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Tax-Free Weekend
August 21-23

Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes on August 21, 22 and 23 - the state's annual tax holiday. Lay-away plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday.

As in previous years, the law exempts most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. Backpacks under \$100 and used by elementary and secondary students are also exempt. A backpack is a pack with straps one wears on the back. The exemption during the sales tax holiday includes backpacks with wheels, provided they can also be worn on the back like a traditional backpack, and messenger bags. The exemption does not include items that are reasonably defined as luggage, briefcases, athletic/duffle/gym bags, computer bags, purses or framed backpacks. Ten or fewer backpacks can be purchased tax-free at one time without providing an exemption certificate to the seller.

The 81st Texas Legislature recently passed HB 1801 (2009) expanding the list of items qualifying for exemption from Texas state and local sales and use taxes during the annual sales tax holiday in August. Effective this year, in addition to clothes, footwear and some backpacks, Texas families also get a sales tax break on most school supplies priced at less than \$100 purchased for use by a student in an elementary or secondary school.

The following is an all-inclusive list of qualifying school supplies (if priced less than \$100): Binders; Book bags; Calculators; Cellophane tape; Blackboard chalk; Compasses; Composition books; Crayons; Erasers; Folders - expandable, pocket, plastic, and manila; Glue, paste and paste sticks; Highlighters; Index cards; Index

card boxes; Legal pads; Lunch boxes; Markers; Notebooks; Paper - loose leaf ruled notebook paper, copy paper, graph paper, tracing paper, manila paper, colored paper, poster board, and construction paper; Pencil boxes and other school supply boxes; Pencil sharpeners; Pencils; Pens; Protractors; Rulers; Scissors; Writing tablets

No exemption certificate is required - with one exception. If the purchaser is buying the supplies under a business account, the retailer must obtain an exemption certificate from the purchaser certifying that the items are purchased for use by an elementary or secondary school student. "Under a business account" means the purchaser is using a business credit card or business check rather than a personal credit card or personal check; being billed under a business account maintained at the retailer; or is using a business membership at a retailer that is membership based.

Below is a selected list of items and their exemption status during the sales tax holiday

TAX-Free	TAXED
* Baby clothes	* Accessories (generally) - barrettes, elastic ponytail holders, wallets, watches
* Backpacks for use by elementary and secondary students	* Backpacks - unless for use by elementary and secondary students
* Belts with attached buckles	* Baseball cleats and pants
* Boots - cowboy, hiking	* Belt buckles (without belt)
* Caps/hats - baseball, fishing, golf, knitted	* Boots - climbing, fishing, rubber work boots, ski, waders
* Coats and wraps	* Buttons and zippers
* Diapers - adult and baby	* Cloth and lace, knitting yarns, and other fabrics
* Dresses	* Dry cleaning services
* Gloves (generally)	* Football pants
* Gym suits and uniforms	* Golf gloves
* Hooded shirts and hooded sweatshirts	* Handbags and purses
* Hosiery	* Handkerchiefs
* Jackets	* Hard hats
* Jeans	* Helmets - bike, baseball, football, hockey, motorcycle, sports
* Jerseys - baseball and football	* Ice skates
* Jogging apparel	* Jewelry
* Neckwear and ties	* Laundering services
* Pajamas	* Leather goods - except belts with buckles and wearing apparel
* Pants and trousers	* Pads - football, hockey, soccer, elbow, knee, shoulder
* Raincoats and ponchos	* Personal flotation devices
* Robes	* Rented clothing (including uniforms, formal wear, and costumes)
* Shirts	* Roller blades and skates
* Shoes - sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis, walking	* Safety clothing, glasses
* Socks (including athletic)	* Shoes - bicycle (cleated), bowling, golf
* Shorts	
* Suits, slacks, and jackets	
* Sweatshirts	
* Sweat suits	
* Sweaters	
* Swimsuits	
* Underclothes	
* Work clothes and uniforms	

Library Thriftshop Seeks Volunteers

Tucked in a corner off Main Street, one of Spearman's busiest businesses celebrated its 41st anniversary in the spring of 2009. There, merchandise is received daily, but sales are conducted only once a week.

Originally established in 1968, by the Twentieth Century Club as a one-day garage sale to help pay off the mortgage on the Hansford County Library, the Thriftshop continues to provide a valuable service. Currently staffed by only six volunteers, the Thriftshop, managed by Jo McLaughlin, is in need of help from the community. Anyone willing to volunteer on a regular basis is encouraged to contact either Jo at home or Margaret Ruttman at the Library.

While it is true that working with the lovely ladies at the Thriftshop can provide you no monetary benefit, it is guaranteed to provide a service to the public and a blessing to your heart. Please consider volunteering.

Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Most counties received from 0.5 - 4.0 inches of rain, and soil moisture was adequate across much of the region. The rain rescued dryland sorghum and improved the overall condition of other crops. Corn, cotton, peanuts and soybeans were all in good condition. Corn was 50 percent to 75 percent in the dent stage. Cotton was 80 percent to 90 percent setting bolls, and sorghum was 35 percent to 85 percent headed out. AgriLife Extension agents reported producers had been spraying corn for armyworm and southwestern corn borer, but over all insect numbers have stayed low. Peanuts were sprayed for leaf spot. Rangeland improved and was in fair to good condition.

Weather Forecast

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. Light and variable winds.
 FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.
 SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.
 SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.
 SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.
 SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.
 MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.
 MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.
 TUESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.
 TUESDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.
 WEDNESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

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Golden Spread Center Radio Auction To Honor C. Ralph Blodgett

This year, The Golden Spread Center and The O'Loughlin Center Boards will honor the memory of C. Ralph Blodgett as they host the Annual Golden Spread Radio Auction. The 2009 Auction, The C. Ralph Blodgett Memorial Radio Auction, dedicated to the memory of C. Ralph Blodgett who was instrumental in The O'Loughlin Center's beginnings, will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2009. Without the generosity of Mr. Blodgett, neither the Golden Spread Center nor The O'Loughlin Center would be experiencing the successful they enjoy today.



In Memory Of
C. Ralph Blodgett
 Aug. 23, 1920-July 28, 2009

Knick-knacks, kitchen appliances, gift certificates, antiques, handmade goods, furniture and baked goods are just a few of the items that will be auctioned during this year's event. Everyone is invited to stop by Meadows Hall at The O'Loughlin Center, 508 S. Brandt, on Wednesday, August 19th, for viewing and open bidding. Items will be available at the following times: Wednesday, August 19th, 1-7:45 p.m.; Thursday, August 20th, 1-7:45 p.m.; and Friday, August 21st, 12 noon-3:45 p.m. **The Radio Auction will be held on Sat., Aug. 22 from 1-6 p.m. on KXDJ-FM radio.**

Please join us in honoring Ralph Blodgett and supporting the GSC by participating in the Golden Spread Center Ralph C. Blodgett 2009 Memorial Radio Auction.

Proceeds to benefit the Golden Spread Senior Citizen's Center
 Additional telephone lines generously provided by PTCL.

Donations of hand-made items, goods, services, good furniture, cars, boats, golf carts, etc. are greatly appreciated. Funds will benefit the Golden Spread Center.

To make your charitable donation, call Jada Breeden at (806) 659-3030. Your generous donations will be greatly appreciated!

Circle of Friends To Host Annual Membership Party

The Hansford County Circle of Friends will host a membership party in support of The Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center on Saturday, August 29, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The party will be held at the O'Loughlin Center at 502 S. Brandt in Spearman, Texas.

Join us for a great time of friends, food and fun all for a great cause. The cost is \$20/single and \$35/couple. We will have a raffle and silent & live auctions. Some items featured in the live & silent auction include 2 paintings by Marilyn Yanke, Ruidoso, NM Weekend trip (lodging and golf package), beautiful china painted items, \$500 Gift Certificate to Duncan & Boyd Jewelers and much more. Everyone in attendance will receive a FREE raffle ticket to win a pair of diamond earrings donated by Graham Brothers Jewelers.

The Circle of Friends is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping cancer patients and their families in times of need. Through its affiliation with Harrington Cancer Center, the Circle of Friends develops and implements fund raising activities to provide financial assistance and patient care and support programs for those affected by cancer. The Circle of Friends also works with Harrington Cancer Center to provide cancer educational opportunities for people throughout the region. Last year we assisted 174 individual patients* (almost twice as many as the previous year) with travel expenses, rent or mortgage, utilities, nutritional supplements, breast prostheses and prosthetic bras, take-home prescriptions, health insurance premiums and more. (*some patients received assistance more than once) The Circle of Friends also has two apartments available for use by patients receiving outpatient treatments. Typically these apartments are rented for 2-8 weeks at a time.

Come out and join us!! Don't miss out on the fun! For more information on the Hansford County Circle of Friends or if you are interested in attending and/or volunteering to help with the event please contact Holly McLain with Harrington Cancer Center, the Circle of Friends develops and implements fund raising activities to provide financial assistance and patient care and support programs for those affected by cancer. The Circle of Friends also works with Harrington Cancer Center to provide cancer educational opportunities for people throughout the region. Last year we assisted 174 individual patients* (almost twice as many as the previous year) with travel expenses, rent or mortgage, utilities, nutritional supplements, breast prostheses and prosthetic bras, take-home prescriptions, health insurance premiums and more. (*some patients received assistance more than once) The Circle of Friends also has two apartments available for use by patients receiving outpatient treatments. Typically these apartments are rented for 2-8 weeks at a time.



DRUNK DRIVING OVER THE LIMIT. UNDER ARREST.

Spearman Police Department Launches Intensive Crackdown on Impaired Driving

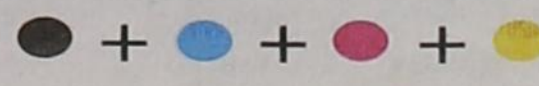
Police Vow to Arrest Everyone Found Driving 'Over the Limit'

submitted by Cheryl Salgado
 America is facing an impaired-driving crisis and the problem is especially acute during the summer months. That's why the Spearman Police Department today announced it will join other law enforcement agencies throughout the country in support of an intensive crackdown on impaired driving this August 21-September 7, known by its tagline, Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.

In 2007 alone, nearly 13,000 people died in crashes in which the drivers or motorcycle riders were legally impaired, according to the latest statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Among them were 245 children under age 15 - innocent victims of crashes that could have been avoided.

"All too often, innocent, law-abiding people suffer tragic consequences and the loss of loved ones due to this careless disregard for human life. Because we're committed to ending the carnage, we're intensifying enforcement during the crackdown. We'll be especially vigilant during high-risk nighttime hours when impaired drivers are most likely to be on our roads," said Senior Officer Brian Massey.

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Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

The summer continues to be busy with crazy schedules for everyone. If you don't see the column in your usual newspaper some week, it is because I missed their early deadline. I write the museum column every Monday as my first task upon arriving at the museum. I usually only work on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The newspapers send out early deadline emails usually on Thursday or Friday, thus I miss a lot of deadline emails and other emails requesting information, etc. until I return on Monday. If you miss a column they are always available on our website.

As I am writing this column, I hear thunder and the electricity is flickering, so I hope I can finish and send before everything goes off. The rain has been great. Last week, I journeyed to Plainview for the first Roundup of representatives from the 52 counties of the Texas Plains Area and it was a great day. I meet a lot of people from our area with common goals of attracting travel to our area for our businesses and events. We are planning to meet locally and implement some things that hopefully will attract people far and near to visit our areas.

The next day was the strategic planning for the Texas Plains Trail. This establishes the goals for the projects and activities for the Trails Board for the year. Both days were very productive and hopefully will produce great products and events for our area.

Saturday was the third Saturday and brought people to Lipscomb to enjoy the museum, the dance, and a new gallery. The *Ivanhoe Gallery* in the historic *Ivanhoe State Bank* was opened by Lance and Tanja Bussard. Another historic moment in Lipscomb. We are developing a real town square with three businesses which offer a lot of entertainment for our visitors. Congratulations.

The museum staff has been busy processing photographs, newspapers, and

other items. Again thanks to everyone who donates pieces of Lipscomb County history to the museum. The staff is also starting on our 2010 schedule.

One exhibit that we would like to arrange is one to recognize the contributions to local art by Dord Edward Fitz. Mr. Fitz was an artist, teacher and gallery owner in the Oklahoma/Texas Panhandle for 38 years. He died in 1989.

We would like to develop an exhibit of his work and ask if you own one of his paintings and would be willing to allow us to use it in a show, give us a call. The date will be set when we have sufficient paintings.

We are also looking for volunteers to assist us with the second edition of *Lipscomb County History, 1976 to 2011*. We need

representatives for all five towns and areas around these areas. A training session will be held in October by the publishers. The process of writing a history book is much easier these days than it was when our first book was done. We have two representatives now - please call us and volunteer get on the list.

Last item for the our happenings is if you want to receive emails from us, email me at wolfcrk@amaonline.com and I will add you to my group.

HISTORICAL MUSINGS

I will offer you a poem this week for you to ponder. The poem is again from the Home Demonstration Club Scrapbook. It was read at their Christmas Party.

Enjoy the week.

Quote of the Month

The sad truth is that excellence makes people nervous.
Shana Alexander

Words from Faith & Grace



by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

In the twelfth week of Pentecost we conclude John's "Bread of Life" discourse as we study Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18, Psalm 34: 15-22, Ephesians 6: 10-20, and John 6: 56-69.

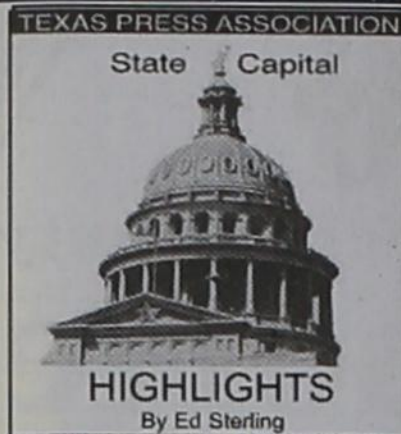
Joshua is addressing the people of Israel in his second farewell speech in which he challenges the people, "Choose this day whom you will serve." Joshua then leads the way in answering his own question by stating, "But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Just as the people of Israel followed other gods, so we today follow our own gods of wealth, fame and desire. We must choose whom we shall serve.

The Psalmist sings of the 'nearness' of God to the believer. God does not promise us that we will not be afflicted and challenged in this life, God does promise that he will be with us and that he will redeem us. We very well may lose our battle, but we know that we have already won the war because of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Paul continues to exhort the Ephesians in the Christian life. He tells them (and us) to put on the "whole armor of God". Our enemy is not just of this world. Perhaps we can defend against an enemy of this world with rifle, knife and sword, but against our spiritual foe, our weapons are useless. Hence we must rely on the armor of God which is truth, righteousness, faith and salvation. Each element of this armor is put on through prayer. If we truly live 'God-filled' lives, then God within us keeps us safe from Satan's fiery darts.

Many of Jesus' disciples could not accept His teaching of "I am the bread of life". These disciples left. Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered, "Lord to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." When we partake of the bread and the wine of the Eucharist (communion), we are 'God-filled' and the presence of Christ abides in us. John does not show us the "Lord's Supper" at Passover, but with this discourse on the 'bread of life', John assures us that those who receive the bread and wine in the Spirit have received eternal life.

May the Holy Spirit enable you to be "God-filled" that you may be assured of eternal life through Jesus Christ, Our Lord



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — During the H1N1 "swine" flu outbreaks last spring, many Texas schools closed, leaving about half a million students without access to meals normally provided under the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs.

"There are thousands of children who depend on the meals served at school every day, and we want to make sure schools have the option of continuing this crucial service, while still protecting those students from any public health threat," Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said.

In response to a letter from Staples to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, a change in federal policy now lets schools serve meals and receive federal reimbursement during a public health emergency.

Meals can be served as a "grab and go" option, or through delivery. Schools are asked create a plan to distribute meals in a "non-congregate" setting to help minimize the spread of disease. Schools also should alert all families of meal service, in particular those families of students who are eligible for free and reduced meals.

State Rep seeks governor's help

State Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, on Aug. 13 wrote a letter to Gov. Rick Perry informing the chief executive that the state has been tardy in processing nearly one-third of the new applications for the federally funded nutritional assistance program within the required 30 days.

Turner pointed out that participation in the nutrition program qualifies needy Texans for utility and telephone bill discount programs.

Turner asked for the governor's help in getting the state Health and Human Services Commission and the Public Utility Commission to speed the certification.

DPS tries out rolling billboards

Come October, the Texas Department of Public Safety will be understaffed. The DPS on Aug. 7 said about 250 more troopers are needed.

Looking to boost its re-

AGRICULTURE CHIEF SAYS MEAL PROGRAM WON'T STOP IF FLU GAINS Foothold



by Ed Sterling

cruciating efforts, the DPS is turning some of its vehicles into rolling billboards -- a new twist in the genre of help-wanted advertisements.

The agency seeks applicants who are U.S. citizens at least 20 years of age and who have completed 90 hours of college credit or an associate's degree. Law enforcement or military experience may be used toward fulfilling the college requirement.

Hutchison kicks off campaign

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, on Aug. 17 in her hometown of LaMarque, officially launched her campaign to challenge Gov. Perry to be the Republican nominee for governor.

Watson decides Senate is for him

State Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, announced he would not run for governor in 2010, despite an effort to draft him as a candidate.

DPS provides list of new laws

On Sept. 1, hundreds of new laws passed by the 81st Texas Legislature will take effect.

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Aug. 11 released a select list of new criminal laws or changes to current criminal laws.

Here are samples of a just a few of them:

- It will be illegal to use a wireless communication device in a school zone unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is

used. Cities or counties wanting to enforce this law must post a sign at the beginning of each school zone to inform drivers that using a wireless communications device is prohibited and the operator is subject to a fine. It is a defense to prosecution if the operator was making an emergency call.

- Applicants under the age of 18 must take the driving skills exam to receive a driver license.

- Occupants of a vehicle must be secured by a safety belt, no matter where they are seated.

- Children younger than 8 years of age must be restrained in an approved child passenger safety seat unless the child is at least 4 feet, 9 inches in height. [The fine is no more than \$25 for a first offense and \$250 for a second offense.]

- The DPS may not issue a driver license or identification card to a person who has not established a domicile in Texas.

- The DPS may not suspend a concealed handgun permit if the holder fails to display the permit to a peace officer when told to do so.

- Internet usage by certain registered sex offenders is restricted, and registered sex offenders must provide information about their e-mail addresses when they register.

- A court may immediately seal juvenile criminal records if the juvenile successfully completes a drug court program, or another special program ordered by the court.

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SCARY MOVIES

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- Ointments
 - The Godfather?
 - Celt
 - "Friends" in Italy
 - An affirmative
 - Bamboo-eating bear
 - City in Belgium
 - Geological period
 - Money paid out
 - *Horror dream visitor
 - *1976 movie based on Stephen King novel
 - Snake-like fish
 - "___ no good"
 - Acid drug
 - Speech defect
 - "___!" exclaimed Archimedes
 - Turns blue litmus red
 - *The crew gets trapped below this in "Ghost Ship"
 - *Named after deadly sins
 - Subject of famous painting
 - Formerly used as an anesthetic
 - Circus venue
 - Tongue and groove piece
 - Chicken of the sea?
 - "All's well that ___ well"
 - Goes with crackers

- Musical finale
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 - *"Zodiac" and "Blindness" Actor
 - Ruffalo
 - Famous 5th in NYC
 - Within
 - *Bela Lugosi classic
 - An almond or peach, e.g.
 - Ante up
 - More ill
 - Capital of Jordan
 - Sodium solution
 - Hawaiian veranda
 - *Rosemary's Adrien
 - Oul
 - Custer's last what?
- DOWN**
- Illegal pitching motion
 - Arabian chieftain
 - "In ___ of"
 - "Me and Bobby ___"
 - Mobster "Bugsy"
 - One who dyes
 - Old-fashioned over
 - Civil rights organization
 - Wild ox of India
 - Not in favor of
 - U2 guitarist
 - Language of Laos
 - Like a sponge
 - Omit
 - Consumed

- *Linda Blair did it in "The Exorcist"
- *Clarice wanted them silenced
- Ice cream helping
- 1/100 of a rial
- Piece of cobblestone
- Network of nerves
- Performance or show
- Japanese sword fighting
- Opposite of calm
- Alternative to truth
- Bingo-like game
- It has blips
- *a.k.a "The Omen"
- Jon Voight to Angelina Jolie
- Takes or uses
- Email option
- Enthusiastic approval
- 1963 Shirley MacLaine character
- Feeling after novocaine shot
- *Did anyone do this to the cats in "Pet Sematary?"
- Coloring substances
- Bone in the human forearm
- *What the main character becomes in Stephen King's "Thinner"
- Extra dry
- A light touch

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Happy Birthday!

August 20
Birthdays - David Bergin, Joyce Messer, Joyce Lackey, Irene Snider, Tony Hart, Shelley Edenborough, Joe Olivarez, Derek Irbeck, Kathy Lewis, Jodi Hight
Anniversary - M/M Mike Grotegut, M/M Les Barkley, M/M Tommy Russell, M/M Larry Babbs

August 21
Birthdays - Lou Garrett, Lauren Hoel, Michael Lane Whitefield, Linda Lawson, Carolyn Mauldin, Brandon Babbitzke, Joshua Bynum, Rick Harvey, Coy H. Kelly Jr, Shane Hill
Anniversary - M/M Dwayne Marrs

August 22
Birthdays - Amber Roberts, Autumn Roberts, Tony Hester, Michelle Davis, Tuesday Reed, Jonell Sheets, Roger Brown, Marge Papay, John Michael Sterling, Phil Garza, Kathrine Tope, Janie Perez, Garrett Griffin, Brian Robinson, Brett Winegarner, Janie Reza, Kay Snider
Anniversary - M/M Silva, Kenneth & Lisa Brown, M/M Pat Jackson

August 23
Birthdays - Ann Dorman, Reagan Baker, Eddie Reed, Donnie Mitchell, Sara Blackburn, Ralph Blodgett, Bill Jack Pittman, Kathy Lewis, Miriam Mendoza
Anniversary - M/M Billy DeArmond, M/M Chris Johnson, M/M Jimmie Vernon

August 24
Birthdays - Frances Atwood, Laci Fitzgerald, Sarah Van Buskirk, Rosio Rosales, Charlie West, Claudine Clark, Melissa Kay McLain, Lila West, Scott Houghton, Willie Lee Wilkerson, LeRoy Farris, Clayton Wilkerson, Charlie West, Travis Boyd
Anniversary - M/M Terry Austin, M/M Dwayne Mitchell, M/M Randy Brown

August 25
Birthdays - Carol Ross, Kathleen Sutton, Connie Sue Wooley, Kathy Yancey, Linda Young, Courtney Roach, Kathrine

Pipkin, Gay Bowen, Michael Janzen, Katie Miesner
Anniversary - M/M Butch Lasater, M/M Roy Don Gammon

August 26
Birthdays - Wayne Kruse, Debbie Davis, Chayci Dominguez, Mike Cudd, David Archer, Juanita Tucker, Mary Thompson, Kimberly Slater, Ashley Patterson
Anniversary - M/M Eddie Clemmons, M/M Vernon Morris

August 27
Birthdays - Amy Grubbs, Brian Hoel, Pat Ochoa, June Jackson, Donald Rhea, Gregg Weaver, Chad Davis, Patricia Bevera, Virginio Ortega Jr., J. T. Sanders, Bertha Watts, Gabriel Moreno, Krystal Vela, Christopher Abernathy, Cassidy Odegaard, Dara Faries, Jean Snider
Anniversary - Jim & Pamela Morrison, M/M Jerry Bowling

August 28
Birthdays - Kiki Carthel Brabham, Amy Gillispie, Mika McLain, Linda Nunez, Kory Sheppard, Mike Pearson, Joe Bravo, Keith Burgess, Andy Jones, Mabry Sutterfield, Penny Sumner, Alana Marie George
Anniversary - M/M Robert Blevins

August 29
Birthdays - Rodney Clawson, Ginny Grotegut, Monica Ward, Mark Crooks, Bill Strawn, Richeardo Espinosa, Dusty Vinson, Linda Lou Lewis, Tony Cazares, Holly Brack, Katie Bynum
Anniversary - M/M Robert Blevins

August 30
Birthdays - Joshua Blount, Roy Dale Karr, Van Lewis, Jeff Nicholson, Chelly Rigdon, Christa Urban

August 31
Birthdays - Jill Hoel, Roger Dean Close, Estella Arjona, Mildred Lewis, Chad Wilkerson, Justin Eslick, Lonnie Shields, Danny Herrington, Bob Boxwell, Dale Jones, Clay Neff
Anniversary - M/M Brian Pressley, M/M Kent Guthrie

Our Sympathy

ROSIE GULLEY
 STINNETT - Rosie Gulley, 71, died Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009, in Spearman.
 Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Brown Funeral Directors Chapel in Stinnett with Marshall Ford officiating. Burial will be in Oklahoma Lane Cemetery between Bovina and Muleshoe.
 Mrs. Gulley was born Mary Rosealean Redwine on March 7, 1938, to Glenn Earl and Beulah Mae Stanley Redwine in Fort Summer, N.M. She married Oral B. Gulley on Jan. 23, 1956, in Tucumcari, N.M.
 Survivors include two daughters, Debra Hukill and Robin Stroud, both of Stinnett; two brothers, Kenneth Redwine of Gruver and Jimmy Redwine of Stinnett; two sisters, Wanda Redwine of Spearman and Gale "Minnie" Rutledge of Roswell, N.M.; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

DARREL JEAN HARVEY
 BROWNSDALE Darrel Jean Harvey, age 73, died Tuesday morning, July 28, 2009, at his home in Brownsdale.

Darrel was born on April 11, 1936, to Clifford and Blanche (Rabine) Harvey in Brownsdale, where he grew up. On April 14, 1956, he married Janice A. Grant. As a young adult, he worked for Frank Lickteig, and Ralph Grant Construction, his father-in-law. The couple moved to Northwood, Iowa, in 1957, and Darrel worked for Alfred Swensrud. In 1963, they moved to Gruver, Texas, and he worked on a ranch for Don McLain, Fred Meyer Inc., and Attebury Grain out of Amarillo, Texas.

Darrel retired in 2000, and the couple moved to Weslaco, Texas. In 2005, they moved back to Brownsdale to enjoy family and friends.

Darrel is survived by his lovely wife, Janice Grant of Brownsdale; four children, Dena (Leonard) Dickmeyer of Valley, Neb., Rick (Sandy) Harvey of Valparaiso, Ind., Gina (Rodney) McDowell of Gruver and Todd (LaFonda) Harvey of Taylor, Texas; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; four brothers, Wayne (Marlys) Harvey of Blooming Prairie, Delmar (Shirley) Harvey of Ocala, Fla., Fred (Helen) Harvey of Taopi and Dick (Carol) Harvey of Shepherdsville, Ky.; two sisters, Lois Oleson of Kensett, Iowa, and Linda (Ken) Thomas of Byron; mother-in-law, Eldora Grant of Brownsdale; two sisters-in-law, Mavis Harvey of Blooming Prairie and Nancy Grant of Renville, Minn.; three brothers-in-law, Jim Grant of Renville, Den Grant of Chaska, Minn., and Wes Grant of Holmen, Wis. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Kenneth and Raymond Harvey; one sister, Mary Jane Harvey; father-in-law, Ralph Grant; two sisters-in-law, Sandra and Debra Kay Grant; and one brother-in-law, Fred Oleson.

Family and friends will gather for a memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at the residence of Eldora Grant, 311 North Mill St. in Brownsdale, with the Rev. Jeffrey Sage officiating. Lunch will follow the service. Blessed be his memory.

OSCAR VELEZ
 SPEARMAN - Oscar Velez, 82, died Sunday, Aug. 16, 2009.
 Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Hansford Cemetery with the Rev. Neeley Landrum officiating.
 Mr. Velez was born in Fronteras, Chihuahua, Mexico. Survivors include two stepsons, Henry Flores and Hector Flores, both of Spearman, two stepdaughters, Diana Flores of Biloxi, Miss., and Mary Pacheco of Columbus, N.M., four brothers, including Manuel Velez of Alamosa, Colo., and Lencho Velez of Oklahoma City; two daughters and a son; and 26 grandchildren.

BOB COVINGTON
 SHAMROCK - Bob Covington, 74, died Monday, Aug. 17, 2009.
 Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Mike Martin, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery by Wright Funeral Directors.

Bob Covington was born Dec. 28, 1934, in Gassville, Ark., to Don and Edna Lamb Covington. He grew up in Borger and graduated from Borger High School in 1953. Bob married Obie Adams on Feb. 6, 1954, in Raton, N.M. He attended West Texas College in Canyon and was a four-year starter in football for Coach Kimbrough. He was a member of the 1957 Tangerine Bowl Championship team and graduated in 1957. Bob and Obie moved to Shamrock in 1964, and he was involved in the oil and gas business as well as farming and ranching.

He was an active member of First Baptist Church, where he was involved in the Awana and prison ministries. One of his greatest joys was the relationships he had with his family and friends. He was an avid fan and supporter of his grandchildren. Bob enjoyed fly fishing and the mountains in Colorado, as well as working on his farm with his family. He was a man of strong convictions and deep compassion and was an unselfish and generous giver. He helped many in need whether a friend or stranger.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Don and Edna Covington.

Survivors include his wife, Obie Covington; three daughters, Dayna Carpenter and husband Wyatt of Turpin, Okla., Tami Hargrove and husband Rick of Spearman and De-An Turner and husband Dale of Clovis, N.M.; three sisters, Donna Lee Scott of Fritch, Murrel Denbow and husband Bill of West Columbia and Fern Edwards and husband Wayne of Dumas; a brother, J.D. Covington and wife Frances of Big Lake, Mont; a brother-in-law, Ron Adams and wife Linda of Odessa; nine grandchildren, Ashli Peery and husband Patrick, Justin Carpenter, Coby Carpenter, Chalen Carpenter, Kade Carpenter, Dustin Turner, Dayne Hargrove, Brody Hargrove and Gena Hargrove; and two great-grandchildren, Kalen and Skye.

The family suggests memorials be to Awana Ministries, First Baptist Church, 401 N. Main St., Shamrock, TX 79079; or Pioneer West Museum, 204 N. Madden St., Shamrock, 79079

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Rushing Wind Emmaus Community

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet on Saturday, September 12, at the Spearman Methodist Church. A potluck meal will be served at 6 p.m., followed by a praise and worship service. Families and friends are invited to attend, a nursery will be provided, and there will be a training for sponsors.

Wheatheart Festival

A "Wheatheart Festival" is being planned in conjunction with the Wheatheart of the Nation Celebration for Aug. 22 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Leatherman Park in Perryton. The Celebration committee is seeking food and game booths and arts and crafts booths for the event. There is no charge to participate, but those interested can call 806-435-5458 between 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. to sign up. All non-profit organizations, church groups and clubs are encouraged to participate.

Golden Spread Center Radio Auction Planned

The O'Loughlin Center will be hosting the Golden Spread Center's annual KXDJ-FM Radio Auction on August 22, 2009. Donations of handmade items, goods, services, good furniture, cars, boats, golf carts, etc. are greatly appreciated. Funds will benefit the Golden Spread Center. To make your charitable donation, call Jada Breeden at 806-659-3030.

Women's Conference

Women of Victory of Victory Center Church will host their 17th annual Overcoming in Life Conference on August 27th, 28th, and 29th, at 5th and Quinn in Guymon. This year's theme is "Women of Excellence."

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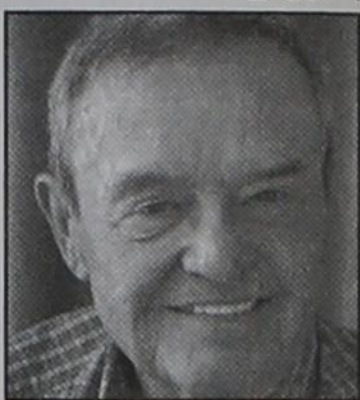
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meets on Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. at the First Christian Church in Gruver. Anyone interested is invited. Contact Marilyn Been at 806-733-2087.

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Our Sympathy

DON W. McLAIN



SPEARMAN—Don W. McLain, 78, died August 15, 2009. Graveside services will be Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at 9:30 AM at Hansford Cemetery under the arrangement of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman. A Memorial Service will follow at 11:00 AM in the Spearman First Christian Church with Jim Reeves officiating.

Don was born October 10, 1930, in Spearman, Texas. He married Gwen Cator, December 29, 1949, at the Buster Cator Farm in Hansford County.

Don was a lifetime resident of Hansford County. After graduating from Spearman High School in 1948, he played football at the University of Denver for a year. He was a 1952 graduate of the University of Texas in Austin. He served as a former Director of Panhandle Bank & Trust in Borger, Texas, a founding partner of Hansford Feedyard, and a member of the First Christian Church. Some of his hobbies included: flying, ranching, and spending time with grandchildren. Don believed in working hard, being true to your word and when he said something... you knew he meant it.

Don W. McLain is survived by his wife, Gwen McLain of Spearman; son, Mike McLain and wife Diane of Gruver; daughter, Patrice Schneck and husband Gary of Borger; son, Mack McLain and wife Carrie of Gruver; daughter, Jill Patkunas and husband Mark of Highland Village; sister, Mary Brock and husband J.L. of Spearman; sister, Reva Money and husband Ron of Austin, Mona May and her husband Don of Austin TX.. He is also remembered by 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Ada McLain, and one sister, Polly McLain Harlan.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Christian Church of Spearman, P.O. Box 637, Spearman, Texas 79081 or Hansford Hospice, 707 Roland, Spearman, Texas 79081.



FERN LOUISE JONES

EUFULA, OK — Fern Louise Jones, 67, of Eufaula, passed away Wednesday, August 5, 2009 at the Muskogee Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Friday, August 7, 2009 at the Lindsey Chapel Baptist Church with Reverends Tim and Clay Turner officiating. Burial followed at Ash Creek Cemetery, under the direction of Hunn, Black and Merritt Funeral Home and Crematory.

Louise was born on October 20, 1941 in Denver, CO, to Carl Odell and Marjorie Emaline (Sparks) Turnage. She graduated from Crowder High School in 1959. On June 5, 1959, Louise married Ken Charlie Zachary in McAlester, OK. He preceded her in death on January 22, 1986. Louise worked for Tom's Delivery Service for over ten years.

On July 29, 1991, Louise married Billy John Jones. They were happily married for eighteen years. They lived in the Spearman area for several years. Louise was a member of the Holt Extension Club, and they were both active members of the First Baptist Church of Spearman and the Couples Sunday School Class.

Louise loved gospel singing and going to church. She also loved playing the piano for her church family. Louise loved spending time, eating and cooking with her family and grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Billy, of the home; two sons, Rick Zachary of McAlester and Stacy Zachary and wife Kim of McAlester; two daughters, Vickie Duncan of Alderson and Sherry Young and husband Stephen of Carrollton, TX; one brother, Odell Turnage of Beggs; thirteen grandchildren; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Open Letter

To all Scouts and Leaders, former Scouts and Leaders, Lions Club members, supporters, and family members:

In 2009, Troop 551 celebrated 60 consecutive years as an Active Troop being sponsored by the Spearman Lions Club. To celebrate the occasion, Troop 551 is holding a Court of Honor and appreciation dinner for Scouts and Leaders, former Scouts and Leaders, Spearman Lions Club members, supporters, and family members. The event will be held on August 22, 2009, starting at 6:30 P.M. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center, located at 123 S. Bernice.

All Scouts and Leaders, former Scouts and Leaders, Lions Club members, supporters, and family members are invited.

A meal will be served. If you are planning to attend, an RSVP would be appreciated. Please RSVP by August 20, 2009 to Britt Jarvis at 806-659-2554. However, you are welcome to come whether or not you have given the Troop a RSVP.

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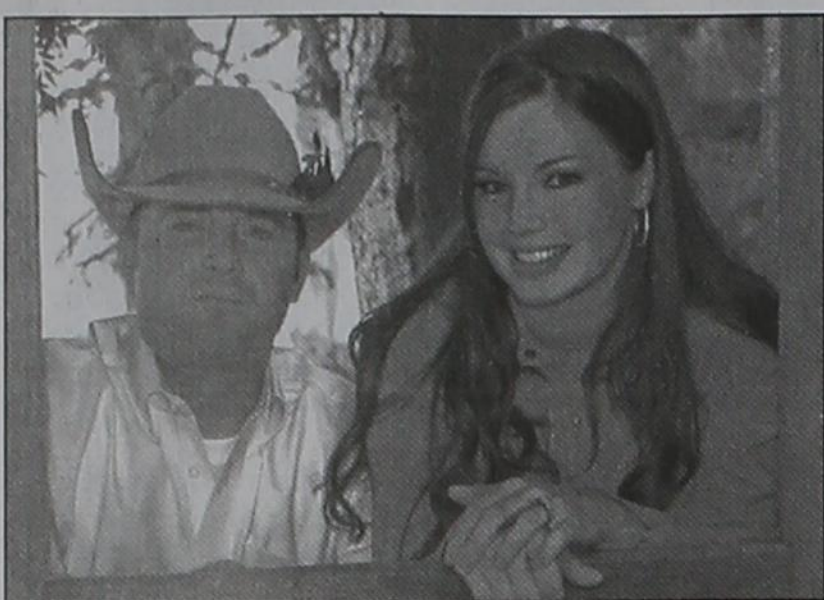
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by Dorothy Hudson

Out at the Lake

Lake Level--August 17, 2009--19.62 feet

Despite the good local rains, the creeks have not run, and the level has dropped below 20 feet. Jim reminded me this morning that a year ago in July the level was 15.67 feet.

While driving Saturday night, Jim came on a bobcat crossing one of the Park roads. He was able to grab his spotlight and freeze the cat, while he took the picture.

Activity has slowed, but fishermen are still trying to catch the big one. The catch has mainly been smaller channel catfish though. Three RV's camped north of the dam, and one camped on the office side. The shelter was used by Cargill employees Saturday evening and by the Spearman Church of Christ at noon Sunday.

Recently the Clint Davis Cookoff was held at the shelter. Our County Judge Benny Wilson, ably as-

sisted by Paul Stavlo, was the winner.

Buffalo Beans

Elaine Odegaard called me early in the summer to see what I knew about the plant we call buffalo beans. The Spearman High School Class of 1959 was planning their fiftieth reunion to be held June 31 in Amarillo. As the class had fond memories of throwing the red, plum-like fruit of this plant at each other, she had been assigned to give a talk on "Buffalo Beans". Since this native perennial is a favorite of mine, I enjoyed the visit.

This afternoon, I called Elaine to see how her talk and the reunion went. Thirty-one of the class came. It was a fabulous time. As for her talk, she had found some of the sprawling plants growing in the Windmill Park. She had picked some of the fruit to give to anyone interested. She had found

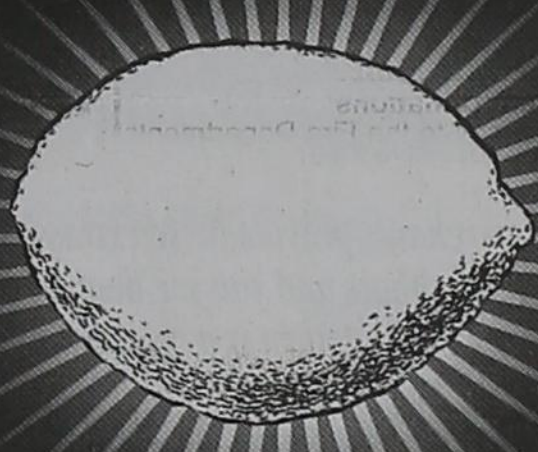
some of her material on the Internet and had fun with her talk.

I also did some checking and found that other places this plant is called the ground-plum and has the scientific name of Astragalus Crassicaarpus. My problem with this plant was to find out if the little plums were edible or poi-

sonous. We did not eat them. Rosalie Cator was the first person to tell me she had eaten them. Since then I have learned my grandchildren on the creek eat them, too. They are said to taste like raw garden peas, and in some places are called Indian peas.




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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...

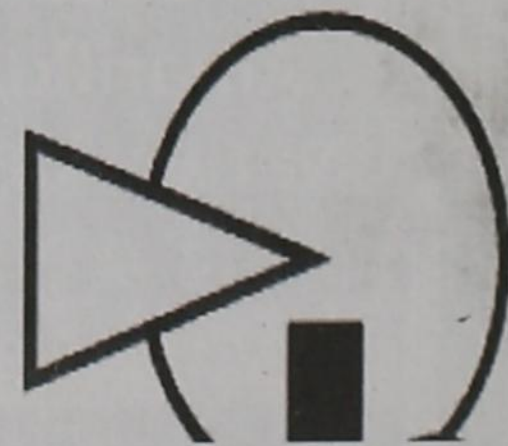
- Always obey school bus rules.
- Remain seated throughout the ride.
- Keep your arms, hands and head inside the bus.
- Help keep the bus neat and clean.
- Do not put belongings in the aisle. Keep them away from emergency exits.
- Eating and drinking are not allowed on the bus.
- Be courteous to the 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.

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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LYNX FOOTBALL 2009				
SPEARMAN HIGH SCHOOL				
VARSITY				
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	Team	TIME
August 15	PERRYTON (scrimmage)	Away	JV/VAR	10:00
August 20	GRUVER (scrimmage)	Away	JV/VAR	6:00
August 27	GUYMON (scrimmage)	Away	JV/VAR	6:00
September 4	WHEELER	Away	Varsity	7:30
September 11	STRATFORD	Home	Varsity	7:30
September 18	WEST TEXAS	Away	Varsity	7:30
September 25	BOYS RANCH	Home	Varsity	7:30
October 2	TULIA (H)	Home	Varsity	7:30
October 9	HIGHLAND PARK *	Away	Varsity	7:30
October 16	BUSHLAND *	Away	Varsity	7:30
October 23	RIVER ROAD *	Home	Varsity	7:30
October 30	FRITCH *	Away	Varsity	7:30
November 6	PANHANDLE * (P)	Home	Varsity	7:30

(*) District Game (P) Parent Night (H) Homecoming

Junior Varsity				Junior High (7 th , 8 th)			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Sep. 3	FRITCH	Away	6:00	Sep. 10	PANHANDLE	Home	5:00, 6:15
Sep. 10	PANHANDLE	Home	7:30	Sep. 17	HIGHLAND PARK	Away	5:00, 6:15
Sep. 17	HIGHLAND PARK	Away	7:30	Sep. 24	BUSHLAND	Home	5:00, 6:15
Sep. 24	BUSHLAND	Home	7:30	Oct. 1	TULIA	Away	4:30, 4:30
Oct. 1	TULIA	Away	6:00	Oct. 8	HIGHLAND PARK	Home	5:00, 6:15
Oct. 8	HIGHLAND PARK	Home	7:30	Oct. 15	BUSHLAND	Away	5:00, 6:15
Oct. 15	BUSHLAND	Away	7:30	Oct. 22	RIVER ROAD	Away	5:00, 6:15
Oct. 22	RIVER ROAD	Away	7:30	Oct. 29	FRITCH	Home	5:00, 6:15
Oct. 29	FRITCH	Home	7:30	Nov. 5	PANHANDLE	Away	5:00, 6:15
Nov. 5	PANHANDLE	Away	7:30				

2009 GRUVER FOOTBALL SCHEDULE				
VARSITY				
DATE	TEAM	TIME		
Saturday, August 15, 2009	@ Highland Park - Vega Scrim	6:00	Scrimmage	
Thursday, August 20, 2009	Spearman - Shamrock	6:00	Scrimmage	
Friday, August 28, 2009	Wheeler	7:30		
Friday, September 04, 2009	@ Texhoma, OK	7:30		
Friday, September 11, 2009	@ Panhandle	7:30		
Friday, September 18, 2009	Clarendon	7:30		
Friday, September 25, 2009	Open			
Friday, October 02, 2009	@ Texico, NM	7:30		
Friday, October 09, 2009	Booker * - Homecoming	7:30		
Friday, October 16, 2009	@ Sunray *	7:30		
Friday, October 23, 2009	Stratford *	7:30		
Friday, October 30, 2009	West Texas *	7:30		
Friday, November 06, 2009	@ Canadian *	7:30		
* district games				
JV & JR HIGH				
DATE	TEAM	JTH	8TH	JV
Saturday, August 15, 2009	@ Highland Park - Vega Scrim	N/A	N/A	6:00
Thursday, August 20, 2009	Spearman Scrimmage	N/A	N/A	6:00
Thursday, August 27, 2009	@ Wheeler	N/A	N/A	6:00
Thursday, September 03, 2009	Booker	N/A	N/A	6:00
Thursday, September 10, 2009	@ Sunray	5:00	6:00	7:30
Thursday, September 17, 2009	Stratford	5:00	6:00	7:30
Thursday, September 24, 2009	West Texas	5:00	6:00	7:30
Thursday, October 01, 2009	Canadian	5:00	6:00	7:30
Thursday, October 08, 2009	@ Booker	OPEN	5:00	6:00
Thursday, October 15, 2009	Sunray	5:00	6:00	7:30
Thursday, October 22, 2009	@ Stratford	5:00	6:00	7:30
Thursday, October 29, 2009	@ West Texas	5:00	6:00	7:30
Thursday, November 05, 2009	@ Canadian	5:00	6:00	OPEN

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Gruver Booster Club News

Gruver Booster Club will be having a membership drive at the Meet the Hounds on August 25th. We have three levels of giving and all proceeds go to benefit the student athletes. Level 1 is \$25.00 and includes a T-shirt, Level 2 is \$50.00 and includes a T-shirt and a magnetic Gambler G decal for your vehicle, Level 3 is \$100 and includes a T-shirt, magnetic decal and a Gambler G receiver hitch. Additional T-shirts, magnetic decals and receiver hitches can be purchased. If you would like to purchase your membership before Meet the Hounds, call Lesa at 733-5577 or Chad at 733-5177.

Spearman Booster Club

Spearman Booster Club will have their major fund raiser August 25th at the Meet the Lynx/Lynxettes. We will be selling shirts, hats, stadium seats, blankets etc... that evening. We can have only 2 fund raisers a year that are tax free. So if you want your Lynx/Lynxette merchandise, please come that evening - if we run out orders will be taken with payment and delivered. After this evening tax will be collected on all merchandise. The Booster Club will meet on Mon., Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. in Coach Rodman's room in the High School. (Come in the east door, turn right at 2nd hallway.)

Meet The Lynx

The Spearman Lynx Booster Club will hold their annual Meet The Lynx ice cream social on Tuesday, August 25th at 7 p.m. in the Lynx Football Stadium. Ice cream will be provided by Booster Club members. Anyone interested is invited to attend. The Spearman Booster Club will host a watermelon feed on Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 5 p.m. for the JV and Varsity Lynx football teams.



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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!

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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
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Date	Event	Teams
September 5	Perryton	JH/HS
September 12	Amarillo	HS
	Follett	JH
September 19	Open	
September 26	Race for the Cure, Amarillo	HS/JH
	Lubbock	Varsity
October 3	OSU Jamboree	Varsity
October 10	WTAMU	HS/JH
October 17	Hansford	HS/JH
*October 26	District Meet (Monday)	HS/JH
	Thompson Park, Amarillo	
** November 7	Regional Meet	Varsity
	Mae Simmons Park, Lubbock	
***November 14	State Meet, Round Rock	Varsity

Spearman 2008 Cross Country Schedule

DATE	PLACE	TEAM
Sept. 5	Wolf Creek Classic, Perryton	JH/HS
Sept. 12	Amarillo Invitational, Amarillo	JVV
Sept. 12	Guymon	JH
Sept. 19	Sunray	JH/HS
Sept. 26	Lubbock Invitational	Varsity
Sept. 26	Beaver	JH/JV
Oct. 3	McNeil	V Girls
Oct. 3	Canadian	JH/HS
Oct. 10	Buffalo Stampede - Canyon	JVV
Oct. 17	Canyon Invitational	JH/HS
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Changes in Texas Immunization Requirements

On March 5, 2009, the Executive Commission on Health & Human Services approved several revisions to the "Immunization Requirements for Children and Students in Texas Public and Private Schools" [Title 25, Health Services, chapter 97, Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §97.61 and §97.63-97.77].

The changes to the requirements were made in order to update the Texas elementary and secondary school immunization requirements so that they adhere more closely to the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). These changes include:

Hepatitis A Vaccine:

Beginning August 1, 2009, all students entering kindergarten, statewide, will be required to have 2 doses of Hepatitis A vaccine.

Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) Vaccine: Beginning August 1, 2009, all students entering kindergarten will be required to have two doses of measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine.

Varicella Vaccine: Beginning August 1, 2009, all students entering kindergarten and 7th grade will be required to have 2 doses of varicella vaccine. A written statement from a parent (or legal guardian or managing conservator), school nurse, or physician attesting to a child's positive history of varicella disease (chickenpox), or of varicella immunity, is acceptable in lieu of either dose of varicella vaccine.

Tetanus, Diphtheria and acellular pertussis-containing vaccine (Tdap): Beginning August 1, 2009, all students entering the seventh grade will be required to have one dose of Tdap only if it has been five years since their last dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine. Students in grades 8-12 are required to have a booster dose of Tdap if it has been ten years since their previous dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine. Td is acceptable in lieu of Tdap if a contraindication to pertussis exists.

Meningococcal Vaccine: Beginning August 1, 2009, all students entering 7th grade will be required to have one dose of meningococcal vaccine.

Crackdown on Impaired Driving

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In every state as well as the District of Columbia it is illegal to drive with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 grams per deciliter or higher. More than 10,000 police agencies will participate in this year's mid-August through Labor Day crackdown, including law enforcement officers representing every state, the District of Columbia, and many U.S. cities and towns.

According to the latest data, 32 percent of fatalities in motor vehicle traffic crashes involved a driver or motorcycle rider with a BAC of .08 g/dL or above — an average of one fatality every 40 minutes.

The Spearman Police Department said its officers will be aggressively

looking for all impaired drivers during the crackdown and will arrest anyone they find driving while impaired — regardless of age, vehicle type, or time of day.

"Our message is simple and unwavering. If we find you driving impaired, we will arrest you. No exceptions," said Chief of Police James West. "Even if you beat the odds and walk away from an impaired-driving crash alive, motorists should be aware that the consequences of driving while impaired can still virtually destroy your life."

According to the Police Department, violators often face jail time, loss of their driver licenses, or being sentenced to use an ignition interlock. Their insurance rates go up. Other

financial hits include attorney fees, court costs, lost time at work, and the potential loss of job or job prospects. When family, friends, and co-workers find out, violators can also face tremendous personal embarrassment and humiliation.

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Panhandle Assn. of SWCDs to Meet

The Panhandle Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (PASWCDs) will meet August 27, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Bairfield Activity Center on the campus of Clarendon College in Clarendon.

Rick Kellison, Texas Tech University Project Director for Texas Alliance for Water Conservation (TAWC) will speak on "Carbon Sequestration and its Effect on Agriculture". The topic has garnered recent interest because increasing levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere have led to growing interest in national and international forums for implementing measures to slow and reverse the buildup of such atmospheric constituents. Under a movement towards a federal cap and trade system, agricultural landowners are in a unique position to develop a program that benefits landowners and industries that need to reduce their carbon footprint.

Brian Bluhm, vice president of Dreamland Industries will talk to conservation district directors attending the meeting on Safflower production

and its water needs. Safflower was originally grown for flowers that were used in making red and yellow dyes for clothing and food preparation. Today the crop supplies oil, meal, birdseed, and foots (residue from oil processing) for the food and industrial products markets.

Speakers during the business session who will update SWCD directors on state and national soil and water conservation programs and issues include Aubrey Russell, member of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Area I; Scott Buckles, vice president of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Area I; and Zone I Assistant State Conservationist Mickey Black, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service.

The public is invited to attend the meeting; however, an RSVP is being requested by the Donley County Soil and Water Conservation District. Brenda Nowlan is the contact for the district. The telephone number is (806) 874-3561.

Twenty-five soil and

water conservation districts in the Panhandle region of the state are members of the PASWCDs. Counties which the SWCDs serve include Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Moore, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong, Donley, Collingsworth, Parmer, Castro, Swisher, Briscoe, Hall, and Childress Counties.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The City of Spearman will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 3.07 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 18, 2009 at 7:00 AM at Spearman City Hall.

The second public hearing will be held on September 8, 2009 at 7:00 AM at Spearman City Hall.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR:	Tobe Shields	Jon Garnett
	Charles Elliott	Mike Schnell
	Kathy Boyd	

AGAINST:
 PRESENT and not voting:
 ABSENT:

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in City of Spearman last year was \$36,829. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.531000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$195.56.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in City of Spearman this year is \$36,926. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.515203 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$190.24.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.531000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$196.08.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed proposals for a one year contract for bulk fuel will be received by the City of Spearman, Texas, until 11:00 a.m., August 31, 2009, 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 received after the above closing hour will be returned unopened. All bids shall be sealed and marked on the outer envelope "Bulk Fuel". Specifications and bidding documents may be secured from PO Box 37, Spearman, Texas 79081. 2(8/13/09)B

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LEGAL NOTICE

Hansford County Commissioners' Court will hold a budget hearing at 10:00 a.m. on August 21, 2009 in the Law Library of the Hansford County Courthouse, Spearman, Texas, on a proposed budget for 2009 (October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010) in the amount of \$3,620,090.00. The Proposed Budget is on file with the County Clerk for examination. Benny D. Wilson
Hansford County Judge
1(8/13/09)B

Gruver ISD Invitation to Bid

Notice is hereby given that GRUVER ISD will receive sealed bid proposals for stadium light fixtures. All bids will be received until 2:00 P.M., August 27. Any proposal received after that time and date will be returned unopened and not considered. Bids will be awarded at the September 2009 regular Board Meeting. Bid specifications are available at the Gruver ISD administration offices 601 Garrett, Gruver, Texas. Please mail or deliver all bids to: Gruver ISD Business Office, P.O. Box 650, Gruver, Texas 79040. For more information contact David Teal at 806-733-2001. The District reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids and to waive technicalities, and be the sole judge of quality and equality. 2(8/13/09)B

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Gruver ISD is requesting bids for fuel for the 2009-2010 school year. Interested bidders should contact the Business Office for proposal specifications. Address: 601 Garrett Street, P. O. Box 650, Gruver, TX 79040; phone 806-733-2821. Proposals must be received in the school office by August 21 at 11:00 a.m. Proposals 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 proposals. 2(8/6/09)B

NOTICE OF HEARING GUARDIANSHIP OR CONSERVATORSHIP CASE NUMBER S-1500-PB-59140

Superior Court of California, County of Kern, 1215 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield CA 93301, Metropolitan Division Guardianship of the person of ANNA SARAI PEREZ. This notice is required by law. This notice does not require you to appear in court, but you may attend the hearing if you wish. 1. NOTICE is given that ANA WESCOTT has filed a Petition for appointment of guardian of minor person. 2. You may refer to documents on file in this proceeding for more information (some documents filed with the court are confidential. Under some circumstances you or your attorney may be able to see or receive copies of confidential documents if you file papers in the proceeding or apply to the court.) 3. A HEARING on the matter will be held as follows: October 5, 2009, 9:00 A.M. Dept. "P" at 1215 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield CA 93301. Attorney for Petitioner: Susan Z. Mulligan, SBN 262990, Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance Volunteer Attorney Program, 615 California Avenue, Bakersfield CA 93304, (661) 334-4662. 4(8/13/09)B

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Sec. 152.905 of the Texas Local Govt. Code, on the 26th day of August, 2009 at 4 p.m., a public hearing will be held at the Hutchinson County Courthouse in Stinnett, Texas, in the 316th District Courtroom. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear testimony concerning the salary of the 84th District Court Reporter, the 316th District Court Reporter and the Hutchinson County Auditor. The public is invited to attend. 1(8/20/09)B

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10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Oral Histories at the Perry Library - Tell tall tales in a cool place
10:00 a.m. Wheatheart of the Nation Parade - Main Street, Local High School Bands, Floats, Pets, Horse Riders
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Hansford Showtime Car Club - Open Car Show - EXPO Parking Lot
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Perryton Jaycees BBQ Lunch - EXPO Center, \$3.00 plate for the fixins
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Museum of the Plains Pioneer Day - Museum Grounds
11:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Wheatheart Festival - Arts & Crafts and more at Leatherman Park
1:30 p.m. Perryton Activity Center Golf Tournament - Perryton Golf Course
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