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1st Annual Hansford Co. Sheriff's Office Rib D.A.R.E. Cook-Off

The 1st Annual Hansford County Sheriff's Office Rib Cook-Off will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2008 in the Hansford County Barn, 320 East Avenue D in Spearman.

Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place in the following categories: Ribs, Beans, Side Dish and Dessert. Entry fees are as follows: Ribs - \$20 (ribs will be provided), turn-in time is 4 p.m.; Beans - \$5, turn-in time is 4:30 p.m.; Side Dish - \$5, turn-in time is 5 p.m.; Dessert - \$5, turn-in time is 5:30 p.m.

The Rib Cook Off is open to the public and everyone is invited to attend. The public is invited to enjoy the food, beginning at 6 p.m., for \$5 per plate.

A meeting for the rib cookers will be at 10 a.m. in the county barn. If you're not competing in the competition, bring your favorite dish and come have fun while supporting the youth of Hansford County. Door prizes will also be given out after the meal.

All proceeds will go to funding the DARE Program in Hansford County. Funding is needed for the purchase of student workbooks, graduation T-shirts, and other items used for the graduation.

If you have any question please feel free to contact Deputy Gary Garrett at (806) 659-4140.

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s. East winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

FRIDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

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SATURDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s.

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SUNDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.

MONDAY - Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s.

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TUESDAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

Baker Fulfills Dream With Sparrow Photography

Spearman Junior High Reading Teacher Beckee Baker has recently begun a new venture - photography. Fulfilling a lifelong dream, she has taken a hobby and turned it into a business.

Sparrow Photography was born with the help of Beckee's sister and brother-in-law, Lyn and Joey Woolley.

"I started taking pictures when my son, Khris, was a child," commented Baker. "I started taking pictures professionally in July, and I love it! I am having so much fun."

"I worked at Gordon's for over three years to help my son, Lance, get through school,"

continued Baker. "I enjoyed it, and it was very rewarding, but I was ready for a change."

"Joey and Lyn called me one day and suggested I go into photography," continued Baker. "They were generous enough to buy me great equipment and help me with my business decisions. It was such a vote of confidence!"

Baker said she was having a hard time coming up with a name for the business when her sister, Kim Messamore, suggested "Sparrow Photography."

"She said, 'You have to name it Sparrow Photography because that song means so much to you,'" stated Baker.

"She was right - 'His Eye is on the Sparrow' is one of my favorites. It was written by Civilla Martin (1869-1948) and based on Matthew 10:29-31, which reads: *Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.*"

"This new opportunity of a photography business is yet another example of how God continually watches over and takes care of me," stated Baker. "I've always wanted to take pictures professionally, but I never had the chance to happen! I would love to share my passion of taking pictures with you and your loved ones."

Baker takes pictures of individuals, children, families, senior pictures, event pictures - such as family reunions, etc.

"I want to be unique - I especially enjoy spontaneous pic-



Beckee Baker (center) is pictured above with her grandchildren, (clockwise from bottom left) Maizie, Avery, Kegan, Marlie and Kerstyn.

tures, not posed ones," stated Baker. "I am also very excited because I already have two weddings booked."

Baker, with the help of her son, Khris, has set up a Web site for her business, located at www.bbsparrowphoto.com. The Web site includes photo galleries of clients, and is updated regularly.

"His help was invaluable!" commented Baker. "I'm very proud of the Web site."

"Hansford County has been so supportive and encouraging in my new adventure," continued Baker. "The positive comments have really been uplifting and most helpful."

Baker is the daughter of Wesley and Beth Daniel, who recently moved back to Spearman. She has four children, and six grandchildren: son and daughter-in-law Khris and Melodie Kelp, grandchildren Keegan, Marlie, & Maizie; daughter and son-in-law Trent & Lacie Tidwell, grandchildren Bryce (and another granddaughter due in December); and son Lance Baker.

Baker may be contacted by phone at 806-659-3786, or by email at bbsparrowphoto@gmail.com.

"I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, for His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me."

Civilla Martin (1869-1948)

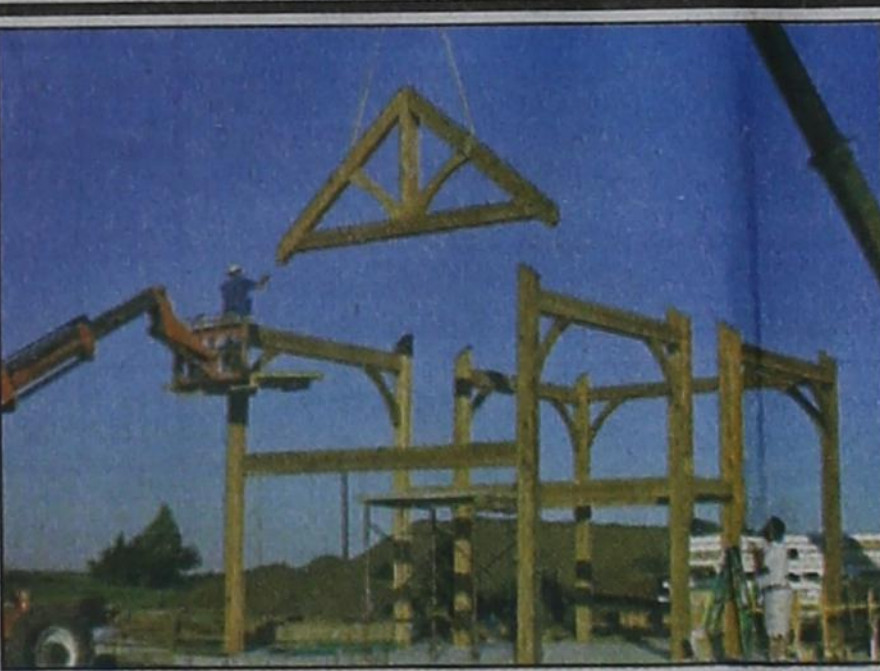
Circle of Friends To Host Annual Membership Party

The Hansford County Circle of Friends will host their annual membership party and fundraiser this Saturday, September 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman. Tickets are \$35 couple/\$20 single and can be purchased by calling Holly McLain 806-733-2268 or Erika Stedje 806-733-2861. We have a wonderful list of auction and raffle items this year that you sure do not want to miss!

The Circle of Friends supports the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and its patients. All proceeds from our fundraiser stay directly in the Panhandle. Last year the generous County helped raised over \$23,000 to assist patients with travel assistance, utility bills, medical equipment and assistance and much more. These funds also helped support 2 apartments which the Circle of Friends maintains in Amarillo for patients to use while they are receiving

treatments at the Cancer Center. Lastly, your donations helped departments of the Cancer Center in purchasing new equipment and supplies and establishing programs that are necessary in taking care of the patients through the Circle of Friends grants available. It is a wonderful thing that Circle of Friends provides for the patients of the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and your support of this annual event in Hansford County continues to make it possible each year.

If you wish to support the Circle of Friends, but cannot make it this year you are welcome to send donations to the Friends, c/o Holly McLain, P.O. Box 1135, Gruver, TX 79040. Thank you to everyone who has helped the Hansford County Circle of Friends - it would not be possible without all the gracious and generous members of our communities.



Pictures demonstrate the construction of the Pearsons' home, located in the Holt Community.



Pearsons Build "Green" Home in Holt Community

Mark and Anne Marie Pearson are building a new home on their property in the Holt Community, South of Spearman. This home will be an "old world" timber frame home with the most advanced structural insulated panels (SIP), resulting in huge energy savings of 50-70%, and a savings of 20-40% of wood compared to traditionally framed homes.

The 3000+ sq. ft. home is a custom home, designed and manufactured by Riverbend Timber Framing of Blissfield, Michigan. The design combines the soaring timbered ceilings with a very open floor plan, huge windows, super insulated panel walls, providing a wonderful living and entertaining atmosphere, substantial energy savings and low ownership costs.

Steve Johnson's firm, Steve Johnson Construction and Design of Canadian, began the erection process on August 21, 2008 with a ready built foundation and first floor deck.

They continued the process as Riverbend's custom built, pre-cut timber frame was assembled in frame sections, fastened together by hardwood pegs and "raised", similar to the old-time "barn raisings", using a crane and hand labor to create the frame structure in just 2 -3 days. The structural insulated panels were then installed on the frame in pre-cut sections to completely enclose the walls and roof, sealed and ready for the Pearson's chosen external and internal finishes.

The entire process proceeded efficiently with a minimum of labor, time and material waste on site as compared with conventional construction.

Timber Frame Homes

Earl Burden, owner of Oklahoma Timber Frames LLC is helping homeowners build eco-friendly dream homes.

An authorized representative of Riverbend Timber Framing LLC, Earl uses a combination of Olde World craftsmanship with state-of-the-art structural insulated panels to construct homes which offer many benefits over traditional stick built construction. They are custom built to exact specifications in a controlled manufacturing environment and then assembled on site in a few days rather than weeks as required by conventional stick construction. The method minimizes waste, reducing the amount of lumber used in an average home by 20-40%.

The timbers are fitted together with mortise and tenon joints (no nails) to act as the home's frame.

"The mortise and tenon method of connecting huge timbers with wooden pegs instead of nails has been around for over 2000 years," said Earl. "It provides a much stronger structure than traditional methods and people love the graceful, back-to-nature feel the timbers provide inside the home."

The timbers are chosen and cut from "dead standing" trees which have been killed by periodic beetle epidemics. Not only does this save our growing forests, but nature has given these "dead standing" trees their own benefits. The beetle does not harm the wood and at high altitudes, the trees cure to provide more stable lumber. A wide range of wood is available, including Douglas Fir and Oak, popular and renewable resources.

The wall and roof enclosure panels (Insulspan Structural Insulated Panels) were named as one of the last year's Top Green Building Products by Sustainable Industries Magazine. They are constructed of a core of molded expanded polystyrene insulation laminated with oriented strand boards on each side. Each piece is precisely pre-cut to fit and delivered to the job site ready to install as part of the home's wall and roof.

The panel walls are 3-8 times stronger than stud walls, and eliminate much of the "dead space" of traditional construction, providing 10-15% more useable living area in the second story.

Appointments to view and/or discuss this process or the services for a new home, or to see a Model Home, may be made by contacting Oklahoma Timber Frames LLC, Mr. Earl Burden, at 918-241-2214, 918-633-9964, or by email to: eburden@cbtuls.com.

COME TO THE GAME

SPEARMAN
vs **Statford**
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at **Stratford**

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Greyhounds
vs **Panhandle**
9/12 - 7:30 p.m. at **Gruver**

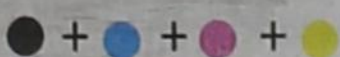
Spearman Chamber of Commerce's
Yard of the Week

Bob & Sheryl Meek
622 S. Haney St.

Gary and Carla Flowers
1115 S. Townsend St.

Frank Dominguez
615 Haney St.

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



Lullabies, Legends & Lies

by Parson Smith, the Prime Minister of Laughter

Last week, I shared with you some Sunday School humor that my father-in-law had sent me. As promised, here are the rest of them...

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD: A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task -- but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, 'The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know.'

UNANSWERED PRAYER? The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why. 'Well, Honey,' he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of

his messages. 'I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon.' 'How come He doesn't do it?' she asked.

BEING THANKFUL... A Rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy, 'So your mother says your prayers for you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?' The little boy replied, 'She says, 'Thank God he's in bed!''

UNTIMELY ANSWERED PRAYER... During the minister's prayer one Sunday, there was a loud whistle from one of the back pews. Tommy's mother was horrified. She pinched him into silence and, after church, asked, 'Tommy, whatever made you do such a thing?' Tommy answered, soberly, 'I asked God to teach me to whistle, and just then He did.'

TIME TO PRAY... A pastor asked a little boy if he said his prayers every night. 'Yes, sir,' the boy replied. 'And, do you always say them in the morning, too?' the pastor asked. 'No sir,' the boy replied. 'I ain't scared in the daytime.'

ALL MEN / ALL GIRLS?

When my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, 'And all girls.' As this soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this at the end, my curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, 'Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?' Her response, 'Because we always finish our prayers by saying 'All Men!''

SAY A PRAYER... Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. 'Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer,' said his mother. 'I don't have to,' the boy replied. 'Of course, you do,' his mother insisted. 'We always say a prayer before eating at our house.' 'That's our house,' Johnny explained. 'But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook!'

Until the next time,
May God Bless.

State Capital HIGHLIGHTS

AUSTIN - The Texas Transportation Commission on Aug. 29 met and voted in response to an Aug. 21 letter signed by Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick urging the commission to get rolling on the issuance of highway construction bonds.

The five-member commission, appointed by the governor to oversee the Texas Department of Transportation, voted unanimously to issue \$1.5 billion in highway construction bonds to support 2009 projects that would have been unfunded or underfunded because of a \$1.1 billion shortfall.

Commission Chair Dierdre Delisi said she has instructed TxDOT to identify projects that are ready to move forward and expects TxDOT to present these projects to the commission later this month. By amending the Texas Constitution, voters gave the state permission to issue short term highway construction bonds when they approved Prop. 12 on Nov. 5, 2007, and Prop. 14 on Sept. 13, 2003.

The state will address long-term transportation funding in the 81st regular session of the Texas Legislature, which convenes Jan. 13, 2009.

Hurricane hits, conventions go on

Gov. Perry and President George W. Bush were in Texas Sept. 1 to check on Hurricane Gustav relief operations.

Before Gustav came ashore Sept. 1 as a Category 2 hurricane, it prompted orders resulting in the evacuation of nearly 2 million people from southern Louisiana and coastal counties of Texas near the Louisiana border.

Despite threatening weather conditions, politically active Texans traveled to their respective national party conventions.

At the Republican National Convention Sept. 3 in St. Paul, Minn., Texas Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams made the motion to nominate Sen. John McCain as the GOP candidate for president. Lt. Gov. Dewhurst announced Texas' 140 delegate votes for McCain.

The Aug. 27 roll call vote at the Democratic National Convention in Denver stopped before the Texas delegation announced its tally,

because Sen. Barack Obama earlier had received enough votes to secure the party's nomination for president.

In other news, two Austin men on Sept. 5 were charged in a Minneapolis federal court for illegal possession of Molotov cocktails. The men allegedly had planned to use the incendiary devices to disrupt the GOP convention in St. Paul.

Repeal of TIF tax takes effect

The Texas Legislature in 2007 passed HB 735 by Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, a law to repeal the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund or "TIF tax" effective Sept. 1, 2008.

The Legislature created the TIF in 1995 to help fund the expansion of broadband services and conquer the so-called "digital divide" that left rural Texas with inadequate service.

Lt. Gov. Dewhurst on Sept. 2 said Texans had paid more than \$1.5 billion in TIF surcharges.

Dewhurst, who pushed for the repeal as president of the Senate, said he wanted to let Texans "keep more of their hard-earned money," and thanks to the repeal, their telephone bills will be impacted this month.

More children get their shots

The Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention reported Sept. 4 that the immunization rate for Texas children climbed to 77.4 percent in 2007, ranking Texas 22nd compared with the other 49 states. It's the highest ranking ever for Texas.

The immunization series, for children ages 19 months through 35 months, includes four doses of diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis, three doses of polio vaccine, one dose of measles-containing vaccine, three doses of Hib vaccine, three doses of hepatitis B vaccine and one dose of varicella vaccine.

"The progress that Texas has made is the result of aggressive and sustained efforts of state and local partners along with families," said state health commissioner Dr. David Lakey.

School districts seek tax hikes

More than 100 Texas school districts will be asking voters to approve tax increases this fall, the Austin American-Statesman reported Sept. 3.

That's about one in 10 of Texas' 1,038 independent school districts.

The need for tax increases has been attributed to inflation: nearly everything is costing more and teachers need salary increases to keep from losing ground.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott

Activity has been steady at the museum. Our September/October photographic exhibit is up and is one that you will want to visit. Denny Mingus presents a view of our area that will have you talking about the photograph, as well as the subject of the photograph.

We are busy completing policy statements and reviewing standards that are a part of the State project that we have been participating in through the Texas Historical Commission. These projects provide us with free consultations and education that we would not otherwise be able to obtain, and cleaning our latest asset: The Don Kerns Train. We are also starting our research on the impact this display had on our county. We need stories of county children and their families visiting the train when Mr. Kerns would have it running. We hope to get Mr. Kerns to visit and let us interview him so we can document this great model history. If you have a story, please send it to us. Photographs of the display would also be terrific.

Our latest addition to the gift shop is a Texas

Thermometer. The Thermometers are made by a lady in Amarillo. A humorous gift to send a non-Texan or to remember Texas Panhandle visit. Come in and see them.

HISTORICAL MUSINGS
From the Texas State Historical Association, Texas Day by Day relates this history tidbit about our area:

On September 8, 1874, Lt. Frank Baldwin and three scouts captured the "white Indian" known as Tehan, in what is now Hemphill County. Tehan was taken by the Kiowas when he was a child. They called him 'Tehan' which means Texan. He was subsequently adopted by the medicine man become a fierce warrior. Except for his red hair, fair skin, and bull-like neck, he was pure Kiowa, and he reportedly committed several attacks on whites as an apprentice brave during the early 1870's.

Tehan was about eighteen when the Red River War broke out in the summer of 1874. Baldwin left Tehan with Capt. Wyllys Lyman's wagon train, which was subsequently besieged by the Kiowas. During the siege, Tehan escaped from his guards and rejoined his adopted tribe, sporting a suit

of clothes the troops had given him.

Little more is known of his fate. One story held that the Kiowa chief Big Bow killed Tehan, fearing that Tehan's "white blood" would lead him to betray Big Bow to the military authorities. Tehan's sister doubted this story and believed that Tehan lived for a time with a group of Mescalero Apaches, but later returned to the Indian Territory. The mystery was compounded in 1895 when the Rev. Joseph K. Griffis, a Presbyterian minister, claimed that he was Tehan. He claimed to have drifted east after the Red River War and come under the influence of the Salvation Army, which set him on the "New Path" toward the ministry. Several Red River War Veterans, however, declared that the minister did not resemble the Tehan who they remembered.

Most of the Kiowas came to believe that Tehan had, indeed, died out on the Texas Plains. Historian Wilbur S. Nye later opined, "There may have been more than one Tehan."

What do you think? Are there other stories out there that would give us more information on "white Indians?"

Have a good week.

FAMILY FUN

- ACROSS**
- Actress Jessica
 - Psychedelic drug
 - Large African antelope
 - *Families gather here when at home
 - 1,000 grams
 - Order of classical Greek architecture
 - Sound mind, ___ body
 - Fleur-de-lis
 - Corpulent
 - *Here's a Clue
 - Pretentious or silly talk
 - ___-fire
 - *Game of touch
 - Roll off
 - Gross out
 - ___ Goo Dolls
 - *Is it really that easy?
 - Not in favor of
 - Glowers or frowns
 - It can be positive or negative
 - Take away weapons
 - Keen on
 - Affirm to be true
 - Edible chart?
 - Can be seen
 - Cleaver
 - *You do it with kids at Easter
 - Say without thinking
 - Catcher's gear
 - *Thanksgiving at grandma's, e.g.
 - Chaplain
 - What the phone did
 - Often sold by the

- DOWN**
- League of ___ States
 - Mexican wolf
 - Used to entangle legs of an animal
 - Punish with discretionary penalty
 - Former money of Italy, pl.
 - Snail trail
 - Doctors recommendation
 - *Winter ride
 - Singles
 - Exclamation of contempt
 - *You can go skating here
 - Capital of Rwanda
 - Tiny amounts
 - Oceanic floor depressions
 - Involuntary and found on face
 - Tangerine, grapefruit hybrid, pl.
 - Not a soul
 - Historic 66
 - *Most families try to do this together more often
 - Unfit or inappropriate
 - Parallel grooves, such as from glacier
 - Formerly said to take a licking and

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- Give a traffic ticket
 - Catchword from "Wayne's World"
 - *Classic American vacation
 - Embryo cradles
 - A in IPA
 - Blemish
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- these
- Use nail or glue to do this
 - *TV bunch
 - Famous photographer Dorothea
 - Scotch ingredient
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 - Globes and eyeballs
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FYI

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Gladiola Flower Club Nut Sale

The Gladiola Flower Club is selling pecans, walnuts and cashews to raise funds for their local and area projects. Orders and money are due by October 16th. To place an order, contact Margarette Evans at 659-2165, or any club member.

Perryton Promenaders Square Dance Club

The Perryton promenaders Square Dance Club will have Square Dance Lessons at the VDWE/Expo Meeting Room in Perryton began September 8, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The first three lessons are free! For more information, contact Judy Tindell at 659-3653 or Martha Thurman at 435-2249.

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community Meeting

The Rushing Wind Emmaus community will meet on Saturday, September 13, in the First United Methodist Church, 401 S Haney, Spearman, Texas. A potluck meal will be served at 6 p.m. followed by a training for sponsors and a praise and worship service. Families and friends are invited and a nursery will be provided. Rushing Wind is sponsoring a women's Walk to Emmaus on September 25-28 and the men's walk on October 23-26.

S.T.A.R. Presents "Back in Control" Parenting Workshop

STAR (Services-To-At-Risk Youth & Their Families) brings you... "Back in Control" Parenting Workshop on Saturday, September 6, 2008, from 8:45 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the TPMHMR Children's Services Building, 1500 S. Taylor Street, Amarillo, Texas 79101. Participants must pre-register! Call 359-2005 CEUs available for LPCs & MSWs; General CEUs will also be available. (Must attend full class for certificate.) There is no charge to attend, and seating is limited. No childcare is provided. STAR is a TDFPS funded program of TPMHMR.

Parkinson's Disease Area Support Group

The Parkinson's Disease Area Support Group will meet Friday, September 12 at 4:00 p.m. at the Perryton Mennonite Church, 2821 S. Ash in Perryton, TX. It is located across the street from United Supermarket. Anyone with Parkinson's and/or their caregiver is invited to these meetings.

Attention GHS Freshman Athletes

If you would like a yard dog, please contact Tracy King at 733-9455 or contact Carrie McLain at 733-2341. The cost is 10.00. You may pick up your yard dog Friday at the football game against Panhandle.

High Plains Storm 12th Annual Fall Basketball Clinic

A Fundamental Skills Basketball Clinic and League for girls in 1st grade through 6th grade, and Junior High through High School boys and girls will be held in the Beaver Grade School Gymnasium. Sessions will begin Sunday, September 14 2008 and every following Sunday until December 14, 2008. 1st through 6th grade girls will meet from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Junior High and High School boys and girls will meet from 3:30-5:30 p.m. There is no charge for the clinic. The guest speaker will be Coach Toby Wynn, Seward County Saints Head Women's Coach. For more information, or to register, contact Lonnie Bailey at 580 934-3452, or email cbailey@ptsi.net.

Quick Books Pro 8 Classes Offered

Brown, Graham & Co. PC of Spearman and Spearman ISD Community Resource Program will sponsor two QUICK BOOKS Pro 8 classes. The basic class will be on Monday night beginning at 6:30 pm, September 29 - October 27. This class will include Basic Concepts, Company Set-up, Reconciliations, Accounts Payable and Reports. The Intermediate class will also be on Monday night beginning at 6:30 pm, November 3 - November 24. This class will include instruction in Payroll, Inventory, Accounts Receivable and Sales Tax. The classes will be held in Room 103 at Spearman High School with instructor Michael Braun, CPA. with Brown, Graham & Co. PC The cost of each session is \$35. For more information concerning this class and/or to register, contact Cindy Blackman, 659-3233. (Class size is limited)

Child Find

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4-H Smoked Meat Sale

4-H members across Hansford County (Spearman, Gruver & Morse) are selling smoked meats for their annual fund raising efforts. Products available include smoked & spiral hams, turkey, peppered turkey breasts, smoked or peppered bacon, beef or chicken fajitas, chicken tenders, tamales, pork patties, sausage links, pecan cobbler, chopped beef barbecue, little porkies Wraps, Hunters Package (pancake mix, Canadian bacon, peppered pork loin, & jalapeno cheese summer sausage) and cinnamon bread. Funds benefit the awards program and recognition banquet for all 4-H members. Orders must be received by October 16th, with a delivery date before Thanksgiving. Please contact a 4-H member or call the County Extension Office 659-4130 or 733-2901, fax 659-4124 to place your order. If email would be easier hansford@ag.tamu.edu.

Stationmaster's House Museum Doll Show

The Stationmasters House Museum is planning a Doll Show for late September or early October. If you have a collection or a doll you wish to display, please call Doris at 659-3008, Tuesday-Saturday, from 1-5 p.m., or Reba at 733-2786.

Don't Wait to Find Help for Someone Who is Addicted

Trying to help someone who's having a problem with drugs or alcohol? Substance abuse all too often leads to accidents, arrest, illness, financial hardship and even homelessness and death. Don't wait to find help for someone you love. Call Narconon Arrowhead drug rehabilitation and education center for a free addiction consultation or referral to treatment in your area. Call 1-800-468-6933 or visit www.stopaddiction.com.



Engagement Announcement

Burke and Kim Adcock of Miami, TX wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie, to Tarin Rice of Spearman. Tarin is the son of Boyd and Halee Rice of Spearman.

Katie is the granddaughter of Bob and Glenda Adcock of Miami and Vernon Williams of Nowata, OK; Tarin is the grandson of A.D. and Sharon Reed of Spearman and Sonny and Gloria Rice of Sealy, TX.

The couple will be married on October 25, 2008 at the home of the bride's grandparents, Bob and Glenda Adcock in Miami. A reception will follow the ceremony.

Katie is a 2007 graduate of Miami High School. She attended West Texas A&M University for one year. She is a substitute teacher in Miami.

Tarin graduated in December 2006. He works with his father, Boyd Rice.

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister



We continue to learn forgiveness as we study Genesis 50:15-21, Psalm 103:1-13, Romans 14:1-12, and Matthew 18:21-35. In Genesis we pick up the story of Joseph. Joseph was sold into slavery in Egypt by his brothers and rises to become Pharaoh's second-in-command. His brothers appear before him to buy food for their starving families. Joseph could have exacted a terrible vengeance on his brothers, but instead he welcomes them. The brothers offer themselves as slaves, and Joseph replies, "Am I in the place of God?" God forgave Joseph's brothers, as did Joseph. We can learn that God turns evil into good. We can take comfort that God is with us even when we can't see Him for our tears.

The Psalmist sings of God's steadfast love and mercy. "He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities."

Paul continues to advise the Romans on how Christians should treat one another. We learn that we should "welcome" one another as honored guests; we should treat each other with respect and accept each other without judgment.

Those who are strong in faith should not despise those who are weaker. We are all children of God and should receive our brothers and sisters in peace and love.

Jesus reverses the Old Testament desire for revenge where Lamech wishes to take revenge seventy times seven (see Genesis 4:24). When Peter asks how many times he should forgive a fellow member of the faith community, he thinks his answer of seven times to be exceedingly generous. This is because the Rabbi's studying the Book of Amos determined that God would forgive three times and punish on the fourth. Hence, Peter doubled the Rabbi's teaching and added one for good measure. Jesus tells Peter that he must forgive seventy times seven. He then gives the parable of the unjust servant. The unjust servant is forgiven a debt equivalent to 130,000 years wages for the average working man in Palestine and yet, that same servant sends a fellow servant to jail for a debt equivalent to 100 days wages. The master, hearing of this injustice, hands over the unjust servant to the torturers until he should pay his entire debt. The warning to us is that we must forgive to be forgiven. Think about it.

May the Holy Spirit awaken forgiveness in your heart that you may emulate Christ Jesus.

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- Lauren Payne & Steven Haney - 11/15
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- Kacee Smith & Joshua Ivy
- Shanda Graham & Doug Kerr
- Nicole Sander & Paul Swanson
- Sammie Stavlo & Wade Harkey

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Golden Announcement

Roland and Loretta Haney recently celebrated fifty years of marriage and ministry at a reception given by their children and grandchildren at the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman, Texas.

Roland, from Hinton, Alabama, and Loretta, from Follett, Texas, met in 1958 while Loretta was in Alabama with a gospel team during the spring. They were married in Follett, Texas at the Follett Chapel, August 16th, 1958 by Rev. Marcus Adair. They attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College in 1959, and have pastored churches in Mississippi, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Roland and Loretta have two sons, Marty and wife Sandy, and Warren and wife Robyn, and five grandchildren, Steven, Sharon, Allison, Olivia, and Ethan. They also have three step-grandchildren, Josh, Heather, and McKinzie.

Roland and Loretta are currently pastoring the Apostolic Faith Church in Spearman, Texas and would like to thank everyone for the many prayers, gifts, and cards as they celebrated this very special time in their lives.

FIFTY PRECIOUS YEARS

Hand in hand, we've walked this road
Of life's laughter and its tears,
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For fifty precious years.
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God took a Texas prairie girl
And an Alabama backwoods boy
And, as we fell in love,
He blessed us with so much joy.
The journey has made us stronger,
For through the doubts and fears,
We've learned to trust our Father
For fifty precious years.

We've led such happy weddings,
And funerals too hard to bear.
We've held the hands of sick folk
Just glad to know we were there.
It has been our honor
To be our Father's mirrors,
Striving to show His reflection
For fifty precious years.
Hand in hand, we'll journey on,
Desiring more to see
Everyone 'round the Father's throne
For a precious eternity.

by Sandy Haney, August 17, 2008

In honor of my in-laws, Roland and Loretta Haney, and their fifty years of marriage and ministry.



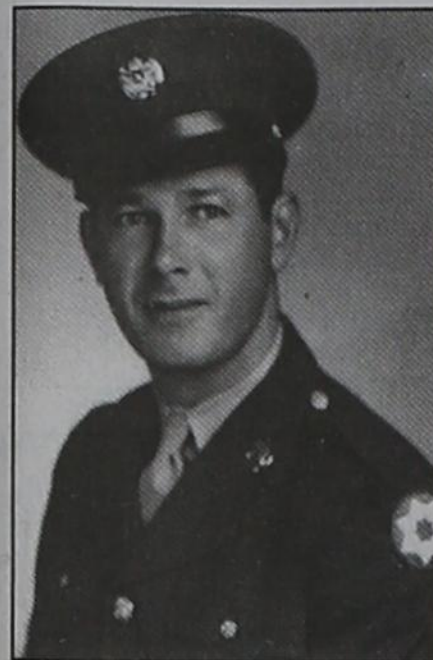
HANSFORD COUNTY

Editor's Note: William "Don" Hudson passed away on Sunday, September 7, 2008 in Gruver. This week's column is being dedicated in his honor and memory.

HISTORY OF A UNIFORM

Don Hudson still has the dress uniform that he wore as World War II ended. We got it out during the July 4th weekend for his grandchildren to see. I was surprised at how much of his military history was evident to anyone trained to read the language of the different emblems.

The short army jacket is the Eisenhower style that was introduced in 1942. The colorful patch at the top of the left sleeve tells us that his outfit was the 2nd Armored Division, and their slogan was "Hell on Wheels." Below that is a chevron that shows he was a First Sergeant. Farther down and



above the cuff are 2 gold cloth bars each of which denote 6 months of overseas service. Below them is a diagonal slash in olive drab bordered with black that tells us he was in service at least three years.

Don's ribbons for service and awards are no longer pinned to his jacket, but it does have an odd squashed diamond insignia above his right breast pocket.

There is a wreath with an eagle in it on the yellowish background. This badge was issued to WWII veterans when they were about to leave the service with an Honorable Discharge. It also allowed them to continue to wear the uniform for up to 30 days after they were discharged, since there was a clothing shortage at that

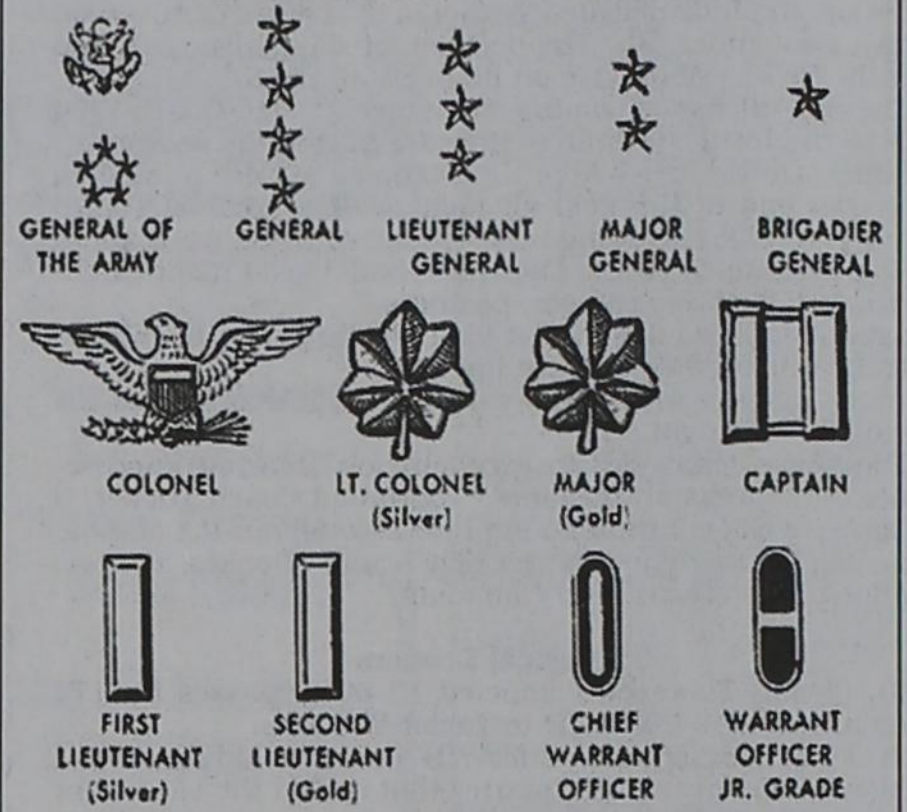


time. The Military Police could see this insignia and know they were in transit and not AWOL.

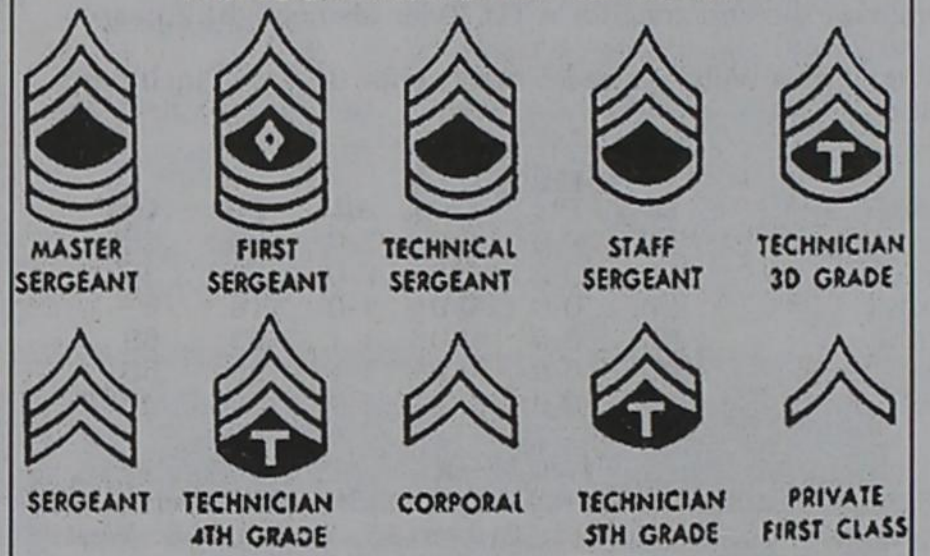
The soldiers thought the eagle looked more like a duck, and because they were going home, the saying was that they took off like a "ruptured duck." Thus his emblem gained its nickname.



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US to Observe Patriot Day

On September 11, 2001 two planes crashed into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York. A third plane crashed into the Pentagon and a fourth into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Nearly 3000 people died and the skyline of New York was changed forever in the most deadly terrorist attack on United States soil. On the same date in 2002 and every year since then, the American president has proclaimed a day of remembrance. Many Americans refer to Patriot Day as 9/11 or September 11.

On the direction of the President, the flag of the United States of America should be displayed on the homes of Americans, the White House and all United States government buildings in the whole world. The flag should be flown at half-mast as a mark of respect to those who died on September 11, 2001. Many people observe a moment of silence at 8:46 AM (Eastern Daylight Time). This marks the time that the first plane flew into the World Trade Center. Some communities, particularly in the areas directly affected by the attacks, hold special church services or prayer meetings. People who personally experienced the events in 2001 or lost loved ones in them, may lay flowers or visit memorials.



Rochelle Lacy (right), sister of Dwayne Smith who passed away this past summer, presents a flag to Spearman High School Principal Bill Belger (left) and SHS Eagle Scout Tyler Harper. This flag was given to her brother for his military service, and now will be flown over Lynx Stadium. Dwayne Smith broadcasted Spearman Lynx and Lynxettes games for over 40 years on KRDF-FM. He will be greatly missed.

COFFEE MEMORIAL



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by Jim Derington

Out at the Lake

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Lake Level -- September 9, 2008 -- 20.99 feet (-.31)

The weekend of September 6-7 was slow at Lake Palo Duro. We had four R.V. campers and some fishermen. The mornings were cool and wet, but nice in the afternoon.

Larry and Ann Parrish, of Dumas, camped in the park behind the dam. They are parents of Krystal Scribner, PDRA office manager, and Kenda Boyd. Clay and Krystal, with Sydney, Alex,

Jordan, and Jerald, and Kenda, with Thaxton, came to the park to visit. I talked with them Saturday afternoon.

The kids found a locust (Cicada), just emerging from its shell. I grabbed a camera, and took a picture of this little green insect. Cicadas lay eggs in tree twigs, which hatch in about six weeks, as nymphs, and drop to the ground, and work their way into the soil to feed on roots. Depending on the species, they emerge in 13-17 years.

They attach to a tree, and molt. They dry in a few hours, mate, and feed on plants. Their life span above ground is only a week to a month.

One picture is of Sydney McDonald, Thaxton Boyd, and Alex McDonald. The other is the emerged locust.

Remember Dorothy Hudson (long time author of this column) and family, as they mourn the passing of her husband, Don Hudson, this week.



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