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## Top of Texas Quilt Shop Hop County Fair July 24-26, 2008

Ten quilt shops in our regional area have joined together for the 6th Annual Top of Texas Quilt Shop Hop, providing a fun-filled weekend for everyone who enjoys quilting and fabric arts. Door prizes, refreshments, as well as special free gifts for customers will be given to all who visit the quilt shops, Thursday, July 24th through Saturday, July 26th. Hours of business are: Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (CST)

Customers will receive a passport at the first stop visited. Completed passports with a stamp from each shop will be turned in at the last shop. Quilters going to all ten shops will be eligible for special prizes including a basket with 100 quilter's fat quarters, a \$75 gift certificate from each of the ten shops, and a basket filled with sewing and quilting notions. Total value for these prizes is over \$1,000.

In addition there will be a grand prize of a special quilt designed by the participating quilt shops. There will be a picture of this Round Robin Quilt at each shop. Patterns for a Mystery Quilt by Debbye Caffrey will be available at each quilt shop. Drawings for the grand prizes will be held on Sunday, July 27th.

Participating shops are: Fabric Dreams, Pam's Quilting Corner, R&R Quilts and More, Sister's Scraps - all of Amarillo; Cheryl's Quilt Corner - Guyton, OK; Down Home Quilts - Dumas; Jo's This 'n That - Spearman; Malouf's Fabrics - Friona; Sands' Fabrics - Pampa; and The Patchwork House - Clovis, NM.

For more information, contact Jo's This 'n That (ask for Jo) at 300 Main Street, Spearman TX 79081, or call 806-659-3999.

## Weather Forecast

**FRIDAY** - Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

**FRIDAY NIGHT** - Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

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

**SATURDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

**SUNDAY** - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

**SUNDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

**MONDAY** - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

**MONDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

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

## Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Temperatures were slightly below average with most areas having received some rain. Soil moisture varied from adequate to very short with most areas reporting adequate. Corn was rated mostly fair. Tasseling was reported. Cotton was rated mostly fair. Peanuts were rated mostly fair with pegging reported. Sorghum planting was nearly complete, and the crop was rated mostly fair. Soybeans were rated mostly fair. The wheat harvest was nearly complete. Range conditions varied from very poor to excellent with most reporting fair. Cattle were in good condition.

Spearman Chamber of Commerce's

## Yard of the Week

**Tino Ortega**  
903 Townsend

**Daniel Hopkins**  
902 Haney

**Mark Murray**  
204 Dressen

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

# Vanderburg Named COO



Senior Vice President Troy Vanderburg

Larry Allen, Chief Executive Officer and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of Peoples Bank has announced the promotion of Senior Vice President Troy Vanderburg from Cashier to Chief Operations Officer.

Vanderburg is responsible for managing the operations of the bank and its five banking locations on a daily basis. He joined Peoples Bank in 2004 after working as the Chief Financial Officer at both Perryton and Frenship Independent School Districts for more than seven years. Since joining Peoples Bank, he has served as Chief Financial Officer and as Cashier.

Vanderburg is a graduate of Leadership Lubbock, has served in the Junior Achievement Program, Lubbock MOB Basketball, Western Little League and the Rotary Club of Lubbock. He also has served as a Loaned Executive for the United Way, is a member of the Frenship Foundation Board of Directors and serves as a member of the Appointments Advisory Board for the City of Lubbock. Vanderburg is a graduate of Texas Tech University and has a Master's Degree from Texas A&M University. He and his family are members of Indiana Avenue Baptist Church.

Peoples Bank has locations in Lubbock, Lorenzo, Nazareth and Shallowater with total assets of more than \$200 million. The bank is presently constructing a 3,000 square foot facility on Highway 84 in Shallowater, scheduled for completion by the end of this year. Additional locations are being planned.

## First Annual Big Fun Run 5K Race and Family Fun Walk Benefits Big Brothers Big Sisters

The Wheatheart Satellite of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Texas Panhandle will hold a 5K race and Family Fun Walk in conjunction with Perryton's Wheatheart Celebration on Saturday, August 23rd. All of the proceeds will benefit the local program.

The race, dubbed The First Annual Big Fun Run, will start at 8 a.m. at Perryton High School; a one mile walk will begin at 8:30.

There will be five divisions for the race: 18 and under, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49 and 50 and over. Prizes will be awarded to male and female first and second place winners in each division.

The deadline to pre-register is August 8th but registration will be available the morning of the event. The entry fee for individual runners is \$25; members of the Lone Star Runners Club or SWFTR pay only \$20. Individual walkers pay \$25. Participants will receive a free T-shirt.

The 5K route will begin in front of the high school on Jefferson and follow a course up 9th Street, along several blocks of Main Street, down 19th Street with a detour on Eton and around Stark Park. The race continues on Grinnell in front of Wright Elementary and joins 19th Street again to pass Williams Intermediate School and concludes back at the high school. The community is encouraged to come out and cheer on the racers.

The Family Fun Walker Package is \$90 and includes four T-shirts. Pre-registration is required to guarantee youth size shirts. The route will follow the perimeter of the high school grounds. Some special fun is planned for these participants.

Additional shirts may be purchased at the event for \$15 each.

Event sponsors are Weatherford, Lemon Law Office and Caprock Supply.

The local Big Brothers Big Sisters' office serves Ochiltree and Hansford counties and the city of Booker. Over 110 children have been matched with caring mentors in school and community based programs this year. For more information about the program or to register call BBBS at 806-434-0016 or email bigsmagic@windstream.net for a registration form.

The Board set penalties for not reporting 2007 production and 2008 production. Mr. Walthour, the general manager, presented an update on the status of the 2007 Annual Production reporting data, which shows that 94% of District well-owners have turned in their water production data for 2007. He also gave a report on the Desired Future Conditions, Managed Available Groundwater and Groundwater Availability Modeling related to Groundwater Management Area #1, of which the District is a member.

## North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Meets

The Board of Directors for North Plains Groundwater Conservation District met on July 9, 2008 at the District offices in Dumas.

The first items considered by the Board were formal Show Cause Hearings for two parties who were in violation of District rules regarding metering of groundwater production. One party reached a settlement agreement with the District, and in the other case, the non-compliant party's counter-offer was rejected by the Board and the matter will be decided at a formal hearing in August.

The Board accepted the resignation of Moore County Director Kurt Stallwitz and selected a replacement to fill his unexpired term. There were several qualified candidates who had expressed interest in the position, and Harold Grall of Moore County was appointed to fill the unexpired term.

In other business, the Board approved a tax abatement for Sunray Ethanol LLC in Moore County and they also considered forty well permits and approved them as active and complete wells.

The Board also reviewed a draft 2008-2009 budget for the District, and their decision on the budget will be finalized after the tax rate is reviewed and set at the end of the summer.

Lipscomb County has made a request to allow discount tax due in that county to a person if he or she pays the amount before January, which the Board approved.

The Directors discussed current District rules and possible new or amended rules that may be needed in the future. No action was taken, but the need to address possible changes in the rules will be addressed again at future meetings.

After hearing information on the state-wide Water IQ program, the Board voted to participate as a sponsor. The program is designed to raise public awareness of Texas' water resources and the need to conserve and protect them. The program will provide an educational campaign across the state, including educational television and radio spots.

The Board heard a report on the progress being made in the District's monitor well program, which was initiated to add dedicated monitoring wells to the network already in place to allow personnel to obtain more accurate measurements of the water levels within the Ogallala aquifer within the District. Having more accurate data will enable the District to better understand and manage the groundwater resources of the District.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Friday, August 8 at 9:00 a.m. at the District's offices at 603 East 1st Street in Dumas.

## The Main Event

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

Speakers will include: Jon Randles, a motivating collegiate athletic speaker, FCA speaker and former church minister; Jodi Wilson, a music leader, entertainer, conference leader, minister and minister's wife; and Blake Bolerjack, a contemporary Christian recording artist.

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

## Closed Notice

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman will be closed July 16-22. The deadline for the July 24th issue will be Tuesday, July 22nd at 12 p.m. Items submitted after the deadline will be published at a later date, as time and space permit.

Items may be submitted by phone (806-659-3434), fax (806-398-9080), mail (Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman TX 79081), in person (310 Barkley Street, Spearman) or e-mail (reporter@spearmanreporter.com).

## JH/HS Boys Athletic Physicals Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> Spearman High School Library

### Time(s):

Seniors	1:00 p.m.
Juniors	1:30 p.m.
Sophomores	2:00 p.m.
Freshman	2:30 p.m.
8 <sup>th</sup> Graders	3:00 p.m.
7 <sup>th</sup> Graders	3:30 p.m.

**Instructions:** Please bring the completed Medical History form with you to the physical. If you need a form or have any questions, you can contact Stephen Rodman at (806) 215-4024 or 659-2026.

**Please note:** The Mandatory Drug Testing Meeting has been scheduled for August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Spearman High School Auditorium. A parent and student must attend this meeting.



**WILLIAM DON HUDSON**

William Don Hudson, always known as Don, was born in 1914 in Sarcoxie, Missouri. When he was 14 he moved to Gruver, Texas where his father Ed was the townsite manager. Don graduated from Gruver High School in 1932 as class valedictorian and entered the working world during the Depression and the Dust Bowl.

By 1939 when the War had begun in Europe, Don was operating the Phillips 66 service station in Gruver. His parents had moved back to Sarcoxie, but he and his brother Turk liked the Panhandle and stayed.

In October of 1940 a Federal Draft Law was passed that required all the young men between the ages of 21 and 30 to register. A few from Hansford County were called for the one year of mandatory service. On the second registration, July 1, 1941, Don was called for service. He went to Amarillo by bus and then to El Paso by train. There at Fort Bliss he was inducted into the Army on July 12, 1941.

Don was asked what branch of the Army he would prefer. Based on Pete Maupin's recommendation, he asked for the Signal Corps. The reply was that he was being put in the Infantry. Then he was sent to the new base at Camp Walters near Mineral Wells for his basic training. His next stop was Fort Snelling in Minnesota. While he was training there, the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor and the U. S. entered WWII. Drafted men could no longer expect to serve for one year but for the duration.

When his training ended at Fort Snelling, Don was given a chance to choose his next base. As he chose Camp Crowder, near Neosho, Missouri, one of the officers took him aside to tell him that they could get him closer to Texas. Don admitted that his family lived in Sarcoxie, about 40 miles from Camp Crowder, and that is where he was sent.

Don always felt that being sent to the newly opened Camp Crowder was a lucky break. Soon after his arrival the First Sergeant chose him and a few others who knew how he wanted things done to stay and make his life easier. While the other soldiers who trained there were sent on to battles all over the world, Don was nearby when his father died. He was also able to take his mother and two grandmothers out for a drive on occasion. Meanwhile his younger brother Lee was fighting in bitter campaigns in the South Pacific, and his older brother Turk was a belly gunner on a B-26 flying missions in Europe. His oldest brother Max had been called up by the draft board, but he was given a deferment to sell the wheat that he had raised on the farm he rented west of Gruver.

As a member of the Military Police, Don's duties included escorting prisoners to bases in many parts of the United States. Finally, after 3 years, he was among a group that was transferred out of Camp Crowder. Most of his colleagues joined outfits in Europe and wound up in the Battle of the Bulge. Don was one of the few who were given additional training and then, on April 7, 1945, sent on a 10-day ocean voyage to Scotland. While he was at sea, he learned of President Roosevelt's death. From Scotland he was sent on to Germany where he joined the 399th Infantry and became a replacement in the famed Hell on Wheels 2nd Armored Division.

The War in Europe was soon over with May 8, 1945 designated as V-E Day. Don then became a part of the German Occupancy. At first the soldiers were forbidden to fraternize with the Germans. By the end of June, however, that rule was discarded as unworkable. As First Sergeant, Don assisted the Company Commander by supervising various tasks and field duties, as well as making out morning reports, sick book, guard rosters, duty rosters and furloughs. His own most memorable furloughs were to Switzerland and the French Riviera.

On January 19, 1946 Don left Europe on another 10-day boat trip and was soon given an honorable discharge at Fort Dix, New Jersey on February 3. He had given 4 years, 6 months and 22 days in the service of his country, but he had always felt fortunate he never fought in a battle.

After returning to Gruver, he resumed his work as operator of the Phillips 66 station and began farming with his brother Turk. Later he became a full time farmer and rancher. He married Dorothy Hart.

In May of 2008 their four daughters and their families honored them with a party for their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

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



**State Capital HIGHLIGHTS**

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry, on his Web site July 9, published that "Texas Is America's Top State for Business," citing results of the CNBC "Top States for Business 2008" survey.

The survey scored each state on 40 different measures of competitiveness, using publicly available data.

Among measures used in the survey: cost of doing business, workforce, economy, education, quality of life, technology and innovation, transportation, cost of living, business friendliness and access to capital.

Texas' strongest showings were in economy, technology and innovation, transportation and cost of living.

Meanwhile, state Comptroller Susan Combs, had this to say in her "Comptroller's Economic Outlook" dated July 10:

"So far, the Texas economy continues to be in better shape than most other states. While we see a cooling in the economy, there are aspects like good job growth and revenue growth that show the state is faring better than what's happening on the national front.

"Employment in Texas continues to expand. From May 2007 to May 2008, Texas gained about 238,700 jobs, which is more than the next seven top job growth states combined. Texas accounted for 53.4 percent of the jobs gained in the nation during that time period.

"Sales tax revenue is the state's largest source of general revenue. So far this year, sales tax revenue is 5.8 percent higher than the same period last year."

**Tape of arson remains secret**

A security camera videotaped the June 8 arson fire that gutted the Governor's Mansion.

The Texas Department of Public Safety sought a ruling from the Texas Attorney General's Office to prevent release of the tape, or copies of it, to the public.

If the fire had been ruled an act of terrorism, the tape would have been deemed confidential under federal and state homeland security laws. But there has been no such ruling.

However, the contents of the tape may be kept confidential under the Texas public information law, because it is part of an ongoing crim-

**GOVERNOR TOUTS SURVEY SHOWING TEXAS BEST STATE FOR BUSINESS**



by Ed Sterling

inal investigation, the Attorney General's Office ruled.

**AG looks at religious lit courses**

The Attorney General's Office completed its required review of proposed rules by the State Board of Education regarding "religious literature" courses that Texas public high schools can offer under a law passed by the Legislature in 2007.

Deputy Attorney General Andrew Weber, in a July 9 letter to SBOE Chairman Don McLeroy, wrote that it could not be concluded whether Bible courses would comply with the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and that the attorney general's office is unable to "preclear" courses.

Constitutional challenges may arise over the way these courses are taught.

**AG files Medicaid fraud lawsuit**

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on July 9 filed a lawsuit in a Travis County state district court charging a list of generic drug manufacturers with reporting false, inflated drug prices to the Texas Medicaid program.

The lawsuit alleges that the manufacturers falsely reported prices, and as a result, Medicaid reimbursed pharmacies at vastly inflated rates. The false reporting of drug prices is a violation of the Texas Medicaid Fraud Prevention Act.

The lawsuit names Watson / Schein Pharmaceuticals Inc. of California; Alpharma Inc. of New Jersey; Par Pharmaceutical Inc. of New Jersey; and Barr Pharmaceuticals Inc. of New York.

**Census ranks fast growing cities**

The U.S. Census on July 10 released data showing that in 2007, McKinney, Killeen and Denton ranked in the top 10 fastest growing cities in the nation.

In another category, numerical population increase, data showed Houston added 38,932 residents between July 1, 2006, and July 1, 2007, to lead the nation. Joining Houston in the top 10 on that list were: San Antonio, third; Fort Worth, fourth; and Austin, eighth.

**New way to track 'your money'**

For Texans interested in how their tax dollars are being spent, there is a new Web site:

TexasBudgetSource.com.

The site is a project of the Austin-based conservative think tank, Texas Public Policy Foundation. Talmadge Heflin, a former state lawmaker, is director of the foundation's Center for Fiscal Policy. He said the purpose of the Web site is to bring greater transparency to government spending.

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**SUMMER BLOCKBUSTERS**

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  - St. Louis attraction
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  - David Cook, e.g.
  - Dishonest schemes
  - Something one
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  - Taken with interest
  - Analyst who works with graphs
  - Relating to urine
  - Long for Liz
  - Biathlon skill
  - What bullies do
  - Broken piece of glass
  - Event host
  - "A Bug's Life" hero
  - Young horses
  - Big increase in short time frame
  - Sports stadium
  - Ahmadinejad's country
  - Pacific greeting
  - Sheer silky fabric
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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 17

**Birthday** - Holly Meyer, Debbie Tolleson, Wesley Jarvis, Michael Dodd, Dennis Nelson, Marie Jones, Dr. Tom Latta, Charlie Garcia, Cody Baskin, Karl Bynum, Julie Baca, Veronica Rosales, Kevin Quillin, Denise Smith, Michael Lusby, Coley Griffin

**Anniversary** - M/M Willie Wilkerson, M/M Dick Thompson, M/M Jim Fowler

## July 18

**Birthday** - Trixie Holt, Lisa Salmans, Maria Vela Acevedo, Linda McCoy, Cris McClellan, Greg Meek, Sonny Patterson, Shanda Denee Graham, Kathryn Murphy

**Anniversary** - Jim & Laquita Evans, Scott & Maria Bullard, Tracy & Angela Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Deakin, Kim & Steven Francis

## July 19

**Birthday** - June Barkley, Joe Lopez Jr., Ronnie Williams, Vincent Garcia, Blake Beedy, Mark Avila, Pauline Nava, Opal Petree, Amber TeBeest

**Anniversary** - Ray & Judy Martin, Joey & Lyn Woolley, Don & Carolyn Savage, M/M Corky Chapman, M/M Arlo Shearer

## July 20

**Birthday** - Elaine Rogers, Arlo Shearer, Vic Schuman, Virginia White, Thomas Reed, Cal Nava, Mary Barnes, Meli Floyd Burgess, Bruce Bailey, Neale Estes, Sylvia Herara, Cheryl Wall, Braxton Crane

**Anniversary** - Rick & Jan Howard, M/M Eric Brown, M/M Joe Archer Sr., M/M Mike Garnett, M/M F.W. Thomas

## July 21

**Birthday** - Tasha Haight Hiles, Larry Kennedy, Clint Lilley, Trevor Shearer, Earl Goodheart, Jewell Turner, Ross Donahue, Josephine Schneider, Kirk Davis, Jessica Woolley, Ron Robinson, Barbara Farr, Larry Blackwell, Mary K. Harbour, Van Bradford, Ty Seagler, Matt Salazar

**Anniversary** - Jeff & Michelle Beedy, M/M Thomas Reyes, M/M Johnnie Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Chad Logsdon

## July 22

**Birthday** - Robert Reid, Joe Cole, Tiffany Hand, Luke Pittman, Flavil Ayers, Edith Phillip, Jack Karlin, Danny Rushing

**Anniversary** - Jim Davis, M/M Roy Mayhew, Stephanie & Kyler Bates

## July 23

**Birthday** - Linda Beeson, Beckie Leach, Peggy Winegarner, Travis Bennett, Elivina Rodriguez, Mark Schoenhals, Grace Kirk, Keith Sumner, Austen Strawn

**Anniversary** - M/M Lynn Boyd

## July 25

**Birthday** - Robbie Butts, Brooke Lesly, Rhonda Baker

## July 26

**Birthday** - Raquel Matthews Whitehead, George P. Odom, Jolain Ball, Jerry Long, Neil Benton, Ronnie Bullard, Rubygo Wilbanks, Tammi Holmes, Traci Lane, Misty Payne, Cayla Smith, Oscar Valdez, Mini Largent, DeeDee DeLaRosa, Jennifer Covington

**Anniversary** - M/M Sergio Vaquera, M/M Danny Henson

## July 27

**Birthday** - Tracy Bevill, 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, Ryan Phillips, Able Eaton, Valerie Burnum

**Anniversary** - Bos & Sis Staton, 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, 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, Robert Graham, Christi Close, Tracy Wilson, Kenny Red, Carol Rushing, Valerie Shields, Aaron Witten, Tanner Hand, Kristi Ramon, Jessica Montgomery, Richard Trantham, LoRee Booth, Mae Wofford, Dallas Troser, 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

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## Words from Faith & Grace



by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

What is our relationship with God? We study Isaiah 44:6-8, Psalm 86:11-17, Romans 8:12-25, and Matthew 13:24-30,36-43. Isaiah tells us that God is the first and last. God is our "Redeemer," the best father or mother we ever had! The Psalmist sings a song of praise to God, a request for aid in walking in God's truth, and a request for protection from his enemies. God as father, protector.

Paul tells the Romans of living the Christian life. Paul uses the Roman terms for adoption of a child in describing our relationship with God. If we are led by the Spirit we are children of God. We're God's family. We don't have to pretend with God, we don't have to beg his blessing, he freely gives it. God has adopted us and given us life. If we suffer now, it will not compare with the glory about to be revealed to us. For God who freed us is going to free all creation to his glory! God is our Hope, our All.

Jesus gives the parable of the evil sower. An enemy sows weed seed in a wheat field to harm the farmer. We are told that the field is the world, the good seed is the children of the Kingdom, the sower of the good seed is the Son of Man, and the sower of the bad seed is the devil. Jesus tells us that the angels will separate the good wheat from the weeds at the harvest, the end of the age. Consider that the Greek word used for "weed" in this parable is "zizania" which refers to a plant we call "bearded darnel". This plant looks like wheat when it is growing, and is only distinguishable once the heads have fully formed. The bearded darnel's roots tangle with the wheat; therefore, it is harmful to the good crop to attempt to remove the bearded darnel while it and the wheat are growing. Jesus' audience understood this example. The message for us as Christians is that we are loved by God and we will be "gathered" in. But note also, that God is the judge of what is "wheat" and what is "weed". We as Christians should not be quick to judge others (it's really not our job or place to do so).

May the Holy Spirit assure you that you are a child of God and that God loves you and cares for you, now and forever.

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## Our Sympathy

### William Carey Bridges

William Carey Bridges, 46, of Lubbock died Tuesday, July 15, 2008. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Monday, July 21 at 5:00 p.m. at Lake Ridge Chapel, 6025 82nd Street in Lubbock (82nd and Iola).

This will be a time for singing, praising, fellowshiping and remembering. There will be an open mike so those who wish to may share Carey stories. There will also be a basket with paper to write remembrances down to be included in a memory book.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice of Lubbock. They have been such an invaluable resource for the family, and will continue to be for some time.

*'Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.'* Romans 12:12

## Thank You!

The family of John and Joe Robinson would like to express their heartfelt thanks and gratitude to friends and neighbors, for all the love, support and concerns. A big thanks to all who assisted with the fire on July 2, 2008. Special thanks to the Gruver Fire Department, Gruver EMS and the Spearman Fire Department, for their fast response and hard work; Bart Thoreson for the loader to help clean up; and Lupe Mendoza and sons for their help with the clean up.

A very special thank you is extended to Hansford Implement for the use of the John Deere gator for the Gruver Parade.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson;  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Robinson; Peggy Robinson

## Thank You!

The Hansford County Library staff would like to thank all those who contributed in any way to the summer reading program held in June. Over 418 children participated in our very successful month of activities.

Specials "Thanks" are extended to: Betty Pugh, Chad Wilkerson, Dusty Frost, Hannah Patterson, Dick Gillaspie, Darren Peterson and Chicken Dog, Stephen Cook, Gina Gillispie, Cindy Blackman, Ed Hansen, Hansford County Fire Department Members, Hansford County Police Department Members, Hansford County EMS Members, Alco of Spearman

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Men's Bible Study - Wed., 7 a.m.  
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Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m.  
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Wed. Worship: 7:00 p.m.  
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### Timeless Treasures

The July Timeless Treasures Quilt meeting will be July 19, 2008 at the Nazarene Church, 2214 N. Sunset, Guymon, OK. (Use the basement door on the west side of the building.) The meeting will begin at 10 a.m., but feel free to come earlier to enjoy drinks and breakfast refreshments. The July quilt program will be presented by Donna Meyer of Sunray, TX. The morning lecture and trunk show will have emphasis on the quilting designs. Donna will share many tips on quilting, quilting with a domestic sewing machine and choosing a quilt design to enhance the overall quilt. The afternoon workshop will focus on quilting options and tools, and viewing quilt block examples and quilting suggestions. Donna would also like to have you bring quilt tops so we can determine quilting suggestions. All visitors are welcome. For more information, contact Mary Jane Fast, jamjfast@hotmail.com.

### Hansford County 8th Annual Benefit Rib Cook-Off

The Hansford County 8th Annual Benefit Rib Cook-Off will be held Saturday, July 19th at the Z Ranch (maps to the Z Ranch are available at Hansford Implement, Five Star Equipment, Gruver Parts & Supply, Farm Supply Inc., and the Hansford County Courthouse). Judging of Ribs, Alligator, Side Dishes and Dessert will be held at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Donations will benefit Kathy Bryant, Andy and Kathy Lindsey, Kayla Carden, Abigail TeBeest and Arbeta Nobles. Live music will be provided by "Wooden Nickel." Anyone wishing to attend is invited to bring lawn chairs and a side dish or dessert! Meat was donated by Brad Hart, Richard Wagner, McCattle Co., Mark Irwin, Ian Levis, Jackie Wilson, Clint Irwin and Dean Coates. For more information, call Barbara or Paul Stavlo at 733-2600 or Mike Cudd at 659-5030.

### Understanding Infant Adoption

A Continuing Education Training Class on *Understanding Infant Adoption* will be held on Friday, July 18, 2008 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Building, 200 North Ballard Street, Pampa. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The target audience is health care professionals (social workers, nurses, case managers, educators, etc.) interacting or providing health care along with social/educational services to pregnant women, etc. 8 hours of continuing education credits, approved by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and 5.6 CEAP hours are approved for nurses. The registration deadline is Wednesday, July 16th. To pre-register or for more information, contact Karen Russell (Panhandle AHEC) at 806-651-3482 or krussell@mail.wtamu.edu.

### Parish Nurse & Health Ministry Program

Basic Parish Nurse Prep Training for RN's and Health Advocate Training for Non-RNs will be held on July 24, 25, 31 and August 1 at Saint Stephen United Methodist Church in Amarillo, Texas. This non-denominational course is for registered nurses interested in training to become parish nurses for their churches. 34 contact hours will be awarded to RNs completing the four-day training. Also welcome are those who would like to attend for the valuable information and resources as health advocates including retired RNs, LVNs, allied health, clergy and others. Health advocates will receive no contact hours. Parish nursing provides a blending of nursing expertise and spiritual care in congregations as part of the ministry team. Registration fee will be \$350 for registered nurses and \$250 for health advocates/others. The fee will include training materials/books and lunch. The registration deadline is July 11, 2008. For more information, or to register, please contact Sharon Hinton, Rural Nurse Resource at 806-983-8096 or sth.mr@door.net, or Sandi McGinnis at 806-353-7988 (mcginnis@arn.net) or Sharon Tunnell at 806-355-7271.

### Kwahadi Dancers Present Song of the Eagle

The Kwahadi Dancers present *Song of the Eagle* every Friday and Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Kwahadi Museum of the American Indian through July 20. A special one hour short performance with discounted tickets will be presented July 4. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. The museum is located on the north side of I-40 between Lakeside and Airport. For information or reservations, call the museum at 806-335-3175. The Museum is open summer hours 11 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Wed through Sat, and until 10 p.m. on show days, and is open 1 - 5 p.m. on Sunday afternoons.

### Foreign Investors Notification

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture. The Farm Service Agency administers this program for USDA. Foreign persons who have purchased or sold agricultural land in the county are required to report the transaction to FSA within 90 days of the closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA form could result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the property. County government offices, realtors, attorneys and others involved in real estate transactions are reminded to notify foreign investors of these reporting requirements.

### 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 July 24, 2008. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. 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.

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### You're Never Alone - Narcotics Anonymous Group

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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 to help 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 achieve sobriety. For information, call 662-1111.

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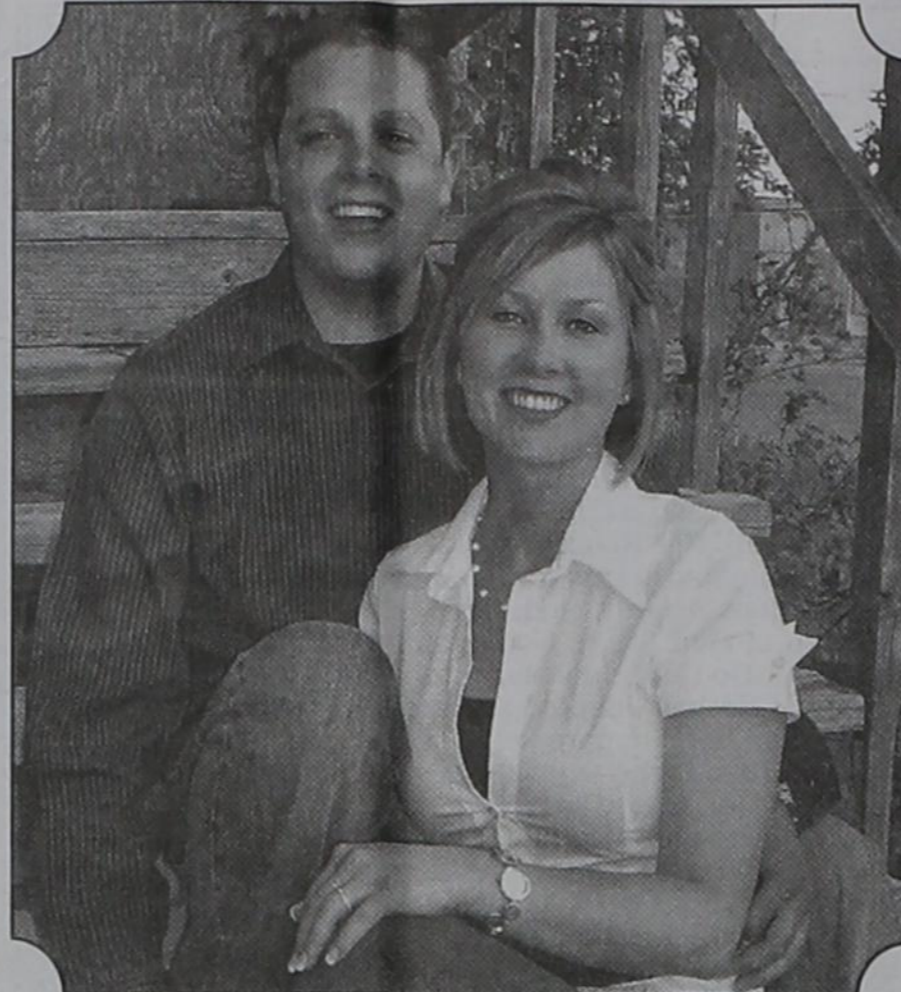
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## Engagement Announcement

Tindle and Kristi Ramon of Spearman wish to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Nicole Dianne Ramon to Eric Neumeier, Jr.. Eric is the son of Judy and Cory Beasley and Eric Neumeier, Sr., all of Guymon, OK.

Nicole is the granddaughter of Dr. Serafin and Valois Ramon of Goodwell, OK and Vicki Orth of Asher, OK. Eric is the grandson of Vincent and Catherina Costilla of Guymon, OK and Judith and Lanny Harruf of Perysburg, OH.

The couple will wed on September 6, 2008 at Coles Garden in Oklahoma City, OK. A reception will be held at Coles Garden immediately following the wedding ceremony.

Nicole is a graduate of Spearman High School. She graduated from Oklahoma Panhandle State University in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. She teaches in Guymon. Nicole has a two-year-old son, Preston Zackary.

Eric graduated from Guymon High School and currently works for Winter Mud Co. in Guymon.



## 60th Wedding Anniversary

Ben and Donna Cook of Gruver, TX will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on July 26th. The event will be hosted by their eight children at The Hungry Cowboy Restaurant in Spearman.

All friends of Ben and Donna are cordially invited to attend the reception, which begins at 6 p.m.

No gifts please. Your presence is all that is required.

You are invited to a  
**60th Wedding Anniversary**  
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**Ben & Donna Cook**  
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You are invited to a  
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- Kacey Smith & Josh Ivy - TBA
- Nicole Ramon & Eric Neumeier - TBA
- Kendra Hicks & Jason Cantrell
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- Miranda Barnhill & Travis Brown
- Meghan Blaneck & Kevin Williams
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- Lourdes Vega & David Puebla
- Brooke Beville & Andrew McMurry
- Megan Dorton & Justin Raymer
- Alma Martinez & Andy McElhannon
- Audrey Winegarner & Braden Gibson

### Baby Registry

- Dustin & Rowena May Parks - 8/5
- Aaron & Bryn (Lowe) Weller - 9/6
- Radar & Betty Garcia - TBA
- Jessica Villarreal & Isaac Herndon
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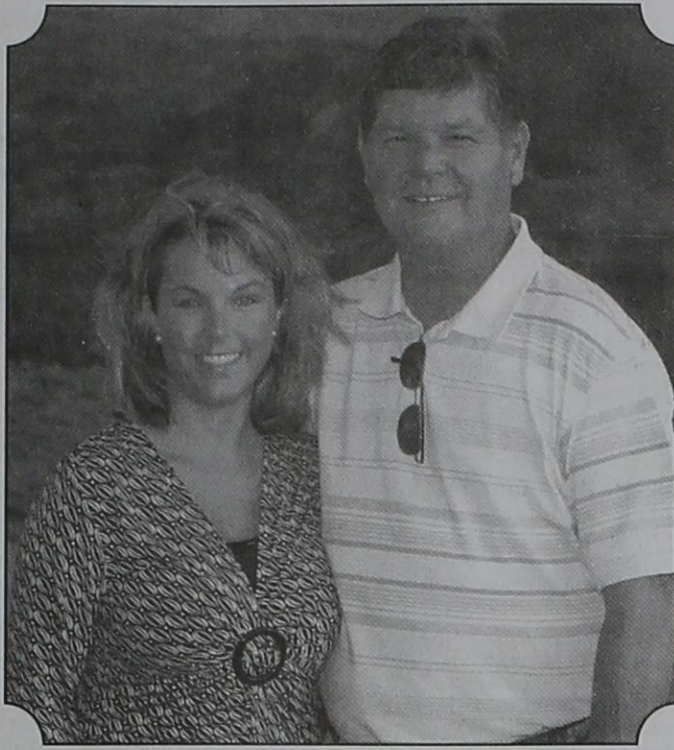
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**Wedding Announcement**

Shanda Graham, daughter of the late Jackie and Shorty Graham of Spearman, and Douglas Kerr, son of May Kerr and the late Lloyd Kerr of Odessa, wish to announce their upcoming marriage. Shanda is employed by AIG annuity Insurance Company and Douglas is self employed. The wedding is scheduled for September 27, 2008 at the Renaissance Event Center in Amarillo.

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All uniforms and raffle tickets/money **MUST** be turned in by Saturday, July 19th.

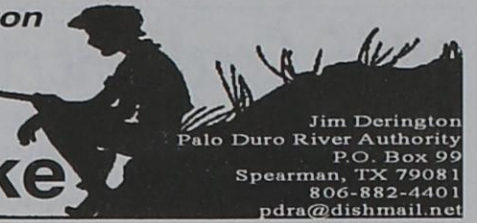
Please return all uniforms to Sandy White at 104 S. Barkley.

Raffle tickets and money needs to be returned to Sally Swan at 805 S. Archer. **ALL** raffle tickets and money **MUST** be turned in by July 19th in order for us to draw for the raffle. We **MUST** have **ALL** tickets accounted for prior to the drawing.

For more information, or if you have any questions, please call Sharon Swan at 659-1734.

by Jim Derington

**Out  
at the Lake**



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Jimmy Hooper & family camped at Lake Palo Duro over the weekend. He caught four Blue Cats, weighing up to eighteen pounds.

Lake Level--July 14, 2008--18.79 feet (+3.22 feet)

The three days of rain last week had people over the watershed wearing big smiles. Jim said the total at the office gauge was 3.97 inches with over 2 inches of it from the last rain. Palo Duro Creek, although it ran in a few stretches, never made it to the Lake. The rise came from Horse Creek and what fell locally.

There was renewed activity in the Park this weekend. A number of people just wanted to see how the Lake looked with more water. The pond below the shop that separated from the Lake is now back as part of it. The water in the Lake almost doubled, and the surface area went from 104 acres to 147 acres. Everywhere you look in the Park now, it is green and pretty.

Dwain and Linda Weller of Gruver and Joe T. and Linda Venneman from the northeast corner of the county had RVs parked below the

dam this weekend.

Fishing picked up with more of the catches smaller fish than the Jimmy Hooper catch pictured here. The Hoopers, who live at Borger where Jimmy is working on the new plant that Conoco Phillips is building, come to the Lake as a family. They camp in a tent on the office side.

Seeing the mountain lion from horseback as Lorissa Buschman did is a new twist to our cougar sightings. Jim added a little more to the story this morning, as he had learned when she got what she considered a suitable distance from the cat, she put her horse in a run and got home in a hurry.

Our Montana relatives who share ranches with the occasional mountain lion tell me they try to avoid trails that go near ledges or trees that make spots the lions like to use to pounce down on game. Here, though, I think most lions attack from the ground.

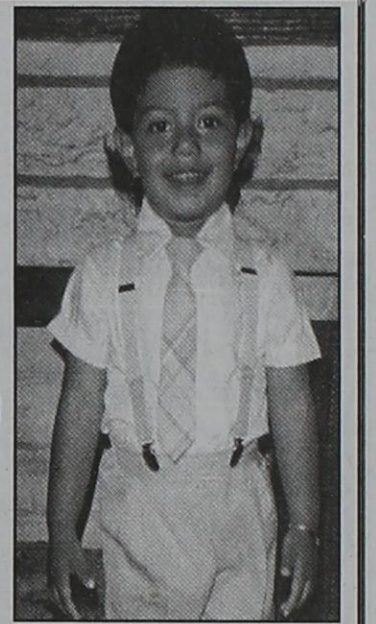
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You're Invited to a 100th Birthday Party honoring Raye Gibson on Saturday, July 26, 2008, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. at First State Bank, Spearman. No gifts please.

His family would like to honor him on this occasion with at least 100 Birthday Wishes. They are asking that anyone wishing to send Raye a card or a shared memory of him - it would be nice if he received at least 100 cards for his 100th birthday. If you would rather, you may want to write about a story or share a joke you remember with Raye.

We hope you will take a few minutes out of your busy schedule to make Raye feel special on his centennial birthday. The address is PO Box 61, Spearman TX 79081.

**Congressman Mac Thornberry**  
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**Monday, July 28, 2008**  
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Spearman City Hall  
City Council Chambers  
30 SW Court  
Spearman, Texas

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
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# Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott

## MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

WONDERFUL summer weather. The cool temperatures and nice rain brought in the visitors.

In spite of the gas prices, we are having visitors from all across the United States. In the month of July, we have had visitors from Florida, Washington, Missouri and New York to name just a few. We also have had our neighbors from Kansas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma dropping by. It is always fun visiting with these people and sharing our heritage with them. We also had county visitors who are regional natives, but new to the county. We welcome them and hope they make many visits to the museum.

This Saturday is the third Saturday of the month and it is show time in Lipscomb. The museum will open at 4 p.m. and host a book signing for Elaine Littau of Perryton. She has written a book entitled "Nan's Journey."

This is her first novel but Elaine was able to weave memorable characters into the vivid background of the wild, unsettled heart of America (from a review of her book). Please plan to come out and support one of our local authors, then journey downtown to enjoy the evening entertainment at the dance platform.

We continue to incorporate new exhibits and items in the gift shop. Dorothy has been having a lot of fun pick-

ing out puzzles and books that have themes and topics from our area. We have a lot of new titles on western history, so you historians need to come by and check them out.

Our featured artist for July and August is Gwen Ferguson and her exhibit is one you don't want to miss.

## HISTORICAL MUSINGS

In August 1919, Lipscomb Limelight announced the opening of the First National Bank of Booker as the second new bank at Booker. It reported a starting capital stock of \$25,000 and had as officers and directors: E.J. Thayer, President; A. Bissantz, Vice Pres.; C.E. Winder, Cashiers; C.Q. Chandler, F.L. Carson, and Dorothy Thayer. It reported that with this opening, there were now eight banks in Lipscomb County - five on the new railroad line, two on the old line, and one in Lipscomb county seat. The article ends with "Here's wishing the new bank that commenced pushing their coin through the window on August 2nd all kinds of prosperity."

Last week, I reported the 1919 Texas ratification of the national amendment that granted women the right to vote and I queried about the first Lipscomb County women to register. I have not yet learned this woman, but I did discover that on June 27, 1918 Hortense Sparks Ward became the first woman in

Harris County to register to vote. In 1910 she became the first woman admitted to the Texas state bar. She worked tirelessly in support of women's rights and penned moving newspaper essays and pamphlets for the cause. She was instrumental in the passage of the Married Woman's Property Law of 1913 by the Texas Legislature, and she campaigned with suffragist Minnie Fisher Cunningham for enfranchisement. Texas women won an important victory in 1918 when the legislature permitted them to vote in primary elections. In a short span of less than three weeks, 386,000 women across the state registered to vote and Hortense Ward was leading the way.

Hope everyone is registered to vote and to continue these traditions. Have a great week and see you Saturday.

## Wolf Creek Heritage Museum

Museum Hours: Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 2 to 4 p.m. Special hours upon request.

Museum Information: 13310 Hwy 305, Box 5, Lipscomb TX 79056; telephone: 806-852-2123; email: wolferk@amaonline.com; website: www.wolfcreekheritagemuseum.com

# Corner FPC

Frank Phillips College

Summer is in full swing at the Allen Campus. Summer Session 2 classes are underway and Fall Semester registration is just around the corner.

Since September, the start of our fiscal year, the Allen Campus has served 3920 students and other residents of Perryton and the surrounding area. Academic classes account for 371 students, Continuing Education classes have served 683 students, and Community Service classes and events make up the remaining 2866 persons served.

The summer is not over yet, so there is still time for both children and adults to get in some community education classes! The Photo Retouching in a Day ("Photoshop" without Photoshop) is Saturday, July 26. Photoshop Elements with Kim Herring needs one more person, so call if you want more exten-

sive training. Children's Camps include Computer Camp with Ron Bishop, four Tuesdays starting July 22, and Art Camp with Brandy Collar, Mon-Thursday for two weeks, starting July 28. Call for more information!

Fall courses include Introduction to Mechanics, a 96 hour course taught by Jerry Murphy, which will prepare participants for apprenticeship to a mechanic. It includes safety, theory, tools, and diagnosis of engine problems. It includes rebuilding at least two engines. The three-month course will meet Tuesday and Thursday nights, 6-10 PM, and costs \$500.

Kaye Neufeld will teach a needlepoint class that closes

registration on August 15, to allow time to order materials for the class that begins October 2. Kaye is a master needle pointer; the class is open to all levels of skill.

The excitement for children is Rooster Morris on Sunday, July 20! The Perry Memorial Library and Allen Campus are sponsoring Rooster, who encourages children to read and write, in a memorable presentation with music, reading, and creativity. The reception is from 2-3 p.m. and presentation is from 3-5 p.m.

Call 648-1450, email Bobette at bdoerrie@fpctx.edu, or check out the website at www.fpctx.edu for more information!

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON HANSFORD APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Hansford Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on July 30, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the appraisal district office.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget:	\$315,737
The total amount of increase from the current year's budget	+ 11,688
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget	4
The number of employees compensated under the current budget	3

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts and cities served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

Hansford Appraisal District  
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**GARAGE SALE:** 1112 Townsend, Friday, July 18th, 5-8 p.m.; Saturday, July 19th 8 a.m.-12 p.m.; Baby, kids, women's, & men's clothes, kitchen items, toddler bed & mattress, and much more!  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**HELP WANTED**  
 City of Spearman is accepting applications for Maintenance Worker positions in the Utilities Department. A Texas drivers license is required.  
 The City has an excellent benefit package which includes retirement, health insurance, vacation, holiday, and sick leave pay.  
 Applications may be obtained at City Hall, 30 SW Court, until position is filled. EOE.  
**2(7-10-08)B**

**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF IVAN V. ALLEN**  
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Ivan V. Allen were issued to Janice Sheets, in Cause No. 2548, in the County Court of Hansford County, Texas. All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law. All claims should be sent to Janice Sheets, 1127 S. Dressen, Spearman TX 79081.  
 John L. Hutchison, Attorney for the Estate  
**2(7-10-08)B**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 Hansford County Hospital District is seeking bids for its partially self-funded health insurance plan for its employees. Anyone interested in a bid package or for information should contact Scott Beedy at Hansford Hospital, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, TX 79081, phone 806-659-2535 or email at scotbeedy@hchd.net. Bid deadline is August 19, 2008.  
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## Hansford County Library Holds Book Signing



**Elaine Littau**  
author of  
*"Nan's Journey"*

Wolf Creek Museum invites the public to a book signing on Saturday, July 19th from 4-7 p.m. Author Elaine Littau of Perryton will be in the museum to visit with patrons and sign her book, "Nan's Journey."

Elaine Littau is a somewhat ordinary woman with a call of God on her life. He has been her number one passion since she was a small child. She began teaching Sunday school as a ten-year old and still enjoys relating to people through the spoken word. Now she also relates with the written word.

Littau is a life-long resident of the Texas panhandle area. She met husband, Terry at the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kansas in 1974. They married March 1, 1975 and reside on a small acreage near a small town where they enjoy spending

time with their family and friends. They raised three sons and now have three daughters-in-law and four grandchildren added to their family. They also enjoy visiting with their extended family in the area.

Elaine is the church secretary for Harvest Time First Assembly of God Church in Perryton, TX. Among other things she has led women's groups and taught preschool, and was a mentor for the M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Preschoolers) group in her community. She has been active in Toastmasters and enjoys painting, crafts, and playing piano and organ. She was recently appointed to the Campus Education Improvement Committee for Wright Elementary in her town. She belongs to Christian Storytellers and Faith Writers writing groups.

"Nan's Journey" was written over the course of several years. "A salvation message is at the core of the book," Littau says. "If it weren't for the Lord, I wouldn't have been able to do this. I truly enjoy meeting new people."

Littau is currently working on two other books that are continuations of "Nan's Journey." The second book in the series is in the production stage and set to be released next year. Book signings and speaking engagements are currently set up for venues in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, and Oregon. She is honored that "Nan's Journey" has been named "Best Christian Historical Fiction 2008" by christianstoryteller.com.

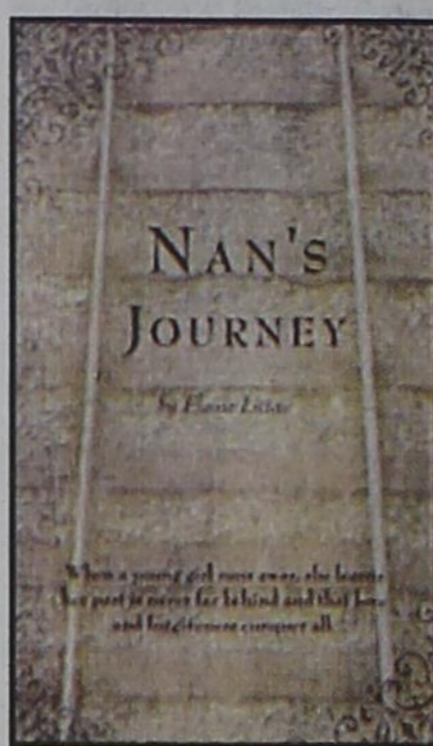
The Publisher's description of "Nan's Journey" reads: Desperate to save her

life and that of her five-year old brother, Nan packs and flees an abusive home, embarking on a journey that will test her faith, determination, and spirit. Set in the 1800s, Nan's Journey follows Nan and her brother, Elmer, as they seek safety and find refuge and hope in the arms of a family of strangers, including Fred Young, a disgruntled preacher turned mountain man, who reaches out to help, only to find a hope and love renewed in his own heart.

Stories were always part of Elaine's life. As a child her parents told of life in the "old times." They were born in 1909 and 1913. Their families used covered wagons to move from Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Colorado. Her dad told a story of being a toddler falling asleep and falling out of the wagon when he awoke, he saw the wagon disappearing down a hill in the distance. He toddled and cried until he caught up with them. Many stories like this set her imagination in motion. Reading many western-type books such as Zane Gray, Louis L'Amor and watching many westerns on television rounded out the imaginations in her mind.

This is a story about survival and forgiveness. Having never suffered physical abuse herself, she was moved one day while watching a western on television. She was a small child and she saw a child portrayed as being beaten very badly. It stuck in her mind even though none of the rest of the episode did. As a young mother Elaine sat with a legal pad in her hand and began writing about this child and how she would better her circumstances. Elaine struggled with the concept of forgiveness and as she wrote Nan's story, she realized that forgiveness would be the only thing that could let her be truly free. Not only can we receive forgiveness from the Heavenly Father, but He enables us to forgive one another. We cannot do this on our own, but with His help we can.

The pressures of parenthood and everyday life weighed on her and she felt foolish for taking time from her family. When she got a computer she began typing in the words from the tablet. Elaine put the chapters away for a year at a time and occa-



sionally dug it out and wrote more. One day she was on the computer and got an email from a friend asking me what she was doing. When she indicated she was working on a story her friend asked Elaine to email the chapters she had written to her. She pestered her until the first draft was finished.

Elaine felt relieved to have actually written a book but didn't know what steps to take next. She finished the manuscript in May of 2006. Another friend advised her to send her manuscript to a relative who worked in the acquisitions department of a Christian publisher. She sent her manuscript to Tate Publishing in November of 2006. "Nan's Journey" was released Jan. 2, 2008.

The issues "Nan's Journey" deals with in the 1800s are the same ones many people are challenged with today. The overlying message is that bad circumstances don't have to define the rest of your life and forgiveness heals your soul and helps you move to victorious living. God will redeem the shattered days of your life. She would also like for readers to feel they have read an adventure story that is far from predictable.

Readers can keep up with her latest publishing news at [nansjourney.blogspot.com](http://nansjourney.blogspot.com).

Elaine is available for speaking engagements, and book signings. Call 806-202-0204 to make arrangements.

## Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices.

Ten counties in Texas (Armstrong, Hartley, Lubbock, Martin, Oldham, Potter, Sherman, Swisher, Willacy and Zavala) were designated on June 27, 2008 as a disaster area due to losses caused by drought beginning on January 1, 2008 and continuing. As contiguous counties the following Texas counties are also eligible under the same designation: Andrews, Borden, Briscoe, Cameron, Carson, Castro, Crosby, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dimmit, Donley, Floyd, Frio, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Gray, Hale, Hansford, Hidalgo, Hockley, Howard, Hutchinson, Kenedy, Kinney, LaSalle, Lamb, Lynn, Maverick, Medina, Midland, Moore, Randall, Terry and Uvalde. In New Mexico, the contiguous counties eligible under these designations are: Cimarron and Texas.

Farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

As a general rule, a farmer or rancher must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production due to the disaster to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until February 27, 2009 but farmers should apply as soon as possible.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

For further information, you may contact James M. Heck ast (806) 435-6597, ext. 2, or contact your local FSA office and they will direct you to the Farm Loan Program office that handles your county.

## Deadline Notice

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

Items may be submitted by phone (806-659-3434), fax (806-398-9080), mail (Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman TX 79081), in person (310 Barkley Street, Spearman) or e-mail ([reporter@spearmanreporter.com](mailto:reporter@spearmanreporter.com)).

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**July 23 - 24: Spanish Camp.** This two-day camp will be an introduction to build interest in the Spanish language. Your instructor will use songs and games to help you learn basic words and phrases while teaching you the link between culture and communication. Grade K-2, 10-11 a.m., Spearman High School; Grade 3-5, 11:30-12:30 p.m. Cost of camp is \$10

**July 30: Discovery Center Field Trip.** This field trip is for students in grades 1-4 and will be a day of fun. Bring a sack lunch. After going through the Discovery Center we will eat lunch at the Medical Center Park. We will leave from the east parking lot at Spearman high school. Early registration is required and permission slips returned. \$20, grades 1-4, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Bring lunch

**August 4-7: Spearman Lynx Football Camp** is sponsored by Ritchie Thornton and the Lynx coaching staff. The cost of camp is \$15 and will be held at Lynx stadium at Spearman High School. Camp will focus on fundamentals of football and technique. Grades 4-6, 8-10 a.m. Grades 7-9, 10 a.m. - Noon

**August 4-7: We've Got Spirit Cheer Camp** is sponsored by Spearman High School Cheerleaders. Registration is the first day of camp at 8:30 a.m. in the Spearman High School Cafeteria. The other two days of camp start at 9 a.m. and end at 11:45. Spirit sticks will be handed out each day at 11:45. \$10 per day or \$25 for all three days

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