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**IN THE NEWS**

**Polish center-right vows prompt talks, calms markets**  
 Poland's center-right parties, celebrating a crushing victory over the ruling left, promised on Monday to start talks quickly to bridge divisions over the scope of market reforms and to form a coalition.

**Pressure on leader rises in Holy Land**  
 After a weekend of conflict in Gaza, Sharon and Abbas are facing intense scrutiny.

**Guard equipment falls short**  
 A stepped-up role for National Guard units has sent them scrambling even more than usual for materiel.

**High gas prices raise questions of gouging**  
 Katrina and Rita are factors, but some critics blame oil companies for exploiting the market.

**U.S. Gulf Coast lurches back to life after Rita**  
 Parts of the U.S. Gulf coast lurches back to life after Hurricane Rita on Monday, although many areas remained buried under rubble or water after the onslaught of a second major storm in less than a month.

**Israeli missiles hit Gaza**  
 Israel fired more missiles into Gaza on Tuesday and vowed no respite in an offensive to halt renewed cross-border rocket salvos by Palestinian militants two weeks after its withdrawal from the territory.

**Key Afghan minister resigns**  
 One of the most respected members of Afghan President Hamid Karzai's cabinet resigned on Tuesday, amid widespread reports of disagreements with Karzai over the appointment of factional leaders to provincial posts.

**Iraqi police find 22 bodies**  
 Iraqi police said on Tuesday that they found 22 bodies of shooting victims near the town of Kut southeast of Baghdad.

**Afghan parliamentary candidate shot dead**  
 A candidate for a parliamentary seat in Afghanistan's legislative elections was shot dead along with one of his bodyguards in northern Afghanistan, police said.

**Bush may find it hard to resist Katrina commission**  
 The White House and Republicans may find it difficult to resist mounting pressure for an independent commission to examine government failures in the response to Hurricane Katrina, experts said on Tuesday.

**Oil industry strugglin back**  
 Roughly a quarter of U.S. refining capacity and oil production remained paralyzed on Tuesday in the wake of hurricanes Rita and Katrina, rekindling worries that the world's biggest energy consuming nation could face fuel shortages in the coming months.

**Consumer confidence to near 2-year low**  
 U.S. consumer confidence plunged in September, a report said on Tuesday. The Conference Board said its gauge of consumer sentiment "plummeted" in September to 86.6 from 105.5 in August.

**Turkish women challenge US envoy on Iraq war**  
 Turkish women challenged U.S. envoy Karen Hughes over the Iraq war on Wednesday, giving Washington's new image shaper her second critical reception on her Middle East tour after a similar encounter in Saudi Arabia.

**Planned freedom museum at NY's WTC site canceled**  
 Plans to build a freedom museum at the World Trade Center site were effectively scrapped on Wednesday as Gov. George Pataki gave in to pressure from vocal families of September 11 victims, saying the project had aroused "too much opposition, too much controversy."

**U.S. general casts doubt on 2006 troop cut in Iraq**  
 The top U.S. general in Iraq on Wednesday cast doubt on his previous forecasts of a substantial cut in American forces in 2006, saying Iraq was in a period of heightened uncertainty that made it "too soon to tell" if troops can be brought home.

**Warning causes record Arctic ice melt: U.S. report**  
 The Arctic ice shelf has melted for the fourth straight year to its smallest area in a century, driven by rising temperatures that appear linked to a buildup of greenhouse gases, U.S. scientists said on Wednesday.

**Texas Grand Jury Indicts Rep. Tom DeLay**  
 A Texas grand jury on Wednesday charged Rep. Tom DeLay and two political associates with conspiracy in a campaign finance scheme, an indictment that could force him to step down as House majority leader.

**London warns of threats**  
 London faces the threat of more terrorist attacks despite increased security in the wake of the deadly July bombings, a senior police chief said in an interview published on Thursday.

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**Changes at the Hansford County Library**



New Hansford County Library Director Maria Carbajal is pictured with new Assistant Directors Kay Bowles and Liz Miser.

by Sheri Benton  
 As most of you know by now, I will be leaving my position as Director of the Hansford County library at the end of 2005. For the past fifteen years, I've been lucky enough to hold a position that I truly enjoyed. The time has come for Steve and me to move on and knowing that I will be leaving the library in good hands makes that move much easier.  
 The Board of Directors of the Hansford county Library has appointed Maria Carbajal to be the new Director of our library. She has been an employee of the library for the past two years serving as Assistant Director. She is already certified by the state and is in the process of completing the Small Library Management certification offered by the Texas State Library. Maria has brought a new depth to our service to the community and enabled us to serve a larger portion of our population since she is bilingual. I know that our library will continue to grow and flourish under her direction.  
 The position of Assistant Director will be shared by two of our former library volunteers who have been appointed by the Board to assume this position. These two have been a wonderful addition to our library in the past as volunteers and will bring a whole new meaning to library service as they assume this paid position. Our new Assistant Directors will be Kay Bowles and Liz Miser. The Library Board believes that having two people in this position will benefit the library since instead of only three people to staff the library, we will have four people available who know the job. This should eliminate the occasional time when we have had to either close for training or had only one person trying to man the library alone all day.  
 Please take the opportunity to stop by the library and welcome our two new staff members and congratulate Maria on her promotion.

**Hansford County Library flooded**

Hansford County Librarian, Sheri Benton, might have thought she was in New Orleans Tuesday morning when she went in to open the library. Upon arriving at the library, employees opened the door to find water, apparently from a burst pipe in the restrooms.  
 Nearly all of the carpet in the east book section sustained major water damage, with a small portion of the west room receiving damage as well. Crews spent Tuesday and Wednesday vacuuming up the water, and began repair on Thursday. The library will remain closed until repairs are completed.

**WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST**

**THURSDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Lows around 50. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.  
**FRIDAY** - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.  
**FRIDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the lower 50s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.  
**SATURDAY** - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s.  
**SATURDAY NIGHT** - Mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.  
**SUNDAY** - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.  
**SUNDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

**NPEC sends crew, equipment to assist in repair of damage caused by Hurricane Rita**

Five linemen and 3 trucks left early Monday morning en route to the Southeast Texas town of Kirbyville to assist in power restoration efforts at Jasper-Newton Electric Cooperative.  
 North Plains Electric Cooperative (NPEC) personnel left early Monday with a heavy load of supplies and equipment to travel almost 700 miles to render aid to a sister cooperative decimated by Hurricane Rita. Jasper-Newton Electric Cooperative is headquartered in Kirbyville about 70 miles north of Beaumont. It serves 21,000 meters in Jasper, Newton, Angelina, Orange and Sabine counties, some of the heavier hit counties. As of Monday, all meters were reported without power.  
 NPEC General Manager Randy Mahannah made the crew available on Friday, when Texas Electric Cooperatives, the statewide association of electric cooperatives, asked for volunteers. "I felt it was important that we offer help in a catastrophic situation like this. You never know when the table will be turned and we will face a major ice storm or tornado and be the one asking for aid," Mahannah added, "Although almost half of our line crew will be helping in Southeast Texas, members should expect the same good service they are accustomed to. However, new services may be delayed somewhat due to shortages in material not only from Hurricane Rita but also Katrina. Absent personnel assisting with Hurricane Rita may also cause new construction delays." NPEC is one of several Panhandle and South Plains electric cooperatives providing assistance to the area.  
 The NPEC crew drove 15 hours on Monday and was able to stay with a crew member's family on Monday night in Jacksonville. The crew reported to the Jasper-Newton Tuesday. They will work for ten days and will be relieved by other NPEC personnel for another 10-day shift, if needed. One southeast Texas co-op official estimates 3 to 4 weeks for complete restoration in the hardest hit areas including Jasper, Newton, Sabine and Orange counties. NPEC crews will remain in the area as long as they are needed.  
 NPEC is a cooperative distributing electricity in Hansford, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler counties. Formed in 1944, it serves 5228 meters and maintains 3468 miles of electrical line. It is owned and controlled by the members it serves.



Drew Grotegut (80) carries the football through the Claude line. Photo by Charlie Johnson

**Hounds roll past Claude**

The undefeated Gruver Greyhounds remained undefeated after rolling past Claude, 49-7.  
 Gruver recovered two fumbles for touchdowns in the first quarter, ending the quarter at 21-0, and 43-0 by halftime.  
 Claude was held to three first downs and 130 yards of total offense.  
**THIS WEEK:** The Hounds will be open this week. They will face Stratford at Greyhound Stadium on Friday, October 7th at 7:30 p.m.  
**GAME AT A GLANCE**

	Gruver	Claude
First Downs	12	3
Yards Rushing	343	100
Yards Passing	0	30
Total Yards	343	130
Com/Att/Int	0/2/0	10/23/2
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	2/2
Punts/Avg	2/30	4/33

**GRUVER RUSHERS:** Sheldon Atwood had two receptions for 20 yards and 1 touchdown, Ivan Briones had 4 receptions for 42 yards and 1 touchdown, Drew Grotegut had five receptions for 22 yards, Tyler Lane had 3 receptions for 65 yards and 1 touchdown, Tony Lora had 4 receptions for 27 yards and 1 touchdown

**Spearman Lynx dominate WT Comanches**

The Spearman Lynx outplayed the West Texas Comanches to the tune of 45-6 on Friday, September 23rd in Stinnett, improving to 4-1 for the season and 1-0 for district.  
 Aaron Maestas threw a 54-yard touchdown pass to Brynr Garnett in the opening quarter. Brock Town raced 20 yards for another touchdown, giving Spearman an early lead of 13-0.  
 The Lynx went into halftime with a 19-0 lead, following a fumble recover in the end zone by J.J. Gallegos.  
 The Comanches' only touchdown came in the third quarter on a 77-yard pass from Tilden Leamon to Chase Phillips.  
**THIS WEEK:** The Lynx will face Canadian at Lynx Stadium on Friday, September 30th at 7:30 p.m.

**GAME AT A GLANCE**

	LYNX	WT
First Downs	17	5
Yards Rushing	203	2
Yards Passing	198	120
Total Yards	401	118
Com/Att/Int	7/16/0	6/9/0
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	0/0
Punts/Avg	11/100	5/25

**SPEARMAN RUSHERS:** Aaron Maestas had 6 carries for 51 yards, Brock Town had 9 carries for 34 yards, Jarick Howard had 1 carry for 22 yards, Zack Nollner had 1 carry for 9 yards, Roberto Flores had 8 carries for 82 yards, J.J. Gallegos had 1 carry for 6 yards, Stuart Martin had 2 carries for 14 yards



Brynr Garnett brings down a WT Comanche during Friday nights game. Photo by Catherine Smith

**SPEARMAN SCORERS:** Brock Town and Roberto Flores scored two touchdowns each, Brynr Garnett, Lance Huddleston and Aaron Maestas each scored one touchdown, Brynr Garnett also scored three point-after-touchdowns.  
**PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: Offense** - Roberto Flores (carried 8 times for 82 yards and 1 touchdown, caught 2 passes for 90 yards and had one 50-yard touchdown) and Steven Vaquera (graded 82% on the film grade); **Defense** - Lance Huddleston (had 5 unassisted tackles, 8 assisted tackles, 2 quarterback sacks, and forced 1 fumble) and Brynr Garnett (had 5 unassisted tackles and 2 assisted tackles)

**DEADLINE NOTICE**

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

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Presented by TTUWSC-Amarillo  
 The Alzheimer's Association  
 The O'Loughlin Center  
 Hansford Hospice Volunteers

**Alzheimer's Informational Seminar**

October 3, 2005  
 The O'Loughlin Center  
 6:30 to 8:30pm  
 502 Brandt  
 Spearman, Texas

Refreshments will be served.  
 Please pre-register, if possible, by calling 806-659-5811

The featured speaker will be Steven Berk, M.D., Regional Dean of the Texas Tech Medical School, Alzheimer's Outreach.  
 Jeff Price, with the Area Agency on Aging, will be on hand with information on the area the agency offers assistance.  
 Roy Puente, the Regional Director for Alzheimer's Association, can answer your questions about Alzheimer's Association resources.



Live,  
Laugh &  
Love



by Catherine R. Smith  
cathysmith@antden.com

Friend Jim McLain sent me the following story. I thought it was very timely, since it is now football season.

At one point during a game, the coach called one of his 10-year-old football players aside and asked, "Do you understand what cooperation is? What a team is?"

The little boy nodded in the affirmative. "Do you understand that what matters is not whether we win or lose, but how we play together as a team?"

The little boy nodded yes. "So," the coach continued, "I'm sure you know, when a penalty is called you shouldn't argue, curse, attack the referee, or call him a fat-head. Do you understand all that?"

Again the little boy nodded. The coach continued, "And when I call you off the field so that another boy gets a chance to play, it's not good sportsmanship to call your coach 'a', is it?"

Again the little boy nodded. "Good," said the coach. "Now go over there and explain all that to your father."

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

Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

Faith must be active in producing the fruits of love. We, as Christians, must be like "little Christs" to our neighbors. This weeks lessons are found in Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80: 7-14, Philippians 3:4-13, and Matthew 21:33-46.

Isaiah sings a "love song", which in truth is a "judicial" parable [a realistic story about a violation of law, told to someone who has committed a similar offense, with the purpose of leading the unsuspecting hearer to pass judgment on himself.] The Lord is about to judge Israel because Israel has forgotten justice and righteousness.

The Psalmist also sings, but his song is a plea for God to restore His vine [Israel] from their oppression.

Paul reminds the Philippians that he is a "Jew's Jew". He was a Pharisee; he observed the law; he had Jewish parents, he was of the tribe of Benjamin, he had persecuted the early church; yet, he counted all this as rubbish when he came to faith in Jesus Christ. Paul reminds the Philippians that righteousness comes through faith and not through circumcision or "keeping" the law. Paul uses words which mean "to strive toward the goal" as a runner completing a marathon. Paul says he has not "completed" himself in Christ, but is striving to do so. Christians, your faith is developed over time, trial and prayer. We rise from the waters of baptism as infants in Christ, we must "strive toward the goal" of being adults in Christ.

Jesus tells another judicial parable in which if we read the "you" as meaning "the Chief Priests, Scribes and Pharisees", we will understand who Jesus was talking about. The landowner in Jesus' Parable is God and He has done everything possible to create a wonderful vineyard (Israel). He has left tenants (the Chief Priests, Scribes and Pharisees) to tend His vineyard. He sends His servants (the early prophets) to collect His crop, the tenants beat the servants, and kill some. He sends other servants (the later prophets) to collect his crop and the tenants treat them as badly as the first servants. Then the Owner (God) sends His Son. The tenants seize the Son, throw Him out of the vineyard, and kill Him. Jesus' audience declares that when the Owner comes, He will kill the wicked tenants and give the vineyard to others. The hearers have passed judgment on themselves! Jesus tells the Chief Priests, Scribes and Pharisees that the Kingdom of Heaven will be "taken" from them and given to a people that produce the fruits of the kingdom.

May the Holy Spirit through God's grace strengthen your faith so that you are able to "strive toward" the goal of completeness in Jesus Christ and produce fruit for the kingdom.

HANSFORD COUNTY EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2005

- Sep 30 SHS Band Night, Senior Band Members will be honored at 7 p.m. prior to the Canadian Football Game; 8th Grade Band will join the High School band in the stands
- Sep 30 Spearman Lynx vs Canadian @ 7:30 p.m., Lynx Stadium
- Sep 30 First Six Weeks ends, Pringle-Morse CISD
- Sep 30 Gruver ISD Holiday
- Sep 30 Gruver Greyhounds OPEN

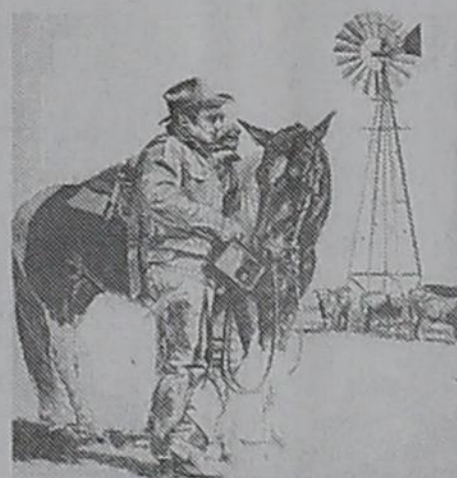
OCTOBER 2005

- Oct 1 Spearman Lynx/Lynxette @ Canadian Cross Country Meet
- Oct 3 Second Six Weeks begins, Pringle-Morse CISD
- Oct 4 Rosh Hashanah
- Oct 7 Spearman Lynx OPEN
- Oct 7 Gruver Greyhounds vs Str@ford @ 7:30 p.m.
- Oct 8 Spearman Lynx/Lynxette @ WTAMU Cross Country Meet
- Oct 10 Columbus Day
- Oct 10 Spearman ISD Holiday

Texas crop and weather report

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Soil moisture is short. Above-average temperatures and no significant rainfall sustained dry conditions. Corn was 99 percent dented. Corn silage harvest continued. Grain harvest was expected to begin quickly if hot temperatures persisted. Cotton was rated fair to good; hot weather helped mature crop for harvest. Aid chemicals were applied while bolls continued to open. Armyworms and bollworms were reported. Peanuts were rated fair to good; some leaf spot was reported. Wheat was almost 50 percent planted, but dry conditions delayed planting in some areas. Rangeland was fair to good. Cattle were reported in good condition, but flies continued to pester livestock.

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For more information:  
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Julie Etchinson: 659-2516

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

4-H Smoked Meat Sale

4-H members across Hansford County (Spearman, Gruver and 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, breakfast burritos, sausage, pecan pie, Hunter's Package (sweet jalapeno flavored ham, peppered pork loin, smoked bacon and jalapeno summer sausage) and sausage links. Funds benefit the awards program and recognition banquet for all 4-H members. Orders must be received before October 17th, with delivery date before Thanksgiving. Please contact a 4-H member or call the County Extension Office 659-4130 or 733-2901 to place your order. If e-mailed it would be easier [hansford-tx@tamu.edu](mailto:hansford-tx@tamu.edu).

Gladiola Flower Club Selling Nuts

The Gladiola Flower Club has taken over the annual nut sale from the Holt Community Club. They will be offering the same quality products from the same company that you've had for years. Orders will be taken through October 10th with delivery before Thanksgiving. They are selling pecans (1lb) \$6.75; Walnuts (1 lb.) \$4.50 and Cashews (1 lb.) \$5.00. Orders may be taken by any club member such as: Pam Schnell 659-3398; Margarette Evans 659-2165; Kathleen Sutton 659-2676 or Judy Yarbrough 659-3526. Proceeds from this sell go to their annual scholarship fund.

Hansford County Schools Collects Tapes for Education

Gruver, Spearman and Pringle-Morse Schools are participating in the Lowe's Supermarket Register Tapes for Education Program. Please help them earn free educational equipment by collecting register receipts from Lowe's. Only receipts dated September 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006 are eligible. You may deposit your tapes at the school offices, or give them to any student. Ask your neighbors, friends and co-workers to collect tapes, too!

Canadian River Habitat Field Day

Ask any wildlife biologist what it takes to keep wildlife healthy, happy and close to home and they'll tell you it's all about having good habitat. Learn how to make your land suitable for wildlife by attending the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWF) and Texas Prairie River Region's (TPRR) Field Day October 7th at The Gene Howe Wildlife Management Area, Canadian, TX. The workshop is free and a catered lunch will be provided. The program will run from 8:30 am to 2 pm and participation is limited to the first 100 people registered. The deadline for pre-registration is October 4th. To register, contact TPRR at (806) 323-5397.

Waka Christian Center Music Fest

The Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will host 3rd Annual Waka Christian Center Music Fest on Saturday, October 1, 2005 at 7 p.m. Admission is free, and a free will offering will be taken. Refreshments will be served afterward.

Medicare's New Drug Benefit

Medicare will begin enrolling beneficiaries in its prescription drug benefit program, also known as Part "D" on November 15, 2005. Medicare Part "D" will be an optional coverage that will carry a monthly premium as well as a deductible. It will be important for individual beneficiaries to look at their own situations and decide if they will benefit from Medicare's prescription drug coverage, scheduled to take effect January, 2006. Andrew Crocker, Extension program specialist in gerontology and health, will discuss Medicare's new prescription drug coverage at a Lunch and Learn, Thursday, October 6, 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Spearman Church of Christ. Donations will be accepted for lunch and the program sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and Extension Education clubs. Please call Peggy Winegarner, Hansford County Extension Agent, for more information (659-4130 or 733-2901)

Perryton Satellite Prepares for Annual Arts & Crafts Festival

The Perryton Satellite Arts and Crafts Festival is held annual each November as a fund raiser for a vocational workshop and training center for the mentally disabled. Applications are now available for booth rental during the 2005 Perryton Satellite Arts and Crafts Festival. For more information please call (806)202-2075 or mail request to: Satellite Arts and Crafts, PO Box 1172, Perryton, Texas 79070.

State Representative Chisum at Borger, October 3rd

State Representative, Warren Chisum, will be at the Borger High School on October 3rd. He will speak briefly at the beginning of the second half of a gospel concert performed by the Palmetto State Quartet. Representative Chisum will be speaking on the bill he proposed on marriage in Texas and is now being put on the ballot for the November 8 election. The gospel concert is free to the public and begins at 7:30.

Date Set for 2006 National Spelling Bee

The Amarillo Globe-News, Celebrate Youth Partners and West Texas A&M University are proud to sponsor the annual National Spelling Bee to enhance learning. Spelling Bees are a great American tradition and we believe that by participating in this educational program it is a means to honor academic excellence. The date of the 2006 Regional Spelling Bee will be Saturday, March 25, 2006 on the campus of West Texas A&M University. The Hansford county spelling Bee is scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2006. The Hansford County Spelling Bee is open to any student in grade eight and below. Home-school students must follow the same rules. Books can be purchased and/or picked up at the Amarillo Globe-News offices at 9th and Harrison St. in Amarillo or by calling Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Coordinator, 659-3233. Books are \$1.50 a copy.

Ribbon Cutting for Goodnight Historical Center

The Armstrong County Museum in Claude, Texas has set Tuesday, October 3, 2005 at 3:00 PM for the ribbon cutting on the new Charles Goodnight Historical Center. It is located at the Goodnight Pioneer Home, Highway 287, Goodnight, Texas. Special guest speaker is Susan Combs, Texas Commissioner of Agriculture.

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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

## September 29

**Birthday** - Dick Hintergardt, Kelly Vernon, Meguel Espinosa, Jeff Vanlandingham, Vi Kjos, Charlie Salgado, Sue McCloy, Gabriel Rodriguez, Dave Laughlin, Ruben Olivarez, Christy Lang, Phillip Terry Moore, Travis Burgess, Tara Duke

## September 30

**Birthday** - Aaron Boyd, Chile Favala, Kyle Williams, Tanya Adkins, Cindi Nash, Stan Seagler, Naomi Fryrear, Jana Tindell, June Spencer, Roger Jones, F.W. Thomas, Sandy Cummings, Jean West, Dixie Williams, James Whitaker, Patrick Jerman, Sharon Bailey, Jade Shaver, Chris Cudd, Jenn Schnell, Justin Parker  
**Anniversary** - M/M Aaron Brown, M/M A.D. Reed Jr., M/M Leon Wilson, M/M Charlie Salgado

## October 1

**Birthday** - Royce Mathews, Galen Slough, Merri Gale Sparks, Hector Nava, Beatrice Renteria, Brenda Pierson, Willie Clement, Sheila Watley, Colene Schaefer, Randall Schell, Angela Rodriguez, Laci Ortega, David Nash, Betty Perry, Robbie Dewberry, Jeff Shields  
**Anniversary** - M/M Elwyn Young, M/M Charles Newcomb

## October 2

**Birthday** - Kyler Barkley, Wayne Garrett, Jeremy Tunnell, Richard Wagner, Della Reed, Kathi Gilley, Kelly Trout,

Angelita Cruz, Pamela Ring, Robbi Dewberry  
**Anniversary** - Glen Ray & Laura Mackie

## October 3

**Birthday** - Berniece Goodrich, Ruth Ann Jones, Lloyd Carroll, Doris Bateman, Eulalia Blankenship, Brian Watley, Teresa England, Timber Barkley, Chad Brown, Arlene Kennedy, Lynda Tunnell, L.A. Williams, Griffin George, Marsha Murphy

**Anniversary** - M/M Scott Davis, Jim & Linda Beeson, M/M Jeff Hawkins, Mr. & Mrs Dan Desimone

## October 4

**Birthday** - Debbie Garrett, Jan Stedje, Pam Stork, Abbi Yanke, Theresa Johnson, Jeff Gresset, Monty Hawkins, Karl Smith, Kandy Martin, Adam Red Bennie Brogdan, Francisco Borunda

**Anniversary** - M/M Craig Vinson, M/M Andres Rodriguez

## October 5

**Birthday** - Ernestina Salgado, Richard Lesly, Sue Felder, Kelly Harper, Gladys McIntyre, Carl Kizzar, Glenda Johnson, Kermit Boone, Kelly Cox

## October 6

**Birthday** - Regina Barkley, Nell Evans, Doug Ferguson, Theron Pack, Brooke Mayfield, Janet Williams, Donna Burk, Kenneth Brown, John Nichols, Adina Garza, Carrie McLain, Paulette Laxson, Haley Pletcher, Kylee Howard

## October 7

**Birthday** - Rex Casdorff, Pat Dawson, David Miner, Juanita Herron, Kay Ivey, Juan Holgin, Julian David Rodriguez, Michael Cory Hendrick, Clara Gonzales, Wanda Arin, Kayla Carden, Donald Lane

**Anniversary** - M/M Rodney Dale Clawson

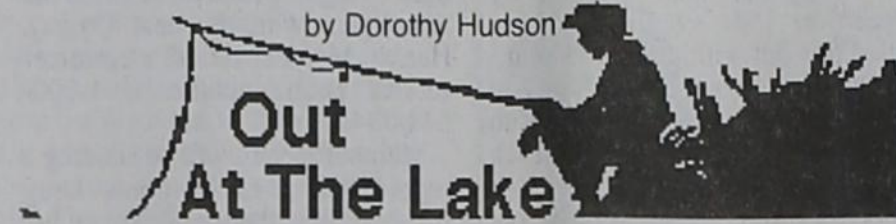
## City manager discusses problems with rising gas prices

by Ed Hansen, Spearman City Manager

In the past few weeks I have been allowed to write about the coming increase in utility bills due to Spearman's natural gas contract coming to an end in December. A number of citizens have approached me to say that they have made plans to modify in some way their heating of their home this winter. This forward planning is quite good but lets not try to save a buck, yet compromise you and your families safety.

Just this week there was the report of a family that had a gas powered generator running in the house. This unsafe act lead to the deaths of five people. If you plan on having an insert install in your fireplace or adding a wood burning stove, please be safe. Have the item install according to the directions, by yourself or a qualified contractor. There should not be a shortcut on safety. Be sure that your homes smoke and carbon monoxide detector is working. Have escape plans made and understood by your family members for what to do in an emergency, and conduct a drill.

We don't want to test our emergency service providers' skill in an incident that with some forethought could have been preventable.



by Dorothy Hudson

Lake level--September 26, 2005--26.06 (-0.29)

It is hard for me to remember that the lake level a year ago in June was only a little over 24 feet. By June 21 the level had jumped to almost 39 feet. Sometimes October is a big rain month. In 1946 the county had 8.34 inches. So maybe if we don't get a big rain in September, perhaps we will in October.

As the level drops, I keep thinking of the lines from one of Dr. Stan Cobb's speeches where he said we had the only Lake you could walk on.

This week there were no campers behind the dam, but six spots on the office side were full. The Mini-Boat Club had a bass tournament at the Lake this Saturday and Sunday. Jim doesn't have the results, but he said they weren't catching much on Saturday.

The Presbyterian Church had the shelter reserved from nine to three Sunday.

The big flock of wild turkeys roost in a big cottonwood at the northern base of the dam. It would be fun to watch them fly up to roost at night. Bert Shepherd told Jim the flock at Old Hansford was up to about 90 birds. This must have been a good year for the turkeys in the county.

It is time for our turkey vultures, locally known as buzzards, to leave for the winter. Jim counted 75 to a 100 at the Park this week. We think they are gathering for the flight away. Kenneth Seyffert writes that they are rarely reported in the Panhandle after October 1.

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## Our Sympathy

### DAISY OLA HERGERT

Daisy Ola Hergert, 87 year-old resident of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died September 27, 2005, at Siloam Springs Nursing and Rehab, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Born September 26, 1918, in Chester, Oklahoma, she was the daughter of Marvin Emery Smith and Savilla Jane Wells Smith. She had lived in Siloam Springs for the past 12 years, after living in Spearman, Texas and Perryton, Texas. She was a bookkeeper and a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and was a member of the First Christian Church in Perryton, Texas. Mrs. Hergert was preceded in death by her first husband, Roscoe Sparks in 1958 and Irvin Hergert in 1993.

Survivors include one daughter, Belva Haley and husband Ross of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; two grandchildren, Barbara Chandler of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, and Shara Saucier and husband Ed, of Fort Smith, Arkansas; two great grandchildren, Jennifer Glover and husband Grant of Fort Smith, Arkansas, and Jesse Chandler, of Seattle, Washington; two great great grandchildren, Lily and Jake Glover.

Private family services are planned. In lieu of flowers, donation may be made to Siloam Springs Nursing and Rehab (Unit 2), 811 N. Elgin Street, Siloam Springs, Arkansas 72761. To sign the online guest book, visit www.wassonfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

### BERNICE L. GOODRICH

GRUVER - Bernice L. Goodrich, 82, died Sunday, Sept. 25, 2005. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in First Christian Church with the Rev. Gary Gumfory officiating. Burial will be in Gruver Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home Inc. of Spearman.

Mrs. Goodrich was born Oct. 3, 1922, and has lived in the area since 1951. She married Howard H. Goodrich on Nov. 15, 1939, in Clinton, Mo. She worked as a cook in the Gruver school cafeteria for 12 years and taught Sunday School for 25 years at First Christian Church of Gruver. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1999, son Bill Goodrich, and her parents, Homer and Nell Anders.

Survivors include three daughters, Deanna Kenney and Virginia Martin, both of Spearman, and Nell Frame of Longmont, Colo.; a son, Eddie Goodrich of Perryton; a brother, Kenneth Anders of Yuma, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Road, Lubbock, TX 79424.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

The Spearman Independent School District will hold a public meeting on October 10, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Spearman High School Library, 403 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Spearman, Texas 79081. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's performance under each of the 21 indicators of the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST). Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The FIRST ratings are based upon analysis of staff and student data reported for the 2003-2004 school year, and budgetary and actual financial data for the 2004 fiscal year (ending August 31, 2004). The FIRST rating system was developed by the Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature in 1999. The primary goal of the FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of the school district's financial resources.

### PUBLIC HEARING

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# Biggers back from 'Bonanza'



Myrna Biggers (right) poses with Matt Carmody. Mr. Carmody plays Adam Cartwright on "The Bonanza."

Myrna Biggers recently returned from the Bonanza Friendship Convention which was held at Lake Tahoe, Nevada, September 9-11, 2005. The convention had 157 registered from all over the world including Denmark, Great Britain, The Netherlands, Germany and Australia. Many attendees wore period costumes.

Special guests at the convention included actors Mitch Vogel (Jamie), Gregory Walcott (guest in many episodes), Hazel Court (guest star), Matt Carmody (Adam in *The Ponderosa*), and Drew Powell (Hoss on *The Ponderosa*); stuntmen Jack Williams and Rick Drown; music editor Mark Hollingsworth; script girl May Wale Brown; Lorne Greene's (Ben's) granddaughters; and Wendy Czarnecki, daughter of David Dortort (creator and producer of *Bonanza*). Myrna was chosen to be the "Wrangler" for Rick Drown. This involved being sure he was at the various events on time, and she escorted him to the Friday night banquet. The Vogel family were "next door neighbors" to Myrna during the convention.

At the Friday night banquet guests spoke of their experiences on the *Bonanza* set. Special greet-

ings were read from *Bonanza* alumni who were unable to attend including a special message from Pernel Roberts (Adam); "Please pass on my regards to all those at the Convention, and my thanks for their appreciation and interest."

Special events included a trip to Virginia City, a bar-b-q at 7 mile Canyon Ranch outside of Virginia City, and a Champagne Brunch cruise on the MS Dixie II. Lacey J. Dalton provided some of the entertainment at the bar-b-q. There were also panels of the special guests who answered questions from the group. Late into each night and between venues during the day, uncut videos from David Dortort's personal collections of *Bonanza* were shown on a 12-foot screen. The special guests were all willing to sign books they'd written, sign pictures, give autographs and pose for pictures. Myrna and two *Bonanza* friends were on a team which participated in a *Bonanza* trivia game. They came in third.

On Saturday morning there was an auction of memorabilia which made over \$10,000.00 for charity. The charities were the Michael Landon Cancer Fund, Ware and Waycross County Library, Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer, and Hurricane Katrina Victims.

The beautiful weather (21-64 degrees), wonderful scenery, great company and fun activities made for a memorable weekend.

The event was coordinated by the publishers of *Bonanza Gold* magazine ([www.bonanza-convention.com](http://www.bonanza-convention.com)).

# Medicare Prescription Benefits Update

by David Johnson, RPh, Gordon's Drug

November 15th marks the official start date of the reformed Medicare prescription drug program. Since June, 2004 qualified medicare recipients have been benefiting from Medicare and its prescription drug benefits. That program was a fill-in while Congress developed the long-term plan. That plan has been adopted and is ready to be put in place. The drug benefit plan is very complex and can be confusing, so I tried to focus on the key points:

-Seniors will be receiving paperwork soon. The paperwork needs to be filled out and sent in by December 15th, even if you have filled this out within the past year.

-Qualified seniors who failed to get paperwork in by December 15th will incur a 1% penalty on each month's premium. Therefore, it is imperative the forms get fill out and sent in.

-Medicare will determine if, and how much, coverage is allowed for each patient. This may vary from 10% to 90% coverage on prescriptions, depending on yearly income and assets.

-Co-pays can possibly vary from pharmacy to pharmacy. Co-pay amounts will be the same at any "Preferred Pharmacy". Whether or not a pharmacy is considered "Preferred" is determined by

Medicare. A list of "Preferred Pharmacies" will be in the packet once the patient is approved.

-All seniors currently on Medicaid will automatically be changed to Medicare. Those prescriptions will have a \$1 or \$2 Co-pay (previously \$0 Co-pay).

Approximately 75 different prescription cards will be available. Determining which card to choose can be rather tough. I, along with 32 other pharmacist across the panhandle and eastern New Mexico sorted through each plan and found the one most beneficial to the patient. Oddly enough, we looked at the plans on our own, reported back as a group, and all selected the same plan with the best Co-pay. Health Member Health's customer service phone number is 1-800-544-7447.

Member Health will be sending a representative to Gordon's Drug for one day, between November 15th and December 15th to enroll patients and answer questions. Enrolling with Member Health at Gordon's Drug will not lock a patient's prescriptions in there. Patients can have their medicine filled at their pharmacy of choice. The date and time for enrollment will be announced in a few weeks. Again, all questions should be directed toward Medicare or Member Health.

# Amarillo College recognizes outstanding peace officers

Matthew Coggins of Dumas was named valedictorian and received the John Stanton hobbs award at the recent graduation ceremonies of the 91st Basic Peace Officer Academy. Salutatorian and class leader was Curtis Broadus of Pampa. John Tinsley of Amarillo received the Walter Eubanks Outstanding Student Award. This award is one through student selection. Keynote Speaker was Richard Martindale, assistant district attorney for Potter County.

Thirty-nine students received certification that is part of the Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy. Ronnie Cogdill from Spearman graduated during this ceremony.

Cogdill will be serving as a reserve police officer for the Gruver Police Department and for Spearman Police Department as needed.

# Changes in Medicare Coverage

by J. Gail Petree, LMSW, Hansford County Hospital District

Starting January 1, 2006, Medicare will offer prescription drug coverage for all people with Medicare. This is the biggest change in Medicare policy since its inception forty years ago. For some individuals this is not an issue that causes much attention. This might be because the individual takes very little medicine and/or medicine taken is not very expensive. Nevertheless, for others it is an overwhelming battle between food and medicine with a personal question, "How do I spend my fixed income this month?"

If you are a Medicare recipient this is something you will need to find out about. This is the first in a series of articles about the coverage that might provide some added information other than what you have received in a mailing. There are many facets of this drug plan

put in place to aid people in the prevention of disease progression. Added concepts will be provided in follow-up articles in the coming weeks.

That's not all. Hansford County Hospital District and the O'Loughlin Center are working together to provide a forum for discussion about Medicare's Prescription Drug coverage and how you can go about getting the best plan for you. The first opportunity has been set up and will take place on Wednesday, October 5 at 2:30 PM. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Bring a list of questions that you would like answered and there will be people there to answer your question or take the question down and get an answer to be passed on to you at a later date.

Next topic, "Am I Eligible for Extra Help?"

You're invited to attend a **Wedding Shower** honoring **Christina Kasko** (bride-elect of Rhett Ruttman) (son of Margaret Ruttman, grandson of Edith Womble) on **Saturday, October 1, 2005** from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the home of Sheri Benton 26 Golden Circle Spearman

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# Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

Thank you to the First Baptist Church of Spearman for bringing services to the Manor on the 18th!! I know that God will reward your faithfulness and we all appreciate you greatly!!

Monday morning we were almost rested up again and back to normal after the olympics.

The Newscurrents program was very interesting and well attended with a lot of attention spent on the program.

After lunch we were visited with Max Dunn from New Mexico. He is a retired entertainer that is a lot of fun to listen to. He plays keyboard, sings, and tells jokes. I admire him for continuing to entertain when he has passed the 80 year old mark a while back. He has a route that he travels once or twice a year entertaining at different nursing homes along the way. Thank you, Max, we enjoyed it!!

Many thanks go to the Lion's Club for hosting bingo on Monday night. We also have had several high school volunteers and we are very appreciative of your help. You guys are great!!

Tuesday morning we watched the video that I filmed of our Residents competing at the olympics. We all enjoyed watching them compete again, especially the

ones that were not able to go. I heard a lot of whooping and hollering for their compadres as they watched the video.

After lunch we went out to the patio garden for Trivia. It was such a hot afternoon that we began to file back indoors looking for some air conditioning. The garden is just beautiful but it has continued to be so hot that we are a little bit limited right now as to how long we can stay out there but are looking forward to the fall. It is wonderful out there in the fall!!

Wednesday morning we had fresh, warm donuts and a great Bible study led by Anne Whitaker. Thank you Anne!! The Residents enjoy her leading Bible study more and more as time goes by. You are greatly appreciated here, Anne!!

The afternoon was filled with our busy little bees working on ceramics. We have several projects going on that are turning out beautifully.

Thursday morning there was a lively exercise class. The music was such that it just made you want to get up and move. I just had to stop and join in for a while because the Residents were having just too much fun without me.

That afternoon the auxiliary hosted bingo. The Residents love

to play bingo and the auxiliary has been so faithful to host it on Thursday afternoons. Thank you to the auxiliary!

Friday morning I was at home cooking, stirring, boiling, baking and pouring for our annual Longhorns & Lunch trip. In town all of the staff and volunteers were gathering Residents together for the trip and making all of the arrangements. I heard today that when we left with our Residents, there were only 6 Residents left in the house to eat with the late dinners!! What great participation!! It was so much fun for all of us.

First, Janie led them south of Spearman to see the fields of sunflowers growing. Next, it was west bound and down to the Sparks Farm west of Gruver. Dean and Jerry Sparks met them there with a little cake for the cows and calves. (Of course this herd of longhorns have been around so long that they are like little children following them around everywhere that they go.) The Residents enjoyed watching the little calves playing and showing off for them. The mother cows and bulls just kind-of look at us when we show up in our big busses.

Next it was back to my house for lunch. We had brisket, brown beans & cornbread, fruit salad and two kinds of pie. Oh my!! When we finished eating everyone was miserable and ready to go home for a nap!! The only thing that we could do after a day like that was to

come home and put in a movie, so we watched Fried Green Tomatoes. We had a great week!!

Many thanks go out to the maintenance department and especially Jim for the excellent job of lettering the vans for us. Our own Steve Hartgraves designed the most appropriate logo and ordered the lettering. The two together made a very good combination and the vans look great! Thank you guys!

Many other thanks go out to the First Baptist Church of Spearman. They brought us 100 mugs with lids on them! There were enough to go around to all of the Residents and staff alike! Thank you so much! I love the red cups.

## Spearman Boy Scouts Hold Court of Honor

After a summer of vacation it's back to work for members of the Spearman Boy Scouts. On Tuesday, September 20th a Court of Honor was held and four Scouts received merit badges. They were: Michael Avila, Harley Davidson, Matthew Jarvik and Roy Moreno.

Most of the badges were earned at Spring Camp that was held in April at Camp M.K. Brown.

Scoutmaster George Young reminded the Scouts that they would need to achieve more merit badges during the remainder of the year and must also work on their advancements. The Scouts will also be doing community work to achieve required service hours in order to advance.

Scoutmaster Young said the troop needs more young men to enter the scouting program. He is asking all boys between the ages of 11 and 15 to join the Boy Scout Troop. For more information, contact George Young at 806-659-2378 or 806-330-0354 or you can contact Bill Britt Jarvik at 806-659-2554.



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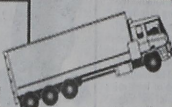
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### Regional Dean of Texas Tech Medical School to Speak in Spearman on Alzheimer's

The Regional Dean of the Texas Tech Medical School, Dr. Steven Berk, will be in Spearman on Monday, October 3, 2005 from 6:30 until 8:30 PM at the O'Loughlin Center to present an Alzheimer's Informational Seminar. In addition to Dr. Berk, Ken Brawn, Regional Director of The Alzheimer's Association will be there to answer questions about the Alzheimer's Association resources. Jeff Price, with the Area Agency on Aging will be on hand with information on the areas in which the agency offers assistance. This seminar is being sponsored by the Hansford Hospice Volunteers, the O'Loughlin Center and The Alzheimer's Association. Everyone is invited to attend as the information learned at this program will be beneficial to everyone. The seminar is set for Monday, October 3rd beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the O'Loughlin Center.

### Lynxettes Take 5th in Lubbock CC Invitational

The Lynxettes had their best finish ever at the Lubbock Cross Country Invitational Meet held on Saturday, September 24, 2005. They finished 5th out of 50 teams and 3227 runners. They finished 4th out of the AA teams, but Coach Short said that they know that they can do better. They are hoping to get to regionals and have another opportunity to compete with these fine teams.

A-AA Team results were as follows: 1)Sundown, 34; 2) Wall, 145; 3) Slaton, 169; 4) Holiday, 206; 5) Spearman, 230; 6) Farwell, 261; 7) Shallowater, 282; 8) Smyer, 333; 9) Olney, 335; 10) Panhandle, 421 (50 total teams & 327 runners)

Individual runners: 25) Tara Shields, 12:58; 35) Jessica Diaz, 13:14; 50) Christy Lang, 13:24; 70) Melissa Lesly, 13:37; 72) Bond Pittman, 13:38; 73) Amy Brown, 13:39

JV Runners: No team standings; no individual places Vicki Renteria, 16:09; Kendall Schneider, 16:13; Mattie Davis, 16:15; Kylee Howard, 16:222; Destiny Fisher, 17:24

This weeks meet will be at Canadian with the JH girls at 9 a.m.; followed by the JH boys at 9:20; then the JV girls at 9:40 and the varsity girls at 10 a.m.

### Speaker Hastert appoints Thornberry to Select Committee on Katrina

House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert today named Congressman Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina.

"I appreciate the confidence that the Speaker has shown in me," said Thornberry. "This is serious work. Lives can be saved or lives could be lost. There must be no place for political games."

The Select Committee is assigned to study and investigate both the preparations for Katrina by local, state, and federal authorities and the actual response to the hurricane's strike. A report from the Committee is due to be delivered to the House no later than February 15, 2006.

As the Select Committee begins its work, Thornberry said. "We should follow the facts-wherever they lead us."

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