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Telephone Phishing Scam Alert

First National Bank, Spearman - Dumas has been alerted by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency of a new scam that has occurred in the Lubbock district.

Thieves target a telephone prefix and use a computer to call random numbers. The recording tells the person answering that there is a problem with their debit or ATM card issued by "first national bank." The recording gives instructions to call a number to take care of the problem. If a person calls the number they are asked for their card number and their PIN.

Please remember these key facts:

- No bank will ever ask for your PIN.
- No bank will ever call and ask for your card number as they already have it.
- No bank will ever call and ask you for any other personal information.

There are cases where a bank may verify the last few digits of your card number over the telephone, but this will always be when you have initiated the call in need of assistance.

Do not be a victim, protect your personal information and report any suspicious calls trying to trick you into giving out your personal information.

If you are contacted in the manner described above please contact First National Bank at 806-659-5544 or go by the bank to talk to one of their officers.

If you have any questions about protecting your identity you may contact your local bank.

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Some thunderstorms may produce heavy rainfall. Lows in the mid 60s. East winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

FRIDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. Light and variable winds becoming southeast 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

SATURDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

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

SUNDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 90s.

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

MONDAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Temperatures were near normal early in the week before rising to above average by week's end. Soil moisture was adequate to very short with most areas reporting adequate. Some rain came to isolated areas. Corn tasseled and was rated mostly fair to good. Cotton, which was squaring and setting bolls, varied from very poor to excellent with most areas reporting fair. Peanuts were in from very poor to good condition with most areas reporting fair. Sorghum was from very poor to good with most areas reporting fair. Rangeland grasses deteriorated because of the heat and lack of moisture. Cattle were in good condition.

Spearman Chamber of Commerce's

Yard of the Week

Ronnie Lusby
711 Haney
Felix Sandoval
418 Hoskins
Claude Sheets
610 Kenneth

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

Rosa Lee Butt Memorial Auction to Benefit The Golden Spread Center

The Rosa Lee Butt Memorial Radio Auction to benefit The Golden Spread Center, Part II, will be held on Saturday, August 9th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon at The O'Loughlin Center, 7th and Brandt in Spearman. To encourage more participation and to help move the large number of items scheduled to be auctioned on Saturday, a new "wrinkle" has been added. Hopefully, you'll find this change exciting, especially if you know that you are interested in an item, and you will not be able to listen or participate in the Saturday auction because of a scheduling conflict.

Beginning Thursday at 9:00 a.m., you will be able to view all of the auction items in Meadows Hall at The O'Loughlin Center. For the first time ever, on Thursday and Friday, from 9-12 & 1-4, the Golden Spread Center will be taking bids on all these items through a "silent auction".

Here's how it works:

1. If you see an item you want, you simply put your bid for that item on the "silent auction" bid sheet, leaving your name and phone number. No anonymous bids will be accepted during the "silent auction". You may leave a bid that is higher than one already on the "silent auction" bid sheet for any item. It will be the responsibility of each bidder to return to the center to see if their bid is the highest bid when the "silent auction" closes on Friday, August 8, 2008, promptly at 4:00 p.m.

2. Then, on Saturday morning, when each item is placed on the board for the live radio auction, the beginning bid will be the highest bid on each item at the close of the "silent auction." If no one raises the "silent

auction" bid during the time the item is "on the board" during the Radio Auction, then the "silent auction" bid will be the winning bid.

3. Any item that does not have a "silent auction" bid by 4:00 on Friday will be placed on the board with bidding to begin at zero.

The live auction will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. Some of the items to be auctioned include:

1. Ribeye dinner for 12, donated by Richard & Wanda Wagner.
 2. Wurlitzer piano, donated by Beth and Wes Daniels.
 3. Motorized wheelchair, donated by David and Lynn Boyd.
 4. Application of 100 acres of fertilizer or herbicide, donated by Agco (\$5/acre value, does NOT include chemical).
 5. Numerous items belonging to Rosa Lee Butt, donated by her family.
 6. Handmade "12-Days of Christmas Quilt", donated by Patti Butt (made by the GSC ladies).
 7. Furniture and household items from Bob Urban and his family.
 8. Brisket Dinner for 10-12 people, donated by Keith & Jodie Hight and MUCH MORE!
- The phone number for The O'Loughlin Center is: 806-659-3030. During the live auction, you may call 659-3030, 659-9801, or 644-3031 to place a bid.

Also, don't forget that there are "Buy It Now" items from the estate-sale-tables that can be purchased during the silent auction (9-12 AND 1-4 Thursday and Friday). These can also be purchased during the Radio Auction (8-12 on Saturday). Everything is \$10 or less, & there are several boxes that

include all kinds of items which sell for \$10/box.

A partial list of items may be seen at www.spearmanreporter.com.

Rosa Lee Butt was involved in the early days of The Golden Spread Center, as early as 1978. Our community has benefitted from the efforts of the organizers of Golden Spread Center for 30 years. This auction celebrates this 30-year milestone as we recognize Rosa Lee Butt, who gave of her time and her resources to perpetuate this organization for the benefit of senior citizens in the Spearman area.

If you have anything you would like to donate to this event, please call The O'Loughlin Center, 806-659-3030, or contact any board member. We will be able to receive your donations at the center, 508 S. Brandt, in Spearman. Your generous donations will be greatly appreciated!!

In the past, we have had great response to those creative donations, like "dinners, trips, events or anything special" or any car, boat, RV or golf cart. This event promises to be a fun-filled time that benefits the senior citizens of the Spearman area. Look-around, you might have just the item we need for this special event!

PROCLAMATION "SENIOR CITIZENS DAYS" AUGUST 2 AND 9, 2008

TO THE CITIZENS OF SPEARMAN, TEXAS:

WHEREAS, it is of importance that the City of Spearman Texas, show recognition and appreciation to the SENIOR CITIZENS of our City;

WHEREAS, the GOLDEN SPREAD SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER has served the senior citizens of Spearman for the many, many years;

WHEREAS, the City of Spearman is proud to support the GOLDEN SPREAD SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER and the ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS RADIO AUCTION to be held this year on August 2 and 9 as a fund raising drive to support the many worthwhile activities and projects of the center;

WHEREAS, this year's radio auction will honor the memory of Rosa Lee Butt who gave her time and resources to perpetuate the Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN GILLISPIE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, hereby proclaim

AUGUST 2 & 9, 2008, as "SENIOR CITIZENS DAYS"

in and for the City of Spearman, and I do hereby urge all citizens to give full support as they have done so generously in the past to the GOLDEN SPREAD SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this 1st day of August, 2008.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the City of Spearman, Texas.

MAYOR BRIAN GILLISPIE



Spearman City Manager Ed Hanson and local businessman Lenny Pecha visit with Lewis T. Britt, District Representative for Congressman Mac Thornberry, on Monday, July 28th in the Spearman City Hall Chambers. He also stopped in Gruver to visit with interested/concerned citizens. Some of the topics discussed were: wind energy, emergency CRP grazing, equine rendering plants, senior adult living facilities and other various agriculture issues.

Local Singers Participate in 2008 Texas Choral Directors Association Elementary Honor Choir

Spearman's members of the 2008 Texas Choral Directors Association Elementary Honor Choir are pictured with the choir's guest director Ms. Ann Tomlinson, director of the Los Angeles Children's Chorus.

This 160-voice choir was made up of students selected by audition from more than 600 4, 5, and 6th grade singers from across the state of Texas. The singers rehearsed together for 2 days before presenting a concert to the gathered membership of the Texas

Choral Directors Association.

Spearman choir members are Payton Thornton, son of Ritchie and Shannon Thornton; Ashley Keim, daughter of Kyle and Jennifer Keim; Carson Pearson, son of Mike and Sandi Pearson; and Klara Keim, daughter of Kyle and Jennifer Keim.

These students were accompanied to San Antonio by their families and chaperoned by Carol Pack, coordinator of children's choirs at First Baptist Church.

Congratulations to these young people for a job well done and for working hard to achieve the opportunity of singing in this elite choir.



Texas Choral Directors Association Honor Choir singers Payton Thornton, Ashley Keim, Carson Pearson and Klara Keim pose for a picture during rehearsals for the concert they presented to the Texas Choral Directors Association in San Antonio.

Spearman ISD Mandatory Drug Testing Parent/Student Meeting Notice

Spearman ISD has a Random Student Drug Testing Policy for all students in grades 7-12 who are involved in extra-curricular activities. Consent to drug-use testing is mandatory for all students who wish to participate in any extra-curricular activity.

In addition to drug-use testing consent, participating students and at least one parent/guardian must attend a required annual meeting. The meetings for this school year will be held in the High School Auditorium on August 12 at 6:00 p.m. and August 19 at 6:00 p.m. Failure of the student and/or parent/guardian to attend one of these meetings will prevent the student from all extra-curricular activity participation.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Belger, Spearman High School Principal.

Lullabies, Legends & Lies

by Parson Smith, the Prime Minister of Laughter

Serendipity! Those random, little chance things that happen. I love them. And this is a story about a chance encounter.

Cathy and I visited her parents last weekend in their home in Granbury. It is about a seven hour drive from here.

On the way home, we wanted to eat dinner and drove around Wichita Falls (about half way home) until we spotted a Japanese restaurant. We had never been there before, but as it looked like a decent place, we decided to try it.

We were seated at a table with a man from the Netherlands who was there with his family. He had three children, Sven, 11, Mandy, 8 and Josca, 5. Of course, Mandy and I flirted with each other throughout dinner.

When the waitress brought the check, Sven asked, "I

think I recognize you. Have you ever been to the Canyon of the Eagles?"

I said, "I don't think so."

Cathy said, "Yes we have. That's where we had the family reunion."

The Canyon of the Eagles is at Lake Buchanan... over 500 miles from home.

I had passed these folks in a parking lot and complemented them on a bicycle over a month earlier.

Strange things do happen.

So Sven, Mandy, and Josca, where ever you are, may God bless you and your family.

Until the next time,
May God Bless.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott

Well, we had a good week - lots of visitors and good discussions. One of our visitors told us about the "what is it?" in the ranch room.

The two men were visiting from south Texas and said their grandfather had one and that is an extension for your saddle horn to enable you to carry loads on each side of the saddle. This had been mentioned by my husband earlier, but we could not find any reference to confirm. So now we know.

We know its function but we still need a name. The investigation continues. We thank the gentlemen for providing us with this clue to our mystery tool.

I have mentioned our 1886 map in this column for months. Well, we received our copies of the map from the State land office this week and we have been so excited with the beauty of the maps as well as the fascinating information: The notations of who was in the Wolf Creek valley in 1886 and the course of the creek at that time. The map marks the Jones & Plummer Cattle Trail and the Abode Walls ranch. It is indeed a treasure.

We are displaying the map in halves. The first four maps are now hanging and will be up until September 1st. The second half will be hung through September. The maps will be on formal display when our new building is completed and an exhibit that interprets the maps can be developed. In the meantime, we will just enjoy it.

Plans are under way for the Third Saturday in August. We will host a reception for Gwen Ferguson and her sister, Anne Pearce, for their exhibit this month of beautiful paintings and jewelry.

Also this day we will enjoy again a program by Delbert Trew. This year Delbert will be joined by his son, Mike

Oldham. The pair will speak on the The Buffalo Hide Hunting Era of the 1870s. This program will provide some insight into the role of buffalo hunters in the Red River War in 1874-75.

Mark your calendars now and look for our press release next week.

Ever wonder about the travelers during the early 1900s through the 50's did about eating and sleeping before the network of motels, etc started in the late 40's and 50's. Come by a get a glimpse into the past with an early travel kit and a little lesson on the "Route 66".

HISTORICAL MUSINGS

The first week of August has some important historical moments:

1. August 2, 1882: the commissioners of Pecos County officially appointed Roy Bean as justice of the peace. He served until 1902. He gained fame for being an eccentric and original interpreter of the law, the Kentucky native became known as the "Law West of the Pecos".

For example, when a man carrying forty dollars and a pistol fell off a bridge, Bean fined the corpse forty dollars for carrying a concealed weapon. The forty dollars covered the man's funeral expenses. Bean died in his saloon on March 16, 1903 of lung and heart ailments and was buried in the Del Rio Cemetery.

2. August 3, 1915: Aniceto Pizana escaped a gunfight with Texas Rangers at his ranch north of Brownsville and became a full-fledged revolutionary. He met Ricardo Flores Magon in 1904 and with Luis De la Rosa helped form the Floresmagonista movement to redress the injustices done to Mexicans on both sides of the Rio Grande.

In Brownsville Piana helped to form a branch of the Mexican Liberal Party, which had joined other Floresmagonistas in using

the Plan of San Diego to combat injustices by guerrilla warfare. The plan called for the American Southwest to become an independent republic.

At first Pizana was a moderate faction but swore revenge after his wife, brother and children were captured on his ranch by Texas Rangers. He commanded raiding parties from the Mexican side until 1916, when he was arrested by the Mexican President Venustiano Carranza after pressure from the United States. He lived in Tamaulipas until his death in 1957.

3. August 4, 1941: Lt. Gov. Stevenson became governor of Texas when Governor O'Daniel resigned to become a United States Senator. Stevenson was self-made. His formal schooling consisted of seven three-month school terms. As a teenager he hauled freight between Junction and Brady. He studied history and book-keeping by campfire light, worked as a bank janitor and then a cashier, studied law at night, and passed the state bar exam in 1913.

Stevenson organized and became president of the First National Bank in Junction. After serving as county attorney (1914-18) and county judge (1919-21), he became a state representative from 1928 to 1939, when he was elected lieutenant governor. He was elected governor on his own in 1942 and served until 1947. He ran for the United States Senate in 1948 and lost in a famous contested race to Lyndon Johnson. Stevenson died in San Angelo in 1975.

4. August 1, 1966: Charles Joseph Whitman began a killing rampage that left 17 dead and 31 wounded in one of the worst mass murders in modern United States history.

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SUMMER OLYMPICS

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 - Consumed
 - *What athletes do in Olympic Village
 - Above and beyond
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 - Lift, as in wallet
 - Etna's emission
 - Wild no more
 - Plumbers' concern
 - The chief ones
 - African chieftain
 - Belgian port
 - Freddy's scary street
 - Used for coloring
 - It measures from point to point
 - Easter dish
 - Stableman
 - Novelist Roberts
 - Incompetent
 - Type of farm house
 - Jerry Maguire, e.g.
 - In 1492, it sailed the ocean blue
 - Major video game hit "____ Hero"
 - *Olympic soccer matches can sometimes end in this
 - Exhibiting confidence
 - Knights' breast-plates
 - Rapid escape
 - Stain protector
 - Inlaid furniture decoration
 - *Run, swim and bike
 - Sound of pinched nose
 - Clue
 - ____-de-camp
- DOWN**
- *Once was but no longer is an event
 - *400 meters course
 - Bulgarian money
 - Moving or developing slowly
 - With full force
 - What sirens do
 - Sean and Ben to J. Lo
 - *The IM, e.g.
 - Home of native Americans
 - Copycat
 - Nod up and down
 - *Site of first Olympics
 - Bee activity
 - *What they do to skeet
 - A corncob
 - *Summer host
 - Wife of a raja, pl.
 - Prayers' ends
 - Abe's coin
 - Some work with iambic pentameter
 - One of a duo on "Sesame Street"
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State Capital HIGHLIGHTS

AUSTIN - President Bush on July 24 granted Gov. Rick Perry's July 23 request for a Major Presidential Disaster Declaration as Hurricane Dolly walloped South Texas.

The declaration helps pay for emergency expenditures that occurred before, during and after the hurricane. But, Gov. Perry said, the declaration does not cover hurricane-related individual or business losses.

Perry wrote again to the president on July 31, to speed "individual assistance" to people whose homes were damaged but not covered by insurance and "public assistance" to fund the repair or replacement of damaged or infrastructure.

Thousands of South Texans remained without power and hundreds were staying in temporary shelters, as of Aug. 1.

State releases mansion tape clips

Newspapers and broadcast media stations requested copies of videotapes recorded by governor's mansion security cameras on the night of June 8, when the governor's mansion was gutted by fire.

The Texas Department of Public Safety initially denied the requests, arguing that the videotapes relate to a pending criminal investigation and should not be released. The Texas Attorney General's Office sided with the DPS and the videotapes were kept under wraps.

However, on July 29, state and federal investigators made two video clips from the videotapes available to the public and offered a \$50,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction.

One video clip shows a man walking on a sidewalk near the mansion. Another video clip shows a man running on a different sidewalk near the mansion.

The video clips and still images can be viewed at the DPS Web site, www.txdps.state.tx.us.

Indicted men turn themselves in

A Schleicher County grand jury on July 22 indicted five men, all members of the polygamist sect that occupies the Yearning for Zion Ranch near Eldorado.

On July 28, the men surrendered themselves to the Schleicher County sheriff.

The Texas Attorney

GOVERNOR PERRY PRESSES FOR MORE DISASTER AID



by Ed Sterling

General's Office published their names and the charges against them:

- Raymond Merrill Jessop, 36, charged with one count of sexually assaulting a child, a first-degree felony; possible sentence of five to 99 years or life in prison.
- Allan Eugene Keate, 56, charged with one count of sexually assaulting a child, a first-degree felony; possible sentence of five to 99 years or life in prison.
- Michael George Emack, 57, charged with one count of sexually assaulting a child, a first-degree felony; possible sentence of five to 99 years or life in prison.
- Merrill Leroy Jessop, 33, charged with one count of sexually assaulting a child and bigamy, both first-degree felonies; possible sentence of five to 99 years or life in prison on each count.
- Lloyd Hammon Barlow, 38, charged with three counts of failure to report child abuse, a class B misdemeanor; possible sentence of up to six months in prison and a fine of \$2,000 per count.

Also indicted was sect leader Warren S. Jeffs, 52, who is a Utah prison inmate convicted of two counts of being an accomplice to rape. Jeffs is serving two consecu-

tive sentences of five years to life.

An anonymous allegation of domestic violence and sexual abuse prompted San Angelo State District Judge Barbara Walther to order the seizure and custody of more than 400 ranch children in early April.

State appellate courts overturned Walther's order and the children were returned to their parents in early June.

Education ratings are released

The Texas Education Agency released accountability ratings for schools and campuses on Aug. 1. The agency also released dropout and completion rates for districts and schools serving students in grades seventh to 12th.

More Texas school districts and campuses earned the state's two highest ratings, exemplary and recognized, in 2008, the TEA reported.

Statewide, the graduation rate for the 290,662 member class of 2007 was 78 percent. Between ninth grade and the end of 12th grade, 11.4 percent of the members of this class dropped out of school.

Complete statistics can be found at www.tea.state.tx.us.

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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

- August 7**
Anniversary - M/M Monty Lusby
- August 15**
Birthday - Kelly Armes, Mary Jane Henson, Ryan Winger, Buddy Gaither, Cole Umphress, Sara Butt, Vanessa Ortega, Dub Womble, John Booth
- Anniversary** - M/M Billy Baker, M/M David Hall, M/M Buddy Murrell, M/M Billy Logsdon Jr., M/M James Nicholson
- August 16**
Birthday - Corky Chapman, Ed Fry, Ronny Womble, Wayne Burchard, Ben Dunaway, Sondra Younger, Felix Sandaval, Tyce Hergert, Teresa Cook, Sharon Ross, Jason Villines, Lillie Love, Kathy Love, Nicholas Vinson, Ruben Gomez, Donetta Greene, Carlos Hernandez, Alexander Davis
- Anniversary** - M/M Bill Sparks
- August 17**
Birthday - Christy Brown, Guy Paul Hindergart, Allison Reid, Dean Sparks, Dodie Beedy, Delinda McLaughlin, Halee Rice, Bo Bensinger, Kimberly Boyd
- Anniversary** - Betty & Dub Womble, M/M Danny Jackson, M/M Don Allen, M/M Wayne Ware, Kitty & Frank Edwards, David & Kim Swink
- August 18**
Birthday - Brenda Dahl, Carla Johnson, Heather Murrell, Jack Weldon, Tina Wilmeth, Jerry Beth Prachar, Tammy Welch, Bob Cook, Robbin Keetch, Pat Miller, Jeanie Bennett, Glen Ward, Andrew Correll, Janet Mayo
- Anniversary** - M/M David Link, M/M Dennis Baker, M/M Charles Deakin
- August 19**
Birthday - Diana Bradshaw, Buddy Murrell, Kenton Odum, Linda Tidwell, Carey Bridges, Perry Dixon, Mary Lou Mathews, Chris Trout, Lisa Collins, Teddy Lynn Whitefield, Melissa Harvey, Joshua Miller, Jordan Fisher, Lenny Pecha
- Anniversary** - M/M Kelly Smith, M/M Larry Hicks, M/M Jim Bartimus
- August 20**
Birthday - David Bergin, Joyce Messer, Joyce Lackey, Irene Snider, Tony Hart, Shelley Edenborough, Joe Olivarez, Derek Irlbeck, Kathy Lewis, Jodi Hight
- Anniversary** - M/M Mike Grotegut, M/M Les Barkley, M/M Tommy Russell, M/M Larry Babbs
- August 21**
Birthday - Lou Garrett, Lauren Hoel, Michael Lane Whitefield, Linda Lawson, Carolyn Mauldin, Brandon Babitzke, Joshua Bynum, Rick Harvey, Coy H. Kelly Jr, Shane Hill
- Anniversary** - M/M Dwayne Marrs
- August 13**
Birthday - Brendy Brown Kirkland, Mike Coomer, Denise Karlin, Blake Trantham, Wanda Jones, Anne Foster, Adrian Robertson, Lorrie Bowen, Joe Dean Clement, Jim Miller, Crystal Boyd
- Anniversary** - M/M Gary Flowers, M/M Gerald TeBeest
- August 14**
Birthday - Leslie Latta, Jimmy Nicholson, Mike Pack

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister



This week we learn about "listening" for God as we study, 1 Kings 9:18, Psalm 85:8-13, Romans 10:5-15, and Mathew 14:22-43. Elijah has just destroyed the priests of Baal, but Queen Jezebel vows to kill the prophet, and Elijah runs. In a cave in the mountains, the word of the Lord comes, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" Elijah is depressed, is fearful. He had hoped that with the demonstration of the power of God and the killing of the priests of Baal that the king and the people would repent and return to the Lord. That did not happen. And Elijah craters emotionally. Then Elijah sees a great wind, an earthquake, a great fire, but God is not in them. In the sheer silence that follows, Elijah hears the voice of God, and God gives Elijah three tasks to perform and sends him on his way. So it is with us dear Christian. We feel the rush of the Spirit, we face life with faith, but eventually we become weary of doing good and feel "burn out", depression. It is at this point that we must listen for that still, small voice of God, "What are you doing here, Christian?"

The Psalmist sings of his desire to hear what God the Lord will speak; he sings of the steadfast love and faithfulness of God. The Psalmist is listening for the Lord!

Paul continues to address the difficulties for his people, the Jews, to embrace Jesus Christ as Messiah. He sets forth the problem of righteousness achieved by works as opposed to righteousness achieved by faith. By following the law, the faithful attempt to earn "points" from God by their own efforts. This is echoed today by those who seek the favor of God by the number of times they pray each day, by the number of times they do "good" deeds, by the number of times that they attend worship services. This is "ladder" theology. I am righteous because I do all these things...The problem is, like the Jews, they are seeking righteousness by their own actions. Paul's point is that righteousness, the free gift of God, is achieved only by faith. Paul alludes to the Old Testament scriptures in Leviticus 18:5 Deuteronomy 30:11-14, Joel 2:32, and Isaiah 28:16 to illustrate this. Righteousness through faith comes through listening to the Holy Spirit.

Matthew in seeking to show that Jesus is Messiah, relates the tale of "the calming of the storm" or "walking on water", depending on how you read it.

Jesus has gone up a mountain to pray after escaping the crowds that wished to crown him as king for his feeding of the five thousand. Jesus sends the disciples toward Capernaum by boat. During the fourth watch of the night, about 3:00 a.m., a sudden storm strikes the boat. The disciples are frightened. What appears to be a ghost is approaching from shore. Jesus speaks to them saying "I AM". Peter, ever impetuous, says Lord, if you are "I AM" tell me to come to you on the water. Peter then walks on the water toward Jesus, but feeling the strong wind and waves, he loses sight of Jesus and sinks. Jesus rescues Peter and gets him to the boat. When they get in the boat, the storm stops. Jesus is the master of frightening things. May the Holy Spirit increase your hearing so that you may hear His voice and experience the intervening and saving presence of God.

Our Sympathy

GEORGE W. CUNNINGHAM

PERRYTON - George W. Cunningham, 86, died Friday, Aug. 1, 2008.

Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Monday, August 4, 2008 in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa with the Rev. Paul Baskin officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Perryton.

Mr. Cunningham was born May 8, 1922, in Kirkland to Jess and Mary Cunningham. He married Janis Jones on Jan. 10, 1944, in Pampa. She preceded him in death in 2007. He had lived in Perryton since 1963, moving from Gruver.

He was an instrument technician who worked for more than 30 years for Phillips Petroleum. He was a member of First Christian Church and Gruver Masonic Lodge No. 1326. He loved and enjoyed his family and children.

He also was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Leslie Cunningham.

Survivors include two daughters, Connie Fewell and husband Jerry of Phoenix and Cherie Reynolds and husband Roy of Fritch; a sister, Marguerette Hearn of Pampa; and five grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Alzheimer's Association, 1400 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.

DWAYNE LEIGH SMITH

PAMPA - Dwayne Leigh Smith, 67, died Saturday, June 21, 2008.

A memorial and celebration of life service will be at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 16, 2008 at the First United Methodist Church, Foster & Ballard (200 E. Foster), in Pampa. A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the services.

Mr. Smith was born July 1, 1940, in Pampa, to Irl and Irene Franklin Smith. He attended West Texas State University in Canyon, majoring in speech and theater, and Elms Radio Institute in Dallas.

Dwayne served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He began working in broadcasting at KFDA-TV and KVII-TV in Amarillo, and then worked as newscaster and sportscaster for Coy Palmer at KBMF-FM in Spearman, which later became KRDF-FM.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Pampa and the Aldersgate Sunday school class. He was a member of Top O'Texas Masonic Lodge No. 1381 in Pampa, served as Worshipful Master of the Hansford Masonic Lodge No. 1040 in Spearman for 13 years, and was a member of Gruver Masonic Lodge No. 1326.

He was a past commander of the Borger Chapter Council and Commandery and was a member of the Khiva Shrine Temple in Amarillo and the Lubbock Scottish Rite Consistory. He loved theater and sports.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1994 and his mother in 1996.

Survivors include a sister, Rochelle Lacy and husband Calvin of Pampa; two nieces, Gail Threet and husband Johnny of Lubbock and Glenna Bowman and husband Rick of Austin; a nephew, Greg Wilkins and wife Pyeper of Rockwall; a cousin, Darrel K. Franklin and wife Ann of Pampa; three aunts, Mae Louise Franklin of Pampa, Cleo Nix of Groom and Ladine O'Connor of Sun City, Ariz.; an uncle, Everett Butler of Pampa; two stepnieces, Janet Bilyeu and husband John of Pampa and Debi Musick and husband Roger of Weatherford, Okla.; two special friends, Carolyn Cummings and Cecil Biggers, both of Spearman; and several other cousins, great-nieces and great-nephews.

The family suggests memorials be to Spearman Scholarship Fund, c/o Spearman Independent School District, 403 E. 11th Ave., Spearman, TX 79081; or First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981.

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 Micah 6:8

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Youth Football Physicals and Sign Ups
 Youth football physicals and sign ups for students entering grades 3-4 and 5-6 for the 2008-2009 school year have been set for Thursday, August 7, 2008. Physicals will be given from 4:00-4:30 for grades 3-4 and 4:30-5:00 for grades 5-6 at Dr. Mark Garnett's clinic. Physicals will be \$10. All players must have a physical before they can practice. A meeting for sign ups will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 7, 2008 at Spearman High School. Registration forms will need to be signed by a parent and registration fees will be collected. The fees are \$55 - checks need to be made payable to the Perryton Activity Center. If you have any questions, please contact Todd Baird at 659-3185 or Don Schroeder and 659-5308.

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community
 Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet Saturday, August 9, 2008, at the Waka Christian Center. A potluck meal will be served at 6 p.m. followed by a training for sponsors and a praise and worship service. The board will meet at 4 p.m., and a nursery will be provided for the community. Family and friends are welcome.

Gruver ISD High School Enrollment
 Gruver High School registration begins Monday, August 11 with Seniors, Tuesday, August 12 with Juniors, Wednesday, August 13 with Sophomores, and Thursday, August 14 with Freshmen.

GISD Considers Accepting Student Transfers
 Gruver ISD is considering accepting student transfers. If you are interested in enrolling your child in the Gruver school system please contact the following campus principals the week of August 4th-8th: Gruver Elementary, Grades 1-4, Debby Mayhew - Principal, 806-733-2031; Gruver Junior High, Grades 5-8, Micah Davis - Principal, 806-733-2081; Gruver High School, Grades 9-12, Troy Seagler - Principal, 806-733-2477.

Spearman High School Schedule Pick Up
 Schedules for Spearman High School students for the 2008-2009 school year will be available for pick up on Tuesday, August 12, 2008 according to the following schedule: 9th Grade - 8:00-9:00 a.m., 10th Grade - 9:00 - 10:00 a.m., 11th Grade - 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., 12th Grade - 11:00 - 12:00 noon. Students new to the district may register on Tuesday, August 12th 2008 from 1:00 -3:00 pm in the high school office. If you have any questions, please call Krista Baird at 659-2584.

Band Students Must Attend Mandatory Drug Meeting
 There will be a Drug Meeting August 12, 2008, at the High School. All students in any UIL event must be at this with parent or guardian. If student is not at this meeting with parent or guardian they will not be allowed to march at first football game, or until the makeup meeting.

Gruver Blood Drive
 A Boots & Badges Competition Blood Drive will be held in Gruver on Tuesday, August 12, from 2:00-7:00 p.m. at the Gruver State Bank in the La Casita Room. Every eligible donor will receive a t-shirt, and you can vote for your local HERO either the Fire Department or Law Enforcement. To Schedule an appointment, please call 1-877-574-8800. ALL BLOOD TYPES ARE CURRENTLY NEEDED! The need is real. There is no substitute for blood. It can only come from volunteer blood donors. Please support the patients of the High Plains Region...Give the Gift of Life!

Texas County Fair Books Online
 Texas County fair books are online this year. For the past four years, Texas County fair books have been online at www.texascountyfair.org. With rising printing costs, postage and labor, the Texas County Fair Board has again made the fair book available online to help with budgets. Hard copies of this year's Texas County fair book are available at the fair grounds at 5th and Sunset in Guymon. The Texas County Fair is August 13th -16th and entry day is August 12th.

Wheatheart Wheat Conference To Be Held
 The Texas AgriLife Extension offices in Ochiltree, Hansford, Hutchinson, Lipscomb and Hemphill counties are sponsoring the 10th annual Wheatheart Wheat Conference on Thursday, August 14, 2008. The conference will be held at the Ochiltree County Expo Center in Perryton. Registration is at 8:00 am and programs begin at 8:30 am. All area wheat producers are invited to hear extension and industry specialists cover a wide range of topics related to wheat production and marketing. Plus, 5 CEUs will be provided for all attending with a pesticide applicator license. Lunch will be provided and there is no charge to attend the meeting. For more information about the conference you may contact the Texas AgriLife Extension in Ochiltree County at 806-435-4501.

Infection Prevention Topic of August Senior Seminar
 West Nile Virus, "superbug" Methicillin-resistant Staph Aureus, shingles, flu and pneumonia are just a few of the infections or illnesses that can seriously affect senior citizens. How an older person can help prevent the onset of such diseases will be the topic of the August senior seminar. Entitled "Infection Prevention-It's in Your Hands", the seminar will begin at 11 a.m. Aug. 14 at the Amarillo Senior Citizens Center, 1217 S. Tyler, Room 115. Ona Montgomery, nationally certified in infection control and responsible for infection control at the Amarillo VA Health Care System, will review some key principles to help seniors stay healthy and avoid infections. The seminars are open to the public free of charge. For more information, contact AgriLife Extension - Potter County at 373-0713. Door prizes will be donated by Scott's Flowers. Senior Seminars are sponsored by the Potter Coalition on Aging and Amarillo Senior Citizens' Association.

Women of Victory Women's Conference
 Women of Victory will celebrate their 16th annual women's conference August 21st, 22nd and 23rd at The Victory Center Church, 5th and Quinn, in Guymon, Ok. This year's theme is "Blessed & Highly Favored" with special guest speakers Rev. Nancy James of Triumph Ministries, Karen Jensen, instructor at Rhema Bible Training Center, Margaret Mendenhall, Co-Pastor Victory Center and Beth Elliott, praise and worship. Early Bird Registration fee by August 15th is \$30 and after the 15th the cost will be \$35. Free luncheon on Friday with paid registration. No nursery will be provided. To register or for more information, you may call Victory Center Church (580) 338-5616, fax (580) 338-2575, or e-mail victory@ptsi.net. (Attached are pictures from our flyer if you would like to use them.)

S.T.A.R. Presents "Back in Control" Parenting Workshop
 STAR (Services-To-At-Risk Youth & Their Families) brings you... "Back in Control" Parenting Workshop on Saturday, September 6, 2008, from 8:45 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the TPMHMR Children's Services Building, 1500 S. Taylor Street, Amarillo, Texas 79101. Participants must pre-register! Call 359-2005 CEUs available for LPCs & MSWs; General CEUs will also be available. (Must attend full class for certificate.) There is no charge to attend, and seating is limited. No Childcare is provided. STAR is a TDFPS funded program of TPMHMR.

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Texas Water Development Board Approves Management Plan for North Plains Groundwater Conservation District

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District has received Recognition of Achievement from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for completion of the District's Management Plan. The plan, which is mandated by Texas Water Code §36.1071, was developed to guide the activities of the District in managing the groundwater resources within the District. After reviewing the plan, the TWDB determined that it was administratively complete and in compliance with Texas Water Code §36.1071 and 31 TAC 356.

The District may review the plan annually, and must review and readopt the plan, with or without revisions, at least once every five years and resubmit the management plan for approval.

A management plan must contain management goals for providing the most efficient use of groundwater, controlling and preventing waste of groundwater, addressing natural resource issues which impact the use and availability of groundwater and conjunctive surface water management issues. In addition, the plan must address drought conditions, as well as conservation, rain-water harvesting, and recharge enhancement.

The plan contains the management objectives that the District will use to achieve the management goals. Each desired future accomplishment or outcome must be the result of actions that can be taken by district staff or assigns. Also included in the plan are the rules that are necessary to effectuate the management plan.

Information that was used to develop the management plan included the amount of

groundwater being used within the District on an annual basis, the annual volume of flow into and out of the District within each aquifer and between aquifers in the District, the projected surface water supply in the district according to the most recently adopted state water plan, and the projected total demand for water in the District, according to the most recently adopted state water plan. The management plan gives details of how the District will manage groundwater supplies in the district, including a methodology by which the District will track its progress on an annual basis in achieving its management goals.

One component of the District's groundwater management that has yet to be determined is the desired future condition (DFC) of the groundwater resources within the District. The desired future condition is the desired amount of water to still be left in the aquifer within the District in fifty years time. Once the DFC has been set after this fall's meeting series, the rules of

the District may be amended to meet the DFC.

A series of public stakeholder meetings was held in the spring of 2008 to gather public input on setting the desired future condition (DFC), and another round of meetings will begin across the District on August 12, 2008. At these meetings, the numbers for the reported annual production of groundwater for 2007 will be available, along with the same information from 2006.

Anyone interested in attending the meetings is invited to attend. The dates and locations are as follows: August 12, 7:00 PM, Amarillo College Moore County Campus, 1220 East 1st Street, Dumas; August 14, 7:00 PM, Dalhart Coliseum, 1219 West F.M. 281, Dalhart; August 19, 7:00 PM, O'Loughlin Center, 502 South Brandt Street, Spearman.

Interested persons can also submit comment to the Board of Directors by calling Rhonda Artho at 806-935-6401 or by e-mailing to artho@npwd.org.

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Meeting Agenda

The North Plains Groundwater Conservation District will meet at 9 a.m. on Friday, August 8th. Listed below is the agenda for this meeting:

- Call Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum.
- Opening Prayer
- Pledge
- 1. Public Comment
- 2. Action Agenda
 - a. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for July 9, 2008.
 - b. Approval District expenditures for July 1, 2008 through July 31, 2008.
 - c. Consider approval of payment to Lemon, Shearer, Phillips & Good, P.C. for legal services.
 - d. Discuss 2008 Proposed Tax Rate
 - e. Consider action to accept proposed compliance settlement agreements for the following:
 - Jerry E - Deanna L Thompson - 2007 Annual Groundwater Production Report
 - Texas American Resources - 2007 Annual Groundwater Production Report
 - Todd Mason - 2007 Annual Groundwater Production Report
 - Chapco Investments -

2007 Annual Groundwater Production Report

- Texas Beef, Ltd. - Failure to install and maintain a meter
- Gary Nelson - Failure to install and maintain a meter
- Rick Rousser - Failure to install and maintain a meter
- John Ewers - Failure to install and maintain a meter
- f. Discuss and consider action regarding resolution for District sponsored legislative initiatives for the 2009 Legislative Session.
- g. Review and consider Desired Future Conditions, Managed Available Groundwater and Groundwater Availability Modeling related to Groundwater Management Area #1.
- h. Consider approval of Water Well Permits as active and complete wells.
- i. Review and Analysis of 2007 Annual Production Reporting Data.
- j. Review and consider renewal rates and possible bids on health insurance coverage for District employees and Board members.
- k. Review and discuss District Rules, possible new or amended rules, and the rule making process.
- l. Discuss upcoming public stakeholder meetings to be held on August 12th, 14th, and 19th in Dumas, Dalhart and Spearman.
- m. Consider approval of proposed amendments to the 2007-2008 Budget.
- n. Closed Session.

Conservation District.

- o. Consider recommendation(s) regarding matters discussed in closed session.
- 3. Discussion Agenda
 - a. District Director Reports
 - b. Committee Reports
 - c. General Manager's Report

4. Discuss Items for Future Board Meeting Agendas and Set Next Meeting Date and Time.

5. Adjournment.
At any time during the meeting and in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Board may meet in executive session for consultation concerning attorney-client matters (§551.071).

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, is a true and correct copy of said Notice; and that I posted a true and correct copy at a place convenient to the public at the District office, at 603 East First, Dumas, Texas, and the Notice was posted on July 31, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. and will remain so posted continuously for at least 72 hours immediately preceding the day of said Meeting; a true and correct copy of the Notice was furnished to each county clerk of the county or counties in which the above District is located.

Additionally, I certify that the above Notice of Meeting was furnished to the Secretary of State at 5:00 p.m. on July 31, 2008.

Dated this 31st day of July, 2008.

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District
By Steven D. Walthour,
General Manager

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

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Whitman first killed his mother in her apartment and his wife in their house. He then went to the tower on the University of Texas campus where he clubbed a receptionist, who later died, then killed two other people and wounded two more. Gaining access to the observation deck, at an elevation of 231 feet, he began firing on persons crossing the campus and others on nearby streets.

Police officers Ramiro Martinez and Houston McCoy entered the observation deck, where they shot and killed Whitman. An autopsy revealed a tumor in Whitman's head, but medical authorities disagreed over its effect on his actions.

What will this week hold for the history books of 2008?

Good thoughts for you all, the museum at Lipscomb.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum

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

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Pringle-Morse CISD will hold a public meeting at 8:00 PM, August 28, 2008 in Board Room, Pringle-Morse CISD. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.000000/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	15.00% increase
Debt service	0.00% increase
Total expenditures	15.00% increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$180,617,183	\$239,955,174
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$43,107	\$26,451,583
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$178,771,856	\$237,804,191
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$42,244	\$2,619,127

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.01(2)(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$0

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.000000	\$1.040000	\$9.324	\$6.657
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.040000	\$0.000000	\$1.040000	\$14.580	\$1.922
Proposed Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.000000	\$1.040000	\$15.045	\$1.922

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$24,505	\$33,877
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$12,055	\$15,497
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.040000	\$1.040000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$125.37	\$161.17
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$35.80

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.040050. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.040050.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,802,256
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Gruver ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, August 26, 2008 in Gruver ISD Board Room, Gruver, Tx. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.000000/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	36.45 % increase
Debt service	0.00 % increase
Total expenditures	36.45 % increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 445,410,725	\$ 520,445,406
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 221,113	\$ 172,106
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 438,073,828	\$ 510,841,859
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 216,690	\$ 168,663

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.01(2)(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$0

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.000000	\$ 1.040000	\$ 9.445	\$ 5.017
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.042400	\$ 0.000000	\$ 1.042400	\$ 9.243	\$ 5.167
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.000000	\$ 1.040000	\$ 9.326	\$ 5.167

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 47,983	\$ 54,610
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 28,185	\$ 34,149
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.040000	\$ 1.040000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 293.12	\$ 355.15
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 62.03

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.040050. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.040050.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 3,500,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

Spearman Booster Club



The Mandatory Drug Awareness meeting for incoming 7th Grade through 12th Grade boys and girls will be held on August 12, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Spearman High School Auditorium.

This is a mandatory meeting for all students who wish to participate in any UIL sanctioned event.

Spearman Booster Club is in the process of their annual membership drive. Membership dues are \$25 for businesses and \$10 for individuals and families.

The Lynx/Lynxette Booster Club met August 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Spearman High School Portable Building.

11 people were present for the meeting, which was called to order by Don Schroeder at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes from the last meeting were read, including the responsibilities of the other offices held. A copy of UIL rules were passed out to all present.

VP Boys - Tim Cooper reported that there were seven different style hats left over from past years, he will talk to Chad Riggins about getting the Logo on the hats to sell. May order more at a later time.

Membership - Kellye Buchanan reported that the deadline is August 13th for the basketball book and poster ads. Most of the information was in, but some seniors did not sell their ads, so she is going to do that this week.

Ways and Means - Julie Pittman was not present, but gave her report to Kelly Garnett. She ordered 100

long sleeve and 100 short sleeve shirts to sell for the upcoming sports year. All sports will be covered on the one shirt.

Yard signs - Kelly Garnett reported only 4 seniors had turned in their yard signs. She asked everyone to look for the signs and bring them to her, so she can go ahead and do basic painting on them.

Treasurer/Secretary - Tammy Benton reported the bank and saving account balance, with bills paid to PTCI, Alltel, Ama Techtel and B&B Sales, with \$2000 in scholarships to be paid by August 15th.

General Discussion - Quentin Shieldknight needs a bag to carry the broadcast equipment in this was fall. Paws and streamers were done last week at the football stadium and the sign on Hwy. 207 was repaired.

Mr. Sumner is going to get a date for the Athletic Banquet at the O'Loughlin Center. Don is going to get with Coach Rodman on a time and date for the watermelon feed. The Ice Cream Social will be held August 26th at 7:30 p.m. in the east side parking lot at the High School. The Lynx and Lynxettes Cross Country, Cheerleaders, Band and Football Teams will be honored.

Kim and Joe Vanderburg are going to be contacted about by-laws for the club and mission statement.

Discussion was held on the spirit wagon and the tunnel/helmet. The cover is missing and someone suggested the Baker's might know where it is. Rick Hargrove is storing the tun-

nel/helmet in his garage. The following items will be discussed at the next meeting - flags at the football stadium, painting the sign on the Gruver highway and painting the paw on football field.

Cayla Schroeder made the motion to purchase a 12-foot to 14-foot trailer with aside window to sell and store Booster Club merchandise and other items, including the tunnel/helmet. The Club agreed to purchase a trailer for no more than \$8000. Jon Garnett is in charge of the purchase.

Mr. Sumner is the Athletic Director for this year, a job he held at a previous school for 6 years. He wants the Booster Club to get more parents involved, and to have all sports come together.

The Booster Club supports and encourages students in all sports. He explained his role and that the Booster Club is an extension of the school.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. A date was not set for the next meeting. Don notify all those present of the next meeting. If you would like to join the Spearman Booster Club, please contact Kellye Buchanan at 659-5102.

The Main Event

The Main Event grew out of the hearts of several Christians in Spearman. This group shared their idea with the Spearman Ministerial Alliance and the project quickly grew into, literally, a main event, involving many people from the churches of Hansford County.

The Main Event is a project to present the Gospel to every man, woman, boy, and girl in the Hansford County area. The Steering Committee has been working hard to pull all the pieces together for this fantastic evangelical project.

The Main Event will kick off with a hamburger feed following the football scrimmage on Thursday, August 21. Jon Randles will be there to visit with the teams and fans.

On Friday, August 22, at 6:30, Mark Winter presents "The Almost Amazing Marko", a magician comedian and Good News Preacher bringing the gospel to children. The worship service will begin at 8 PM with Jon Randles and Jody Wilson leading.

Saturday, August 23, the youth will enjoy games with the winners awarded great prizes. Blake Bolerjack will present a concert at 6:30 PM and worship will be at 8 PM.

Sunday, August 24, activities will start at 5:30 with free hotdogs. Boys Ranch Praise Team will perform at 6 PM and the Celebration service will start at 6:30 with praise, worship, and testimonies.

Come and get caught up in the atmosphere of yesteryear under the big tent located East of the Spearman High School at the Walking Park on 11th Street.

Jon Randles - Jon is involved in evangelism, church growth conferences and evaluations, discipleship, student ministry, and missionary endeavors world wide through speaking engagements, books, and tapes. He

is also a sought after speaker for motivating collegiate athletic teams. His vision is to equip the saved, ignite the dormant Christian, and reach the lost.

Jody Wilson - Jody's voice and humor have opened doors of ministry that cross denominational, racial, and age barriers. Jody is learning that "life happens to us and we dont get to vote. Though God may not have willed it, He will not waste it."

Blake Bolerjack - Blake is a storyteller and singer who tells stories with his songs. Struggling with deep depression and anxiety throughout his childhood and adolescence in Perryton, Texas, Blake tells that nothing is too far or too deep to escape God's salvation and redemption.

Mark Winte - The Almost Amazing Marko is a magician, comedian, and Good News Preacher all rolled into one! Who knows what Marko will bring to the show? Whatever he brings out of his bag of tricks, you'll giggle, clap, and cheer!

Thursday, August 21 - Free Hamburgers at the SHS Football Field following the football scrimmage. Come meet Jon Randles, a motivator of athletes

Friday, August 22 - Magic Show by Mark Winter at 6:30 PM at the tent at the walking park. Speaker Jon Randles at 8 PM. Music by Jody Wilson

Saturday, August 23 - 5:30 Games and Prizes for the Youth. 6:30 concert by Blake Bolerjack. 8 PM Jon Randles and Jody Wilson

Sunday, August 24 - Free hotdogs!! Celebration Service at the walking park at 5:30. Special Music and testimonies.

Editor's Note: Volunteers will be going door-to-door this Saturday, August 9th. They will begin on the South end and move North.

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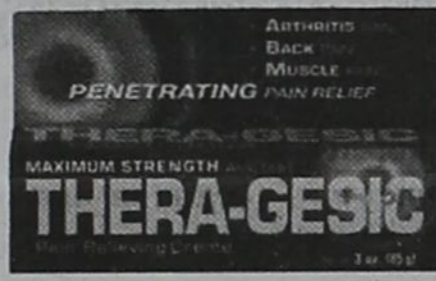


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PUBLIC NOTICE
Pringle-Morse CISD is accepting quotations for fuel and maintenance of school vehicles. Please contact the superintendent's office for bid specifications. Address: 100 Fifth Street, P.O. Box 109, Morse, Texas 79062; phone: 806-733-2507. Bids must be received in the school office by August 20, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. Bids will be opened at that time and considered by the PMCISD Board of Trustees at its regular meeting August 28, 2008. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject in whole or part of any and all bids.
2(8-07-08)B

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Mary Jane Hillman, Deceased, were issued on July 13, 2008, in Cause No. P02549, pending in the Probate Court, Hansford County, Texas, to: Phillip Terry Moore.
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
c/o: Cecil R. Biggers
Attorney at Law
PO Box 342
Spearman TX 79081
DATED the 31st day of July, 2008.
Cecil R. Biggers
Attorney for Phillip Terry Moore
State Bar No.: 02308500
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2(8-07-08)B

PUBLIC NOTICE
LEGAL NOTICE
Hansford County Commissioner's Court will receive bids until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 22, 2008 on one new 2008 or 2009 ¾ ton regular cab, 4-wheel drive pickup with/without trade-in for Precinct 1. Bids will be opened on Monday, August 25, 2008 at the regular Commissioners' Court meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m.
Specifications are available in the County Judge's Office or the County Auditor's office in the Hansford County Courthouse in Spearman. The Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
Benny Wilson
Hansford County Judge
3(7-31-08)B

PUBLIC NOTICE
Gruver ISD is accepting bids for fuel. Interested bidders should contact the Business Office for bid specifications. Address: 600 Garrett Street, P. O. Box 650, Gruver, TX 79040; phone 806-733-2821. Bids must be received in the school office by August 20, 2008 by 11:00 a.m. Bids will be opened at that time in the Superintendent's office and considered by the GISD Board of Trustees at its regular meeting in August. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject in whole or part of any and all bids.
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed proposals to design and construct Phase II of an existing skate park will be received by the City of Spearman, Texas, until 10:00 a.m., August 22, 2008 and then publicly opened and read. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities and to accept the bid deemed to be the most advantageous to the City. All bids returned after the above closing hour will be returned unopened. All bids shall be sealed and marked on the outer envelope "Skate Park". Specifications and bidding documents may be secured from PO Box 37, Spearman, Texas 79081.
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Life in Gruver is exceptional, tranquil and safe with the kind of neighborhoods where you want to live and raise your family. In fact, a short walk east will land your kids in the midst of a "Recognized Rated School District," one of the few remaining in the state.
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2008 Property Tax Rates in City of Spearman
This notice concerns 2008 property tax rates for City of Spearman. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$327,724
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$327,724
Last year's tax base	\$61,846,386
Last year's total tax rate	0.529900 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$325,755
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$67,942,053
= This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	0.479460 /\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$435,420
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$67,942,053
= This year's effective operating rate	0.640870 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.692139 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.000000 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	0.692139 /\$100
- Sales tax adjustment rate	0.160749 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	0.531390 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease
If City of Spearman adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.479460 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2007 taxes by \$629.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance and Operation	\$712,747

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax
In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$109,665 in additional sales and use tax revenues.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 709 W. 7th, Spearman, Tx 79081.
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Frank Phillips College introduces new commuter courses, scholarships

Frank Phillips College President Dr. Herbert J. Swender, Sr., announced the creation of the college's new Accessible Commuter Education (ACE) program, a group of hybrid classes designed to help meet the challenges that commuting students face with the rising cost of fuel.

"Frank Phillips College is well aware of the needs that many students have," Swender said. "Several students are driving more than sixty miles one way to attend classes, and FPC wants to alleviate some of the economic pressures that keep students from pursuing their education."

The college has developed a set of courses that will be delivered in a hybrid format, where students will attend class on campus in Borger or Perryton one day a week and attend the same class via internet on the other day that the class would normally meet on campus. The internet part of the class will include live instruction with the teacher and will take place at the same time it would if students were

attending the class on campus.

For example, a student might take a government class at 9:25 on Tuesday and Thursday, but on Thursday, he will meet with his class via live internet instruction. This system allows students to cut fuel costs in half. In order to participate, students must have access to high-speed internet.

In conjunction with hybrid courses, Frank Phillips College will award ten \$2,000 scholarships to assist students participating in the program. These scholarships will be awarded based on need, and priority may be given to students living outside the towns of Borger and Perryton.

The following courses will be offered in the program:

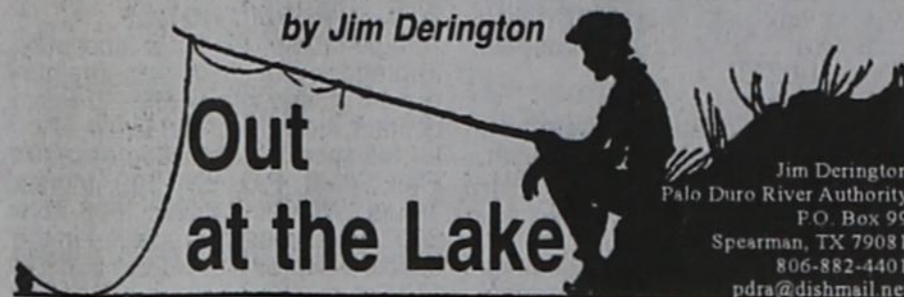
Hybrid (Tuesday/Thursday): 8:00 - Micro-applications, Cultural Anthropology; 9:25 - composition II (Borger only); 10:50 Composition I, Speech; 12:45 - Federal Government, Social Psychology; 5:30 - Composition; 7:00 - History I
On-line Only Courses: Introduction to Business,

Microcomputer Applications, Advanced Microcomputer Applications, Internet/Web Page Development, LAN Design & Protocols (Cisco I), Local Area Management (Cisco

III), Managing/Maintaining Windows Server, Network Administration, Introduction to Database, First Year Institute Seminar, Federal Government, United States History I, Medical Terminology I, Theory of Coaching I, Theory of Coaching II, Drug Use & Abuse, General Psychology

"Students will be able to take a mix of face-to-face and online instruction to help keep higher education affordable. Frank Phillips College developed distance learning classes over twenty years ago to meet the needs of its vast service area, and this program is another way we strive to help students achieve their dreams," Swender said.

Interested students should contact the Office of Student Services at 806-457-4200, ext. 720.



August 4, 2008
Lake Palo Duro water level - 17.80 feet

July was a wet month at the lake. Rain was plentiful, and welcomed by all of us. The rain gauge at the office tallied 6.63 inches for the month. The lake rose three and one quarter feet, by July 12. Horse Creek did it again, as the Palo Duro Creek did not flow into the lake. The August heat is taking its toll on the lake and the green grass, but it has been beautiful. More rain, with runoff, is needed to bring the lake level up.

The picture this week is of Victor White with a pair of Blue Cats. Twenty nine and twenty four pounds, were

the weights of these fish. I was driving near the lake on Saturday afternoon, on my way to the park behind the dam, when I noticed Victor struggling to get this stringer to his pickup. I stopped to see, and asked for a picture of these fish. Removing fish this large, may be lowering the lake level!

We had six R.V. campers for the weekend. Two on the office side, were new at our campground. They complimented us on the camp area, and enjoyed watching the deer. Several tent campers braved the heat, near the lake and behind the dam. The High Plains A & M Club had the shelter, Saturday afternoon.



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