Hospice Volunteers to pick up your raffle tickets at the Hospice Office and to bring all ticket stubs to the golf tournament for the drawing.)

**Rushing Wind Emmaus**  
Rushing Wind Emmaus community will meet on Saturday, June 9, at the Waka Christian Center. A potluck meal will be served at 6 p.m., followed by a praise and worship service. Training for sponsors will be given, and a nursery will be provided. For additional information, please go to rushingwindemmaus.org.

## ON THE AGENDA

- Spearman Fire Department meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department.
- Gruver Fire Department meets the first, second and fourth Tuesday of each month.
- American Legion and Auxillary Post 254 meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Center in Perryton.
- Gruver Chamber of Commerce meets the first Tuesday of each month at 12 noon at the El Vaquero.
- Hansford County Commissioners Court meets the second and fourth Mondays at 10 a.m. at Hansford County Courthouse.
- Stationmaster's House Museum Board of Directors meets the second Monday at 2 p.m. at the Stationmaster's House Museum.
- Spearman ISD Board of Trustees meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Spearman High School Library.
- Hansford Hospice meets on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m.
- Palo Duro River Authority meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the P.D.R.A. office.
- Genealogy Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the home of Velma Sanders, 1015 Linn Drive, in Spearman.
- Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets the second Wednesday of each month at noon.
- Gruver City Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. in Gruver City Hall.
- Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets the second Thursday of each month at noon.
- Pringle-Morse CISD Board of Trustees meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.
- Spearman City Council meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 a.m. in the City Hall Chambers at City Hall.
- Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce meets the third Wednesday of each month at noon.
- Gruver ISD Board of Directors meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Board Room at Gruver High School.
- Hansford County Hospital District Board of Directors meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Hansford Hospital.
- Hansford County Historical Commission Board of Directors meets the first Monday of January, April, July and October at 2 p.m. in the Zulu Museum building.

## Out at the Lake

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Level--May 28, 2007--28.43 feet (+7.95)

It is such a good feeling to be able to report that the Lake level has risen almost 8 feet over the last week from local rains. This time both the Palo Duro and Horse Creek ran, but not much of the inflow came from the North and South branches of the Palo Duro Creek.

The map of the watershed will show us where to look for rains that will flow into the Lake.

Jim has been questioned as to where the big rains in Spearman flowed. He says that the rains in the East part of town go to playa lakes, but rain in the West will flow into Horse Creek. Rain south of the junction of Highways 207 and 136 runs toward the Canadian River.

In the recent big rain the office gauge showed 1.88 inches, and the one at the shop said 2 inches. Jim

said that they didn't have much hail with the big rain. The next day they caught .75 inch. Given that the lake level must be over 24 feet to have water under the bridge, we can see that water will be in the creek channel for a ways west of the bridge.

The lake level is available again on the internet; you will need to subtract 2815 feet from the number given in the report. ([http://waterdata.usgs.gov/tx/nwis/dv?format=gif&period=31&site\\_no=07233550](http://waterdata.usgs.gov/tx/nwis/dv?format=gif&period=31&site_no=07233550))

This Memorial Day weekend there were 18 RVs at the hookups behind the dam and 8 on the office side.

**Mountain Lion Sighting**  
A new employee at the at PDRA, Todd Reed, recently had an exciting hike in one of the deep canyons east of Horse Creek. While he was stopped for a rest, he saw a cougar chasing a coyote. When the cougar spotted Todd, he gave up the chase and took another direction. The big cat was close enough to him that Todd admitted to being somewhat "shook up" over the encounter.

## Pringle-Morse CISD

Several awards were presented during eighth grade graduation ceremonies at Pringle-Morse Junior High on Tuesday, May 22nd.

Maci Forrest and Jesus Lopez were recognized as Salutatorian and Haden Hart was recognized as Valedictorian.

Other awards include **Athletic Award**, by Jeff Forrest - Danny Bonilla and Maci Forrest; **Band Award**, by Anna Marie Holland - Wil McCloy, Jesus Lopez, Haden Hart and Maci Forrest; **President's Award for Educational Excellence**, by Kent Hargis (Grade point average of 90 or above and recommendation from a teacher plus one other staff member) - Maci Forrest, Haden Hart, Jacob Lieb, Jesus Lopez, Wil McCloy and Tori Sheets; **President's Award for Educational Achievement**, by Kent Hargis (show tremendous growth but did not meet criteria for President's Award for Educational Excellence) - Danny Bonilla, Sol Pittman, Kaitlyn Poole and Samantha Ward; and the **Kathy Stedje Memorial Award - All-Around Achievement Award**, by Cindy Lieb - Wil McCloy.

Service pin awards were also given to the following staff members: 5 Year Pin - Kent Hargis and Mary Sue Adams; 10 Year Pin - Jeff Forrest and Janet Wilson; 20 Year Pin - Eva Sue Schick

Diplomas were given to the following eighth grade graduates - Danny Bonilla, Maci Nicole Forrest, Haden Victor Hart, Jacob Dean Lieb, Jesus Manuel Lopez, Wil Carson McCloy, Uriel Ortega, Sol Emmett Pittman, Kaitlyn Alexandra Poole, Tori Diane Sheets, Cheyenne Brittany Sparks, Shylah Tiffany Sparks, Guadalupe Daniel Trejo and Samatha Taylor Ward.

**Thank you!**

Dear Friends,  
I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful cards, gifts, telephone calls, and for coming to my birthday party. It was one of the happiest days of my 90 years!

Thank you so much,  
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**Wedding Celebration**  
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**Ronna Re-Nea (Eckhardt)**  
& **Shan Dean Wilson**  
on Saturday, June 9, 2007  
at 7 p.m. in the  
**Morse Community Building**  
309 W. Main Morse

You are invited to a  
**Bridal Shower**  
honoring  
**Daniele Catron**  
(bride-elect of Randy Duffy)  
on Saturday, June 9, 2007  
from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the  
**Clementine Bed & Breakfast**  
822 Evans St. Spearman

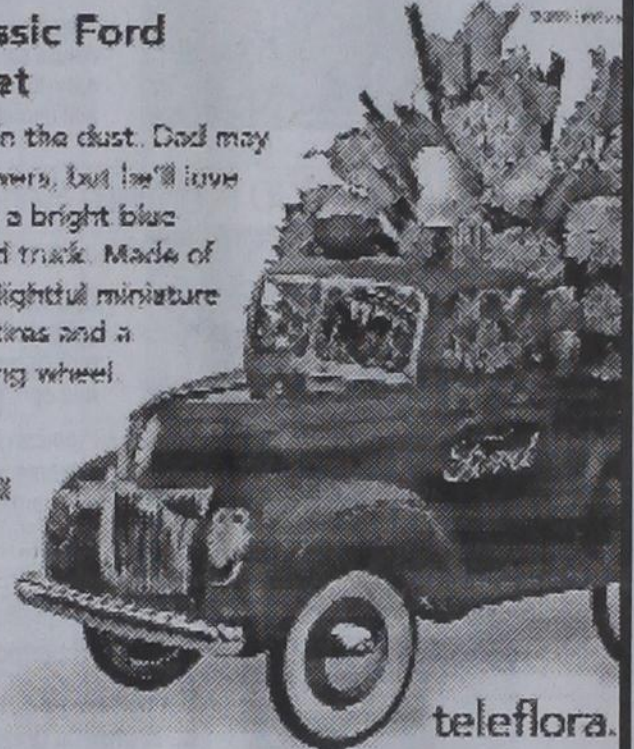
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- Couples Currently Registered**
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  - Daniele Catron & Randy Duffy - 6/9
  - Amy Boorigie & Doran Schoenhals - 6/23
  - Charlotte Procter & Tim Bynum - 6/23
  - Bethany Harris & Nick Pwterson - 6/30
  - Nikki Stewart & Brady Hart - 7/14
  - Laura Gomez & Richardo Plascencia - TBA
  - Misha Davis & Duane Dorsey - TBA
  - Brooke Salmans & Michael Condry
  - Jenni Beck & Josh Winegarner
  - Staci Leonhard & Lee Jarvis
  - Jesse & Brooke (Trantham) Allen
  - Rowena May Apacible & Dustin Wade Parks
  - Daniel & Wendy (Woolley) Jarvis
  - Janae Watley & Kyle Igo

- Baby Registry**
- Linzi McCubbin - 5/26
  - Nekisha Whitefield - 6/10
  - Eric & Tisha Cudd - 6/16
  - Schane & Brianne Schneider - 6/23
  - Jennifer Ferel & Jeff Coates - 6/23
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### Bridal Registry

- Shower Dates -**
- Kristi Carbajal & David Valdez - 5/26
  - Daniele Catron & Randy Duffy - 6/9
  - Jennifer Watts & Jay Tracy - 6/9
  - Charlotte Procter & Tim Bynum - 6/23
  - Amy Boorigie & Doran Schoenhals - 6/23
  - Bethany Harris & Nicholas Peterson - 6/30
  - Syd Woodington & Don Coddig - 7/14
  - Lynsee Williams & Ross Womble
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  - Dana Sharp

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### Gruver High School

Gruver High School Commencement Exercises for the Class of 2007 were held Friday, May 25, 2007, at 8:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Justin Owen Thompson, valedictorian, and Victoria Gwynn Vela, salutatorian, led a class of 31 students.

Other honor graduates included Sydney Dyan Been\*, Conrad Scott Curry\*, Bonnie Lynn Frick\*, Drew Michael Grotegut\*, Genesis Hernandez\*, Graciela Hernandez, Mayra Azucena Hernandez\*, Brian Scott Johnson, Gloria Lora, Jimmilee Mae McCloy, Maria De Los Angeles Mendoza, Charles Henry Slough, Mattie Lauren Urban\* and Tucker Lynn Williams\*.

Other graduating seniors included Jose Pedro Bonilla, Baldomero Garcia, Roman Gaspar Jr., Travis Wayne Hodge, Charlene Lopez, Diego Luciano, Isela Martinez, Travis James McDowell\*, Artemio Mundo, Beatriz Ortiz, Edna Patricia Pastrana, Mariah Patricia Rodriguez\*, Codie Lynn Scoggin, Jesus Noe Soto, and Heriberto Villanueva. (\* indicates candidates for Distinguished Achievement Program)

The processional was presented by pianist Kathy Gillispie with Tony Lora and Jake Wills presenting the colors.

After the National Anthem, Sydney Been gave the invocation followed by the salutatory address presented by Victoria Vela.

Bonnie Frick gave the class history, followed by the valedictory address will be given by Justin Thompson.

After the awarding of scholarships by Glenda Ujhely (high school counselor), the seniors were presented by high school principal Mike King as they are awarded their diplomas by superintendent David Teal and school board president Dwayne Thompson.

Following the school song, Brian Johnson gave the benediction.

Serving as honor guards were junior students Maydeli Ortiz and Seth Thompson with Adriana Soto, Chandler Miner, Abbi Yanke and Tanner Sherrill serving as ushers.

A reception honoring the seniors was held in the school cafeteria following graduation.

The Gruver ISD Board of Trustees include Mr. Dwayne Thompson (president), Brent Stedje (vice president), Jeff Graves (secretary), Curt Fitzgerald, Lee Bob Harper, Traci Venneman, Jeff Purvine, and Paul Stavlo (retiring).

Gruver High School faculty includes Carmelo Acevedo, Rod Been, Weston Born, Sarah Clark, Darlene Curry, Wynn Essler, Terry Felderhoff, Kathy Gillispie, Sandra Gumfory, Kristi Holt, Kimberly Irwin, Cody Martindale, Gwen Parker, Todd Parker, Troy Seagler, Cherri Sherrill, Annelle Teal, Amy Tebeest, and Jill Watson.

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**Spearman ISD Board Notes**

The Board of Trustees of the Spearman Independent School District met in a Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on April 16, 2007 in the High School Library.

**CALL TO ORDER**

• Mr. Dwayne Mitchell, President of the Board of Trustees, announced that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

**HEAR FROM PATRONS OR STAFF**

• No one came before the Board.

**ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEM(S)**

• Approved consent items: 1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 19, 2007; 2. Paying the bills in the amount of \$717,734.99; 3. The gas and diesel bid was awarded to Spearman Equity for the month of May 2007.

• Awarded the Bank Depository bid to the First National Bank of Spearman for the period from September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2009.

• Amber TeBeest presented a PowerPoint presentation of the band trip to San Antonio on March 8-11, 2007. The band students performed along the River Walk and also toured the Alamo and other historic sites. The band students expressed their thanks to the Board for allowing them to go to San Antonio.

• Mr. Belger and Krista Baird provided a PowerPoint presentation on the new "4 by 4" requirements of four years of math and science at the high school beginning with next year's freshman class.

• Mr. Belger and Krista Baird provided a PowerPoint update on the progress of the seniors on the TAKS re-test.

• Mrs. Baird provided a list of students who participated at the Regional UIL Academic Meet held in Abilene on April 14, 2007.

• Mr. Sumner discussed the Regional Qualifiers in spring sports. Thirty-four students have qualified to compete at regional with two students competing in additional events. The Regional Golf Meet will be April 23 and 24, the Regional Tennis Tournament will be April 25 and 26, and the Regional Track Meet will be April 27 and 28 in Abilene.

• Approved Carole Stumpf as the Election Judge (replacing Kim

Brock) for the May 12, 2007 School Board Election.

• Approved the instructional calendar for the 2007-2008 school year as recommended by the District Education Improvement Committee.

• Approved the Application for Expedited State Waiver for the 2007-2008 school year.

• Approved the contract with Interquest Canine Service for the 2007-2008 school year.

• Discussed the building plaque for the construction project as submitted by Jimmy Rittenberry of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper. No action was taken on this plaque for the new building.

• Selected nominations for the 2007 Texas Association of School Board Media Honor Roll to include Cathy Smith of the Hansford County Reporter Statesman, Chris Samples of KXDJ - 98.3, Ron Anteleck and Gina Gillaspie of the High Plains Observer, Quentin Shieldknight for broadcast coverage, Dick Gillaspie - KXDJ - 98.3, and Tammy Benton for the Booster Club Web page.

• Approved all textbooks on the list for the 2007-2008 school year. The textbooks for adoption this year are grades 6-12 math.

• Mr. Whiteley discussed additional schedule and course offerings that the junior high is considering for the 2007-2008 school year. Mr. Whiteley said that he would start the preliminary enrollment process and see which of these items will be added to his schedule. The Board directed Mr. Whiteley to bring this information back to a future Board meeting once he obtains more information.

**INFORMATION ITEM(S)**

• The student enrollment of Spearman ISD is 738 on April 16, which is an increase of four students from the March 19, 2007 report.

• The Substitute Teacher Report was provided for the period from February 19, 2007 through March 9, 2007. The cost for this period was \$7,520.00 with a yearly total of \$48,631.30.

• Mr. Sumner discussed the PAASB Meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2007 at Region 16. The topic for this meeting is "Tools You Can Use to Become A Better Board Member".

• Information was provided on the upcoming Spring School Board Workshop to be held on May 16, 2007 at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

**CLOSED MEETING - TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

• Personnel Matters  
**RECONVENE INTO OPEN MEETING**

• Approved extension of non-chapter 21 contracts for Larry Murphy, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance and Donita Lusby, Computer Technician.

• Accepted the resignation of Doug Bowles effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

**Spearman ISD Board Notes**

The Board of Trustees of the Spearman Independent School District met in a Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on May 14, 2007 in the High School Library.

**CALL TO ORDER**

• Mr. Bob Boxwell, Vice President of the Board of Trustees, announced that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

**HEAR FROM PATRONS OR STAFF**

• No one came before the Board.

**ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEM(S)**

• Approved consent items: 1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 16, 2007 and the Called Meeting of April 30, 2007; 2. Paying the bills in the amount of \$493,362.78; 3. The gas and diesel bid was awarded to Spearman Equity for the month of June 2007.

• Awarded the asbestos abatement of the elementary school building to Intercon Environmental in the amount of \$46,850.00 base bid to remove floor tile and mastic (additional amount of \$200.00 per chalkboard and \$150.00 per window).

• Coach Thornton updated the Board on the state athletic competition. Spearman High School's golf team placed 5th with Stuart Martin as 5th medalist, and Bryn Garnett received the bronze medal in pole vault. He also discussed the plans for off season/summer activities which include the 7 on 7 league, summer strength and conditioning, Lynx football camp for younger boys, and the beginning of two a days on August 6, 2007.

• Approved the \$20,000.00 purchase of equipment for the new weight room and the current weight room as submitted by Coach Thornton.

• Approved Construction

Change Request # 44 in the amount of \$9,484.00 to remove old wall paneling and install new wall paneling in the existing gym lobby to match the new construction.

• Mr. Sumner discussed the transition and moving plan for the building project and discussed the compensation for those who help with the move.

**INFORMATION ITEM(S)**

• The student enrollment of Spearman ISD is 736 on May 14, which is a decrease of two students from the April 16, 2007 report.

• The Substitute Teacher Report was provided for the period from March 19, 2007 through April 18, 2007. The cost for this period was \$12,722.80.00 with a yearly total of \$61,354.10.

• Mr. Sumner provided the staff development log for each campus for the 5th six weeks showing workshops and training attended by staff members.

• Mr. Sumner informed the Board that the date selected to canvass the School Board Election results will be on Monday, May 21 at Noon.

• The Board discussed the Board and Superintendent Scholarship to be provided to a graduating senior.

• Mr. Sumner reviewed the end of the year activities which include the High School Awards Ceremony

- May 15, the Athletic Banquet - May 15, Baccalaureate - May 20, Junior High Graduation - May 24, High School Graduation - May 25, and Project Graduation - May 25.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

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**If you have a concern about:**

- the market or appraised value of your Property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that adversely affects you

**INFORMAL REVIEW:** If you wish to have an informal review of your property with our staff, please come to our office in Spearman M-F, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. except holidays.

**REVIEW BY THE APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD:** If you cannot resolve your problem informally with the appraisal district staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

**REVIEW BY THE DISTRICT COURT OR AN ARBITRATOR:** After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you are not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. As an alternative and within the same time period, you may file a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district in certain cases.

**TAX PAYMENT:** You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

**MORE INFORMATION:** You can get more information by contacting the Hansford County Appraisal District at (806) 659-5575 or 709 W 7th Ave, Spearman, TX 79081-3407. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the Appraisal District or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division, PO Box 13528, Austin, TX 78711-3528.

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the appraisal district to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You will receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the appraisal district will use to uphold their determination. The appraisal district may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The appraisal district representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the appraisal district representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The appraisal district has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the Appraisal District office at 709 W 7th Ave Spearman, Texas 79081.

**DEADLINE FOR FILING A PROTEST WITH THE APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD\***

**USUAL DEADLINE:**  
Thirty (30) days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you.  
Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.  
Late protests are due the day before the Appraisal Review Board approves the records for the year. Contact your Appraisal District for more information.

**SPECIAL DEADLINES:**  
For change of use (the Appraisal District informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.  
For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change did not result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.  
If you believe the Appraisal District or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before the taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides if it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.  
\*The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

**NOTE:** You should not try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires the ARB members to sign an affidavit saying they have not talked about your case before the ARB hears it.







# North Plains Groundwater Conservation District to Hold Public Hearing on Proposed Repeal or Revision of Certain Rules

The North Plains Groundwater Conservation District ("District") will conduct a public hearing concerning the District's intent to: revise Rules 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13, 16, 24, 25 and 29; repeal Rule 3 and replace it with a revised Rule 3; and repeal Rules 4 and 5 in their entirety.

The District also intends to edit all current Rules and delete any reference to Allowable Annual Production and change such reference to Allowable Production including, without limitation, Rules 16.4, 24.1, and 29.2.

The public hearing is to provide interested members of the public the opportunity to appear and provide oral or written comments on the proposed repeal of certain Rules and proposed revision of certain Rules.

The date, time and place of the public hearing is as follows: June 12, 2007, 9:45 a.m. at the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Office, 603 East First Street, Dumas, Texas 79029.

Any person may appear in person, or by authorized representative, at the public hearing on the

repeal of certain Rules and the revision of certain Rules. Any person making an appearance must indicate their desire to make oral comments on the registration form provided by the District at the public hearing. A person must disclose any affiliation on the registration form and if applicable, the legal authority to speak for a person represented. Any other person attending the public hearing will be considered by the District to be an observer not desiring to make comment on the proposed Rule revisions or the repeal of certain Rules. The District will not consider any comments of an observer in its rulemaking proceedings.

All persons must indicate on the registration form whether their comments are generally directed to all of the proposed Rules or the repeal of certain current Rules or whether they are directed at specific numbered Rules. If directed at specific Rules, the number of the proposed Rule revisions or the repeal of certain current Rules must be identified on the registration form. If it becomes apparent during the oral comments that what were

indicated to be merely general comments are, in fact, specific comments, the presiding officer may ask the person to specifically identify the proposed Rule revisions or the repeal of certain current Rules to which the oral comments are directed.

The presiding officer will establish the order of oral comments of persons at the hearing. As appropriate, the presiding officer may limit: the number of times a person may speak; the time period for oral comments; cumulative, irrelevant, or unduly repetitious comments; general comments that are so vague, undeveloped, or immaterial as to be impracticable for the District to ascertain the intent or purpose of the person making the general oral comments and that are otherwise unhelpful to the District in analyzing the Proposed Rules; the time period for asking or responding to questions; and other matters that come to the attention of the presiding officer as requiring limitation.

Written comments on the Proposed Rules and the repeal of the Current Rules must be filed

with the District by mail or hand-delivery at the District's office at 603 East First Street, P. O. Box 795, Dumas, Texas 79029-0795. All written comments must be filed with the District and date-stamped no later than Friday, June 8, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. Central Daylight Savings Time.

Written comments should be filed on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper and be typed or legibly written. Written comments must indicate whether the comments are general and directed at all of the Proposed Rules, or whether they are directed at specific Proposed Rules. If

directed at specific Rules, the number of the Proposed Rules must be identified and followed by the comments on the specifically identified Proposed Rule.

Please note that while the District Board and staff will consider both oral and written comments, the staff may not prepare written responses to these comments for review and consideration by the Board of Directors of the District when it deliberates on whether to repeal certain Rules or adopt the proposed Rule revisions.

Copies of the Proposed Rules may be obtained from the District

by telephoning 1 (806) 935-6401; e-mailing a request to the District at artho@npwd.org; visiting the offices of the District at 603 East First Street, Dumas, Texas 79029-0795; or, visiting the District's website at <http://www.npwd.org>.

The meeting of the District's Board of Directors to consider the repeal of Rules 3, 4, and 5 and the adoption of a revised Rule 3 and the proposed revisions to Rules 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13, 16, 24, 25 and 29 will be held immediately following the public hearing.

## Children's Fishing Tournament at Lake Fryer

The Wolf Creek Improvement Board will be hosting a Children's Fishing Tournament at Lake Fryer on Saturday, June 2, 2007. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. at the gazebo located on the north shore of the lake. There will be a \$1 contestant registration fee with all proceeds dedicated for improvements to the lake. The first 100 contestants will receive a free registration bag including a fishing pole and T-shirt.

Saturday is free fishing day for all ages, so no permits needed. The tournament ends at 2 p.m. with prizes awarded at 3 p.m. in three age groups: ages 1-5; ages 6-10; and ages 11-14. Additional all ages prizes will be awarded for First Fish Caught, Largest Fish, Smallest Fish, First Turtle; Most Unusual Thing Found in the Park, and the Contestant Who Traveled the Furthest.

For more information, please contact Kay Allison at Allegiance Communications, 806-435-3231, during business hours or Peggy Cudd at 806-435-5263.

### HANSFORD HOSPICE RAFFLE

Hansford Hospice Volunteers are selling raffle tickets for a Gas Cooker donated by B&B Sales Co. & for a Traeger Cooker donated by Hansford Implement Company. The tickets are \$5.00 each and there will be two drawings. The first drawing will be for the Gas Cooker donated by B&B Sales Co. and the second drawing will be for the Traeger Cooker donated by Hansford Implement Company. The drawings will take place at the Hansford Hospice Golf Tournament and you do not need to be present to win. If you would like to buy a raffle ticket, please contact any Hansford Hospice Volunteer or call 659-5811. All funds raised will benefit our local Hansford Hospice program.

## Hawaiian Beach Bash Heritage Days - June 9, 2007

10:30 a.m. - Float judging  
Alco parking lot

11:00 a.m. - Parade begins  
Booths open for business

11 a.m.-6 p.m. - Activities & Entertainment  
Zulu Art Academy Art Show featuring local artists

12 noon - Boy Scouts cooking hamburgers and hot dogs at courthouse  
Registration for Kurk Adams Memorial Poker Run

1:00 p.m. - Kurk Adams Memorial Poker Run begins

2:00 p.m. - Bed Race - Chamber of Commerce

2:30 p.m. - Last Bike Out for Poker Run

4:00 p.m. - Poker Run Winners Announced

6-11 p.m. - Street Dance - Blue Rose Rocket from 6-8 p.m., DJ from 8-11 p.m.

## Bed Race

2:00 p.m.  
Saturday, June 9, 2007  
Spearman Chamber of Commerce, Main Street

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- Must have a mattress at least the size of the bed.
- May have up to 4 participants pushing the bed, plus 1 person in the bed at all time - people power only.
- Prizes will be awarded to 1st and 2nd places, and best decorated bed. Judges decisions will be final.
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