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COME TO THE GAME

SPEARMAN LYNX vs. Nazareth
on 8/27 at 7 p.m.
at Dick Bivins in Amarillo

Gruver Greyhounds vs. West Texas
in Stinnett
on 8/26 at 7:30 p.m.

Spearman Lynx
The Spearman JV will play Wheeler in Wheeler at 6 p.m. on September 1st for their opening game of the season.

Gruver Greyhounds
The Gruver JV will play West Texas in Gruver on August 25th at 6 p.m. for their opening game of the season. They will play Wellington in Gruver on September 1st at 6 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

Gruver Greyhounds/Lady Hounds
The Gruver Varsity Cross Country teams will compete in the Canyon 6-Mile Relay on August 26th. They will compete in Borger on September 3rd.

Spearman Lynx/Lynxettes
The Spearman Varsity Cross Country teams will compete in the Canyon 6-Mile Relay on August 26th. The JV Lynx and Varsity Lynx will compete in Borger on September 3rd, and the JV Lynxettes and Varsity Lynxettes will compete in the ATM2GO in Plainview on September 3rd.

Weekly Update

Texas, August 22- Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen by 1.3 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.46/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that decreased by 1.4 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.58/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 92.3 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 14.9 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has moved lower by 10.4 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 86.7 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"Although crude oil ended another volatile week on the upswing, rising from \$79 to settle just above \$82 per barrel at Friday's close, overall demand for gasoline is not likely to increase any time soon and we should not be surprised to see crude oil slip to the mid 70s this week as the price at the pump edges lower too," says Gregg Laskoski, GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst.

GasBuddy operates, TexasGasPrices.com, and over 225 other local gasoline pricetracking websites that follow prices at over 125,000 gasoline stations in the United States and Canada. GasBuddy also uses Facebook (facebook.com/gasbuddy) Twitter (twitter.com/gasbuddy), and phone apps to keep motorists ahead of changing gasoline prices.

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY - Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 90s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph shifting to the east in the afternoon.

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs around 101.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs around 101.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 70.

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/forecast/w-Spearman-Texas.html>

Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: The region continued to be hot and dry. Soil-moisture levels were very short. Irrigators were still very active. More cornfields were abandoned because of lack of irrigation. Where possible, producers were salvaging what they could from corn failures by chopping it for silage. Pastures were in very poor condition. Live-stock producers further reduced herds and were weaning calves early.

Ramon Named National "Rural Teacher of the Year"

Kristi Ramon, Reading Recovery teacher for the Spearman Independent School District, has been named Rural Teacher of the Year by the National Rural Education Association, based at Purdue University. She will be honored at the NRTA Convention October 27-29, 2011 in Hilton Head, NC.

Ramon was honored at the Texas Rural Education Association's Summer Conference in Fort Worth on June 18, 2010 for being named Rural Teacher of the Year for Texas.

The National Rural Teacher of the Year Award Honorees receive a \$2,000 honorarium, and the school district receives \$1,000 to purchase instructional materials and school supplies. Candidates are nominated by the Texas Rural Education Association, a state affiliate organization of the National Rural Education Association.

She was selected due to evidence of her passion for motivating and caring about her students.

Mrs. Ramon served as a First Grade teacher for 15 years and has been the Reading Recovery Teacher for the past 8 years.

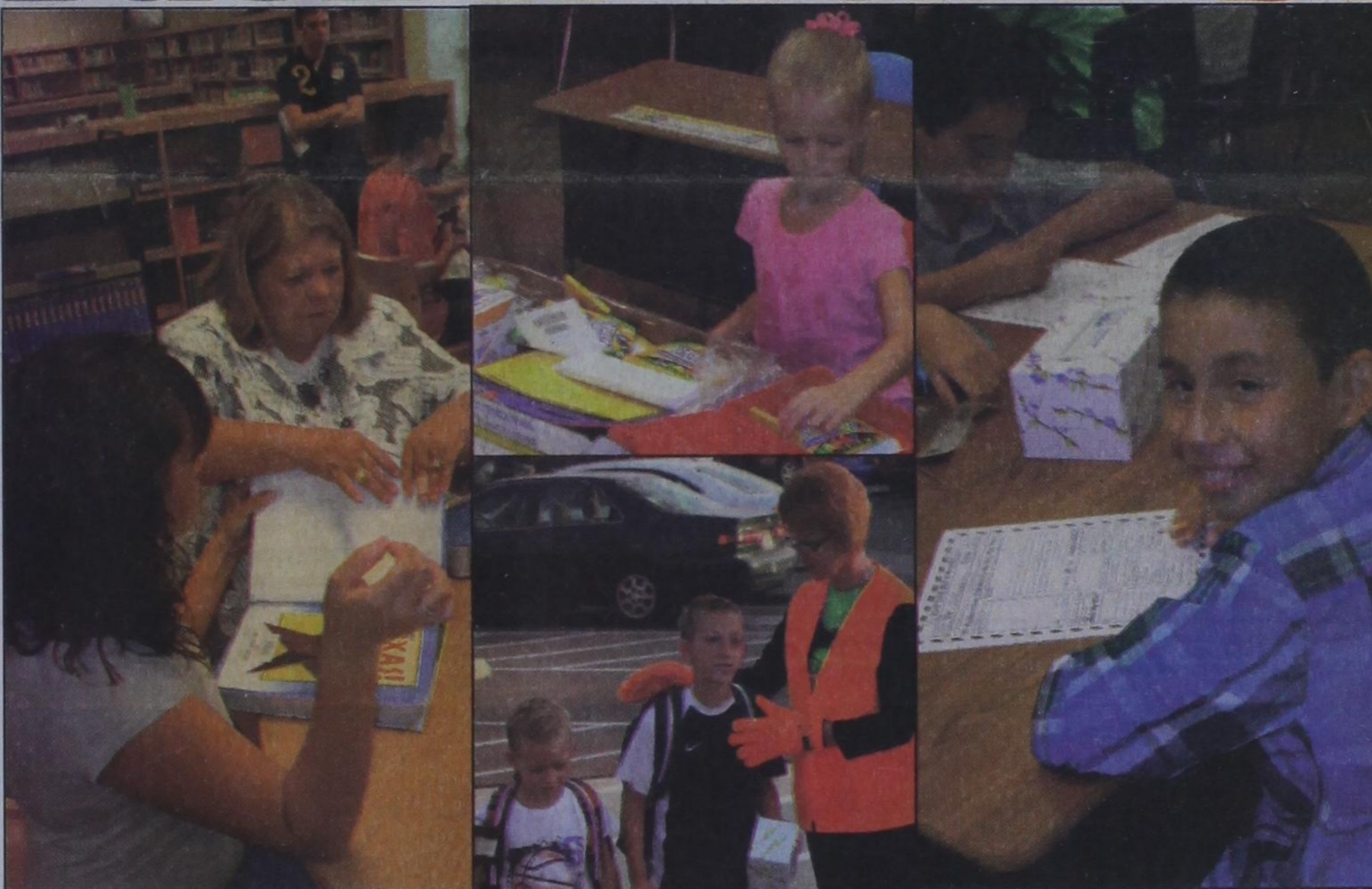
She recently received her Masters Degree and hopes to become a school principal.

Kristi is married to Tindle Ramon. They have three children, Amber and husband Dustin King, Nicole and husband Eric Neumeier, and Ryan Ramon. They also have two grandsons, Preston and Finnten, and a granddaughter, Brooklyn. Kristi is the daughter of Vicki Orth of Oklahoma.

Mrs. Ramon was nominated for the honor by her Superintendent, Mr. Rodney Sumner.



Back-to-School



ABOVE: Mrs. Pat Cudd helps a student cover her book on the first day of school at Spearman Jr. High.

TOP CENTER: A second grader organizes her school supplies on the first day of school at Gus Birdwell Elementary in Spearman.

Photos by Rod Sumner

ABOVE: Sixth graders check out their schedule on the first day of school at Spearman Jr. High.

BOTTOM CENTER: Mrs. Kristi Ramon helps students cross the street on the first day of school at Gus Birdwell Elementary in Spearman.

See related story on page 9.

Oscar Rojas Returns From Summer Internship With Rep. Mac Thornberry

Spearman native and current West Texas A&M student, Oscar Rojas, recently returned from his five week Washington D.C. internship for area U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry.

Oscar spent the past five weeks learning the various tasks performed by staff members in the congressman's office. Included in the daily duties for Oscar were conducting Capitol tours for visiting constituents, intake of constituent telephone calls, email and faxes as well as research and reporting on various topics for the Congressman's review.

Oscar will continue his final year at West Texas A&M and hopes to return to Washington D.C. and work in the field of Public Policy or Public Diplomacy.

Oscar is the son of Oscar and Dennis Rojas, both of Spearman.

City of Spearman Reminds Citizens of Voluntary Watering Reduction

submitted by Ed Hanson, Spearman City Manager

The City of Spearman has asked its citizens and businesses to curtail their water use by adhering to the following VOLUNTARY watering schedule: Even numbered addresses are asked to water lawns and gardens on Tuesday and Saturday starting at 6 p.m. and ending at 10 a.m. the next day. The odd numbered addresses are asked to please water on Wednesday and Sunday starting at 6 p.m. and ending at 10 a.m. the next day.

The water situation is not critical at this time, but we are asking for some voluntary cooperation to assist as we all endure this current drought. For more information, contact Spearman City Hall at 659-2524.



FYI

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Medical Fund Established At FNB for Dynell Moore
Shawn and Dynell Moore, children of Johnny and Brenda Vera and Terry Moore of Spearman, have recently relocated their family to the Dallas-Fort Worth area. In March, Dynell was diagnosed with stomach cancer. She will be receiving treatments at MD Anderson in Houston and Baylor Medical Center in Fort Worth. After the birth of their second child, three tumors were discovered, two of which contained malignant cells. The tumors were safely removed at Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg, VA. At which time, Dynell began oral oncology treatment to keep the cancer from spreading. The Moore's made the decision after consulting with their physician to continue an aggressive treatment program at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston as well as their sister facility in Fort Worth. There has been a Medical Fund established for the Moore family at First National Bank in Spearman to aid in treatment expenses. The Moore's feel extremely blessed with the early diagnoses of Dynell's condition and the support they have received from family and friends.

Farmers Market in Spearman Each Wednesday
Spearman has its own Farmers' Market on Wednesdays from 7 a.m.-noon in the old Celebrate building, 203 Main. Growers are welcome to sell their produce. Call Linda Venneman at 806-882-4635 if you are interested in being vendor. e. Bring a friend. Bring a salad for the noon luncheon.

Stationmaster's House Museum Garage Sale
The Stationmasters House Museum in Spearman, TX is sponsoring a garage sale Saturday, September, 10th from 9 am to 4 pm at the Museum Annex Building, 2nd Ave and Archer St. in Spearman. Anyone that wishes to donate, please bring your items by the museum during normal business hours Tuesday - Saturday 1 pm to 5 pm or call the museum at 806-659-3008 or Reba at 806-733-2786.

Hansford Co. Library Thrift Shop Closing to Redecorate
The Hansford County Library Thrift Shop will be closing for a chance to clean and redecorate. We are seeking help to empty the current stock. Join us for a Wall-to-Wall Clearance. Free Shopping Days will be held Friday, August 19th from 1-4 p.m., Saturday, August 20th from 9 a.m.-12 noon, Friday, August 26th from 1-4 p.m., and finally on Saturday, August 27th from 9 a.m.-12 noon, while it lasts! We look forward to reopening when we have finished our update. During this time, we would appreciate it if you would save your quality items until we are ready to restock. Keep watching - we will be back!

Make Parenting a Pleasure
Make Parenting a Pleasure Parent Training for parents of children from birth through age 6 will be held on Thursday nights beginning September 8, 2011 through November 10, 2011 from 6-8 p.m. at the TPC Children's Services Building, 1500 S. Taylor Street, Amarillo TX 79101. Sponsored by S.T.A.R. (Services-To-At-Risk Youth & Their Families) Instructor: Janice James, MA, QMHP, UCAP Coordinator (Must attend full class for certificate) NO CHARGE Call 359-2005 to register. Limited seating available. No Childcare

Spearman Booster Club
If you would like to become a member of the Spearman Booster Club please contact any club member. This money helps the Spearman Booster club award scholarships to many athletes each year. Please call Kellye Buchanan 330-0364 or 659-5102 or mail membership to P.O. Box 343 Spearman.

Lynx Opening Game Tickets for Sale
The Spearman Lynx football team will open up there season playing the Nazareth Swifts at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, September 27th. Tickets are being presold at the High School office. Presale tickets: Adults \$5, Students \$2. If you buy tickets at the gate both adult and student tickets will be \$7 dollars each. Come out and support the Lynx.

"Back in Control" Parenting Workshop
S.T.A.R. (Services-To-At-Risk Youth & Their Families) brings you "Back in Control" Parenting Workshop on Saturday, August 27, 2011 from 8:45 AM-4:00 PM in the TPC Children's Services Building, 1500 S. Taylor Street, Amarillo. Must pre-register by calling 359-2005. Instructor is Janice James, MA, QMHP. CEUs available for LPCs & MSWs, General CEUs available, also. (Must attend full class for certificate) NO CHARGE. Seating is limited. No Childcare is provided. STAR is a TDFPS funded program of TPC.

SISD Title 1 Meeting
Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Junior High will be hosting a Title 1 meeting on Tuesday, August 30th at 6 p.m. in the Elementary/Junior High Cafeteria. The purpose of this meeting is to educate parents on how they can become involved and be an active participant in their child's education. It is the belief of Spearman ISD that parents, families, educators and community members should work together as full partners and have the knowledge, skills and confidence to succeed in improving the achievement for all students.

Tri-City Community Concert Association
Janie Kunselman is the representative for the Tri-City Community Concert Association of Borger and Liberal, and is selling memberships to attend concerts for the 2011-2012 season. Concerts are as follows: Borger - The Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats - September 22nd, 7:30 p.m.; Guy Penrod, February 13th, 7:30 p.m.; Shawn Belton-Miller - TBA. Season memberships are: Adults - \$40, Sr. Adult - \$35, Students - \$20, and Family - \$100. For information, call Janie Kunselman at 659-2631. Tickets purchased from Tri-City Concert Association admit members to concerts in Pampa and Plainview.

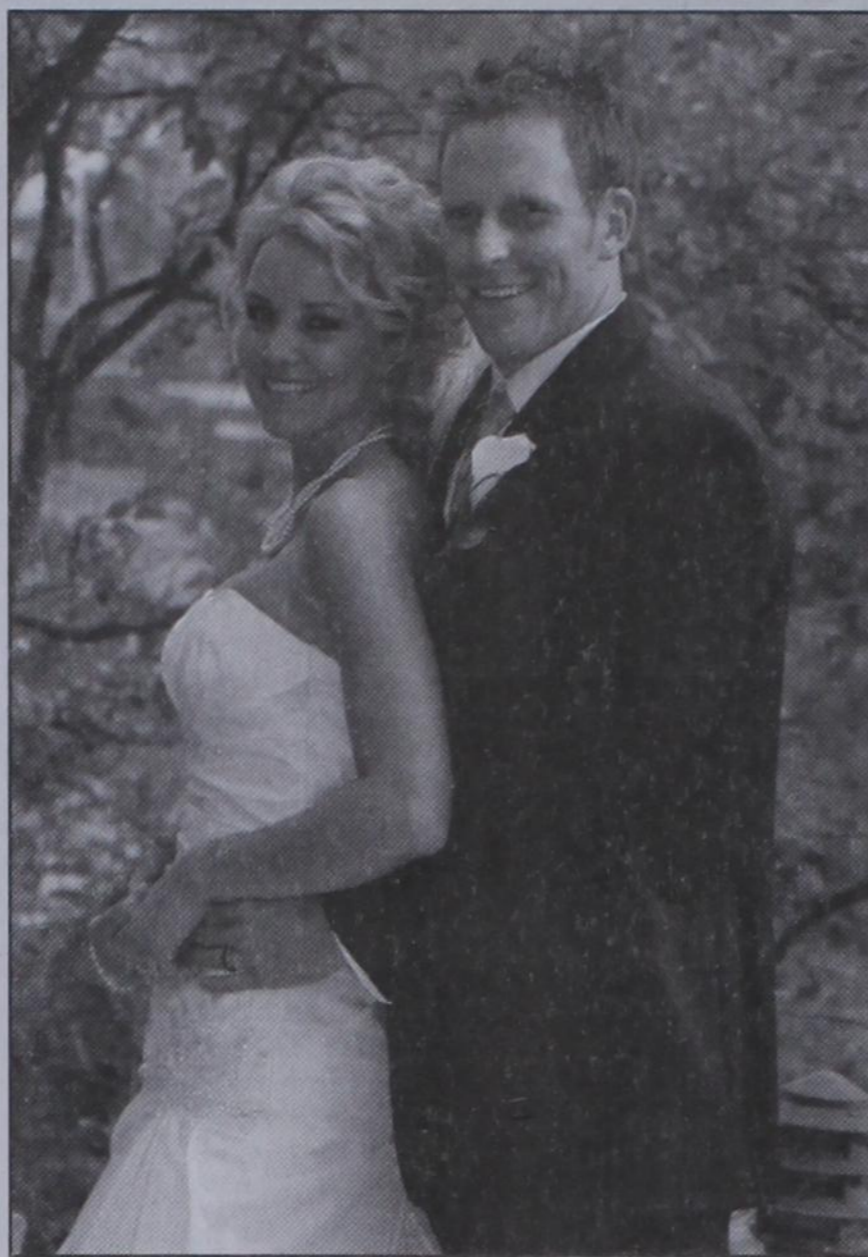
Liberal Community Concert Association
Janie Kunselman is the representative for the Liberal Community Concert Association of Liberal, KS. The Liberal Community Concert Association is selling memberships to attend five special concerts in the 2011-2012 season. Concerts are as follows: October 4th - Deborah Henson-Conant; November 8th - The Indigo Ensemble; January 30th - Mark Masri; February 16th - Guy Penrod; April 26th - Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats. Season memberships are: Adults - \$50, Students - \$25, and Family Pass - \$125. For information, call Janie Kunselman at 659-2631 or James Jackson at 620-624-5995.

Texas SNAP Benefits Assistance
Need help applying for SNAP benefits? We can help! High Plains Food Bank is providing application assistance for Texas SNAP benefits (Food Stamps) in your area. Telephone application assistance is available. If you need to apply for benefits, please call us today at 806374-8562 or 1-800-774-8564.

Perryton Area Parkinson's Disease Support Group
The Perryton Area Parkinson's Disease Support Group will meet Friday, July 8, 2011 at the Perryton Mennonite Church, 2921 S. Ash (across from United). Lunch will be provided for the 12 noon meeting. Speaker, Jo Bidwell from Lubbock, (who was unable to come at the last minute last month) will be our guest. She will be able to answer any and all questions you might have dealing with PD. Anyone or any family member who has PD is welcome to attend. Contact Bev Burger at 435-3437 or 435-0579 for more information.

Don't Text and Drive Decals
If you would like to purchase a lime green 'AMT 1994-2009 Don't Text and Drive' window decal in memory of Ali Tyler, please contact Stephanie Tyler at 806-736-0019. All proceeds go to the Ali Tyler Memorial Scholarship Fund. Decals are also available at Hansford County Floral Company on Main Street in Spearman.

Help Available for Breast Cancer Survivors
Any woman who has had breast cancer surgery and cannot afford undergarments and prosthetics can get help from the American Cancer Society through a grant from Susan G. Komen for the Cure®. The Amarillo Area Breast Prosthesis and Lymphedema Accessory Program will provide financial help to women in need of breast forms or prostheses, mastectomy bras and accessories to help with lymphedema, which is swelling of the arm caused by a build-up of lymph fluid. For more information, call the American Cancer Society office in Amarillo at (806) 353-4307 or 1-877-227-2345.



Mr. and Mrs. Lance Baker

Gwin, Baker Wed

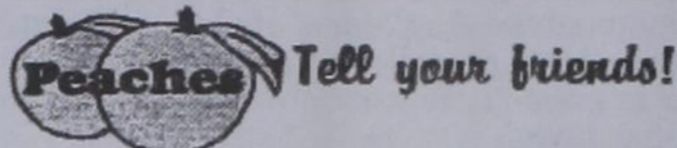
Cara Gwin and Lance Baker were joined in marriage on July 16, 2011, in Ransom Canyon, Texas, at the Little Chapel of Brookhollow. Parents of the bride are Dennis and Sherrie Gwin of Spearman; grandparents are John and Alene Tucker of Sherman, Texas, and her great-grandmother is Robbie Ketner of Spearman. Parents of the groom are Beckee Baker of Spearman and Reagan Baker of Sudan; grandparents are Wesley and Beth Daniel of Spearman and Billy and Charlsie Baker of Amarillo.

In a beautiful outdoor ceremony before a host of family and friends, Lance and Cara were united in marriage by Cara's uncle, Mike Gwin of Wayne, OK. Cara's maid of honor was Jessica Jarvis of College Station, and her matron of honor was her sister, Jennifer Brady of Perryton. Her bridesmaids were Whitney Dean, Lubbock; Carlie Bermea, Lubbock; Stephanie Jordan, Lubbock; Tara Reeves, Checotah, OK, and Taleigh Smith, McKinney. The flower girl was Cara's niece, Ella Brady, daughter of Seth and Jennifer Brady of Perryton.

Lance's best men were Travis Brown of Abilene and Lance Smith of McKinney. His groomsmen were Josh Jordan, Lubbock; Paul Bynum, Amarillo; Kevin Beedy, Frisco; Zach Dicken, Lubbock; and David Godino, Odessa. The ushers were Kade Bowman, Lubbock; Ashton Estes, Lubbock; and Clay Robinett, Lubbock. The ring bearer was Tristan Jordan, son of Josh and Stephanie Jordan of Lubbock.

Following a honeymoon to Las Vegas, Lance and Cara are making their home in Lubbock, Texas.

Cara is a registered nurse for Covenant Hospital, and she will continue to pursue her nurse practitioner license through Lubbock Christian University and Texas Tech University in January. Lance is a firefighter for the City of Lubbock, and he also works for Jordansville Landscapes.



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Baby Registry

- Baby Boy of Michelle & Jarick Howard
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- Baby Boy of Jessica Bueno & Britt Fleetwood

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Small Taxing Unit Notice

The City of Gruver will hold a meeting at 6:00 P.M. on September 14, 2011, at City Hall; 201 E. Broadway in Gruver, Texas, to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2011. The proposed tax rate is \$0.3621 per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in City of Gruver by .11 percent.

by Dorothy Hudson

Out at the Lake

Jim Derington
Palo Duro River Authority
P.O. Box 99
Spearman, TX 79081
806-882-4401
pdra@dishmail.net



This whitetail doe is pictured near the Palo Duro River Authority office with three fawns.

Lake Level--August 22, 2011--36.80 feet (+0.65)

Lake Level--August 15, 2011--36.15 feet (-0.37)

The level dropped slightly over 4 inches each day. The office gauge had .38 inch total from the two showers. That made an inch of rain for two weeks from 6 showers with none of them amounting to a quarter inch.

The James Reds and Dwain Wellers were camping behind the dam this weekend. Their RVs made nice headquarters for their families to visit. There were also two regular campers on the office side, one from Stratford and one from Texhoma.

After Sunday dinner Jim saw two men rowing a motor boat out in the middle of the Lake. He took his boat out and gave them a tow in. They had been fishing and had caught a nice size crappie and a blue cat just big enough to keep. Another camper, who had stayed three nights in the

middle of the week, reported catching bass, crappie, and both channel and blue cats. The cats were up to 19 inches long.

While Jim was out in his boat, he toured awhile and saw three or 4 of the great white egrets that he identified by their yellow beaks and black legs. One white pelican and a single osprey also showed up.

Alfredo Anima, an employee at the Lake, had his family out two weeks ago. They were excited at seeing three small bobcats with their mother.

This morning Mandy was relieved to see the doe with her triplet fawns. She had been worried that the doe that hit her car and dented the right fender might have been the fawn's mother.

Glass Wall with Brands
In the renovation of the Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport, the designers made one wall of glass panels 3 feet wide and 8 feet tall with 20 brands in each.

In the 25 historic brands of an 1885 map that are included, Hansford County is well represented by Jim Cator's Diamond C, S. C. Tyler's VZ, Berry and Boice's Three Sevens, and then the Amarillo Globe-News listed 2 under the Hansford Land and Cattle Company. They were the Turkey Track and the Quarter Circle. That started me trying to find out how the Hansford Land and Cattle Company was named. Was it for Hansford County or a place or family in Dundee, Scotland? So far, I haven't come up with an answer. More on the Beef Bonanza" and the cattle companies later.

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Constitutional Propositions for November Election

Gov. Rick Perry has set Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011, as the general election date for Texans to vote on 10 constitutional propositions submitted by the 82nd Legislature.

The propositions are as follows:

PROPOSITION 1: The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran.

PROPOSITION 2: The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstanding.

PROPOSITION 3: The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students.

PROPOSITION 4: The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The amendment does

not provide authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates.

PROPOSITION 5: The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund.

PROPOSITION 6: The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund.

PROPOSITION 7: The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities.

PROPOSITION 8: The constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open-space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

PROPOSITION 9: The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision.

PROPOSITION 10: The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office.

To view the governor's proclamation, please visit <http://governor.state.tx.us/news/proclamation/16512/>.

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The Gruver Independent School District offers Career & Technology Education programs in Agricultural Science, Business Education, Family & Consumer Science Education, Skills for Living and Technology Applications. Admission to these programs is based on classification of student, age or prerequisites in some programs.

It is the policy of Gruver ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its educational and vocational programs, service or activities as required by the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

It is the policy of Gruver ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Gruver ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, David Teal, at 601 Garrett Street, Gruver, Texas 79040, (806) 733-2001, and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, David Teal, at 601 Garrett Street, Gruver, Texas 79040, (806) 733-2001.

FORMA DE MUESTRA

El Distrito Independiente de Gruver ofrece programas vocacionales en Agricultural Science, Business Education, Family & Consumer Science Education, Skills for Living and Technology Applications. La admisión a estos programas esata basada en la edad y la prebia preparacion del estudiante en aread relacionadas con los ya mencionados oficios.

Es norma de Gruver ISD no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, impedimento o edad, en sus procedimientos de empleo, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; al Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, la ley de Discriminación por Edad, de 1975, según enmienda, y la Seccion 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitacion de 1973, según enmienda.

Gruver ISD tomará las medidas necesarias papa asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de las lengua inglés no sea un obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuníquese con el Coordinador del Título IX, David Teal, en 3601 Garreett Street, Gruver, Texas 79040, (806) 733-2001, y/o el Coordinador de la Sección 504, David Teal, en 601 Garrett Street, Gruver, Texas 79040, (806) 733-2001.

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COUNTY OF HANSFORD

BUDGET HEARING

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Hansford County Hospital District has caused to be prepared an annual budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2011, and ending September 30, 2012, Notice is hereby given that a public hearing on said proposed budget will be held on September 7, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Activity Room of Hansford Manor, 707 Roland, Spearman, Hansford County, Texas.

Ginger Pittman
President / Board of Directors

Fourth Annual Big Fun Run 5K Race and Family Fun Walk Benefits Big Brothers Big Sisters

The fourth annual Big Fun Run and Family Fun Walk to benefit the Wheatheart Satellite of Big Brothers Big Sisters, was held in conjunction with Perryton's Wheatheart Celebration on Saturday, August 20th.

102 runners and walkers from Perryton, Spearman, Gruver, Borger, Amarillo, Booker, Guymon, Hardesty, Andover, Wichita, Plains and Liberal participated. The youngest participant was 7 years old and the oldest runner was 58!

The overall first place winner in the 5K was Fabian Mercado, Perryton, second place overall was Ulises Lopez, Perryton, and third place overall was Jovanny Mercado, Perryton. Fabian Mercado also set a new record finish time of 16:13.

Prizes were awarded to male and female first and second place winners in each of four divisions. 14 & under: first male, Trent Townsend, second male, Thomas Hefflin; first female, Slade Garnett, second female, Brooke Walker. 15-25: first male, Fabian Mercado, second male, Ulises Lopez; first female, Tylo

Farrar, second female, Gately Garnett. 26-40: first male, Ben Butler, second male, Jason Allen; first female, Shawna Schulte, second female, Kristi Renner. 41+: first male Jackie Cannon, second male, Toshi Tomono; first female, Ellen Bourquin.

The race also featured the "Sweet Dreams" division. This category allowed "runners" to sleep in while still supporting the program. They also received a t-shirt for their "effort."

Event sponsors helped make the fundraiser a success. Nabors Well Services was the major event sponsor. Booker Grocery and Lowes Perryton supplied the finish line refreshment table. Lemon Law Firm underwrote the awards. Hixson Hot Oil was also an event underwriter.

This is the second race in the Big Brothers Big Sisters race series. The first 5k was held in Spearman in May. Runners who participated in both events received finishers' medals.

The combined net proceeds of the Spearman and Perryton races were just over \$4,400. The money is

used to recruit, enroll, train, and support volunteers who work with at risk children in the local area and ensure the safety of our Littles in the program.

Event organizers recognized the following for their support: the City of Perryton, Sheriff Terry Bouchard, Perryton High School, Lone Star Runners Club, Southwest Fun Time Runners (SWFTR), TXDOT, and the Wheatheart Celebration Committee.

Race coordinator was Starla Whiteley; Matt Bartosiewicz and Shane Whiteley were assistant race coordinators. The event was staffed by Big Brothers Big Sisters' Advisory Committee members; volunteers from Spearman High School helped throughout the morning as well.

The local Big Brothers Big Sisters' office serves Perryton, Spearman, and Gruver. Over 130 children have been matched with caring mentors in school and community based programs this year. For more information about the program call BBBS at 806-434-0016.



Pictured L-R: Kristi Renner, Toshi Tomono, Jason Allen, Jackie Cannon, Thomas Hefflin, Fabian Mercado, Ben Butler, Ellen Bourquin, Tylo Farrar, Gately Garnett, Slade Garnett, Brooke Walker, and Shawna Schulte.

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2. Always try to cross a street when a crossing guard is present.
3. Cross in front of the bus only after the driver signals it's okay to do so.

High school students
Statistics show that teen drivers are four times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash than more experienced drivers. In fact, 6,000 young people are killed each year in fatal automobile crashes. If your children drive to school:

1. Teach them to always buckle up and require everyone else in the car to buckle up as well.
2. Remind them to always obey the speed limit.
3. Choose a safe car for teens to drive—remember large cars are safer than small ones.
4. Enforce no drinking and driving rules.

College students
The number one crime on college campuses is theft. One out of every 10 college students will be robbed while away at school. Most students' belongings are covered under their parents' property policies, but expensive computer equipment and other items may not be covered. Parents should check their policies to be sure and also:

1. Remind students to always lock dormitory doors, even if they are just going down the hall.
2. Tell students not to keep large amounts of money or jewelry in their rooms.
3. Have students mark personal property, such as book-bags and CDs, with identifiable marks.
4. Check auto insurance if your child takes a car to school to be sure no additional coverage is needed.

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- 9 Have they ever bought popcorn, cookies or magazines from local children?
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Back to School Safety Tips



Riding the Bus

School bus transportation is safe. In fact, buses are safer than cars! Even so, last year, approximately 26 students were killed and another 9,000 were injured in incidents involving school buses. More often than not, these deaths and injuries didn't occur in a crash, but as the pupils were entering and exiting the bus. Remember these safety tips:

- Have a safe place to wait for your bus, away from traffic and the street.
- Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.
- When being dropped off, exit the bus and walk ten giant steps away from the bus. Keep a safe distance between you and the bus. Also, remember that the bus driver can see you best when you are back away from the bus.
- Use the handrail to enter and exit the bus.
- Stay away from the bus until the driver gives his/her signal that it's okay to approach.
- Be aware of the street traffic around you. Drivers are required to follow certain rules of the road concerning school buses, however, not all do. Protect yourself and watch out!

Walking and Biking to School

Even if you don't ride in a motor vehicle, you still have to protect yourself. Because of minimal supervision, young pedestrians face a wide variety of decisions making situations and dangers while walking to and from school. Here are a few basic safety tips to follow:

- Mind all traffic signals and/or the crossing guard -- never cross the street against a light, even if you don't see any traffic coming.
 - Walk your bike through intersections.
 - Walk with a buddy.
 - Wear reflective material...it makes you more visible to street traffic.
- The Partnership for a Walkable America has some more information on this topic.

Riding in a Car

- You might have heard before that most traffic crashes occur close to home ... they do.
- Safety belts are the best form of protection passengers have in the event of a crash. They can lower your risk of injury by 45%.
- You are four times more likely to be seriously injured or killed if ejected from the vehicle in a crash.
- Everyone needs to be buckled up properly. That means older kids in seat belts, younger kids in booster seats and little kids in child safety seats.

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BACK TO SCHOOL Safety

Safety On & Off The School Bus

More than 23 million kids ride a school bus every day. And it's up to those kids to take some safety precautions when it comes to waiting for and riding on the bus.

Going to the bus stop...

- Whenever possible, walk with others from your school.
- Try not to walk in the street. If you have to walk in the street, walk as close to the curb as possible.
- Be alert and avoid any signs of danger.
- Obey traffic lights and signals.
- When you are crossing the street, cross only at the corner and use crosswalks where possible. Look both ways before crossing.

While you wait for the bus...

- Dress right for the weather.
- Arrive at the bus stop on time.
- Stay away from the street while you are waiting for the bus.

Boarding the school bus...

- Do not approach the bus until it stops completely, then wait for the driver's signal.
- Drawstrings, ties, straps and backpacks can get caught in bus doors, railings or aisles, so be extra careful when getting on or off the bus.
- Enter the bus in single file. Do not push.
- Use the handrail.
- Take a seat quickly and sit facing forward.

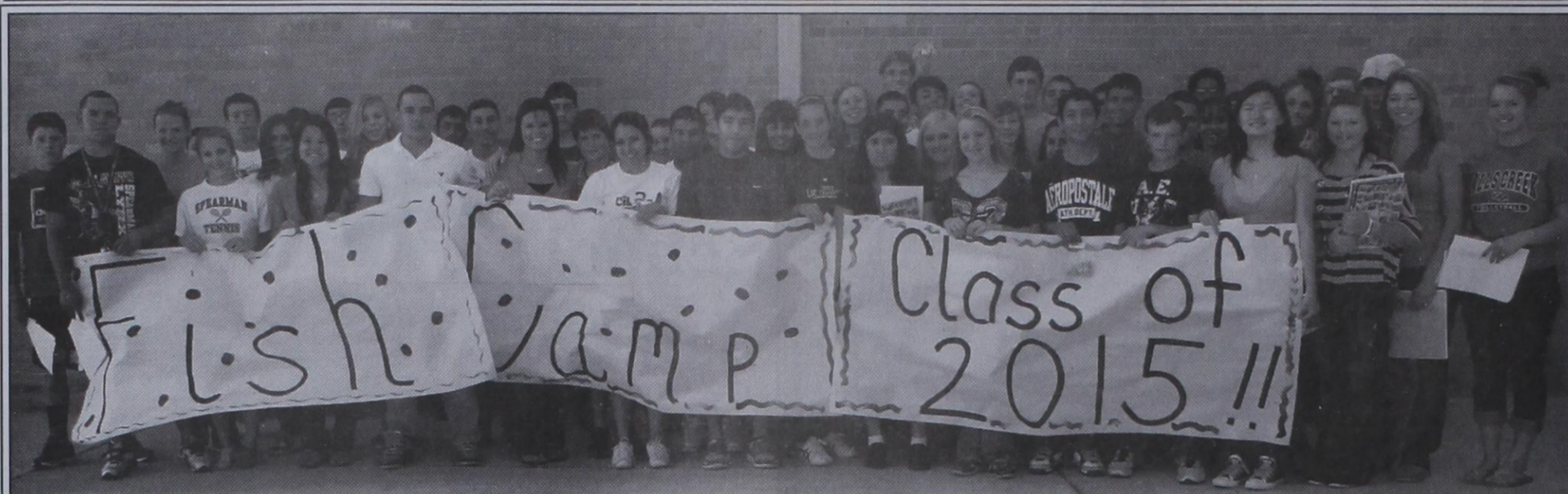
With kids heading back to school, it's a good time to think about their safety to and from school, on the bus and at home. With the help of our sponsors, we have collected information to help you and your kids take steps to have a safer school year.

- Riding the bus...**
- Always obey school bus rules.
 - Remain seated throughout the ride.
 - Keep your arms, hands and head inside the bus.
 - Help keep the bus neat and clean.
 - Do not put belongings in the aisle. Keep them away from emergency exits.
 - Eating and drinking are not allowed on the bus.
 - Be courteous to the driver and other riders.
 - Listen to any directions the driver gives you.
 - Do not make noises or gestures to distract the driver or annoy others.

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- Leaving the bus...**
- Do not stand up until the bus comes to a complete stop.
 - Use the handrail when leaving the bus.
 - Never walk behind the school bus.
 - If you cannot see the bus driver, the driver probably cannot see you. Take five giant steps away from the bus, and you should be able to see the driver, and the driver should be able to see you.
 - Never crawl under a bus. Do not bend down near or under the bus.
 - If you need to cross the street, wait for the driver to signal, then cross the street in front of the bus.
 - Look both ways before crossing the street.
 - Never run back to the bus, even if you have forgotten something.

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The freshman class at Spearman High School recently participated in the 2011 Fish Camp. During camp, students reviewed rules and procedures, made spirit items for the pep rallies, took photos for ID's, and rotated briefly through all 8 of their 2011-2012 9th grade classes. The students are all geared up for a great school year!
 A BIG thank you goes to the Spearman High School students who volunteered to help with all of the tours and activities: Lexi Batton, Madison Earle, Sadye Hanna, Shelby Hanna, Brody Hargrove, Gena Hargrove, Cynthia Mendoza, Arik Mires, Katy Miser, Rene Pena, Alfredo Rosendo, Luis Vela, and Kyla Walker. A BIG thank you also to Shannon Jackson for helping to take the pictures for the photo ID's.

Have A SAFE YEAR

As the year begins, don't forget these simple bus-safety tips!

1. Stay quiet, so the bus driver can hear traffic.
2. Always keep your hands inside the bus.
3. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before climbing on or off.
4. Check carefully for traffic when crossing the street near a bus. Obey your driver at all times.

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- Have set times to call your parent(s) to make sure everything is OK.
- Organize at-home activities to keep from getting bored.
- If someone calls, never tell them you are home alone. Take a number so your parent(s) can return the call.
- Never open the door to a stranger. If you are nervous about the stranger, call a neighbor or nearby adult.
- Don't use appliances or sharp knives without permission.
- Do not enter the house if the door is open or a window is broken. Go to a neighbor's house and call the police or your parent(s).
- If there is a fire or you smell smoke, leave the house immediately. Go to a neighbor's house and call the fire department.

Most importantly, talk to your parent(s) about what you should do in certain situations. That way, if the power goes off or your pet gets hurt, you'll know what to do.

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Hey, Kids!

It's time to head back to school. But before you do, check out these safety tips from a variety of sponsors. They are sure to help you and your parents have a great school year!

A Avoid Empty Places
Don't cut through empty lots on your way to school.

B Be Alert!
Watch what's going on around you.

C Crossing Streets
Look both ways before crossing the street.

D Doors
Don't answer the door when you're home alone.

E Exit Plan
Get off the bus calmly and in single file.

F Find A Good Backpack
Choose a backpack that fits close to your body.

G Guard Belongings
Take care of your books, lunch and other items.

H Hands & Arms
Keep hands, arms and head inside vehicles.

I If You Get Lost...
Find a policeman or go to a store nearby.

J Just Say NO!
Stay away from drugs and cigarettes.

K Keep Away From Buses
Don't play near buses.

L Loose-Hanging Clothing
Be careful with drawstrings, belts or clothes that drag the ground.

M Memorize
Learn your phone number and address before you start school.

N Never Cross
Don't cross the street between parked cars.

O Obey Teachers & Parents
Listen to what these adults say for your safety.

P Plan A Route
With your parents, plan the safest and quickest route to school.

Q Quiet Time
When on the bus, talk quietly with friends.

R Riding To/From School
Listen to your car or bus driver.

S Strangers
Don't talk to strangers.

T 10 Steps
Take 10 steps away from the front of a stopped bus before crossing.

U Understand Traffic Signals
Know what traffic signs, lights and signals mean.

V Valuable Friends
Walking to school is safer and more fun with friends.

W Walk Away
If someone tries to start a fight, walk away.

X X Marks The Spot
Stand in the right place when waiting for the bus.

Y Yell Out!
If a stranger bothers you, yell for help!

Z Zero In On Safety
Follow these tips to a safer school year!

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Gruver Band Off To A Great Start



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Spearman ISD Begins New Year

submitted by Rod Sumner, Spearman ISD Superintendent

In the movie, "Field of Dreams," it was said, "If you build it they will come." Today is the first day of school and children from across the state somehow flocked back to school just like they never left in the spring.

It was an exciting time as parents dropped off their children at the elementary school and in some situations walked their child to class for the first day of school. Some students were loaded down with school supplies and all the necessities for having a successful school year.

So much excitement and anticipation! As you peeked into the classrooms you could see students unloading their supplies or covering their textbooks with much care. At the junior high, the students were broken down into groups and receiving their orientation on things like how to handle fire drills, bus evacuations, and lock-down procedures just to mention a few. However, it didn't matter where you went in the buildings, teachers were welcoming their students back for the new year and talking about the wonderful

things they would cover in their classes this school year!

From my perspective it was an awesome start to the new year! Not too many crying at the elementary school; not the students but rather the parents dropping their child off for school for the first time. There were many other first time events. Will Jarvis drove by the cross walk to drop off Daniel at the junior high and told me this was the first time in seventeen years that he did not have a child at the elementary school. There are others like Melissa Holloway who has at least one child at all three of our campuses. I am sure there are many others just like her! Dwayne Mitchell told me this was the first time in over fifty years that he was not teaching or serving the school district in some capacity such as being on the School Board. All of our schools are full of stories just like these!

The new year is a time of endless possibilities. The important part of that statement is the ownership that goes along with it. Education is a two way commitment. It is not all about what the teachers bring to the classroom, but also about what can I do to take

what I've been taught and apply it to my own life and my dreams! Education is an opportunity that everyone can use to change their lives. Education does not care if you are rich or poor or what your circumstances in life may be. Education is the ticket!

As we start another school year, I am thankful for the chance to lead this wonderful school district. When I was in Beckee Baker's classroom this morning she introduced me to the students and asked me what was the most important part of my job; my response was, "Providing the teachers with all they need to allow them to do their job to the best of their ability. This includes ensuring that everyone has good facilities, heating and cooling, supplies, computers and SmartBoards, and trips and activities to supplement the learning experience."

Today, we welcomed our students back and used the day to cover the routine things they will need to know for the upcoming school year. Tomorrow, we will open our textbooks and begin the journey that will end on May 25, 2012. There are only 176 more days of school, and then we start it all over again!

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That leaves it up to you as a driver, to be extra careful around school-yards, neighborhood play areas, and departing school buses.

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Approved by DEIC 3/30/2011
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177 Instructional Days
10 Teacher Workdays
187 Total Calendar Days

August	September	October	November
December	January	February	March
April	May	June	July

■ Campus Prep/Staff Development
 ■ Bad Weather Day
 ● CompDay
 ■ Holiday/No School
⌈ Begin/End Six Weeks
 ○ Noon Dismissal / 1-4 SD for Teachers
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2011-2012 Pringle-Morse CISD Calendar

Approved 4-21-11

92 Days First Semester 177 Instructional Days 10 Staff Development Days 85 Days Second Semester

August	September	October
November	December	January
February	March	April
May	June	July

■ Staff Devel/Student Holiday
 ☀ Bad Weather Day
 ● Comp Day/ Student Holiday
⌈ Begin six weeks ⌋ End six weeks
 ■ School Holiday
 - Report Cards Out
○ Graduation
■ STAAR Test
■ Early Out for Everyone
- Early Out Students/Parent Conf

Gruver ISD 2011-2012

August	September	October	November
December	January	February	March
April	May	June	July

LEGEND

- ⌈ Beginning of 6 Weeks
- ⌋ End of Six Weeks
- Holiday
- ♥ Staff Development
- 1/2 Day of School
- Testing
- ☀ Weather Day

Total School Days for GISD= 187 Days

1st Six Weeks	29 Days	4th Six Weeks	33 Days
2nd Six Weeks	29 Days	5th Six Weeks	33 Days
3rd Six Weeks	24 Days	6th Six Weeks	28 Days
1st Semester	82 Days	2nd Semester	94 Days

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