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## IN THE NEWS WORLD NEWS

**Power Handed To Iraq**  
Iraq's new government took power from the United States on Monday in a surprise ceremony held two days ahead of schedule to avert the threat of violence from insurgents. Several leaders said they were doubtful the hand-over would end the violence in Iraq. Muslim officials also questioned what the new rule will mean, since the 164,000 coalition troops will remain in Iraq for months, possibly years to come.

**al-Qaeda Suspect Killed**  
A top figure in the al-Qaeda linked terrorist group in Saudi Arabia was gunned down in the capital Wednesday during a shootout that also killed a policeman, a security official said.

**Army Calls Soldiers Back**  
For the first time in more than a decade, the Army is forcing thousands of former soldiers back into uniform, a reflection of the strain on the service of long campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan.

**Iraqis Take Over Saddam**  
Iraq's new authorities took legal control of Saddam Hussein and 11 key deputies Wednesday, a government statement said, setting the stage for a trial for alleged war crimes during the deposed leader's 24 years in power.

**Insurgents Attack US Base in Baghdad**  
Insurgents fired at least 10 mortar rounds at a U.S. base on the outskirts of Baghdad International Airport on Wednesday, wounding 11 soldiers, two of them seriously, and starting a fire that burned for well over an hour.

**New \$50 Out in Sept.**  
A colorful new \$50 bill with touches of red, blue and yellow will start showing up in banks, cash registers and wallets this fall. The new bill, the second denomination of green-back to become no longer exclusively green, will go into circulation September 28.

**Iraqis Free 3 Hostages**  
Iraqi militants released three Turkish hostages Tuesday, shortly after another group of kidnappers claimed to have executed an American soldier captured nearly three months ago.

**NATO to Help Train Iraqis**  
NATO leaders agreed Monday to help train Iraq's armed forces just hours after the new government in Baghdad took over sovereignty from the U.S.-led administration. The decision falls short of U.S. hopes that NATO would take a larger role in Iraq.

**Attacks Traded in Mideast**  
Palestinian militants fired five makeshift rockets into southern Israel as Prime Minister Ariel Sharon visited the area Tuesday, a salvo that came despite the launch of an Israeli offensive meant to halt such attacks. The rockets, which wounded one man, were fired a day after a rocket attack killed two Israelis.

**US Resumes Libyan Ties**  
The United States resumed direct diplomatic ties with Libya on Monday after 24 years, even as the Bush administration pursued reports that Gadhafi took part in a plot to assassinate Saudi Arabia's crown prince. U.S. officials advise travelers to the region to exercise caution.

**Supreme Court Rules On Detainees**  
The U.S. Supreme Court rules that both American citizens and foreigners seized as terrorism suspects can challenge their detention in U.S. courts. The ruling is seen as a curb on the broad wartime powers claimed by President Bush's that he has unfettered power to lock up people without giving them hearings. Legal experts expect the administration to create a system of military hearings where detainees can challenge their confinement.

**Fed Raises Interest Rate**  
The Federal Reserve raised its target for a key interest rate by a quarter-point Wednesday, pulling the plug on the cheapest credit in decades.

**Texas Public Education Spending Lower Than National Average**  
Per-pupil spending on public education in Texas doesn't match the national pattern, a review found. Spending in Texas increased 14.3% from 1997 through 2002. The national average increased 16.8%. The report by the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government found that growth in Texas was slower than the rate in 30 other states.

**Hispanic Population Booms in Texas**  
New figures show the Hispanic population is booming in Texas. Numbers from the Texas State Data Center indicate Hispanics are still on pace to outnumber whites in Texas by at least 2020. Details came from the center's biennial population projection.

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*Eleanor Roosevelt II, the niece and namesake of "First Lady of the World" reminds us that we're privileged to live in America... and shares some timely stories about her freedom-minded aunt.*

What does the Fourth of July mean to you? If you're like most people, it means a day off work, or a trip to the beach, or a neighborhood cookout, or an evening of fireworks. Clearly, if a citizen of 1776 America were suddenly transported to 2004 America, he would see no connection between the ideas he was prepared to die for and our raucous red, white & blue-clad barbecues on the back deck. Small wonder that Eleanor Roosevelt II, namesake of her famous aunt, urges all Americans to spend some time in the upcoming week reflecting on the true meaning of Independence Day. "During times of war and strife, and even during times of peace and plenty, it's easy to lose sight of just how precious and important our core freedoms are," says Roosevelt II.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Eleanor Roosevelt II is Eleanor Roosevelt's niece. She is the oldest living relative of Eleanor Roosevelt and was often referred to by ER as her favorite niece. ER II's father was Hall Roosevelt, Eleanor's brother. President Theodore Roosevelt was ER II's great uncle.

ER II is extraordinary in knowing and growing up with several generations of Roosevelts. She first remembers her aunt when ER II was 6 and they would meet during summer stays with ER II's Aunt Corinne, sister of President Teddy Roosevelt. She met and knew FDR and FDR's mother as well as all of FDR's and ER's children and grand children.

ER II visited the White House often, starting as a teenager during FDR's presidency and continuing to her coming out party in 1938 hosted at the White House by FDR and ER. She continued a close relationship with ER until her death in 1962. A single memorial plaque to Eleanor Roosevelt now hangs in the Hyde Park Episcopal Church opposite the pew used by ER and FDR. ER II carved that plaque.

Over the years ER II has shared her stories with many groups and organizations. In 1995 she appeared in a BBC production about ER. In 2000 she appeared in the PBS American Experience film "Eleanor Roosevelt". She is a regular guest at schools and has spoken to many Senior Citizens groups, Women's Democratic groups, History groups, and men's business groups. Other authors routinely interview her for books on ER.

### Reminder

In the past, the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, the Gruver Chamber of Commerce and the Hansford County Commissioners have provided fireworks free of charge to the public at Lake Palo Duro. Because of laws put into effect following 9/11/01, they are unable to purchase and/or house the rockets that are used in a professional fireworks show, so they will be unable to provide the fireworks show again this year.

### WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

**THURSDAY** - Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms then scattered showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Areal coverage of showers and thunderstorms 30 percent.  
**THURSDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy. Scattered showers and thunderstorms then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Lows in the mid 60s. Southeast winds 15 to 20 mph shifting to the northeast 5 to 10 mph after midnight. Chance of showers and thunderstorms 30 percent.  
**FRIDAY** - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.  
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**SATURDAY** - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.  
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**INDEPENDENCE DAY** - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.  
**SUNDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.  
**MONDAY** - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.  
**MONDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

*"Nothing has ever been achieved by the person who says it can't be done."*

-Eleanor Roosevelt

author of *With Love, Aunt Eleanor: Personal Stories from my Life with the First Lady of the World* (Scrapbook Press, 2004, ISBN: 0-9743017-0-1, \$28.00). "It's just human nature to take what we have for granted. But I always think of Independence Day in terms of my aunt. She loved and revered the holiday, but more important than that, her very life reflected the ideas that have made this country great."

Roosevelt II says her aunt exemplified freedom: the freedom to make our life our own; to break down the walls built by bigotry; to achieve regardless of our class, gender, or ethnicity; to pursue the highest levels of education; to prove it can be done. Her book, packed with anecdotes and photos of the former First Lady, proves the assertion in a compelling and fascinating way.

So how can you follow Roosevelt's lead and honor the freedoms you enjoy this Independence Day? Roosevelt II offers the following insights:

- Remember those who blazed the trail before us. "Aunt Eleanor believed so much in America's ideas that on one Fourth of July I spent with her, she had her son read aloud to her guests the Declaration of Independence," says Roosevelt II. "She told us that we must never take our freedom and individual liberty for granted. She brought those ideas to a national stage when she chaired the eighteen-nation UN committee that drafted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, an international bill of rights. The document, which addressed such potent issues as the treatment of prisoners of war, remains influential to this day. My aunt considered it to be her most important achievement."

- Never let fear stand in the way of doing what you believe in. "My aunt was a deeply patriotic person and a brave one," says Roosevelt II. "Despite an FBI file that kept tabs on her actions, despite the KKK's \$25,000 bounty on her head, despite the ridicule of public figures who wished she would keep her mouth shut, she never wavered in her love for America and all Americans. She caused panic in the White House when she drove alone through Southern hills in the dark and rain to meet with a group of black people. She said later that the possibility of meeting the KKK just never occurred to her."

but it would not have stopped her in any case. She believed in bold statements and strove to change hearts and minds through example."

- Dare to challenge the status quo. "Aunt Eleanor was always doing things that 'simply weren't done,'" reflects Roosevelt II. "Once, in a southern auditorium where blacks were seated on one side of the aisle and whites on the other, she took her chair and set it in the aisle, placing herself in the middle. When the king and queen of England were guests at the White House, she arranged a much-criticized menu of hotdogs and hamburgers, served picnic-style. She was the first president's wife to earn her own money. These are just a few examples. The point is that she always thought outside society's 'accepted' roles and limitations. This is the very essence of freedom."

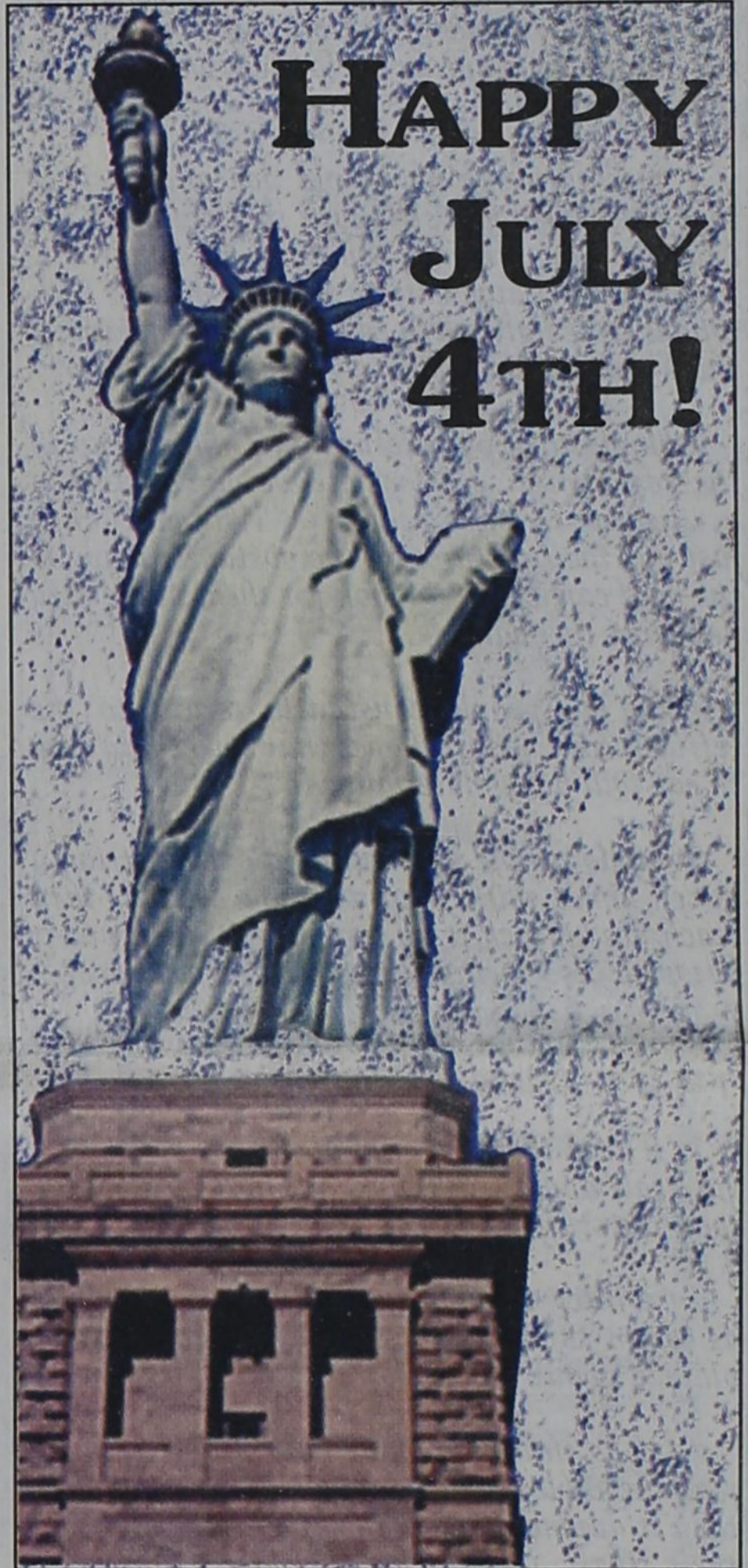
- To thine own self be true. "For 13 consecutive years Aunt Eleanor was voted the most admired woman in America," says Roosevelt II. "She was admired because she wasn't just fighting for groups, she was encouraging individuals. She said, 'Your life is your own. You mold it. You make it.' She envisioned a nation of people free from prejudice with each person fulfilling the dictates of his or her own conscience. And one of the most meaningful things I ever heard her say was: 'Do what you feel in your heart to be right-for you'll be criticized anyway.'"

- Working on behalf of others is the key to happiness. "A catalogue of my aunt's accomplishments in fighting for the rights of women, of the poor, of blacks, of voters, of access to education, of workers, would be pages long," says Roosevelt II. "Before her father died when my aunt was nine, he told her to work on the behalf of others, and she did so until the day she died. Aunt Eleanor believed that happiness was not a goal, but a by-product of a life well lived. It comes from striving to help others find happiness."

Ultimately, says Roosevelt II, her aunt lived a big, bold, energetic, colorful life. And rather than succumbing to negativity or complacency, we should do the same.

"We really do live in an extraordinary time and place," says Roosevelt II. "And I think

that not appreciating that fact, not taking advantage of that opportunity, is shameful. That's the message I would like for Americans to reflect on this Fourth of July. We must use the freedoms that others fought so hard to gain for us; we must reach for the stars, and then help others less fortunate reach for them, too. We must work hard to be worthy of the honor of being a citizen of this great nation. That's how Aunt Eleanor lived. That's how all of us should live."



**Gruver 4th of July Celebration Schedule**

**FRIDAY, JULY 2ND**  
6 p.m. - Volleyball Tournament Begins (Brackets to be announced.)

**SATURDAY, JULY 3RD**  
10 a.m. - Parade Downtown Gruver  
11 - Games begin in City Park  
11 -11:30 a.m. - **sold out** - Barbeque lunch prepared by Gruver Lions Club in City Park

**THROUGHOUT SATURDAY**  
Volleyball Tournament continues  
Entertainment in the gazebo of City Park  
Raffle for Wrought Iron Bench and Planter by Xi Psi Kappa Sorority  
Community Cookbooks for sale by Alpha Mu Psi  
Alpha Mu Psi will have the following games and contests immediately after the parade:  
Stick Horse Race: Race I - 3 & under; Race II - 4, 5 & 5 year olds  
Boot Scramble: 4, 5 & 6 year olds  
Three-Legged Race: 7, 8 & 9 year olds  
Turtle Decorating Contest: All Ages  
Egg Toss: 7, 8 & 9 year olds  
Turtle Race: All Ages



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Laugh  
& Love



by Catherine R. Smith  
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My dear friend Tommy Russell sent me the following article entitled "Ramblings of a Retired Mind." I would like to share it with you.

### Ramblings of a Retired Mind

I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped on. I can't afford one, so I'm wearing my garage door opener. Now everyone thinks that I'm cool, too.

I was thinking about old age and decided that it is when you still have something on the ball but you are just too tired to bounce it. Employment application blanks always ask who is to be notified in case of an emergency. I think you should write, "A Good Doctor!"

Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do... write to these people? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mail carriers could look for them while they delivered the mail?

Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with the hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?

Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give their vacuum one more chance?

Why is it that no plastic garbage bag will open from the end you first try?

Is it true that the only difference between a yard sale and a trash pickup is how close to the road the stuff is placed?

In winter, why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older then it dawned on me, they were cramming for their finals. As for me, I'm just hoping God grades on a curve rather than pass/fail

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 :)

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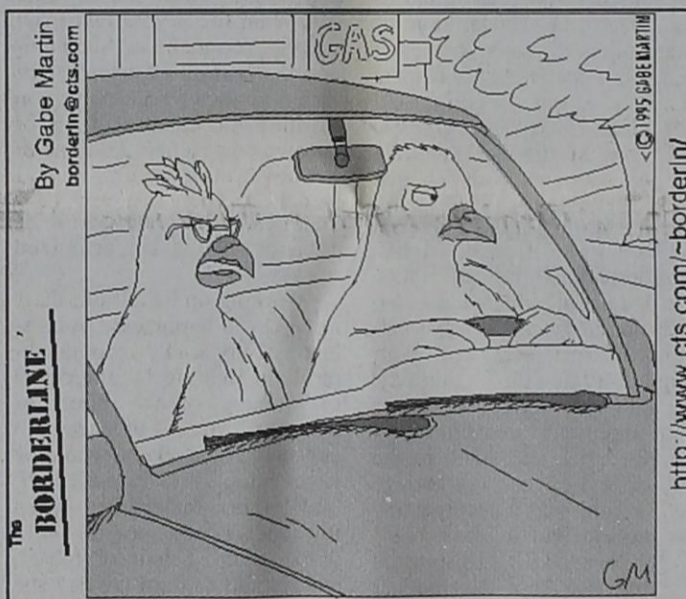
**Hansford Golf Club Hosts Tuesday Night Scrambles**  
The Hansford Golf Club Tuesday Night Scrambles are in full swing. Tee-off is at 6 p.m. each Tuesday. Contact Ross Donahue, Curtis Covington or Sheri Benton for more info.

**2004 Streetball Challenge**  
Amarillo's original 3-on-3 streetball event returns for the 13th consecutive year as Kids, Incorporated brings the ultimate in basketball to a new location at the Amarillo National Center on the Tri-State Fairgrounds. The 2004 Streetball Challenge is scheduled for Saturday, July 10th and Sunday, July 11th. The tournament is open to male and female players. Divisions begin at the 10 & under age group and progress through the adult Supreme Court division. Teams will be grouped into divisions with teams of similar age and playing ability. Entry fees are \$96 per team with an entry deadline of 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 7th. Entry forms are to be turned in to Kids, Incorporated, located at 27th and Osage in Amarillo. Each player will receive an official event t-shirt, and each team is guaranteed a minimum of three games. Prizes will be awarded to the first and second place winners in each division. Entry forms are available at Kids, Incorporated Warehouse, or online at [www.kidsinc.org](http://www.kidsinc.org). For more information, please contact Kids, Incorporated at 376-5936 or [info@kidsinc.org](mailto:info@kidsinc.org).

**CRP Managed Haying and Grazing Changes**  
If you are intending to hay or graze CRP, the rules have changed! There is now only one period of time to hay or graze. That is from July 2nd through October 31st. The cost is 25% of the rental rate times the acres hayed or grazed. These acres cannot be hayed or grazed again until 2007. The maximum length of time grass can be grazed is 120 days. In order for you to get the maximum benefit from the cost of grazing you will need to start grazing on July 2nd or shortly thereafter. You must complete paperwork in the Farm Service Agency office, 909 W 9th in Spearman, before you can turn cattle on the CRP grass or swath down the grass. For more information, call 659-3036.

**Caprock Canyons State Park July 3rd Events**  
**Dutch Oven Cooking, 9 a.m.** - Learn the art of Dutch oven cooking in an over a campfire. Preparation and cooking, as well as the curing and protection of cast iron cookware, will be stressed. Afterwards participants will enjoy the fare we have prepared. Recipes available. Fees: \$7 adults, \$5 Annual Pass Holders and senior citizens, \$3 children; reservations required (806) 455-1492.

**Ramblings of a Buffalo Hunter, 9 p.m.** - Listen in on an interview from the late 1800's between one of the last buffalo hunters and a phantom newspaper reporter and hear the history of The Quitaque as you've never heard it before. Meet at the amphitheater at 9 p.m. Regular park fees apply.

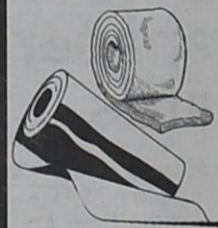


"So! You're a homing pigeon, are you? You can find your own way back, can you? For heaven's sake, Warren, can't you for once just stop and ask for directions?!"

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In the event that numerous letters are received concerning the same subject, letters can be limited to one pro and one con letter per publication. Eligible letters will be published in the order in which they were received.

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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

Jimmy Finley, Joanna (Moore) & Wayne Pierson, Kevin & Ann Rook, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bagwell

**July 10**  
**Birthday** - Steven Greever, Donna Sheets, Lorene Kunsleman, Carolyn Shields, Cathy Gafford, Mitch Gillian, Belinda Francis, Felex Lopez, Jolynda Vasquez, Justin Bass, Jerrill Key, James Sursa  
**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Randy Kirk

**July 11**  
**Birthday** - Louis Schnell, Marvin Jones, Danny Pope, Juanita Paul, Sharon Archer, Scott Russell, Kenneth Schaeffer, Debbie George, Zeke Henson  
**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Fred Davidson, Harold & Joyce Crooks

**July 12**  
**Birthday** - Carolyn Fletcher, Larry Hicks, Justin Horton, Jenie Kirkland, J.W. Jenkins, Cheryl Long, Glenda Guthrie, Olga Gafford, Lucas Biggs, Stan Josephson, Dustin Irbeck, Charlie Spencer, Madison Schad, Colton Meek  
**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Fred Davidson, Harold & Joyce Crooks

**July 13**  
**Birthday** - Mary Schroeder, Terri Ann Porter, Ron Clark, Gary Burke, Roulder Jackson, Clay Schnell, Claude (Junior) Crossland  
**Anniversary** - Allen & Margie Alfred

**July 14**  
**Birthday** - Scott Bullard, Jo Alice Clawson, Shelly Logsdon, Albert Baker, Linda Jarvis, Carrie Pearson, Rebecca Rosales, Butch Baker  
**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Roy Stinson, Rod & Penny Sumner, Betty & Kenneth Redwine

**July 15**  
**Birthday** - Julie Imke, Carol Pack, Chris Jenkins, Sonya Nitschke, Maude McClellan, Ryan Renick, Julie Stork, Hazle Britt, Clarence Zabel, Samantha Baker, Kayla Schrader, Nelva Snow, Galen Coates  
**Anniversary** - Alvin & Becky Byers, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Jackson, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Gillispie, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Shad, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Hayes

**July 16**  
**Birthday** - Dave Barkley, Dorothy Hudson, Maria McCall, Clinton Tindell, Mary Ann Kenney Peters, Jay Pack, Pam Fairfield  
**Anniversary** - Hal & Sara Shufeldt

**July 17**  
**Birthday** - Holly Meyer, Debbie Tolleson, Wesley Jarvis, Michael Dodd, Dennis Nelson, Marie Jones, Dr. Tom Latta, Charlie Garcia, Cody Baskin, Karl Bynum, Julie Baca, Veronica Rosales, Kevin Quillin, Denise Smith, Michael Lusby, Coley Griffin  
**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Willie Thompson, Mr. & Mrs. Dick Thompson, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Fowler

**July 3**

**Birthday** - Julie Gumfory, Randy Lowe, Todd Williams, Charlie Lopez, Audene Beck, Lynn Sheets, Trudie Gordon, Meredith Benton, Ronda Gibson, Gene Reynolds, Trevor Shipley, Debra Gallimore, Verlin Behne, Bill Porter, Cheryl Salgado, Henniretta Andrews  
**Anniversary** - Bill & Verna Strawn

**July 4**

**Birthday** - Barry Barkley, Donna Been, Gene Duncan, Mary Weldon, Farene Williams, Faye Cunningham, James Umphress, Ofelia Vela, June Patterson, Melvyn Bradley, Kim Swink  
**Anniversary** - Mike & Kathy Peck, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Postoak, Mr. & Mrs. Jerald Ray Scribner

**July 5**

**Birthday** - Sydney Clawson, Kent Benton, Mrs. George Rook, Mack McLain, Linda Walker, Jamie Davis, Tom Dortch, Dawn Bridges, Connie Gibson Dixon, Blayne Schrader, Alfonso Martinez, Melanie Elliott  
**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Been, Mike & Kathy Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Wilkerson, Burton & Wanda Schubert

**July 6**

**Birthday** - Alan, Biggers, Scott Attwood, Monte Beck, Rickey Shields, Gene Dennis, June Day, Kimberly Ann Vasquez, Cody Benton, Lometa Sparks

**July 7**

**Birthday** - Pat O'Connell, Steve Benton, Brenda Sue Bowling, Greg Meisner, Steve Lesly, Virginia Reyes, Magda Rivera, Brian Sparks, Justin Bowman, Daniel Ward, Karen Pierce, Mattie Davis, B.J. Hughes, Reid Swan  
**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Kenny Bratton, Kelly & Johnie Fuller

**July 8**

**Birthday** - Buddy Benton, Janna Nickles, Aaron Hart, Craig Morris, Gay Pipkin, Luis Martinez, Jody Fowler, Samantha Prouty, Loree Espinosa, Kathy Lindsey  
**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Clawson, Leo & Phyllis Cummings, Mr. & Mrs. Rod Fulce, Mr. & Mrs. Greg Miesner

**July 9**

**Birthday** - Edith Smith, Donna Farris, Johnny Jo Roach, Sally Swan, Kyle Kirk, Sean Travers Baker, Donna Custard, Sharolyn Finley, Darlene Hoel  
**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Richard Booth, Mr. & Mrs. Dewey Taylor, Mr. & Mrs.



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**Texas Legacies** - Second season of the newly rewritten show. 8:30 p.m. nightly except Sundays from Thursday to Aug. 21, plus July 4. Dinner at 6 p.m. Pioneer Amphitheater in Palo Duro Canyon. Tickets \$10-\$26 adults, \$5-\$26 children. 655-2181, (877) 58-TEXAS or www.epictexas.com.

**Heavenly Country** - An uptight critic goes to country music heaven. 8:30 p.m. Sundays to Aug. 22, except July 4. Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 children. Dinner at 6 p.m. Pioneer Amphitheater in Palo Duro Canyon. Tickets \$10-\$26 adults, \$5-\$26 children. 655-2181, (877) 58-TEXAS or www.epictexas.com.

**Lone Star Rising** - Director Neil Hess' version of the settlement of Texas. Wednesdays through Sundays from to Aug. 15, plus Tuesday night Lakefest Oprys. Fritch Fortress Amphitheater at Lake Meredith. Tickets \$12 adults, \$5 children, group discounts available. 677-1706, 857-3191 or 857-2458.

**The Shagwood Secret, or Double Deal at the Dirty Dog Saloon** - Melodrama produced by Amarillo Little Theatre at Big Texan Steak Ranch Cowboy Palace, 7701 E. Interstate 40. 8:10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays to Aug. 14; dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets \$20 adults and \$10 children, including dinner; reserved seating \$25 and \$15. 372-6000.

**West Side Story** - Area high school students perform classic musical. 7:30 p.m. July 9-10 and 3 p.m. July 11. Civic Center Auditorium. Tickets \$18, plus service charge. 378-3096 or any panhandletickets outlet.

**Deathtrap** - Merely Players-produced mystery; part of Amarillo College Summer Arts Festival. 7:30 p.m. July 16-17, 22 and 24. AC Experimental Theatre on the Washington Street campus. Tickets \$10 adults, \$7 students and seniors and \$5 each for groups of 10 or more. 371-5359.

**Ron White** - Fritch-born comedian brings blue-collar comedy to Amarillo. 8 p.m. July 17. Civic Center Auditorium. Ticket prices to be announced. 378-3096 or any panhandletickets outlet.

**Victor/Victoria** - Cross-dressing musical; part of AC Summer Arts Festival. 7:30 p.m. July 23 and 29-31. AC Experimental Theatre. Tickets \$10 adults, \$7 students and seniors and \$5 each for groups of 10 or more. 371-5359.

**Dora the Explorer** - Stage version of popular children's cartoon. Aug. 23-25. Civic Center. Ticket prices to be announced. 378-3096 or any panhandletickets outlet.

**Two Gentlemen of Verona** - Annual Shakespeare in the Park production by Phoenix Productions and Top of Texas Productions. Aug. 20-21 and 27-28. Locations to be determined. 372-2880 or 570-5855.

### Music

**Starlight Theater** - The Amarillo area's best bands and more perform outdoors in Sam Houston Park. 7 p.m. Tuesdays from to Aug. 31. Check weekly listings for performers. Free. 378-9391.

**High Noon on the Square** - Get lunch and a show from Amarillo musicians and other performers every Wednesday through July 28 in downtown Amarillo. Check weekly listings for performers. Potter County Courthouse Square, Fifth Avenue and Taylor Street. 372-6744.

**Roger Creager** - 10 p.m. July 9; doors open at 7 p.m. Midnight Rodeo. Tickets \$6 and \$10. 358-7083.

**Tule Creek Bluegrass Festival** - Sixth-annual mountain music festival July 9-11. Tule Creek State Park, 10 blocks south of the square on Austin Street in Tulia. Tickets \$16 for weekend pass, \$14 in advance; prices for individual days available. 995-2296 or www.tuliachamberofcommerce.com.

**Aaron Watson** - 10 p.m. July 30; doors open at 7 p.m. Midnight Rodeo. Tickets \$7 and \$10. 358-7083.

**Polk Street Block Party** - Features Amarillo-area bands and vendors. 4 p.m. to midnight Aug. 21. Polk Street, between Sixth and Ninth avenues and Taylor and Tyler streets. Tickets \$7 in advance, \$10 at gate. 372-6744.

### Events

**Amarillo July 4 Celebration** - Features community-wide festival and fireworks sponsored Amarillo Globe-News, John S. Stiff Memorial Park, 45th Avenue and Bell Street. 345-3363. Other Independence Day festivities are planned in Canyon, Clarendon, Canadian, Childress, Dumas, Friona and elsewhere.

**Will Rogers Range Riders Rodeo** - Rodeo performances at 7:30 p.m. July 1-3. Range Riders Arena, 5900 W. Amarillo Blvd. 355-2212.

**Nazareth German Festival** - German sausage at its finest. July 10. 945-2285.

**Harley Party** - Hog-revving for a good cause, Family Support Services. 4-8 p.m. July 24. 372-3202, Ext. 2508.

**Lobsterfest** - Support Amarillo Literacy Council while chomping down on fresh lobster. July 31. 373-9009.

**XII Rodeo and Reunion** - The world's largest free barbecue is only part of the fun. Aug. 5-7. 244-5646.

**Groom Days** - Features parade, ranch rodeo and barbecue meal. Aug. 6-7. 248-7928.

**Chataqua** - Annual outdoor Labor Day celebration in Pampa. Sept. 6. 669-3241 or 665-0343.

**Discover! 2004** - Traditional end-of-summer party at Amarillo's Medical Center Park and Don Harrington Discovery Center. Sept. 6. 355-9547.

## WHERE TO WRITE

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## Card of Thanks

### THANK YOU

We would like to thank the Hansford County Library for their access to computers and the internet. Because we do not have a computer at home, this allowed us to stay in touch with our son, Corporal Juan Rojas, through e-mail since he joined the Marines, and especially while he was stationed in Afghanistan. Thank God he is back in the good ole USA!

A special thanks to Sheri Benton for helping me put my son's picture on Channel 4.

Thanks again,  
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KRDF-FM held a Father of the Year contest in June. The winners of the contest were: Super Dad Award - Pete Saenz, Mr. Wonderful Award - Raye Gibson, Daddy Dearest Award - Kurt Bynum, and Honorable Mention - Andy Scarborough.

Following is the nominating letter that was submitted by Erynn Saenz in honor of her dad, Pete.

### Why My Dad Is The Greatest!

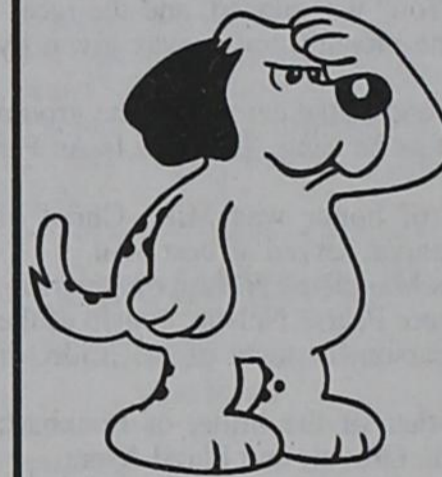
My dad is the greatest dad because he is funny and fun!! I consider him the ?fun? parent. My dad encourages me before basketball or softball games. My dad always says yes if I ask him if I can have a friend over. When I was 5 I asked my dad to paint my finger nails, so of course he did, and guess what he painted my whole finger not just the finger nail. when i was 4 my dad was going fishing and I asked if I could go with him he said yes. That was the first time I went fishing and I had a blast. The worms that my dad bought grossed me out so my dad put them on the hook for me. One day my dad had his day off and mom was working. So we decided to jump on my parents bed for fun, when mom got home she was mad because we broke her bed. My dad lets me and my sisters have cool stuff for breakfast, like ice cream and chips. My dad is so cool and he also likes to spend money on cool toys like kites and fire crackers. This is why I think my dad is the greatest.

Erynn Saenz

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Sun. Eve: 6 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Mtg: 7 p.m.  
Pastor - Roland Haney

**First Assembly of God**  
401 N. Bernice • 659-2295  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:35 a.m.  
Kid's Church: 10:35 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.  
Wed. Youth: 7 p.m.  
Pastor - Bob Elder

**First Christian Church**  
(Disciples of Christ)  
29 S. Bernice • 659-2036  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 10:50 a.m.  
Minister - Gary Smith

**First Baptist Church**  
123 N. Bernice • 659-5557  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.  
Wed. Fellowship Meal: 6 p.m.  
Wed. Disc. Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Youth Mtg.: 8 p.m.  
Pastor - Patrick Six

**Church of Christ**  
121 S. Haney • 659-3244  
Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m.  
KRDF Radio Program  
Living W/Christ: 7:50 a.m.  
Minister - Leonard Harper

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
901 Roland • 659-2792  
Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m.  
Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English  
(aired on KRDF-FM 98.3)  
Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish  
1:30 p.m. - Gruver - Christo  
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Rev. Guillermo Morales

**First United Methodist**  
407 S. Haney • 659-5503  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m.  
Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday  
High School: 6 p.m. Sunday  
Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed.  
Pastor - Darrel Ewins

**Grace Presbyterian Church**  
(Worships with Faith Lutheran Church)  
1101 Bernice • 659-2033  
Pastor - Beverly Cook

**Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
1101 Bernice • 659-2252  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
(Worships with Grace Presbyterian Church)  
Pastor - Scott Curry

**Union Church**  
31 S. Endicott • 659-2644  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed.  
Pastor - Bill Sparks

**Fellowship Baptist**  
1102 S. Archer • 659-2783  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
Sun. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Youth/Adult Service: 7:30 Wed.  
Pastor - Gene Foster

**Primera Mision Bautista**  
502 E. 7th • 659-3991  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
Evening: 6 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.  
Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m.  
Pastor Joe Garcia Jr.

**El Aposento Alto U.P.C.I.**  
1105 S. Roland  
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Culto Evangelistico - 7 p.m.  
Jueves: Oracion - 8 p.m.  
Mier. Estudio Biblico - 7 p.m.  
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**First Baptist Church**  
402 E. Broadway • 733-2411  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 10:50 a.m.  
Disciple Training: 6 p.m. Sunday  
Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday  
Pastor - Scott Curry

**Church of Christ**  
209 King • 733-2760  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:20 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Wed. Worship: 7:00 p.m.  
Minister - Gaylord Cook

**First Christian Church**  
510 King • 733-2960  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
Youth: 7:30 Sunday  
Adult Bible Study: 7:30 Sun.  
Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.  
Pastor - Gary Gumfory

**Gruver United Methodist**  
Broadway & Garrett  
733-2651  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Friday Evening Mass  
Summer - 8:00 p.m.  
Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m.  
Pastor - George Price

**Spanish Cristo Redentor Church**  
Sunday Mass: 1:30 p.m.  
Friday Evening Mass  
Summer - 8:00 p.m.  
Fall/Winter - 7:30 p.m.

#### Oslo

**Oslo Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
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North of Gruver  
339-7709  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
Pastor - Paul Fiske

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### Pearson, Renner Wed

Kristi Pearson and Ross Renner, both of Amarillo, were united in marriage on June 12, 2004 at 2 p.m. at the Spearman Church of Christ. Officiating was Gaylord Cook.

The bride is the daughter of Kengle "Doc" and Susan Pearson of Spearman, and the groom is the son of B.J. and Glenda Renner of Gruver.

For the ceremony, the front of the church was decorated with five large bouquets of flowers in shades of pink, placed in wrought iron holders.

Special music was provided by Carrie Clark, cousin of the bride, who performed a song she wrote, "Her Prayer." Cullen and Laura Allen sang, "I Will Be Here."

Laura Pearson, cousin of the bride, gave the scripture reading, from Jeremiah 29:11-13.

As the bride entered, "Steps to You" was played, and the recessional was the Marines Hymn. The closing prayer was given by Leonard Harper of Spearman.

As a surprise for the bride at the end of the ceremony, the groom accompanied himself on the piano as he sang, "Forever Is As Far As I Will Go" to her.

Attending the bride as matron of honor was Mitzi Christ of Dallas. The groom's father, B.J. Renner, served as best man.

Flower girl for the ceremony was Madeleine Nelson of Amarillo, cousin of the bride. Ring bearers were Pearse Nelson, cousin of the bride, of Amarillo and Connor Pearson, nephew of the bride, of Lockhart.

Ushers were Kyle Pearson, brother of the bride, of Lockhart; Weldon Greene, uncle of the groom, Gruver; and Flavil Ayers.

For her wedding the bride chose a formal gown of soft ivory organza, designed with a strapless bodice, supported by dainty shoulder straps. A symmetrical scalloped pattern of delicate hand beading emphasized the fitted waist, and was repeated at the hip line. Box pleats accented the bouffant ball gown skirt and cathedral train, which were edged in narrow satin banding. The scalloped pattern was also echoed on the edging of her tiered veil.

Completing the ensemble was a pearl necklace, a wedding gift from the groom, and she carried a nosegay bouquet of roses in shades of pink.

Reception Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the church.

The wedding cake, made by the bride's aunt, Jackie Pearson, was placed in a tulle-lined gazebo. Fresh pink flower bouquets in rose bowls decorated the guest tables.

The couple left the reception in a horse drawn carriage, and are currently at home in Amarillo.

The bride is a graduate of Perryton High School, and graduated from Texas Tech with a master's degree in business and Spanish. At Tech, she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. She will teach Spanish at Randall High School this fall.

The groom is a graduate of Gruver High School and Abilene Christian University. He served in the United States Marine Corps and the Secret Service. He is an officer with the Amarillo Police Department. Rehearsal Dinner

The rehearsal dinner, hosted by the groom's parents, was held at the O'Loughlin center in Spearman, and featured a catered barbecue dinner.

### Blackman, Pfaff Wed



Mrs. Bryon Pfaff

Monica Beth Blackman and Bryon Daniel Pfaff were united in marriage on Saturday, June 26, 2004 at the Loretto Chapel in Santa Fe, New Mexico. A reception followed at the Pecos Trail Inn.

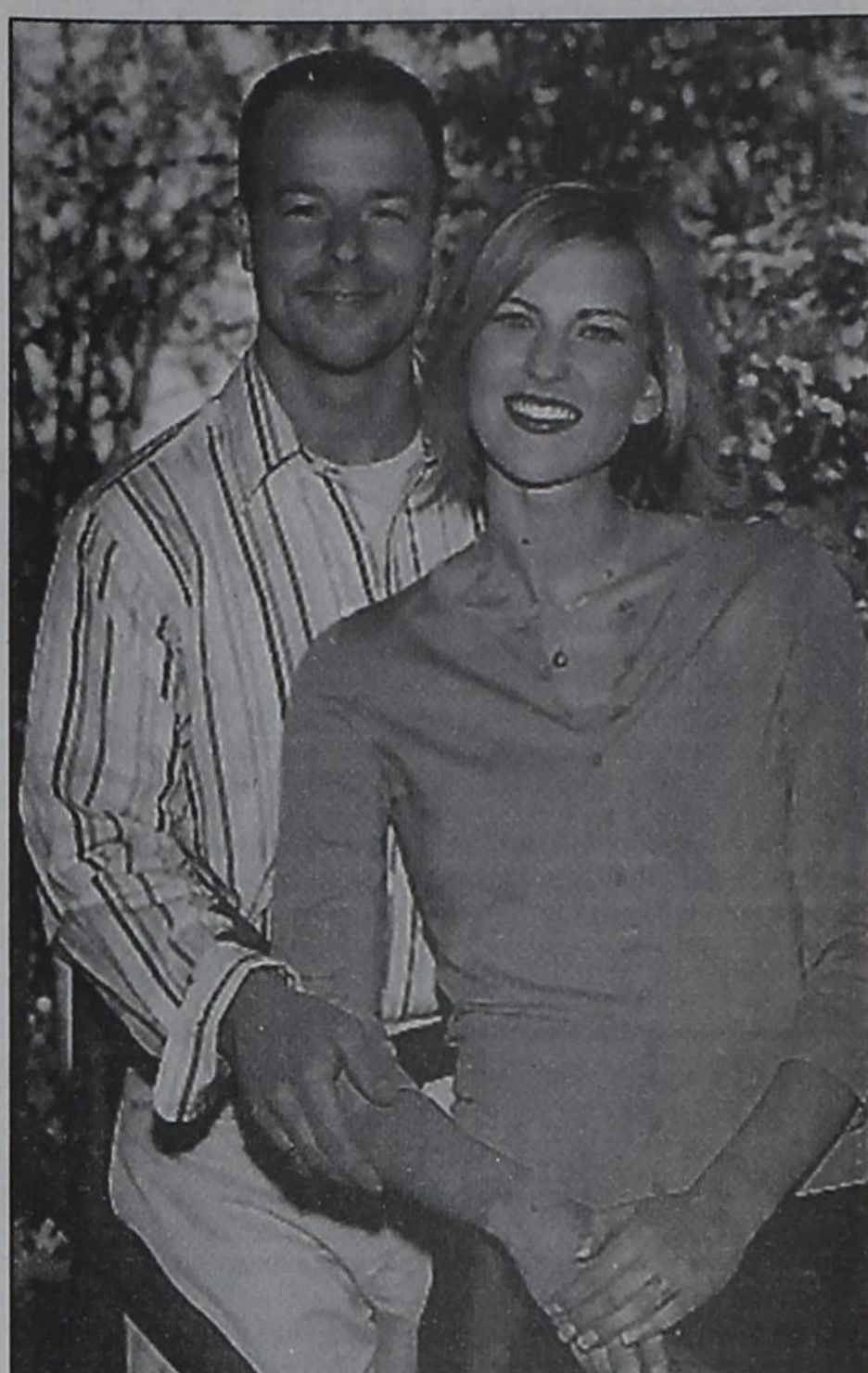
Monica graduated from Spearman High School and from Southwestern Oklahoma State University School of Pharmacy in Weatherford, OK. She is working in Dallas as a pharmacist for Target.

Bryon graduated from Santa Fe High School and New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, NM. He is working for Austin Commercial as a mechanical engineer.

Molly Morris, sister of the bride, of San Antonio was the matron of honor, and Aaron Pfaff, brother of the groom, of Albuquerque was the best man.

Bridal attendants were Gwen McKeehan of Dallas and Heidi Burton of Dallas. Groom's attendants were Joe Vogt of Denver, CO and Dominic Garcia of Houston, TX. Flower girl was Carly Rae Morris, niece of the bride.

Following a honeymoon in Little Dix Bay and St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, the couple will reside in Dallas.



### Engagement Announcement

Larry and Josien O'Neal of Spearman are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Kristin O'Neal of Norman, OK, to Robert Isaac Christian, son of Robert and Janan Christian of Norman, OK.

The couple will wed July 24, 2004, at the First Baptist Church of Norman with Pastor Rick Anthony officiating. A reception will follow at the Beard Lounge in Oklahoma Memorial Union on the University of Oklahoma campus.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Rev. Finis and Lucille O'Neal of Tulsa and Anna Katerina Schulte and the late Anton Schulte of Emmen, The Netherlands.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Bill Reynolds and the late Peggy Sue Reynolds of Norman and Warren and Iva Christian of Noble, OK.

Jennifer is a graduate of Weatherford High School in Weatherford, OK and a 2003 graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor's degree in letters. She is currently employed with the law firm of Haupt Brooks Vandruff, PLLC in Oklahoma City and will begin law school in the fall.

Robert is a graduate of Norman High School and a 2003 graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor's degree in business administration with a management information systems emphasis. He is currently employed as supervisor with The Relizon Company in Oklahoma City.

### Fun Night At The Park Saturday, July 10, 2004 Swimming Pool Park 216 E. 7th St. Spearman, Texas

We hope you have your calendars marked for this exciting, fun-filled evening in the Park - JULY 10! JULY 10! JULY 10! JULY 10! JULY 10!

"Pokey, the Clown" will be here to conduct the WRCA Junior Ranch Rodeo for boys and girls ages 4 to 16 years old. There will be teams made up of four kids each. These teams will compete in four timed events, "Steer Doctoring," "Steer Branding," "Wild Cow Milking," and "Pony Express". All "live" stock will be handmade wooden cows, steers and horses, NO live animals are used. The winners of these events are eligible to compete in the WRCA World Championship Ranch Rodeo held each year in Amarillo, Texas in November.

Registration for the kids will be at 4:30 p.m. at the Swimming Pool Park in Spearman. Tables will be set up and adults will be there to help. Registration Forms are available at B & B Sales, 205 Dillon, Spearman, and information is available by calling Judy Tindell at 806-659-2662 or 659-3653. There is a \$5.00 entry fee per person, \$20.00 per team. The forms must be filled out and signed by a parent to enable the young person's participation. The competition will begin at 5 p.m.

At 7 p.m. the Adult Ranch Rodeo will begin. The teams will be made up of four adults 16 years old and older, both guys and gals may participate. These teams also will have a \$20.00 entry fee. Forms are also available from Judy at the same address and phone number. These may also be filled out prior to the 7 p.m. competition and will be available at the Park beginning at 5 p.m. The timed events will be three of the four used in the junior competition. (So you "cow folks" better be practicing your wild cow milking, stick horse riding, and branding skills!) The competition last year was so much fun, it was the "talk of the town" for several weeks.

In addition to the Ranch Rodeo competition, there will be food booths for you to enjoy. We have plans for a homemade ice cream booth, a popcorn booth, an ice cold watermelon booth, hot dogs/hamburgers, soft drinks and water, sweet treats, and maybe some others. We hope to have some fun booths, face-painting, etc. If your club or organization, or church youth group or scout troop would like to have a booth, call Judy or Sandy Russell (659-2497) for more information.

The proceeds from the Junior Ranch Rodeo and Adult Ranch Rodeo events will benefit Hansford Hospice in Spearman. The proceeds from the booths will benefit the club or organization sponsoring that booth.

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

We hope you are looking forward to enjoying this evening of Fun, Food & Fellowship on July 10th beginning at 5 p.m.

You are invited to a Baby Shower for  
Whitney Sky-Anne Getz  
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Jesse & Leticia (Gonzales) Getz  
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### Bridal Registry

- Marsha Brown & Jason Swink - Aug. 7
- Laura Pearson & Jason Whitson - Aug. 7
- Denise Paschel & Andrew Cummings
- Tammy Herndon & Mark Murray
- Brea Archer & John McDaniel
- Monica Blackman & Bryon Pfaff
- Leslie Biesheuvel & Eric Varnon
- Kristin Holbrook & Quentin Shieldknight
- Cynthia Moseley & Alfonso Martinez
- Krystal (McDonald) & Clay Scribner
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### It's a BOY!

Dane and Shannon (Holton) Steinberger of Rockwall, TX wish to announce the birth of their son, Harrison Dane Steinberger. Harrison was born in Dallas on Friday, May 28, 2004 at 6:12 p.m. He weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19 3/8 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Jerry and Cindy Holton of Spearman and Bill and Judy Steinberger of Perryton.

Great-grandparents are Sis Steinberger of Stratford, Gladys Brown of Sunray, Elizabeth Holton of Spearman and Cap Benson of Amarillo.


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- Kasey Dunnihoo & Mike Butts
- Kristi Pearson & Ross Renner
- Monica Blackman & Bryon Pfaff
- Meg (Woolley) & Ben Walton
- Krystal (McDonald) & Clay Scribner
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# Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

We would like to thank the Methodist Church of Spearman for bringing church services to the Manor on Father's Day.

There are many very faithful people in our community who continue to uphold the values of our ancestors by honoring our elder population. That is one of the things that makes this community so very special.

Monday morning we had our Newscurrents program. Many interesting facts were discussed.

After lunch we had a Life Enrichment class. It was very interesting. This particular session was a helping class on how to communicate through using word pictures.

That evening the Rho Rho Sorority hosted bingo for the residents. Thank you to each one who helped.

Bingo is one of the best attended and enjoyed activities and all of the volunteer organizations make it possible to continue a fruitful program to stimulate thought and socialization. It is very refreshing to see the new, bright faces that come through volunteers.

Tuesday morning we went outdoors and enjoyed the fresh air and sunshine. We had a great time of visiting as well as reading short stories.

After lunch we had a very upbeat session of Musercise. When we were finished I

noticed that several staff members were huffing and puffing.

Wednesday morning the residents enjoyed Bible study and donuts. That's hard to beat!!

Wednesday was crafting afternoon. The residents busily worked on cleaning ceramic pieces in preparation to paint.

Thursday morning was a great exercise session. A very large group of residents participated and it was a lot of fun.

That afternoon the auxiliary hosted bingo. Thank you to the auxiliary. We appreciate you very much.

Friday morning we had olympic practice. There are many different games played on different levels so we will be working hard right up until the time of the olympics.

After lunch we had a special blessing. The auxiliary brought about a zillion pies (home-made). They served the residents and several of the staff (me).

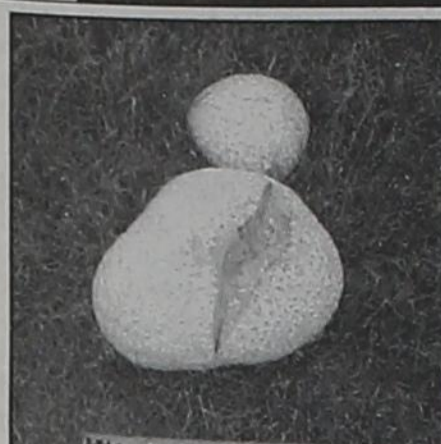
After enjoying that and celebrating the birthdays for June, we had special music provided by a team called the Harps of Gold from Amarillo. This was a pair of men who played harmonicas, guitar, sang and told funny stories. They were very pleasant and enjoyable. All residents seemed to enjoy them very much.

## Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson



Kacee Breeden caught an 11 1/2-pound walleye while fishing with his Bob Breeden on June 23rd at Lake Palo Duro.



This is a giant mushroom, growing near the south entrance to the lake. It measures eight inches across.

Lake Level--June 28, 2004--30.10 feet (+.10)

The level this morning was a rising one. I had expected it to be much higher, but Jim said some of last week's increase had soaked in, and then been replaced by the Saturday night rain. The one on Sunday night and Monday morning was still coming in. He said they had about 7.5 inches of rain. Gruver in the same period had almost 9 inches.

Walleye are still being caught at the Lake in the area below the shop on the north side of the Lake at what Jim calls the deep hole. This is an area that was dug out deeper to use in the construction of the dam. The walleye are being caught from the bank on different baits. The 30.5 inch one caught by Casey Breeden was on an earthworm, and the approximately 5 pound one caught by a young couple from Stinnett on Saturday took a blue plastic worm. Adrian Padilla, pictured last week, used shad.

James Cunningham, a retired school superintendent, called

Jim to tell him that he had seen a white-winged dove in his backyard. James said he was very familiar with these doves and had rather doubted that any had come this far north, but now he is a believer.

Perhaps it is due to the weather, but many more bucks are being seen now. Jim saw one herd of nine muledeer bucks that ranged from spikes up to the leader, a buck growing a 10-point rack. The horns are in the velvet phase with the ends of the horns stubby. One day he saw 4 different small herds of bucks.

A mountain lion was spotted last week on the Buschman ranch which shares a fence with the Park on the north. The sighting was reported by Ryan Buschman, son of Terry and Sherry Buschman. Ryan, who works as summer help for PDRA, said his cousin Austin Buschman while on a tractor spotted the small cat not much larger than a bobcat. Only 20 feet from it, he was able to see the long tail, notice its black tip, and see the black on the ears

# ET CETERA

## Gruver

### Master Holland Makes Debut

Amber and John Holland proudly announce the birth of their son Ridge Weller Holland.

The little lad was born Friday, June 25 in Amarillo. He weighed 6 pounds, 9/16 ounces and was 20 inches long.

His grandparents are Linda and Dwain Weller of Gruver and Lewis and Rita Holland of Plainview.

His great-grandparents are Erma Dean McKee of Pampa, Dorothy and Ernest Weller of Groom, and Marjorie Farr of Seymour. Special great uncle is Ray Ford Marchman of Pampa.

### Lady Hound Camp Begins

The annual Lady Hound Camp began Monday and will run through the week. An awards program and exhibition of skills for parents is slated for Friday morning.

Forty young ladies reported for camp Monday where they met new Lady Hound Coach Mike Floyd. He and assistant coach Wynn Essler will conduct the camp.

### Community Care Concerns

Continue to remember those of the community with health care concerns. Francis Murrell, Toni Atwood, Beverly Bennett, Holy Key, and Rose Cassady are some of which we are aware.

### Resident Moves to Pampa

The community bids farewell to Jean Holland who has moved to Pampa. Her new address is: 1225 Hamilton, Pampa, TX 79065.

## Spearman

### Davis Family Welcomes Jack Ryan

Kate and Ryan Davis of Spearman wish to announce the birth of their son, Jack Ryan. Jack was born at 3:52 a.m. on Tuesday, June 22, 2004 in Amarillo. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20

1/4 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Liz Hohertz Metcalf and Tom Metcalf of Ft. Collins, CO and the late Mike Davis of Panhandle, TX. Maternal grandparents are Mary John and Bill Phinizy of Gail, TX.

Great-grandparents are Marva and Bob Hohertz and Betty Jean and Irvin Davis of Spearman.

Maggie Davis is Jack's proud big sister!

### Master McCammond Welcomed

Yvetta McCammond is pleased to announce the birth of her great-great-grandson, Jackson Don McCammond.

Jackson was born on Wednesday, June 9, 2004 in Lubbock to Zachary and Kelli McCammond. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 22 inches long.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ted Williams of Lubbock. He was also welcomed by his Uncle Timothy of Lubbock.

Zach is a graduate of Spearman High School.

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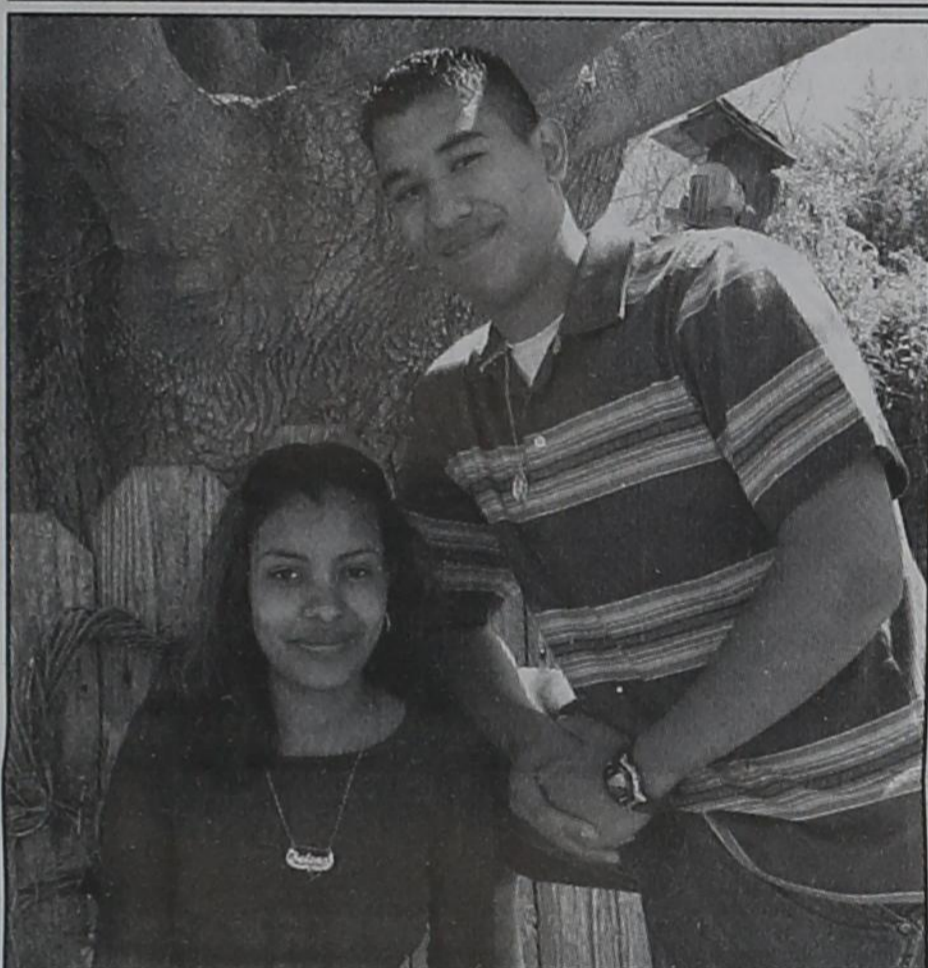
### TxDOT Tree Removal Project

For residents wishing to make comments or ask questions on the proposed cutting of trees near highways in Roberts, Carson, Gray, Hemphill, Ochlitree, and Lipscomb counties, may call Mark Tomlinson at the Amarillo TxDOT office, (806) 356-3200.

### Send Us Your News

Anyone wishing to submit information (personal news, travels, events, etc.) for this column is invited to do so. You may bring or mail your information to the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman office, 213 Main Street, Spearman, TX 79081; fax it to (806) 659-3368; e-mail it to cathysmith@antden.com; or you may call (806) 659-3434.

## SHS Student of the Month



Selina Hernandez and Gerardo Ruiz

Selina Hernandez and Gerardo Ruiz were named the April Students of the Month at Spearman High School.

Selina, a senior, is the daughter of Valente and Herlinda Hernandez. She has five sisters and one brother.

Selina works at Lowe's Marketplace, where she has been employed for two years.

She received first place in an art contest and received an award for perfect attendance.

Selina plans to attend Amarillo College.

The teacher who was the most influential to her was Mrs. Pipkin.

Gerardo, a junior, is the son of Elva and the late Gerardo Ruiz. He has one sister, Reyna and a brother, Kevin. He is the grand-daughter of Soledad Mendez.

He is a member of the band, National Honor Society, football, track and basketball teams and the Covenant Teens youth group.

He was named to the National Honor Roll, and received awards for perfect attendance, the Spanish II award, and was named to the National Society of High School Scholars.

Gerardo enjoys playing basketball, sports and camp.

After graduation he plans to attend a four-year university before going to medical school.

He enjoys the peace of a small town where everybody knows you and helps you.

He believes Spearman High School is best for because the teachers know you very well. The teacher who most influenced him was Coach Lamb.

## GHS Student of the Month



Cynthia Briones

Cynthia Briones was named the April Student of the Month at Gruver High School.

A senior, Briones is a member of FCCLA, the Houndsound Band Flag Corp, and student council.

She was the 2003 GHS

Homecoming Queen, a class favorite, GHS Most Beautiful runnerup, and received the Physical Education academic award.

In her leisure time, she enjoys being with friends, talking on the phone, watching movies, listening to music, and spending time with family.

Her plans include enrolling in Frank Phillips College where she will study Cosmetology in hopes of one day owning her own business.

She most likes Gruver for being a small town where everyone knows everyone else.

She believes Gruver High School is best for its small size and teachers that help students to learn more.

Briones is the daughter of Tony and Araceli Briones.

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Hansford County Hospital District is proud to announce that Eva Espinosa has been named the Employee of the Month for June 2004.

Eva, who is the receptionist at Dr. Garnett's clinic, has been employed by HCHD since July 30, 2001.

April DeLaRosa, LVN, nominated Eva for the honor, indicating that she always comes to work with a smile on her face, even when she doesn't feel well. She supports all functions of the District and enjoys helping others. Mrs. Espinosa is friendly, energetic, and always helpful.

Other employees nominated were: John DeLaRosa, Tanja Whitefield, and D'Anda Widener.

### Hansford County Hospital District

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# Agricultural Angle

## Extension Helps Panhandle Farmers Assess Storm Damage

by Pam Dillard, pdillard@tamu.edu

How much damage can one storm deliver during a single night?

Plenty, as early- to mid-week area damage reports show. With urban statistics ramping up the cost of damage to structures and vehicles, estimates are mounting into the millions of dollars. In rural areas, farmers walk through their fields, checking for damaged crops.

Agriculture and natural resources agents and crop specialists with Texas Cooperative Extension are out this week helping agricultural producers assess the aftermath.

"The worst hit will go to wheat awaiting harvest," said Dr. Robert Bowling, Extension integrated pest management agent in Moore and Sherman counties. "Corn is still young enough to recover from substantial defoliation without serious reductions in yields. Sorghum is a later crop, so its fledgling sta-

tus could show more damage than corn."

Bowling and Tim Trimble, Moore County Extension agent, were out early Tuesday to talk to farmers and check area fields. Danny Nusser, Extension agent in Randall County, also reported the storm could have been much, much worse in his area.

"About 5 percent of the fields had 50 percent or more defoliation," Bowling said. "However, corn up to the 12- to 14-leaf stage can withstand a great deal of leaf damage without serious yield reductions."

"Hail-damaged plants provide entrance sites for stalk rot and corn smut among other pathogens and could further weaken plants and may cause corn to fall prior to harvest," he said.

Defoliation or shredding from large hail and high winds will affect the leaf canopy and foster weed growth. The leaves shade the plant base and prevent sunlight from reaching any weed seeds waiting to germinate.

Bowling said that the worst thing to do right now is to judge total damage. Results seen immediately following a storm may appear much worse than the actual damage. Allowing

plants to recover a few days after a storm can provide a better indication of actual damage.

"Even insurance adjusters like to wait five to 10 days to make final assessments to allow plants to recover from immediate effects of severe weather," Bowling said.

Erica Cox, research assistant with Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at the North Plains Research Field north of Dumas, said crops in experimental fields received minimal strikes. Her husband, a certified crop advisor in the area, said some corn fields north of Cactus would be a total loss.

City dwellers say this is one for the record book. In the country, some farmers might be wondering if the next black cloud will bring something better, or worse.

## Texas Farm Service Agency Announces Authorizations for Managed CRP

## Haying & Grazing

Cutting hay and grazing livestock on land enrolled in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program, in the absence of a weather-related emergency, is now an option for Texas producers.

Rick Hargrove, County Executive Director for the Hansford County Farm Service Agency, announced today that managed haying and grazing is allowed on CRP lands. Haying is approved in Texas July 2 through September 29 and grazing is approved beginning July 2 and ending October 29, 2004. The starting date for both haying and grazing is tied to the end of the primary nesting and brood rearing season in the state. Prior to the 2002 Farm Bill, commercial use of CRP land was generally prohibited except for weather-related emergencies such as droughts.

To take advantage of the haying and grazing options, producers must modify existing conservation plans for the CRP acreage to include managed haying and grazing practices. The plans must be developed in conjunction with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or one of its technical service providers. Producers must also agree to certain terms and conditions, including signing an agreement to re-establish, at the producer's own cost, any cover destroyed or damaged as a result of haying or grazing and to remove all hay within 10 days of being notified that the managed haying and grazing season has ended.

Hargrove emphasized that for acreage that is hayed or grazed, annual rental payments producers receive for enrolling land

into CRP will be reduced by 25 percent.

Under this enhanced CRP provision, producers can cut hay or graze livestock on a given acre no more than once every three years after the vegetative cover is fully established. An area hayed or grazed this year, for example, may not be hayed or grazed again until 2007. CRP participants can choose to hay or graze their entire CRP acreage in the first year, or only a portion of their CRP acreage each year. Producers may not harvest hay and graze livestock on the same land in the same year.

"The managed haying and grazing option provides producers latitude when making land management decisions regarding their operations. The periodic disturbance of vegetative cover under managed haying and grazing will increase the diversity and quality of the cover and improve wildlife benefits," said Hargrove.

For additional eligibility criteria and information regarding CRP Managed Haying and Grazing, contact the Hansford County FSA office at (806) 659-3036 or visit the USDA Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

deadline to submit GRP offers and have them considered for 2004 fiscal year funding. In Texas, more than \$7-million is available to qualifying applicants.

"The voluntary Grassland Reserve Program helps preserve and conserve our nation's grasslands by providing financial and technical assistance to the landowners," Rick Hargrove, County Executive Director for the Hansford County FSA Office.

Grasslands eligible for enrollment in this program may be native grassland, improved rangeland or improved pastureland. Other acreage which may qualify for enrollment includes land containing forbs or shrubs, or land located in an area historically dominated by grassland. Offers for participation in GRP must include 40 or more contiguous acres.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will evaluate each offer and rate the eligibility of the land according to specific criteria, including current vegetative cover, susceptibility to urban sprawl, and the potential for conversion to cropland. Landowners whose applications are selected for enrollment in GRP will receive assistance to support grazing operations, to increase and maintain plant and animal biodiversity, and to protect grass and range lands under the greatest threat of conversion.

Payments on approved applications will be administered through local FSA Offices.

For more information regarding GRP and other FSA programs, contact the Hansford County FSA office at (806) 659-3036 or visit the USDA Web site at <http://www.usda.gov>.

## Texas Crop, Weather Report

Texas winter wheat is bringing a good price, but yields are suffering, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

Most producers weren't able to benefit from the outstanding wheat crop of a month ago, said Dr. Brent Bean of Amarillo, Extension agronomist.

"Grain fields looked very promising during April and May, but by the time wheat flowered, the weather was hot and dry," Bean said. "Flowering is a critical time for wheat, and if that critical time falls during damaging weather, yields are going to fall."

Dr. Travis Miller of College Station, Extension agronomist, said this year's wheat acreage and number of bushels produced is average, but had potential for more.

"The projected harvest for Texas winter wheat is around 110 million bushels," he said.

The Texas Agricultural Statistics Service reported this year's winter wheat crop is 23 percent higher than last year's and 52 percent higher than in 2002.

"It's a successful crop; yields are just down compared to what we had hoped for," Bean said.

The Panhandle's harvest is 85 percent finished, Bean reported. Weeks of rainy weather have delayed completion.

"Producers haven't been able to get out in the field," Bean said. "Harvest started the first week of June, but then was postponed because of bad weather."

A harvest delay with prolonged rainfall reduces wheat quality, Miller said.

"If the seed is dry and a field is at harvest maturity, a lot of rain on a wheat crop tends to make it lie down or cause sprouting in the spike," he said.

Wheat producers rely on a series of 10 major growth stages - not a calendar - and a test cut to mark the beginning of harvest.

"Producers base harvest times on grain moisture," Miller said. "When the grain is at 13 percent moisture, harvest begins."

Miller said a low moisture count is important because too much moisture will spoil the crop while in storage.

The weather may have caused a decline in yield and quality, but it didn't water-log prices, Miller said.

"Wheat prices have been above average," he said. "I've seen many remain in the upper \$3 range (per bushel)."

Wheat is normally planted from Sept. 1 through Dec. 1, with harvest expected in June.

Bean said statewide, harvest should be completed within two weeks.

Jet Major of Lubbock, district Extension administrator, reported storms with hail and high winds destroyed an estimated 2,000 to 20,000 acres of cotton in the South Plains. About 5,000 acres of corn were lost as well.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported for the Panhandle: soil moisture short to very short. Corn is rated mostly fair to good. Spider mite, corn borer and rootworm activity continues. Cotton planting continues. Sorghum planting is halfway complete. Peanuts stands are rated poor to fair with no pest problems. Wheat harvest is under way. Rangeland conditions are rated poor to good. Cattle are in good condition.

## Assistance Available to Preserve Texas Grasslands

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GARAGE SALE: Saturday, July 3rd, 8 a.m.-12 noon; 1011 Linn Dr. sofa, recliner, microwave, color TV w/stand, end table, lams & more.

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Spearman TX 79081-3441, or by calling 806-659-5838. Bids will be compared at 4:00 p.m., July 6, 2004. Hansford County Hospital District reserves the right to waive formalities and technicalities for the best interest of Hansford County Hospital District.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Gruver ISD is accepting bids for fuel. Interested bidders should contact the Business Office for bid specifications. Address: 600 Garrett Street, PO Box 650, Gruver, TX 79040; phone (806) 733-2821. Bids must be received in the school office by July 15, 2004 by 11 a.m. Bids must be received at that time in the Superintendent's office and considered by the GISD Board of Trustees at its regular meeting in July. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject in whole or part of any and all bids.

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Josephine Harnish 6822 Blacksmith Lane Amarillo, TX 79101

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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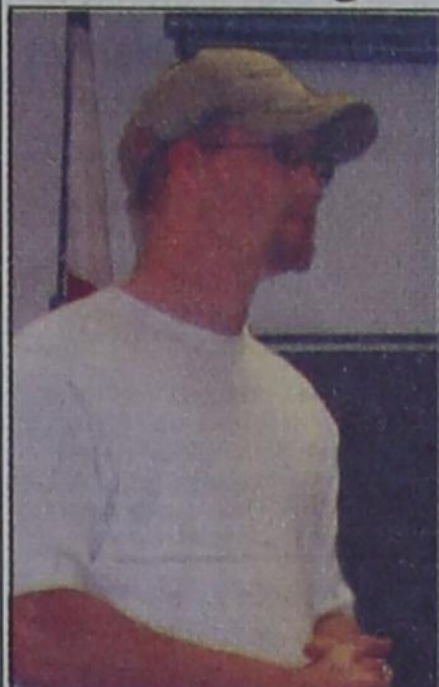
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### Cummings Prepares For Re-Deployment



Above: Andrew Cummings (left) prepares for duty as he leaves his barracks in Mosul. Below: The 37th Engineer Battalion returns to camp in Kuwait following a training mission.

Army Specialist Andrew Cummings returned from Iraq on March 3, 2004, where he had served for eleven months. Spc. Cummings, who is stationed in Ft. Bragg, NC, serves in the Alfa Company 37th Engineer Battalion (140), attached to the 101st Airborne Division.

On returning to the states, Spc. Cummings enjoyed 30 days of leave, with some of that time spent in Spearman visiting family and friends, before returning to duties at Ft. Bragg.

While in Iraq, Spc. Cummings was involved in force protection, explosive ordinance disposal (EOD), tree cutting missions around one of Saddam Hussein's palaces, bridge missions (built and repaired bridges in northern Iraq), route recon (measuring to see if trucks could go through the pass) and convoy escorts to Turkey and back.

"I was on-call the entire time in Iraq," Cummings said. "When I wasn't actually working, I either slept or trained for other missions."

"When we arrived, the people of Iraq were happy to see us," Cummings said. "They are still appreciative of what we have done, but they are ready for the troops to leave."

Spc. Cummings is now preparing for the possibility of re-deployment to Iraq.

"They are expecting to be sent back as early as October or as late as January," said Cummings' mother, Linda. "I'm hoping and praying they won't be called back, though."

In preparation, the Battalion is cleaning and repairing equipment, and catching up on job requirements that they are unable to do while stationed in Iraq.

"Being a part of the Airborne Division, they are required to make at least one jump a month," Linda said. "Since they were not able to do that while in Iraq, they have to make up those jumps to stay within their regulation guidelines."

"I would like to thank everyone for all the packages, letters and especially the prayers I received while in Iraq," Spc. Cummings said. "The packages were a great means of support for my squad."

Spc. Cummings, a Spearman High School graduate, is the son of Linda and Doug Cummings of Spearman. He is married to the former Denise Paschel, also a SHS graduate.

### Gutierrez Conviction Upheld

submitted by Clay Ballman, District Attorney for the 84th Judicial District of Texas

On Wednesday, June 23, 2004, the Amarillo Court of Appeals upheld the murder conviction of Gabino Anguiano Gutierrez, 57, formerly of Spearman.

In September 2002, a Hansford County Jury found Gutierrez guilty of the 2001 murder of his common law wife, Evelina Rojas. The same jury assessed punishment at life in prison.

Even though Gutierrez did not testify at his trial, his defense was that while he was carrying a gun into Rojas' bedroom, the gun accidentally discharged, striking Rojas in her head. The trial jury saw a video in which Gutierrez demonstrates to police how the gun discharged. However, an expert witness for the State testified that Gutierrez's claim was not supported by the actual trajectory of the bullet.

The Appellate court reviewed whether death scene photographs, taken without a search warrant, should have been shown to the jury. The

photos were also used by the State's expert to refute Gutierrez's claim of an accident. The Appellate Court agreed with the State's position that a warrant was not needed since the body was in plain view of the officers who found her dead.

The Appellate Court also reviewed whether the jury should have heard from Rojas' family members that she stated on several occasions that she was afraid of Gutierrez. The defense argued that such statements were hearsay. Again, the Appellate court agreed with the State and found the statements fell within an exception of the hearsay rule because they showed Rojas' state of mind before the murder and therefore were believable.

Attorneys for the State were Mark Snider, James Woolridge and myself. Attorneys for Gutierrez were Curtis Hinshaw of Borger and Charles Kessie of Canadian. The presiding trial judge was William D. Smith, 84th Judicial District Court Judge.

### Sanchez To Return From Iraq



Lt. General Ricardo Sanchez

Lt. General Ricardo Sanchez, who has been the top commander in Iraq since May 2003, is to be succeeded this summer by a four-star general.

The move is part of a restructuring of the U.S. command in Iraq. The idea is to have a four-star general there to focus on the bigger picture, including

working with U.S. and Iraqi political authorities, while a lieutenant general handles the day-to-day command of combat.

Although the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse happened on his watch, Sanchez's departure is not related to that, said Larry Di Rita, chief spokesman for Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

Rumsfeld's original plan was to replace Sanchez this summer with Rumsfeld's senior military assistant, Lt. Gen. Bantz Craddock, and to nominate Sanchez for a fourth star and the command of U.S. Southern Command, a senior defense official said.

Because of the prisoner abuse controversy, Rumsfeld decided it would take too long to get Sanchez confirmed by the Senate, the official said, and so decided on the noncontroversial Gen. George W.

Casey for the Iraq post.

Lt. Gen. Sanchez and his 4th Infantry Division, were responsible for the capture of Saddam Hussein on December 13, 2003.

Lt. Gen. Sanchez is a native of Rio Grande City, Texas. As a Distinguished Military Graduate of Texas A&I University, Kingsville, Texas, he was commissioned a second lieutenant of armor in the Regular Army in 1973.

On July 10, 2001, Lt. Gen. Sanchez became commanding general of V Corps' 1st Armored Division. He held that position for nearly two years before assuming command of the corps on June 14, 2003.

Lt. Gen. Sanchez, a member of the 4th Infantry Division stationed in Ft. Hood, TX, is the cousin of Noel Olivarez, Stella Arjona, and Joel Olivarez of Spearman, and Joe Olivarez of Waka.

#### Correction

The total amount listed for the scholarships received by Spearman High School graduates was incorrect. The correct amount is \$247,910.44.

The students, school, community and the Spearman High School counselor, Kristin Baird, are to be commended for this achievement.



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