

**N. Korea sticks to nuclear arms until given reactors**  
 North Korea said on Tuesday it would not give up its nuclear weapons until it is given civilian nuclear reactors, highlighting a sticking point at talks to scrap its weapons plans that ended in a shaky agreement on Monday.

**Mexico charges ex-president for 1968 massacre**  
 Mexican prosecutors filed long-awaited charges on Monday against former President Luis Echeverria for a 1968 student massacre by soldiers and police that was the bloodiest moment of a brutal crackdown on dissidents.

**China warns U.N. on abuse of intervention right**  
 China warned the West on Monday against any attempt to abuse a newly agreed international right to intervene to protect civilians threatened by genocide, war crimes or ethnic cleansing.

**Bipartisan panel recommends U.S. election changes**  
 Electronic voting machines should have paper trails to keep track of votes cast and all voters should present photo IDs, a panel recommending ways to restore confidence in the U.S. election system said on Monday.

**Union dues measure raises stakes in Calif. election**  
 California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has declared war on public employee unions by embracing a ballot measure that would restrict how they could raise political funds from members, analysts said on Monday.

**Nagin ends New Orleans re-entry, tells people to leave**  
 Mayor Ray Nagin on Monday suspended a program to bring residents back to New Orleans and told all those now in the stricken city to leave because of fears a new storm may hit in the next few days.

**'Second disaster' may follow Katrina: doctors**  
 Doctors are bracing themselves for what they call a "second disaster" as New Orleans-area residents return to their devastated city. While environmentalists warn of the long-term danger to health from possibly polluted floodwaters, and rumors of disease swirl, front-line emergency doctors say the actual health danger will come from accidents.

**Antarctic hole in ozone layer nears record size**  
 The hole in the ozone layer above Antarctica has grown to near record size this year, suggesting 20 years of pollution controls have so far had little effect, the United Nations said on Friday.

**EU lambasts Iran over nuclear ambitions**  
 The European Union hardened its stance on Iran on Wednesday, saying it was "deeply concerned" about Tehran's determination to press ahead with a nuclear program which could produce atomic bombs.

**Sharon, Netanyahu urged to avert showdown**  
 Israeli cabinet members urged Ariel Sharon and chief rival Benjamin Netanyahu on Wednesday to avert a showdown that could hasten the break-up of their ruling party and trigger early elections following a Gaza pull-out.

**Gunbattle in Baghdad kills 8**  
 At least eight people were killed on Wednesday in a gun battle in Baghdad between troops and insurgents and the U.S. military said a child died in a fire fight in the northern city of Mosul.

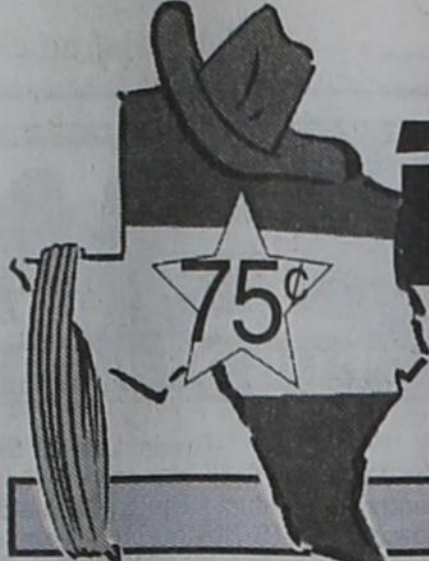
**Thousands rally for peace in revolt-racked Nepal**  
 More than 10,000 people marched for peace in the Nepali capital on Wednesday, seeking an end to a brutal civil war that has cost thousands of lives in the revolt-racked Himalayan nation.

**Support for Bush Iraq policy dives after Katrina**  
 U.S. public support for President George W. Bush's Iraq policy has nosedived in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, but this seems unlikely to force the administration to change tack, political analysts said on Wednesday.

**NASA braces for hit in Houston area**  
 NASA prepared on Wednesday to evacuate its Johnson Space Center in Houston and turn over control of the International Space Station to its Russian partners as Hurricane Rita barreled across the Gulf of Mexico with ferocious winds.

**Rita strengthens, aims at Texas**  
 Hurricane Rita took aim at Texas as it grew into a powerful Category 4 storm on Wednesday and authorities urged residents in Galveston, Houston and other vulnerable areas to leave.

**Hurricane Relief and the War in Iraq**  
 Americans want the money to pay for hurricane relief to come from the war in Iraq.



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Jo Ann Hawkins recently retired from the Palo Duro River Authority office where she worked twenty years full-time and seven years part-time.

## Pampa man arrested in Gruver Burglaries

**Pampa Man Arrested in Gruver Burglaries**  
 On the night of August 31, several business in Gruver were broken into. The burglar(s) pried open back doors of the buildings, and kicked in several locked office doors. The burglar(s) went through desks, cash registers, and file drawers. An undetermined amount of cash was taken from the businesses.  
 Gruver Police immediately notified most police agencies in the central part of the panhandle. Gruver PD immediately received information that, in addition to the burglaries in Gruver, many businesses in Gray County, Carson county, Donley county, Hutchison County, and Oldham County were also burglarized.  
 Within a couple of days, due to cooperative investigations amongst the various departments, a suspect was arrested. On Wednesday, September 14, the suspect was arrested in Pampa by Pampa Police Department, who then notified all other agencies involved. Gruver Police responded to the Gray County Jail, and, after being questioned, the suspect admitted to the burglaries. He was charged with numerous counts of burglary.



Madeline Reed was crowned the 2005 Gruver Homecoming Queen.



The Gruver High School Homecoming attendants for 2005 were (L-R) Callie Hargis, Madeline Reed, and Lindsey Cliff.



Brock Town and Britta Vanderburg were named 2005 Spearman High School Homecoming King and Queen.

## Panhandle area citizens spearhead Medical Center League House

**by Carolyn Cummings**  
 In most instances you don't necessarily think of a home that helps and heals. But if you have ever had a loved one with cancer and you are pulled away from the comfort and security of your own home, having a place to rest your mind and body that was the next best thing to your own home, not hospital hallways nor the simple hotel room, would be very appealing. That's what is being proposed with the Medical Center League House.  
 The Medical Center League House is a project spearheaded in Amarillo by the Junior League of Amarillo and Harrington Regional Medical Center, Inc. The idea was presented to them by Austin businessman, Dick Rathgeber, who had already handled eight other hospital houses in the Southwest Area.  
 Thus, the plan was set into motion and soon people in area cities and counties of the Texas

Panhandle were contacted to enlist their help in raising the monies needed for the project. Spearman representatives are Richey and Karen Thompson, Cindy Blackman and Ginger Turner.  
 These individuals will be presenting programs and pledge cards to various clubs, organizations, businesses and individuals to let the people of Spearman have an opportunity to be a part of this wonderful and much needed project.  
 Medical Center League House will be a 16,000 square foot building that will include 30 rooms, each with a private bath and television, 2 rooms that meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, a kitchen and dining room, a large living room and a manager's suite to allow 24 hour access to and from the facility. In addition there will be an office for part-time help, a prayer garden and a laundry room.

There is an opportunity for a second phase of development, also.  
 The Medical Center League House differs from the Ronald McDonald House in that the Ronald McDonald House serves families of pediatric patients. The League House will provide a home away from home for those families with adult patients in the hospitals, for accommodations for patients traveling to Amarillo for outpatient therapy, and for accommodations for those traveling to Amarillo for medical services not available in their local community. There will be no charge for staying at the House, however, a modest donation will be requested. (Guests will not be turned away if they cannot contribute.) Check in will be available both day and night, and families will have the opportunity to use the kitchen and laundry room facilities.  
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Aleisha Sweat and Mallory Paul were Spearman High School Queen Candidates for 2005.

## Local alligator ranch to the rescue

Spearman's Alligator Ranch was recently contacted by the Amarillo Animal Control Department. It seems that they had an "unusual" problem. They had captured an alligator and was seeking help (It is unlawful for a private individual to own and house an alligator). Parks superintendent, Clint Stoddard, wanted to know if the Ranch would be willing to adopt the "gator".  
 Dean Coates, owner of the Alligator Ranch, was out of town at the time but his brother, Galen, was sent to the rescue.  
 Galen said, "I didn't know if I was saving an alligator or saving a game warden."  
 The alligator is now a Spearman resident...add 1 to the population.  
 This is not the only event Galen has helped Dean with recently. On September 3rd Galen took one of the alligators to Amarillo for the children to see. A picture was in the September 3rd Amarillo Globe News.  
 In the September 14th addition of the Amarillo Globe News there is an article about new animals coming to the zoo.

## WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

**THURSDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 60. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.  
**FRIDAY** - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. Northeast winds around 10 mph shifting to the southeast in the afternoon.  
**FRIDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.  
**SATURDAY** - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.  
**SATURDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.  
**SUNDAY** - Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 80s.  
**SUNDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the upper 50s.

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 Member of Congress

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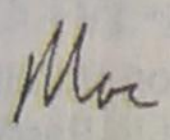
Dear Friends,

I want to extend my sincere congratulations to the people of Gruver as you celebrate the 75th anniversary of your city. This milestone is a tribute to the many citizens who have worked and sacrificed to make Gruver a strong community and a great place to raise a family.

Gruver has a well-earned reputation as a place where people respect the virtues of hard work and being willing to help your neighbor. These qualities have enabled Gruver to survive and grow through good times and harder times over 75 eventful years.

It is an honor for me to represent Gruver and our area in the U.S. Congress. I hope everyone enjoys the festivities commemorating this anniversary, and I wish you all the best as Gruver marches on toward the celebration of its first century.

Sincerely,



Mac Thornberry



Live, Laugh & Love



by Catherine R. Smith  
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# Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:  
On August 30, 2005, the Pringle-Morse CISD Board of Trustees set an ad valorem tax rate of \$1.425 per \$100 valuation for the year 2005. Maintaining a low tax rate has always been a priority of the board and administration and will remain so as long as the rate is feasible. It is becoming increasingly difficult, however, to maintain a low rate because of the complex formulas the State of Texas uses to calculate public school funding.

According to the State, Pringle-Morse is a Chapter 41 (property-wealthy) district and by law is required to send locally collected tax dollars to the State Comptroller's Treasury Operating Department so it can, in turn, distribute local tax dollars to property-poor districts. This system of recapture substantially impacts the local tax rate and, therefore, local taxpayers.

Recapture has such a dire effect on the District's budget that every year the recapture payment must be calculated first, then the maintenance and operations budget is cut considerably, and expenses are monitored very closely throughout the year; all the while property-poor districts are spending local tax dollars sent to Austin.

How it works: For the year 2005, the Hansford County Chief Appraiser certified Pringle-Morse's taxable values at \$148,785,262. At the \$1.425 tax rate these values will generate approximately \$2,077,786 (98% collection rate) in revenue for the District. From this \$2,077,786, Pringle-Morse CISD must send \$839,682 to the State Comptroller. In other words, to satisfy the State's "Robin Hood" school funding mandate, forty cents of every locally collected tax dollar leaves the District. Without the recapture payment, a tax rate of \$0.8755 would be sufficient to operate Pringle-Morse CISD.

Pringle-Morse is aware that its situation - a rural school district in an agricultural community - is not unique. Chapter 41 districts across the State are in the same predicament, and many property-poor districts are suffering financially as well. Because expenses are rising faster than student growth, triggering larger and larger recapture payments, rural school districts in Texas are growing poorer every year.

Since the percentage of recapture increases as local values increase, the Robin Hood system is draining property-wealthy districts. Some districts pay as much as 70% of every locally collected tax dollar to the State. Many districts-including Pringle-Morse-- filed a joint lawsuit against the State seeking relief from high property taxes and high recapture payments. The courts ruled in favor of the school districts, but that decision is currently being appealed by the State.

The State Legislature, elected senators and representatives, spent months and months in time, and thousands and thousands in tax dollars, in an effort to solve the Texas public education funding crisis. They failed to reach a solution. There are many reasons for this failure, however it seems that partisan politics in the Capitol once again prevented the school-children of Texas from attending public schools that operate under an equitable funding system.

Kent Hargis  
Superintendent, Pringle-Morse CISD, 806-733-2507

Dear Editor,  
I am writing in response to "Priorities for the Poor?" by Elizabeth Greene from your September 15th edition.

While hurricane Katrina has shown us great devastation and had hit the poor the worst it also shows us the utter failure of the liberal agenda for solving poverty. Ms. Green is good at using numbers to promote her liberal ideology; however, here are some facts she left out. In the 1996 Clinton budget allotted \$191 Billion on welfare programs (food stamps, Medicaid, earned income tax credit, child care, housing vouchers, etc.) while we had a poverty rate of 13.7% of the population. In 2006 the Bush budget allots \$368 Billion for welfare programs while the poverty level is 12.7%, also according to the U.S. Census. Ms. Green says "programs that keep many low-income families out of poverty are in danger of \$35 billion in cuts." I say great!!! If these programs are so good at "keeping people out of poverty" then why are there still people in poverty after spending \$177 billion more? Of every tax dollar put into the welfare system only \$22 actually makes it to the recipient. What more evidence do we need to see that big government doesn't work?

New Orleans and Louisiana have been run by liberal Democrats for years. If their ideas are so great then that area should be a paradise on Earth. Yet, it has one of the highest poverty rates in the country. Why is that? Can't more money and programs from the government cure poverty? My point exactly, it can't.

The government can not "get people out of poverty." Quite the contrary, free handouts only lead to more of an entitlement mentality thus spreading poverty and helplessness as evident by the impoverished in New Orleans.

As with most liberals Ms. Green loves to point out the tax cuts for the rich. Who does she think provides most of the jobs in this country? Moreover, the "rich" still carry by far the biggest tax burden. The top 25% of wage earners pay 83.9% of the total tax revenue in this country. But she says make them pay more. Ms. Green urges us to speak out against the repeal of the estate tax or "death tax". I urge just the opposite. This tax is crippling to small business and family farms and ranches when passed from one generation to another. Something this community knows a lot about.

In essence, after someone works all their life (and pays taxes) and builds something to pass on to his/her family, Ms. Green says they should be taxed again after they die. Many times this forces the heirs to sell the business or family farm or ranch to pay the taxes. I urge you to write or e-mail our legislators supporting the repeal.

I will agree with Ms. Green on one point. We need to help out the poor. Not by a call on our government for more taxes and wasteful spending, but by donating to a private faith based organization such as Feed The Children (www.feedthechildren.org, Or 1-888-58child) where 91% of the money donated goes directly to those who need it in food, child care, education and medical supplies, etc. I fail to understand why liberals think that a bigger government is the answer to all problems, when it (the govt.) proves them wrong every time. I know we need to help the poor. But, Let's really help them by cutting taxes to spur the economy so they can get a job and not just another handout.

Ryan Davis

To whom it may concern:  
A bean is planted in the ground. It sprouts and a sprout appears above ground. A woman becomes pregnant. A fetus (sprout) comes forth, is evident.

When you break the bean sprout off, life is gone, no more life. When you break the fetus (sprout) from a woman, life ceases; no more life. That bean had life as long as the sprout is connected to the bean. The instant the sprout is broken off, life ceases.

The pregnant woman has life in her body as long as the fetus (sprout) is attached. The instant the fetus (sprout) is broken from the body of the woman, life for that fetus ceases to exist.

You can murder the bean sprout or the fetus (sprout), that life attached to the woman.

I believe that is murder. Have you ever attended a funeral for an aborted fetus? Please understand! When a fetus is removed from a lady, a life ceases to exist.

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My friend Deborah Jacobs sent me the following story. I'm not sure who wrote it, but it is definitely worth reading and thinking about.

I dreamt that I went to Heaven and an angel was showing me around. We walked side-by-side inside a large workroom filled with angels.

My angel guide stopped in front of the first section and said, "This is the Receiving Section. Here, all petitions to God said in prayer are received."

I looked around in this area, and it was terribly busy with so many angels sorting out petitions written on voluminous paper sheets and scraps from people all over the world.

Then we moved on down a long corridor until we reached the second section.

The angel then said to me, "This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings the people asked for are processed and delivered to the living persons who asked for them."

I noticed again how busy it was there. There were many angels working hard at that station, since so many blessings had been requested and were being packaged for delivery to Earth.

Finally at the farthest end of the long corridor we stopped at the door of a very small station. To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, idly doing nothing. "This is the Acknowledgment Section," my angel friend quietly admitted to me. He seemed embarrassed.

"How is it that? There's no work going on here?" I asked.

"So sad," the angel sighed. "After people receive the blessings that they asked for, very few send back acknowledgments."

"How does one acknowledge God's blessings?" I asked.

"Simple," the angel answered. "Just say, 'Thank you, Lord.'"

"What blessings should they acknowledge?" I asked.

"If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep... you are richer than 75% of this world."

"If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy."

"If you woke up this morning with more health than illness... you are more blessed than the many who will not even survive this day."

"If you have never experienced the fear in battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation... you are ahead of 700 million people in the world."

"If your parents are still alive and still married, you are very rare."

"If you can hold your head up and smile, you are not the norm, you are unique to all those in doubt and despair."

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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# 4-H FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Breast Cancer Screening Clinic**  
The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S Roland, in Spearman on September 26, 2005. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more info or to schedule appointment.

**You're Never Alone - Narcotics Anonymous Group**  
Each year individuals struggling with drug and alcohol addiction make the resolution to quit using drugs. For many of them it is a resolution that they cannot keep. Narcotics Anonymous can help. Open meetings are held on Thursday nights from 8-9 p.m. at the First Christian Church (29 S. Bernice in Spearman) for the "You're Never Alone" group of Narcotics Anonymous. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Drug addiction can leave an individual feeling helpless and out of control.

**Panhandle Crisis Center Outreach Office**  
Panhandle Crisis Center (PCC) has an Outreach Office in the Pittman-Shieldknight Building, 511 SW 11th Avenue, Suite 105, in Spearman. In case of emergencies, please continue to call the hotline, 1-800-753-5308. To schedule an appointment with a worker in Hansford County, please call 659-3391 to leave a message, or call the hotline number above. Panhandle Crisis Center serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Call for more information regarding PCC's services.

**Spearman 4-H Selling Roster Cards**  
The Spearman 4-H is selling roster cards to raise money for their scholarship fund. If you would like a roster for 7th, 8th, JV or Varsity Spearman Football teams, please contact the Extension Office at 659-4130. The cards are \$2.00 each. Thank you for your support!

**Boy Scout Sign-up**  
Boys from age 11 through 15 are invited to sign up for Spearman Boys Scouts. If you are a boy who likes camping, hiking, swimming, fishing and eating, the Boy Scouts wants you. To find out more about becoming a Boy Scout, call George Young at 659-2378 or 330-0354 or Britt Jarvis at 659-2554 or 659-2444. Come join the Boy Scouts. It's fun! Meetings are on Tuesday from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The Scout Hall is located in the old community building at 5th and Hazelwood. Next meeting night is September 6th. Hope to see you there and bring your parents.

**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 Library Collecting Empty Printer Cartridge**  
Hansford County Library is collecting empty printer cartridges for recycling. We have set up a box in the library where these may be placed. Any refunds or rebates collected from this project will go towards support of the library. We will appreciate any donations of empty cartridges that are received.

**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 in Canadian, Texas.**  
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.

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Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

Our duty as Christians is not going to Church, but being the Church. Our study this week is in Ezekiel 18:1-32, Psalm 25, Phillipians 2:1-13, and Matthew 21:23-32.

The Word of the Lord through Ezekiel is that the person who sins shall die. The Old Testament earlier taught that the sins of the fathers were counted against the children; while psychologically this can be true, as a matter of our faith, it is not. We, dear Christian, are accountable for our own faults and sins. Don't blame your parents, your siblings, or circumstances; we have to face the "Lick Log", we are responsible for our own lives.

The Psalmist prays God to "do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions"; he asks that God forgive him and lead him in His ways.

Paul is still concerned over the lack of unity in the Church at Phillipi. He advises the young faith community to do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit; to regard others as better than themselves; to have the same mind as Jesus Christ. In short, don't go to church to appear good, don't believe that your sin is less than your neighbors, and don't preach Christ's gospel for your own glory.

As Christians we live with the same Holy Spirit, we serve the same Master, we should exhibit His love in our lives. Paul says "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling"; what those words mean is that we should "complete" our salvation in body, mind and spirit. A church is not a building, it is not a warehouse for saints, a church is the living body of Christ composed of each of its members. The church is not on a certain street corner, it exists wherever its members are.

Jesus is continuing his struggle with the Pharisees. The Pharisees believed that they were already "good enough." They kept the law in its smallest parts; they did not associate with sinners; they were the "good people" of their day. Jesus told them they did not know God. His parable was the father who asks his two sons to work in his vineyard. One says, "no way Dad," yet he later goes and works. The other says, "yes, Dad," but does not go. Which son did the will of the father? The answer - the son who actually did go as requested.

The Pharisees said, "Yes, Lord" but they did nothing to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick or sustain the orphan and widow; they did nothing to ask God's forgiveness for their sin. The tax-collectors and the whores who heard Jesus, repented and asked forgiveness. Jesus told the Pharisees that the tax-collectors and whores would enter the Kingdom of God before the Pharisees. Again the first will be last and the last will be first.

May the Holy Spirit give you the strength to recognize and ask forgiveness of your sin that you may be empowered to "be" a part of the living Church.

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 22**  
**Birthday** - Charlotte Bergin, Chelsie Beth Hicks, Leon Wilson, Robert Womble, Bobby Evans, Ray Brewer, Junior Avila, Terry Delozier, Lance Harnish, Sterling Alana Brown, Amber Conley, Janice Riley, Bonnie Cox, Haylee Miesner  
**Anniversary** - M/M John Williams, M/M Pat Jackson

**September 23**  
**Birthday** - Larry Babbs, Rodney Dale Clawson, Floyd Dry, Melissa Davis, Wilma Clark, Ray Ortega, Tony Papay, Will Black, Jan Hartsell, Luisa Volden, Karla Flowers, Amber Coombs, Kylie Cook, Jake Coates, Andrew Jacops, Melissa Lesly  
**Anniversary** - M/M Harvey Atwood

**September 24**  
**Birthday** - Amadeo Cazares, Martha Jo Hadley, Cindy Blackman, Deena Murrell, Tony Shapley, Amy TeBeest, Linda Venneman, Trevor Williams, Sherri Kay West, Danny McLaughlin, Mandi Lusby, Julie Hays, Dan Pearson, Jeff Hawkins, Wesley Miser, Roberta Cole, Amber Elliott, Kylie Cook, Amy Powers, Dustin Tomlin, Bradon French  
**Anniversary** - M/M Bill Kuehl

**September 25**  
**Birthday** - Brooke Salmons, Ann Taylor, Charles Martin, Jesse Renteria Jr., Cecil Slater, Stacy Lesly, Marcy Vitela, Pedro Vargas, Teresa Blan, Sandy Zamora, Chuck Cook, Edwin Percy, Andrew Dalton Raper, Erynn Saenz, Sally Pittman  
**Anniversary** - Bob & Wanda Burke, M/M Steve Holton, M/M Arturo Vargas

**September 26**  
**Birthday** - Whitt Barkley, Mandy Derington, David Tomlison, Tamera Shedd, Von Close, Idella Randall, Cari Babitzke Baker, Jennifer Martin, Wayne Cummings, Regan Boxwell, Wanda Reed, Sharon Whitefield, Joy Graham, Grace Davis  
**Anniversary** - M/M John Patterson

**September 27**  
**Birthday** - Jim Davis, Jon Hart, Kathy Slough, Nathan Watkins, Garland Hopper, Joe Gomez, Norma Hill, Dennis Randall, Kristina Poole Howell, Sara Shufeldt, Holly Simpson, Tindle Ramon  
**Anniversary** - M/M David Bergin

**September 28**  
**Birthday** - Will Crane, Mike Grotegut, Beverly Hintergardt, Mike Yanke, Kim Brock, Teddie Whitefield, Judy Reed, Jimmie Vernon, Linda Lowenhagen, Julio Garcia, Sherry Moore, Jeff Gresset, Mone Borunda, Amanda Bain  
**Anniversary** - James & Nell Cummings

**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, Justiin Parker  
**Anniversary** - M/M Aaron Brown, M/M A.D. Reed Jr., M/M Leon Wilson, M/M Charlie Salgado

Our Sympathy

SYLVIA CHRISTENSON BOXWELL



PERRYTON - Sylvia Christenson Boxwell, 90, of Perryton died Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2005.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in First Christian Church with the Rev. Gary Smith officiating. Burial will be in Ochiltree Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home in Perryton.

Mrs. Boxwell was born Oct. 3, 1914, in Grove City, Minn. She lived in Dumas from 1937 until moving to Perryton in 1944. She married Alton B. Boxwell on April 2, 1937, in Grove City. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Perryton and the Ochiltree General Hospital Auxiliary and a past-member of the Perryton Sosis Club.

member of the Perryton Sosis Club.

Mrs. Boxwell was preceded in death by her husband in 1968; her parents, Nels Anderson and Emily Wilhelmina Christenson; her husband in 1968; and a sister, Harriet Fugelso in 2004.

Survivors include two sons, Richard L. Boxwell and wife, Arlene, of Perryton and Robert S. Boxwell and wife, Candy, of Spearman; a daughter, Nanjean C. Hulse and husband, Larry, of Perryton; five granddaughters, Shannon Sinning and husband, Jeremy of Guymon, Okla., Carrie McLain and husband, Mack, of Gruver, Jill Patterson and husband, Jimmy Patterson II, of Amarillo, Regan Boxwell and husband, Gavin Benke, and Erin Boxwell, all of Austin; two grandsons, Jeff Boxwell and wife, Cindy, and Brent Boxwell and wife, Beth, all of Perryton; 10 great-grandchildren, Brittany, Meagan, Cade and Logan Boxwell, Madison and Mason McLain, Paxton and Paris Patterson; and Alexis and Colton Sinning.

The family suggests memorials be to Beehive Daycare Center, P.O. Box 853, Perryton, TX 79070; First Christian Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 637, Spearman, TX 79081; or to a favorite charity.

Texas crop and weather report

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Soil moisture is short to adequate. Temperatures were slightly above average, with isolated thunderstorms. Corn was 95 percent dented. Cotton is fair to good, as bolls continued to open. Bollworms and armyworms were reported. About 95 percent of sorghum had headed, and 39 percent had begun to color. Headworms were reported. Sorghum silage harvest continued. Soybeans were fair to good, and wheat was 45 percent planted. Rangeland conditions were fair; cattle were in good condition. However, flies were reported to be a problem among livestock.

Ralph Depee, D.D.S.

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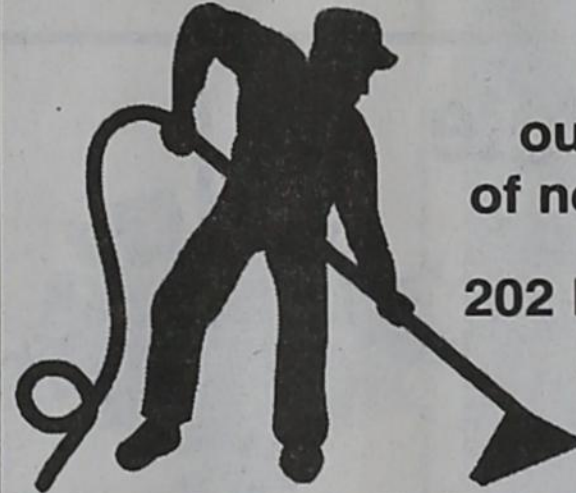
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Worship Service: 11 a.m.  
Sun. Eve.: 6 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Mtg.: 7 p.m.  
Pastor - Roland Haney

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: 6 p.m.  
Wed. 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.  
Men's Bible Study - Wed., 7 a.m.  
Children's Choir - Wed., 6 p.m.  
Adult Choir - Wed., 7 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
Pastor - Jim Medley

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  
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 - Derrel 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 - Beverly Cook

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 - Dr. Timothy Minor

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 - James Washburn

Primera Mision Bautista  
502 E. 7th - 659-2991  
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  
Domingos: Escuela-Domical - 10 a.m.  
Culto Evangelistico - 7 p.m.  
Jueves: Oracion - 8 p.m.  
Mier: Estudio Biblico - 7 p.m.  
Pastor - A.G. Martell  
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Gruver

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.  
Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.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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339-7709  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
Pastor - Paul Fiske

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Jeff Price, with the Area Agency on Aging, will be on hand with information on the areas the agency offers assistance.  
Roy Puente, the Regional Director for Alzheimer's Association, can answer your questions about Alzheimer's Association resources.



## OPSU interns report to schools

On Monday, September 19th, nine OPSU education students faced the day that some of them though might never get here- their first day of student teaching. After attending classes for four years, they now have the opportunity to put into practice what they have been learning in their education courses.

The teacher candidates who will be completing their internship this fall include: Kaythye Archer, Spearman, Texas, 1st grade; Laura Boese, Houghton, KS, 2nd grade; Andy Brown, Keyes, OK, Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER); Jackie Carter, Guymon, Ok, Social Studies; Melody Green, Liberal, KS, English; Mark Hager, Goodwell, OK, Vocational Agriculture; Corey Johnson,

Mooreland, OK, Vocational Agriculture; Chelsea Mick, Guymon, OK, Social Studies and Trey Scales, Dalhart, TX, Social Studies.

The interns will compete a 12-week assignment at their schools, returning to the OPSU campus, for a mid-term seminar November 1, and will compete their internship on December 9, 2005. This is the final requirement in their quest to become licensed teachers in Oklahoma and/or other states.

OPSU appreciates the following schools for providing experienced teachers to supervise and instruct OPSU student interns, including Hugoton, KS; Liberal, KS; Guymon, OK; Garber, OK; and Gruver, TX.

## SHS district choir auditions held

On September 17, eight Spearman High School students competed in District Auditions at Borger High School. They were Sabrina Cantu, Audrey Deluna, Justin Flores, Clara Kern, Jesse Moreno, Maribel Moreno, Natalie Quintero and Meagen Smith. Only 20 students plus 2 alternates were taken from this audition which includes all Amarillo High schools and all school north of Canyon (Borger, Dumas, Pampa, Perryton to name a few).

Those making the District Choir and the top 20 were Natalie Quintero, a Sophomore at Spearman, who competed in the Soprano I division and finished 11th chair. Clara Kern, a vocal student of Rose Marie Scott and a Sophomore at Spearman, competed in the Soprano II division and finished at 15th chair. Justin Flores, also a Sophomore competed in the Bass I division, and finished 9th chair.

These 3 students will advance to Regional Auditions to be held at Amarillo High School on October 22. If they make the cuts, they will advance to Area and then on to State. The competition and the cuts get harder and start involving more students from all areas of the state.



## Poer kids compete in Junior Rodeo Cowboys Association Finals

Bailey Rae and Wyatt Poer, eight year old daughter and six year old son of Ben and Kerry Poer of Gruver, competed September 9-11 at the Junior Rodeo Cowboys Association Finals in Elk City, OK.

Bailey Rae was crowned the 2005 year end 6-8 girls All-Around Champion Cowgirl. She was also the year end champion barrel racer and goat tier and finished third in the year end pole bending. Bailey Rae was also awarded the "fastest time" award for the barrel racing at the finals.

Wyatt was crowned the 5 and under boys Finals champion barrel racer and reserve champion year end goat tail undecorator. Wyatt also won the "fastest time" award in the barrel racing and pole bending and finished 4th in the year end All-around.

The JRCA rodeo season runs from May through September and has over 400 members.

## SHS cross country

The Lynxettes traveled to Amarillo on Saturday September 17 for the Amarillo Invitational. The team results are as follows: 1) Borger, 65; 2) Spearman, 76; 3) Stratford, 128; 4) Vega 137; 5) Panhandle, 186. There were 16 total teams.

Individual results: 2) Tara Shields, 13:22; 9) Melissa Lesly, 13:43; 17) Jessica Diaz, 14:04; 23) Christy Lang, 14:23; 25) Bond Pittman, 14:27; 35) Tab Shields, 14:40; 36) Amy Brown, 14:41.

JV Team results (A-A-A-A-A-A-8) Spearman (out of 11 teams) - Individual results: 32) Kendall Schneider, 15:48; 39) Mattie Davis, 16:15; 40) Vicki Renteria, 16:22; 52) Kylee Howard, 17:03; 61) Mallory Paul, 17:37; 62) Destiny Fisher, 17:38.

Coach Kyle Short had these comments, "We had a good day running... Borger has a very nice team and we gave them a good run. We are preparing for our most important meet before District when we travel to Lubbock this weekend. The competition will be fierce. We will run in the A-AA division and anything in the top 6 teams would be exceptional. We have a couple of injuries we will try healing and hope we can have some support in Lubbock Saturday morning. These girls are working really hard and are aa credit to Spearman."

The Lubbock invitational is Saturday, September 24 in the Mae-Simmons Park. A-AA girls will run at 9:00 a.m. with the JV Girls at 11:00 a.m.

## HANSFORD COUNTY EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER 2005

- Sep 23 First Six Weeks ends Spearman ISD, Gruver ISD
- Sep 23 Picture Day at Pringle-Morse CISD
- Sep 23 Spearman Lynx @ West Texas @ 7:30 p.m.
- Sep 23 Gruver Greyhounds @ Claude @ 7:30 p.m.
- Sep 24 Spearman Lynx/Lynxette @ Lubbock Cross Country Meet
- Sep 26 Second Six Weeks begins Spearman ISD, Gruver ISD
- Sep 26 Hansford County Commissioners Court meets @ 10 a.m. @ Hansford County Courthouse
- Sep 26 Breast Cancer Screening Clinic @ Hansford County Hospital
- Sep 27 Gruver ISD Board of Directors meets @ 6 p.m. in the Board Room @ Gruver High School
- Sep 28 Hansford County Hospital District Board of Directors meets @ 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room @ Hansford Hospital
- 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

## Thank You

Thank You

We want to thank everyone for the phone calls, cards, visits and especially the prayers while I was in BSA and SCCL. Cecil & Ellen Reynolds

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, visits, food, calls and cards during and after our stays in the hospital. We appreciate all of you!

Sonny & Nell Patterson

## Thank You

The Gruver Chapter of Alpha Mu Psi is starting a new year and we would like to thank you for your continued support.

Alpha Mu Psi contributed to the following organizations last year:  
 Boy Scouts of America, Gruver ISD Scholarship Fund, Gruver ISD Accelerated Reader Program, Hansford County Soccer Association, Children's Home - Spearman, Donations to local cancer patients, City of Gruver, Susan G. Komen Foundation

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 Krystal Waldron & Miguel Ortega - TBA  
 Elissa Petersen & John Holt - TBA  
 Lisa (Swink) & Eric Vasbinder  
 Miranda (Thoreson) & Heath Hill  
 Whitney Lilley & Billy Horton

## Baby Registry

Jesse & Kimberly (Boyd) Tindell - 9/17 (Gruver)  
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## League House

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It was determined that even though the Harrington Cancer Center and Amarillo Veterans Hospital both have guest rooms for patient families, they always have 100% occupancy. Ronald McDonald House and others explained the significant number of patient families who request assistance with lodging during loved ones treatments. In 2003 for Hansford County alone there were 7,770 patient visits to the medical facilities of the Harrington Regional Medical Center. Therefore, the creation of the Medical Center League House will directly impact the lives of the families of adult patients from the Panhandle area. It will provide an affordable home-away-from-home for families who cannot afford long-term hotel stays in order to be with their loved ones.

If you are interested in having a program on the Medical Center League House, or you wish to make a donation, please contact Cindy Blackman.

The target goal for Spearman has been set at \$10,000.00.

## You're Invited

Brown, Graham and Company is hosting a farewell party for Monty Blackman in appreciation for his 32 years of service in our Spearman office. Monty is moving to work in our Austin office. We ask all clients and friends to join us at the O'Loughlin Center on Thursday, September 29th from 4:00 to 7:00 in the evening. Food and drinks will be provided. Please take time to come by and wish Monty well and meet Travis Wolf, the new Spearman office manager, and the rest of the staff.

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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. Such an important part of living!! We really appreciate everyone that is so thoughtful of our elders that are no longer able to go out to churches.

Monday was off to the usual chores, greetings, and the beginning of our week with the Newscurrents program. I am so impressed with our Residents because they are very involved in world events and for the most part stay on top of things.

The afternoon was spent playing skip-bo and dominoes because we were not set up for our sewing project that we have been working on. Anyway, we just went aaaaawwwwww---let's just have fun and did.

The Lion's Club hosted bingo that night. Thank you to the Lion's Club and also to all of the extra helpers from Spearman High School that came to help. It is so great that everyone works together.

Tuesday morning was pretty intensive practice for the Olympics. These Residents were ready and willing and able to work, work, work, at being the best that they could be and have worked hard.

After lunch we had an air hockey competition. Since no one here has beat Mr. Yanke yet they decided to play skip-bo for a while. Several did try but he is just too stiff of a competitor!!

That evening the First Christian Church of Gruver brought over a wonderful meal for the Residents, staff, and families. We all thoroughly enjoyed it!! Thank you all!

Wednesday morning Anne Whitaker was on hand to lead Bible study. Thank you so much, Anne! The Residents are really enjoying her.

After lunch it was like a room full of busy ants. They are furiously working on several ceramic projects for a bazaar that we plan to have late in November to benefit the Empty Stocking Fund. We appreciate all of the community, staff, and Residents that work together for it.

Thursday morning was our last chance to practice up for the Olympics so we were really busy!!

The faithful auxiliary hosted bingo that afternoon. Thank you to the auxiliary! You do such a special work!

Friday morning---well, let's start at the beginning... Nursing staff helped Residents up early, dietary staff served breakfast early, then the usual chaos began. It was a very cool morning so even though Residents were dressed, there was a scramble to get sweaters & jackets for each of them. Then the line up. The new van loads at the back of the Manor and the other two load out front, so we are traffic cops for a little while. When we get loaded up and ready to go we are

loaded for bear. We had a total of 19 Residents, 7 Staff, and 10 Volunteers.

The trip to Guymon was just beautiful. The fields of sunflowers along the road, the pastures still wet with dew and the freshness of the morning made for a very pleasant ride. When we arrived, everyone donned their Hansford Manor t-shirts that the auxiliary furnished for us (All of us) When we were dressed we were looking really good and then it was on with the games!

In the special division of basketball, Viola Boyd placed 2nd and Clarence Willomon 3rd. Basketball 1, Gene Cudd placed 1st and Pauline Winger 3rd. In bean bag toss 1st division, Joan Ramby placed 1st. Bean bag toss 2nd div., Ruth Benefield placed 1st. In the Walk-a-thon, Joan Ramby placed 1st and Robert Yanke 2nd. In bowling, Gene Cudd placed 3rd. Hansford Manor's volleyball team came in 1st, defeating Guymon and then Stratford. The only event that we did not have anyone place in was the Chicken Toss, and they had to have 3 tie breaking games with 2 of our Residents before they edged us out of them!

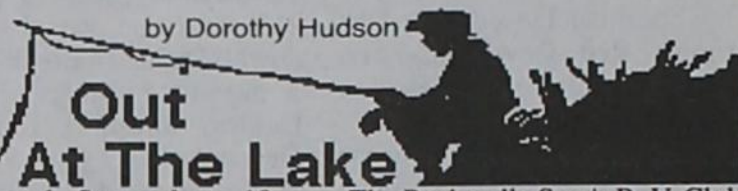
There were seven teams total from five different states present! In the talent contest, Irene Edwards placed 2nd with 2 crocheted doilies that she had made. Hansford Manor also won the theme contest for the 3rd year running with the theme for 2006 of "We've Come A Long Way Baby!!"

This is the 5th consecutive year that Hansford Manor has held the championship team trophy! Wow! All that hard work really pays off.

We had a terrific time at the Olympics. Many thanks go out to

Claudine Laxton, Judy Yarbrough, Sharon Barkley, Debbie Clement, Mary Kay Harbour, Teresa Kirk, Charles Brillhart, Doyle & June Jackson, and Loyall Turner. The Residents and everyone else had given their all!! It was a very quiet ride home as most everyone was nodding off. I got a report that the Residents were still tired on Saturday and rested most of the day (with smiles on their faces no doubt)

While we were gone to the Olympics, the ones that stayed at the Manor were having a special day too. The housekeeping department made authentic Mexican Food for lunch. A total of 60 people were served the delicious Mexican Food and celebrated Mexico's Independence Day. Many thanks to out to the housekeeping department and the other staff members that helped to make this a great success!!!



by Dorothy Hudson

## Out At The Lake

Lake Level--September 19, 2005--26.35 feet (-0.25)

There is still just a little water under the bridge, but it is cut off from the main Lake now.

It is mostly just the regular fishermen that are fishing now. Charley Laxton mentioned having a string of 2 nice blue cats and 5 channel cats this week. One of the fishermen told Jim there were a lot of fish showing on his fish finder.

Boats are still being put in the water, but it is more difficult now. The concrete ramp on the office side is very steep, but it can be used while the level is above 24 feet. The ramp on the north side is caliche. Four wheel drive is advised if the boat has much size.

The Panhandle Sam's R. V. Club from Guymon visited this weekend. There were 4 R.V.s in the group. One of the campers was laughing about seeing an eagle, swooping down for a fish, misjudge the distance, go completely under and come up empty handed. Others commented on how they enjoyed the wild turkeys in the Park. They counted 50 of them.

The Spearman Church of Christ used the shelter Sunday evening.

Jim is beginning to see more ducks come in. Hawk migration has started, and I was fortunate to see a Black-hawk. Also today, I have seen many Monarch butterflies floating around. The Monarchs are known for their long migrations.

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## 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

Date: October 10, 2005  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Spearman High School Library  
Subject: Financial Management Report

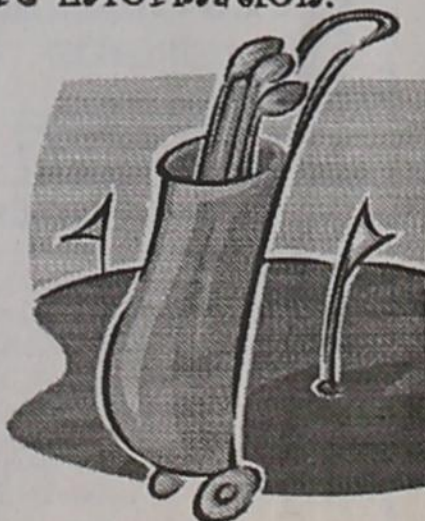


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**Lynx burn Red Devils**

The Spearman Lynx defeated the Texhoma Red Devils 12-7 on Friday, September 16th in Texhoma.

Lance Huddlestone scored in the first quarter on a 74-yard reception from running back Aaron Maestas. The kick failed, leaving the score 6-0.

Texhoma took the lead early in the fourth quarter with a 30-yard pass from Ben Mitchell to Cade Shoulders. The extra-point kick was good, taking the score to 7-6.

Huddlestone blocked a Texhoma punt on the Red Devils' 30-yard line, setting up the one-yard touchdown run by Collin Gillaspie with 2:38 left in the game. The two-point conversion failed, leaving the final score at 12-7.

Huddlestone finished with three catches for 115 yards. Maestas rushed for 48 yards and caught two passes for 31 yards, in his addition to his scoring pass to Huddlestone.

**THIS WEEK:** The Lynx will face Canadian at Lynx Stadium on Friday, September 23rd at 7:30 p.m.

**GAME AT A GLANCE**

	Lynx	Devils
First Downs	8	8
Yards Rushing	79	147
Yards Passing	146	27
Total Yards	225	174
Com/Att/Int	5/18/2	2/9/1
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	3/2
Punts/Avg	4/38	5/26

**SPEARMAN RUSHERS:** Aaron Maestas had 16 carries for 48 yards, Brock Town had 9 carries for 21 yards, Jarick Howard had 1 carry for 7 yards, Zack Nollner had 1 carry for 4 yards, Collin Gillaspie had 2 carries for -1 yard.

**SPEARMAN RECEIVERS:** Lance Huddlestone had 3 receptions for 115 yards, Aaron Maestas had 2 receptions for 31 yards.

**SPEARMAN SCORERS:** Lance Huddlestone and Collin Gillaspie each scored one touchdown.

**PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: Offense** - Aaron Maestas (carried 16 times for 48 yards, threw one 74-yard

touchdown pass, caught 2 passes for 31 yards) and Lance Huddlestone (caught 3 passes for 115 yards and scored one touchdown); **Defense** - Brock Town (had 5 unassisted tackles, 10 assisted tackles, forced 1 fumble) and Hernando Perez (had 5 unassisted tackles, 6 assisted tackles, recovered 1 fumble)

**Elks outrun Lynx**

The Spearman Lynx were able to stop the Sunray Bobcats' attempt at a two-point conversion, but were unable to stop the Stratford Elks. The Elks rallied for a 22-21 non-district win over Spearman on Friday, September 16th.

Stratford and Spearman have alternated beating each other for nine consecutive meetings. This game marked the ninth straight time for the home team to lose in this longtime series, which began in the 1950s.

Spearman led 14-7 at the half, scoring on a pair of one-play possessions. On the Lynx's first offensive snap, Flores ran 48 yards for a 6-0 lead, 2:17 into the game.

The Lynx had to go only 2 yards to extend their lead after a high snap from center to Stratford punter Walter Spurlock. Spurlock shanked a punt while on the run from his end zone, and Spearman's Hernando Perez fell on the ball at the Elks' 2.

The Lynx led 21-7 after Hernando Perez's fumble recovery on the Elks' 18 early in the fourth quarter. Tailback Brock Town, seeing his first action this season but still not 100 percent recovered from a sprained ankle, carried three straight times.

The 201-pound senior scored on a 4-yard run, extending the Lynx's lead to 14 points with 9:23 left.

Stratford answered, scoring in three plays. Buckles passed 29 yards to Hudson, then Gustavo Rosales ran 24 yards uncontested up the middle to pull the Elks within 21-14 with 8:20 to play.

With 3:58 left, Stratford drove

70 yards in 2:07 to get within 21-20 on a 1-yard scoring run by Hunter Buckles, who came in to relieve senior starter Josh Lanning.

The Elks twice converted on fourth down during the drive, including a 24-yard pass from Buckles to Scout Hudson that put the ball on the Spearman 1-yard line.

Town finished with 89 yards rushing for Spearman (2-1), which lost running back Roberto Flores to an ankle injury early in the game after the junior had run 48 yards for a touchdown.

"Losing Flores hurt because we were going to put him and Town back there together," Smith said. "We thought that would cause them (Elks) some problems, but then Flores got hurt."

**GAME AT A GLANCE**

	Lynx	Elks
First Downs	13	15
Yards Rushing	178	178
Yards Passing	55	112
Total Yards	233	290
Com/Att/Int	5/22/2	6/15/1
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	4/2
Punts/Avg	6/45	3/20

**SPEARMAN RUSHERS:** Roberto Flores had 3 carries for 50 yards, Zack Nollner had 2 carries for 1 yard, Aaron Maestas had 8 carries for 8 yards, Collin Gillaspie had 4 carries for 20 yards, Brock Town had 16 carries for 99 yards.

**SPEARMAN RECEIVERS:** Lance Huddlestone had 3 receptions for 33 yards, Bryn Garnett had 1 reception for 13 yards, Zack Nollner had 1 reception for 6 yards.

**SPEARMAN SCORERS:** Brock Town scored 1 touchdown and 1 2-point conversion, Roberto Flores scored 1 touchdown, Aaron Maestas scored 1 touchdown and Cesar Macias added 3 points with one field-goal.

**PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: Offense** - Keifer Summer (high grade lineman with 79% grade); **Defense** - Lance Huddlestone (3 unassisted tackles, 7 assisted tackles and 1 quarterback sack)

**Hounds outthrust Hornets**

Unbeaten Gruver continued to roll Friday night, this time at the expense of visiting Highland Park, 40-12.

Gruver amassed 371 yards on the ground and built a 33-0 half-time lead en route to their fourth win in as many tries this season.

Matt Messer rushed for 132 yards on seven carries and two touchdowns and threw for 103 yards and two more scores to lead the Greyhound attack. Tyler Lane totaled 175 yards, 104 yards rushing and two catches for 71 yards.

Gruver totaled 471 yards and did not have to punt. Meanwhile, Highland Park had 235 yards rushing, but could not dent the end zone until the fourth quarter on two long-distance runs by Robert Solejacks of 57 and 41 yards.

**THIS WEEK:** The Greyhounds will travel to Claude on Friday, September 23rd for a 7:30 kick-off.

**GAME AT A GLANCE**

	Gruver	HP
First Downs	20	11
Yards Rushing	371	235
Yards Passing	54	103
Total Yards	474	289
Com/Att/Int	6/21/1	6/10/0
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	4/2
Punts/Avg	0/0	3/30
Penalties/Yds	7/45	7/62

**GRUVER RUSHERS:** Sheldon

Atwood had 9 carries for 53 yards, Ivan Briones had 14 carries for 57 yards, Tyler Lane had 13 carries for 104 yards, Matt Messer had 7 carries for 132 yards.

**GRUVER RECEIVERS:** Ivan Briones had 4 receptions for 25 yards, Tyler Lane had 2 receptions for 71 yards, Stephen Salazar had 1 reception for 12 yards.

**Hounds pummel Panthers**

The Gruver Greyhounds moved to 3-0 with their 26-14 defeat over the Panhandle Panthers on Friday, September 16th.

Gruver took a 14-0 lead into halftime on the strength of two Matt Messer scoring runs, a 15-yarder and a long-distance 72-yard jaunt. Messer had 109 yards on 15 carries and Tyler Lane added 95 yards rushing as Gruver had 264 yards on the ground.

Panhandle rallied for a pair of third-quarter touchdowns to tie the game at 14-14 on a pair of Phillip Purcell touchdowns passes, 42 yards to Pake Freeman and 27 yards to Austin Sherwood.

But Lane's punt return broke Panhandle's momentum and gave the Greyhounds a 20-14 lead. Gruver added an insurance touchdown in the fourth period on Messer's 1-yard run.

Lane returned a punt 79 yards

for a touchdown to break a tie and send Gruver to its third win in as many tries this season.

"This was a big win for us over a good Panhandle team," said Coach Terry Felderhoff. "We were extremely proud of the boys and the heart and determination that they showed in the 2nd half. It would have been real easy to give in after Panhandle scored twice within the first 5 minutes of the third quarter to tie the game and gained all the momentum, but our boys kept working and playing hard."

**GAME AT A GLANCE**

	Gruver	Panhandle
First Downs	14	15
Yards Rushing	264	78
Yards Passing	49	256
Total Yards	313	334
Com/Att/Int	3/6/0	16/34/2
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	0/0
Punts/Avg	3/23	4/35
Penalties/Yds	4/30	3/20

**GRUVER RUSHERS:** Sheldon Atwood had 4 carries for 36 yards, Crispin Borunda had 5 carries for 9 yards, Ivan Briones had 5 carries for 30 yards, Tyler Lane had 14 carries for 81 yards and Matt Messer had 16 carries for 115 yards.

**GRUVER RECEIVERS:** Ivan Briones had 1 reception for 9 yards, Stephen Salazar had 2 receptions for 50 yards

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**ORDER ADOPTING TAX RATE**

After notice and hearing, the following motion was offered by **Joe T. Venneman** and seconded by **Tim Stedje**: "I move that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of **.493912** for the 2006 tax year."

"THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY **\$22.33.**"

Adopted by the following vote:

Aye	Nay
<u>Ira G. "Butch" Reed</u>	_____
<u>Joe T. Venneman</u>	_____
<u>Tim Stedje</u>	_____
<u>Danny Henson</u>	_____
<u>Benny Wilson</u>	_____

On this **16<sup>th</sup>** day of September, 2005.

Benny Wilson  
Benny Wilson  
Hansford County Judge

**ATTEST:**

Kim V. Vera  
Kim V. Vera, Hansford County Clerk



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FOR SALE: 727 Wilbanks, Spearman - 3-4BR, 1 1/2B, office, living room, dining room, laundry room, central H/A, garage, lg. covered porch, lg. backyard, lg. carport, on 1 1/2 lots. New carpet, fresh paint inside & outside. Call 432-268-4746 or 432-264-7781.

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TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) CONTRACTS Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TXDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MOINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S) Dist/Div: Amarillo Contract 0041-01-039 for SEAL COAT in HARTLEY County, etc. will be opened on October 7, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TXDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below.

WANTED

LAND WANTED: 1/4 section or more for a dairy, house included is preferred. 300-500 g/m well needed. Dry land farm OK. Contact Spearman EDC at 659-5555.

LAND WANTED: For small horse operation-40/160 acres. Grass preferable. Reasonable access to water and electric. Call 659-5754. TFN(9-15-05)B

EMPLOYMENT

HELP WANTED: Full time help needed: Bernstein Elevator; Call 806-733-5067 2/9-15-05)B

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Dist/Div Office(s) Amarillo District District Engineer 5715 Canyon Drive Amarillo TX 79105-2708 Phone: 806-356-3283

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. 2/9-15-05)B

DOCUMENT 00030 REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS

1.1 OWNER Spearman Independent School District; 403 E. Eleventh Avenue; Spearman, Texas 79081; Mr. Rodney Sumner, Superintendent 4/9-08-05)B

1.2 PROJECT Additions & Alterations to Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Junior High; 508 S. Townsend Street; Spearman, Texas 79081

1.3 ARCHITECT Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc.; Engineers + Architects + Planners; 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79423; (806) 743-2200; (806) 743-3500 FAX

1.4 DESCRIPTION Spearman Independent School District will receive sealed proposals for General Construction Work, including mechanical and electrical work for renovation of existing elementary school and new construction.

tion of additions and new junior high school all completed as one building.

1.5 BASIS OF PROPOSALS A. Spearman Independent School District will be utilizing the competitive sealed proposals procurement method as authorized by the Texas Legislature in Senate Bill 1 and further defined by Senate Bill 583 and Texas Education Code, Chapter 44, Subchapter B. The selection criteria used to evaluate each proposer's proposal will include the following:

- 1. Price - Base Proposal price and all alternates.
2. Resume of proposed job superintendent.
3. Resume and references of office project manager.
4. List of potential items from proposer that could reduce the cost of work, but result in the same end product. List shall include suggestions of materials/assemblies, but no price.
5. Insurance claims and litigation during last three years.
6. Construction time.
7. List of subcontractors (delivered to Spearman Independent School District within 24 hours of proposed opening).
8. Contractor phasing options which may shorten construction time or minimize disruptions to school operations without increasing proposal amount.
9. Dunn and Bradstreet Credit Financial Statement for General Contractor.

Selection of the Contractor will be based on a combination of the listed selection criteria determined to provide the best value to the school district.

The budget for this project is approximately \$9,900,000. Proposals shall be made on a stipulated sum basis, using the enclosed Proposal Form. Segregated bids will not be accepted.

1.6 SUBMISSION: SUBMIT PROPOSALS AS FOLLOWS: A. General: Prior to the proposal date and time, sealed proposals (prepared according to the Instructions to Proposers) may be sent to Mr. Rodney Sumner, at the address below. Proposals received prior to the time of proposal opening will be securely kept, unopened. Proposals received after the time set for opening will not be considered.

B. Address to: Spearman Independent School District; 403 E. 11th Avenue; Spearman, Texas 79081; Attn: Mr. Rodney Sumner

C. Proposal Opening Location: Spearman Independent School District; Administration Offices - High School Library; 403 E. 11th Avenue; Spearman, Texas 79081

D. Proposal Date: October 20, 2005
E. Proposal Time: 2:00 p.m. Local Time

1.7 PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS: A. Proposal Documents will be available beginning September 22, 2005.

B. Proposal Documents may be examined at the Architect's office and at the following plan rooms:

- 1. Associated General Contractors; 1707 W. 8th Ave.; Amarillo, Texas 79105; (806) 374-1924
2. Associated General Contractors; 3004B 50th; Lubbock, Texas 79413; (806) 797-8898

3. Dodge Reports (Amarillo); 1707 W. 8th Ave.; Amarillo, Texas 79105; (806) 374-1924

4. Dodge Reports (Lubbock); 8302 Indiana #12; Lubbock, Texas 79423; (806) 793-0949; Fax (806) 793-0947

5. Texas Contractor; 2510 National Drive; Garland, Texas 75041; (214) 271-2693

C. Proposers may secure copies of the proposal documents as follows:
1. General Contractor; A maximum of three sets from Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Engineers + Architects + Planners, 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas, upon deposit of \$250.00 for each set. Deposits shall be Company check or cashiers check made payable to Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. Deposit is refundable as stipulated in the Instructions to Proposers.

- 2. Mechanical and Electrical Subcontractors may obtain one complete set with a plan deposit of \$250.00 per set. Deposit is refundable if returned as indicated above in item #1.
3. All plan deposits shall be made in the form of a company check made payable to Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. No cash will be accepted.
4. No partial sets will be issued.

1.8 MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

A mandatory pre-proposal conference will be held on October 6, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. Local Time, at Gus Birdwell Elementary School. Mandatory attendance is required from General Contractors who will be offering proposals.

1.9 PROPOSAL SECURITY Proposal security in the sum of 5% of the greatest amount proposal and in the form of a cashier's check, certified check or Surety Proposal Bond, shall accompany each Proposal in accordance with the Instructions to Proposers.

1.10 OPENING OF PROPOSALS

Proposals will be publicly opened in the Administration Building Board Room immediately after closing of proposal time to identify the names of the proposer and their respective proposed contract amount. Other contents of the proposals will be afforded security sufficient to preclude disclosure of contents prior to award or rejection action.

After opening the Proposals, the Owner will evaluate and rank each Proposal with respect to the published selection criteria described under Section 1.5. After opening and ranking, an award may be made on the basis of the initially submitted Proposal, without discussion, clarification or modification, or the Owner may discuss with the selected proposer, offers for cost adjustment and other elements of the Proposal. Other than the data read at the Proposal opening, the Owner shall not disclose any information derived from the Proposals submitted by competing firms in conducting such discussions.

If the Owner determines that it is unable to reach a satisfactory agreement with the first ranked proposer, the Owner will terminate discussions with that proposer. The Owner will then proceed with negotiations with each successive proposer as they appear in the order of ranking until an agreement is reached, or until the Owner has rejected all Proposals. After termination of discussions with any proposer, Owner will not resume discussions with that proposer.

Immediately following the Owner's approval of the order of ranking of proposers and the Owner's contract award of Proposal rejection action, the proposers will be notified by facsimile message.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all alternates or to accept any combination of alternates considered advantageous to the Owner.

The award or rejection action regarding this Proposal is at the sole discretion of the Owner and the Owner makes no warranty regarding this Proposal that a contract will be awarded to any proposer.

The Owner agrees that if the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to the proposer offering the best value to the Owner. The Owner is not bound to accept the lowest priced Proposal if that Proposal is judged not to be the best value for the Owner, as determined by the Owner.

1.11 FORMALITIES The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject all proposals.

1.12 APPLICABLE GOVERNING LAWS AND REGULATIONS In accordance with the Instructions to Proposers, all bidders must comply with State Law Laws concerning wage rates. 2/9-15-05)B



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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF

1.1 OWNER

Spearman Independent School District; 403 E. Eleventh Avenue; Spearman, Texas 79081; Mr. Rodney Sumner, Superintendent 4/9-08-05)B

1.2 PROJECT Additions & Alterations to Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Junior High; 508 S. Townsend Street; Spearman, Texas 79081

1.3 ARCHITECT Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc.; Engineers + Architects + Planners; 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79423; (806) 743-2200; (806) 743-3500 FAX

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