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Closed Notice

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman will be closed August 5th-16th. The office will reopen at 9 a.m. on Monday, August 17th.

The deadline for the August 13th issue was Thursday, July 31st at 5 p.m. Items MUST be submitted by phone, fax or e-mail ONLY between August 6th and 16th. Items submitted after the deadline will be published at a later date, as time and space permit.

The August 13th issue will be delivered to the stores and post office on Saturday, August 15th. Local subscribers should expect their newspapers to be delivered either on Saturday, August 15th, or Monday, August 17th.

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Smith at (806) 659-3434.

Third Cutting, Boyd Rice Score Another Late Shocker With 228.5 in NCHA Derby Open Finals

Written by Robert Eubanks, Mark Thompson, and Rebecca Overton, Quarter Horse News

Third Cutting and Boyd Rice reprised their NCHA Super Stakes feat by marking a record-setting 228.5 in what will stand as one of the best Open division finals ever at the National Cutting Horse Association Derby on Aug. 2 at Will Rogers Coliseum in Fort Worth.

The stallion (Boonlight Dancer x Crab Grass x Smart Little Lena), owned by Carl and Shawna Smith, Jacksboro, Texas, posted their winning run while working fourth from the end of the 24-horse finals. They won by a half-point over Dont Look Twice (High Brow Cat x Tapt Twice x Dual Pep), owned by Louis and Corliss Baldwin, Fort Worth, Texas, and ridden 12th, or last, by Phil Rapp in the first finals set.

At the NCHA Super Stakes earlier this year, Metallic Cat, owned by Alvin Fults, Amarillo, Texas, and ridden by Beau Galyean to a 226, apparently were headed to victory until Third Cutting and Rice scored a 230.

Metallic Cat (High Brow Cat x Chers Shadow x Peptoboosmal) and Galyean scored a 225 while working ninth in the first group and finished third.

Third Cutting earned \$75,000, pushing the stallion's career total to \$307,369. Dont Look Twice, winner of the Augusta Futurity and Bonanza Cutting, picked up \$28,777 and now has earned \$205,856. Metallic Cat earned \$26,244 and now is the leading performer sired by High Brow Cat with career earnings of \$580,628. Third Cutting scored 221-217.5-438.5 for the leading total after two go-rounds, then marked a 218.5 in the semifinals. Dont Look Twice advanced with 218.5, 213.5 and 216.5, while Metallic Cat had 216, 217 and 218.5.

"The first cow was slow but once it [the run] really started, it was 90 miles an hour," Rice said. "He's an incredible horse. The second cow was as good of a cow as I ever cut [he worked it 36 seconds]. I could tell by looking down at his nostrils, he was out of air on the third cow. But my horse will give you

everything he has.

"It was the same deal as at the Super Stakes. When the cows are good, it happens. There were a lot of good horses in there and the cattle were good; it was the best finals we've had. There haven't been that many big scores here in forever."

The Derby record was matched, then broken, at the event. Dont Look Twice and Rapp's 228 tied the mark scored by Chiquita Pistol in 2003 and Miss N Cash in 1987.

Third Cutting, who was bred to 12 mares following the Super Stakes, now will receive a lengthy vacation. Rice doesn't plan to show him again until the 2010 Super Stakes.

Metallic Cat had a strong shot at winning all three legs of the NCHA Triple Crown series after capturing the 2008 Futurity. However, Rice has reason to ponder how close Third Cutting came to accomplishing the same feat. They finished seventh at the Futurity and now have won the final two events in the series.

"Service Through Sewing"

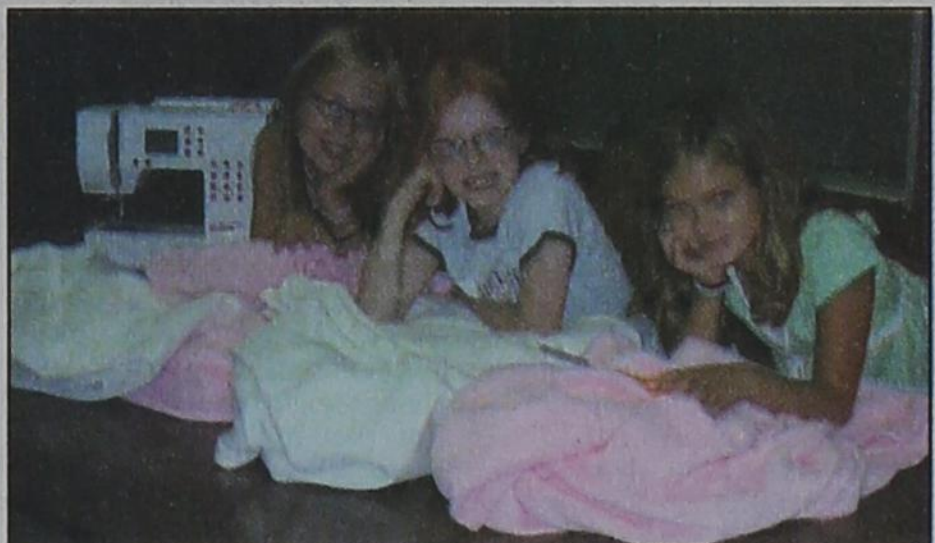
Hansford 4-H members involved in summer "Service Through Sewing" improved their sewing skills while helping the Evelyn Rivers Christmas project, a non-profit organization that provides basics to economically disadvantaged children in the Amarillo/Canyon area. 19 4-H'ers from Spearman, Gruver and Morse hemmed 50 fleece cuddle blankets for children served by Evelyn Rivers Christmas project. "Evelyn Rivers Christmas project had 4,500 blankets to finish and we were happy to help," said Peggy Winegarner, Hansford County Extension Agent. We salute these 4-H members and volunteer leaders, VeAnn Clark, Sharon Lieb, and Sue Schick in their efforts to "Make a Child Smile."



RIGHT: Morse 4-H - Sharon Lieb, Katelyn Wilson, Lupita Melendez, Kate Lieb, Ella Speck, Hannah Speck, VeAnn Clark, Molly Lieb, Gena Gillispie, Sue Schick, Saira Rivera, Kylee Hegstrom, Jennifer Crowl, Audrey Lieb and Emillynn Robinson.



Spearman 4-H - Maggie Pipkin, Tyann Hight, Finley Garnett, and Maren Garnett.



Gruver 4-H - Katy McLennan, Kaycee Anderson, and Sarah Jackson.

Weather Forecast

WEDNESDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

THURSDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 102. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph.

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

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

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

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

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MONDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s.

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

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

Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: The region saw widespread showers and lower temperatures. From 0.5 to 3 inches was reported across southern and western counties. However, the northeast corner of the region remained very dry. Corn, cotton, peanuts, and soybeans were in good condition. Sorghum was fair. Cotton needed more heat units. Corn in the northeast was only 50 percent pollinated. Wheat fields were prepared for planting. Rain helped dry-land crops. Insect counts were low for this time of year, but southwestern corn borer numbers were on the rise. Cattle on grass were doing well, and cattle in feed yards did better thanks to the lower temperatures. Rangelands improved.

Golden Spread Center Radio Auction Set

The O'Loughlin Center will host the Golden Spread Senior Center's annual KXDJ-FM Radio Auction on August 22, 2009. 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!!

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

Texas Xcel Customers To Receive Refund

Xcel Energy retail customers in Texas will soon be receiving a refund on their bills because of lower fuel costs.

The refund will be a one-time credit based on August usage. A residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours in August will receive a credit of \$23.60. Because the refund will be calculated on August usage, customers can expect to see the credit on their bills received in August, September, and/or October depending on their billing cycles.

Spearman Chamber of Commerce

Yard of the Week

Sarah Dossett
119 S. Snider
Jimmy Snider
510 S. Evans
Becky Baker
304 S. Bernice

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

Spearman ISD Mandatory Drug Testing Parent/Student Meeting Notice

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

In addition to drug-use testing consent, participating students and at least one parent/guardian must attend a required annual meeting. The meeting for this school year will be held in the High School Auditorium on August 11 at 6:00 p.m. and August 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Failure of the student and/or parent/guardian to attend one of these meetings will prevent the student from all extra-curricular activity participation.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Belger, Spearman High School Principal, at 659-2584.

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Lullabies, Legends & Lies

by Parson Smith, the Prime Minister of Laughter

There is a gauche effort being made by the French, to take over America.

There is no government conspiracy trying to cover up this terrible tragedy, just a laissez-faire attitude toward a terrible injustice.

The injustice to which I refer is the insidious insertion of French words into the English/American language.

I did not mind when it was limited to French Fries, but now we are greeted at chic restaurants by a maître d' who introduces us to the Soup du Jour?

As an American, I am afraid of what these sneaky

foreigners are doing to us and wonder when they will take over completely.

Daily, I hear about people ordering Café au lait sans crème de menthe, crème caramel or crème brûlée.

If our national leaders continue to look the other way, soon we will have nothing left of America but souvenirs.

We must have tête-à-têtes with our state and national leaders and inform them that our values are being thrown down the toilette.

We must demonstrate a tour de force and not let these French people take over our country carte blanche.

We must demonstrate that we are real people not papier mâché puppets willing to concede that our language is passé.

I am not trying to be a provocateur but why not attaché yourself with me today and just say NO to the Crepes who are trying to make us say bon voyage to our way of life.

Let us strike the coup de grâce and reclaim our country which is so perfectly defined by our Statute of Liberty.

Until the next time,
May God Bless.



TEXAS' SEVERE DROUGHT WORSENS, DRAWS NATIONAL ATTENTION



by Ed Sterling

In mid-July, Texas AgriLife Extension Service estimated agricultural losses at about \$4 billion. And now, nearly 80 counties are in a state of emergency due to severe drought conditions ruining crops and endangering livestock.

The Wall Street Journal, CNN and other major out-of-state media put Texas' record-high temperatures and record-low rainfall in front of readers and viewers last week.

Commodity market watchers and economists admitted nervousness over worsening drought conditions in Texas and potential effects nationally.

On July 29, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department water specialist Cindy Loeffler said, "It's not as bad as the drought of record in the 1950s, but if it continues through summer and into fall, we've got a problem. What's made this so bad is the record heat. Unless something miraculous happens, this will be the hottest month in Texas ever, not just the hottest July."

July turned out to be the hottest on record, going back to the 1850s.

Toll 'recovery program' coming

Delinquent toll payers may take advantage of a one-time toll violation "recovery program" approved July 30 at the Texas Transportation Commission's monthly meeting.

The Commission directed the Texas Department of Transportation to develop a program to collect on delinquent toll violators. The idea is to offer violators a chance to open a TxTag account and pay all tolls accrued in full in exchange for dropping late fees that are owed.

Once the program is finalized, TxDOT will contact those eligible for fee reduction through direct mailings to the home or business address associated with the vehicle's license plate.

TxDOT said the offer will not apply to violations on non-TxDOT toll roads, such as those operated by the North Texas Tollway Authority, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority or the Harris County Toll Road Authority.

Andrade sets Nov. 3 ballot order

Secretary of State Esperanza "Hope" Andrade on July 28 randomly drew the ballot order for 11 proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution.

Election Day is Nov. 3 and Oct. 5 will be the last day to register to vote. The proposed amendments, in brief form, in ballot order:

Prop. 1: To allow the financing of buffer zones adjacent to military installations through local taxes.

Prop. 2: To authorize the Legislature to provide for ad valorem taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead.

Prop. 3: To create uniform standards and procedures for the appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes.

Prop. 4: To establish a national research university fund to enable emerging research universities in this state to achieve national prominence.

Prop. 5: To allow the Legislature to authorize a single board of equalization for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated equalizations.

Prop. 6: To authorize the Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds in amounts equal to or less than amounts previously authorized.

Prop. 7: To allow an officer or enlisted member of the Texas State Guard or other state militia or military force to hold other civil offices.

Prop. 8: To authorize the state to contribute money, property and other resources for the establishment, maintenance and operation of veter-

ans hospitals.

Prop. 9: To protect the right of the public to access and use public beaches bordering the seaward shore of the Gulf of Mexico.

Prop. 10: To provide that elected members of governing boards of emergency services districts may serve terms not to exceed four years.

Prop. 11: To allow the taking of private property via eminent domain for certain public purposes and to limit the Legislature's authority to grant the power of eminent domain.

AG warns of 'clunkers' scammers

Attorney General Greg Abbott on July 29 said Texans alerted Texans about Web sites offering registration for the federal government's "Cash for Clunkers" program.

Eligible vehicle owners do not need to register or provide personal information in order to participate in the program, he said.

Reliable information about the "Cash for Clunkers" program can be found online at cars.gov.

Congress recently approved the Car Allowance Rebate System program to provide credits of up to \$4,500 to fuel-efficient car buyers who turn in older, gas-guzzling vehicles to be scrapped.

Good Health Naturally

by Darlene Hopkins
I live in Hooker Ok. I am a mother and housewife by profession and a Master Herbalist by choice. I obtained my Herbalist and Master Herbalist Degrees from the School of Natural Healing in Springville Utah. Dr. John Ray Christopher started this school in 1953. I teach classes on Natural Health in Colorado, Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma.

If you have a question, you may e-mail me at theherblady01@yahoo.com.

Carrots
Do you know how wonderful Carrots are for you? I chose to write about Carrots because it is something that is so nourishing to the body. They are used in the natural healing field quite a bit. They are wonderful for you. Carrots, in addition to a healthier lifestyle, can assist your body in healing.

Some folks ask me why I am so fond of Carrot juice; there is just no way that I could eat as many carrots as I can drink in a juice. The juice is the blood of the fruit or vegetable. Carrot juice is the richest source of vitamin A that the body can assimilate. It also contains quite a bit of the vitamins B, C, D, E, G, and K. Carrots are an aid to digestion, they promote a healthy appetite and are rec-

ommended to nursing mothers to improve the quantity and quality of their milk. Carrot juice is used specifically for poor teeth and can correct faulty circulation. They tend to normalize the entire system.

Carrot juice is used when the body is in a crisis situation and it works so well because the body does not have to work hard to assimilate it. It helps to promote the appetite and is an aid to digestion. The fresher the carrots the sweeter the carrot juice will be. Carrot juice should be drunk within 30 min of making it so drink it fresh.

Carrots are helpful to our vision. They contain beta-carotene, which converts to vitamin A in the body. Our vision is helped because Vitamin A forms a purple pigment called rhodopsins, the eye needs this pigment in order to see dim light. The more Vitamin A one gets the more this pigment is produced. People with night blindness have benefited greatly from the use of carrots.

DR N. W. Walker refers to carrot juice as a natural solvent, useful in ulcerous and cancerous conditions. "It is a resistant to infections, doing most efficient work in conjunction with the adrenal glands. It helps prevent infections of the eyes and

throat as well as the tonsils and sinuses and the respiratory organs. It also protects the nervous system and is unequalled for increasing vigor and vitality."

Dr Bernard Jensen in his book "Foods that heal" says, "Used as a general body builder, carrot juice is excellent. This juice is presently used in cases of severe illness, and as a foundation in cancer diets. It is delicious and nutritious when combined with other juices such as parsley, celery, watercress, endive, or romaine lettuce."

I have a little book by Globe digest, which says, "Carrot juice contains every mineral your body needs, including calcium, iron and magnesium, which are blood builders. They are a great source of beta-carotene, a proven cancer fighter, and vitamin A."

"Good for: liver disease, night blindness, cancer, reducing cholesterol and cleansing the blood, skin problems, flushing fat and lupus."

So the question again, why do I enjoy carrots so much, "because they are really good for you!" They are so nourishing to the body, they tend to normalize the entire system. Remember, the less processing the better they will be for you. Email me at theherblady01@yahoo.com with any herbal questions you may have.

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Happy Birthday!

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Anniversary - M/M Muri Pearson, M/M Rocky Sharp, M/M Tim Stedje, M/M Mack Hoel

August 7

Birthday - Brandon Casdorph, Scott Duncan, Roy Don Gammon, Elwyn Young, Roger Odegaard, Mark Sheets, David Thomas, Marie Sparks, Cassandra Papay, Hilary Biggers, Jean Holland, Patty Sparks

August 8

Birthday - Billy Pat Underwood, Ed Berner, Junior Vela, Hosa Casas, George Young, Frankie Dominguez, Kathy Boyd, Jenna Abernathy, Ryan Schnell
Anniversary - M/M Leonard Garrard

August 9

Birthday - Christopher Layton, Reba Miser, Inell Trahan, Roy Dunaway, Karla Latta, Anita Garrard, Bob Rylant, Holly Pipkin
Anniversary - M/M Buddy Dossett, M/M Steve Bevill

August 10

Birthday - Clint Bell, Kyle Deeds, Monica Garcia, Ralph Mireles, Bob Tolle-son, Jamie Gomez, David Hagar, Ronnie Burke, Tim Woodington, Chris Strawn, Karen Moyer, Danna Irlbeck, Abbey Edwards, Christopher Vela, Rodney Nickel
Anniversary - M/M Lucio Vela, M/M Riche Randall, M/M J.L. Brock, M/M Erwin Wright, M/M Felipe Alvarez, Jim & Karen Johnson

August 11

Birthday - Autumn Bate- man, Jake McCullough, Clint DeArmond, Jody Rex, Dean McLain, Tootsie Scroggs, Simon Nelson, Kam Taylor, Hank Sutterfield, Tammy Herndon, Tayshia James
Anniversary - M/M Gary Johnson, M/M Ervin Wright, M/M Junior Cross-land

August 12

Birthday - Hix Spivey, Norma Swink, Verna Gail Keim, Angela Gaither, Judy Nelson, Randy Har-

gis, Julian Rodriguez Sr., Wade Nobles, Devonna Boyd, Janice Bannister, J.C. Harris
Anniversary - M/M Rudy Saldavar

August 13

Birthday - Brendy Brown Kirkland, Mike Coomer, Denise Karlin, Blake Trantham, Wanda Jones, Anne Foster, Adrian Robertson, Lorrie Bowen, Joe Dean Clement, Jim Miller, Crystal Boyd
Anniversary - M/M Gary Flowers, M/M Gerald TeBeest

August 14

Birthday - Leslie Latta, Jimmy Nicholson, Mike Pack
Anniversary - M/M Monty Lusby

August 15

Birthday - Kelly Armes, Mary Jane Henson, Ryan Winger, Buddy Gaither, Cole Umphress, Sara Butt, Vanessa Ortega, Dub Womble, John Booth
Anniversary - M/M Billy Baker, M/M David Hall, M/M Buddy Murrell, M/M Billy Logsdon Jr., M/M James Nicholson

August 16

Birthday - Corky Chap- man, Ed Fry, Ronny Womble, Wayne Bur- chard, Ben Dunaway, Sonda Younger, Felix Sandaval, Tyce Hergert, Teresa Cook, Sharon Ross, Jason Villines, Lillie Love, Kathy Love, Nicholas Vinson, Ruben Gomez, Donetta Greene, Carlos Hernandez, Alexander Davis
Anniversary - M/M Bill Sparks

August 17

Birthday - Christy Brown, Guy Paul Hindergart, Allison Reid, Dean Sparks, Dodie Beedy, Delinda McLaughlin, Halee Rice, Bo Bensinger, Kimberly Boyd
Anniversary - Betty & Dub Womble, M/M Danny Jackson, M/M Don Allen, M/M Wayne Ware, Kitty & Frank Edwards, David & Kim Swink

August 18

Birthday - Brenda Dahl, Carla Johnson, Heather Murrell, Jack Weldon, Tina Wilmeth, Jerry Beth Prachar, Tammy Welch, Bob Cook, Robbin Keetch, Pat Miller, Jeanie Bennett, Glen Ward, Andrew Cor- rell, Janet Mayo
Anniversary - M/M David Link, M/M Dennis Baker,

Words from Faith & Grace



by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

We continue our study in the season of Pen- tecost in 1 Kings 19:4-8, Psalm 34:1-8, Ephesians 4:25-5:2, and John 6:35-51. We continue to learn of God's concern for and provision for us as believers. Elijah after winning a con- test to the death with the priests of Baal is now fleeing for his life. Elijah fears Jezebel, Queen of Israel. He runs until he grows weary. Elijah prays to die. He has lost his will and de- sire to lead Israel to the Lord. God intervenes by sending an angel to care for Elijah and to send him on his way renewed. The Psalmist sings thanks to God. He sings of the protec- tion and provision of the Lord to the believer. Reading this Psalm can remind us that turning away from the Spirit of God leads to tension, violence and hatred. Yet, turning toward the Spirit of God, we are assured that "an angel of the Lord en- camps around those who fear him and delivers them." "Safe and content are those wrapped in the arms of God."

Paul continues to set forth to the Ephesians what it means to be a Christian and how the Church should be. If we hear the message of Paul, we should put off [as in stripping off soiled clothes] anger, bitterness, shouting, and cursing, and put on [as in donning clean clothes] goodness, warm-heartedness, and forgiveness. Christian virtue is not sanctimony and moral- ism. Christian personal virtue comes by emulating our Sav- ior, Jesus Christ. In so doing, we can be angry at sin in our world, but we must learn to love the sinner. In our relations with others we must not let the sun go down on our anger. The Church is a faith community of reconciliation where we are reconciled to our brothers and sisters in Christ and where we are reconciled to God.

This lesson in the gospel of John is another of Jesus' "I Am" sayings. Jesus tells the crowd that, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Jesus is speaking of spir- itual hunger and spiritual thirst. In accepting the "bread of life" we accept a new relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Some of the Jews miss the point. They say, "Is not this the son of Joseph? Is not this the carpenter?" They miss the point be- cause they are judging by externals. God draws us to himself, but our own resistance can prevent us from being drawn into God's Kingdom. Consider that as you believe, so it is done for you.

May the Holy Spirit feed you with the Bread of Life and give you living water that you may have everlasting life in Christ Jesus.

Our Sympathy

DAVID MONROE MCGUIRE
 BONHAM, TX - David Monroe McGuire, 67 died on Au- gust 3, 2009.

Graveside services will be held at Willow Wild Cemetery on Thursday, August 6, 2009 at 10 a.m. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Wise Funeral Home in Bonham, TX.

David was born on May 17, 2942 in Bonham, TX, the son of Marvin Othle McGuire and Lorene McGuire.

Survivors include three children, Patty McGuire of Scott City, KS, David McGuire and Tammy McGuire, both of Cor- pus Christi, TX; one grandchild, Calvin Jarmer of Scott City, KS; his mother, Lorene McGuire of Spearman, TX; a sister, Joyce Davidson and a brother, J. L. McGuire, both of Tyler, TX.

CLIFFORD "IKIE JO" BURL GRIGGS, JR.
 DUMAS, TX - Clifford "Ikie Jo" Burl Griggs, Jr., 66, died Tuesday, August 4, 2009, in Dumas, TX.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, August 7, 2009 at Morrison Memorial Chapel Graveside services and burial will follow in Gruver Cemetery, Gruver, TX at 1 p.m. Officiating will be Rev. Rusty Hancock, pastor of the Lincoln Street Baptist Church in Dalhart, TX.

Ikie Jo was born on January 31, 1943 in Iola, KS to Clifford and Elsie Mae Griggs. He had been a Gruver resident for 18 years before moving to Hartley and Dalhart for 23 years. He and his wife moved to Dumas about a year ago.

He had worked in cattle feeding all of his life, before retir- ing from Hartley Feeders in March of 2004. He married Patsy Winn on October 20, 1962 in Aztec, NM.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy, of the home; two sons, Charlie Griggs and wife Rhonda of Dalhart and Bobby Griggs and wife Sammie of Dumas; four daughters, Sherry Mc- Cormick and partner Jack Vandiver of Dalhart, Sandra White and husband Ronnie of Sulphur Springs, TX, Shelly Kelling and husband Alex of Dalhart and Amanda Dorsett and husband Sam of Dalhart; three brothers, John Griggs of Dalhart, Calvin Genn of Clayton, NM and Scott Genn of Pueblo, CO; a sister, Brenda Galloway of Texline, TX; fifteen grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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Medical Fund for Nancy DeLuna Jernberg

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Spearman ISD Mandatory Drug Testing Parent/Student Meeting Notice

Spearman ISD has a Random Student Drug Testing Policy for all students in grades 7-12 who are involved in extra-curricular activities. Consent to drug-use testing is mandatory for all students to participate in any extra-curricular activity. Also, participating students and at least one parent/guardian must attend a required annual meeting. The meeting for this school year will be held in the High School Auditorium on August 11 at 6:00 p.m. Failure of the student and parent/guardian to attend this meeting will prevent the student from extra-curricular activity participation. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Belger, Principal, at 659-2584

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet on Saturday, August 8, at the Waka Christian Center. 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."

Fire Department Donations

Persons wishing to make donations to the Fire Departments in Hansford County may do so at the following addresses: Spearman Fire Dept., Box 37, Spearman TX 79081; Gruver Fire Dept., Box 947, Gruver TX 79040 or Morse Fire Dept., Box 28, Morse TX 79062

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Meets

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.

IRS won't e-mail you about your refund

If you get an e-mail about your tax refund that appears to be from the Internal Revenue Service, don't be fooled. It's probably coming from internet thieves looking to steal your personal information, like credit card or bank account numbers. "Many folks have tax refunds coming back this time of year, and crooks might take advantage of that fact," Sanford said if the IRS needs to contact you, they will generally send a notice or letter through the U. S. Mail. Delete bogus IRS e-mails or forward them to phishing@irs.gov.

Third Marine Division Association

The Third Marine Division Association is holding its 55th Annual Reunion in San Antonio, TX on August 24-30th. Any Marines who have served in the Third Marine Division, or were attached to the Third Marine Division in WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, Iraq, Afghanistan and Peacetime, are invited to attend. For more information, call Mike Sohn at 210-654-3310, or e-mail at jumient2@hotmail.com.

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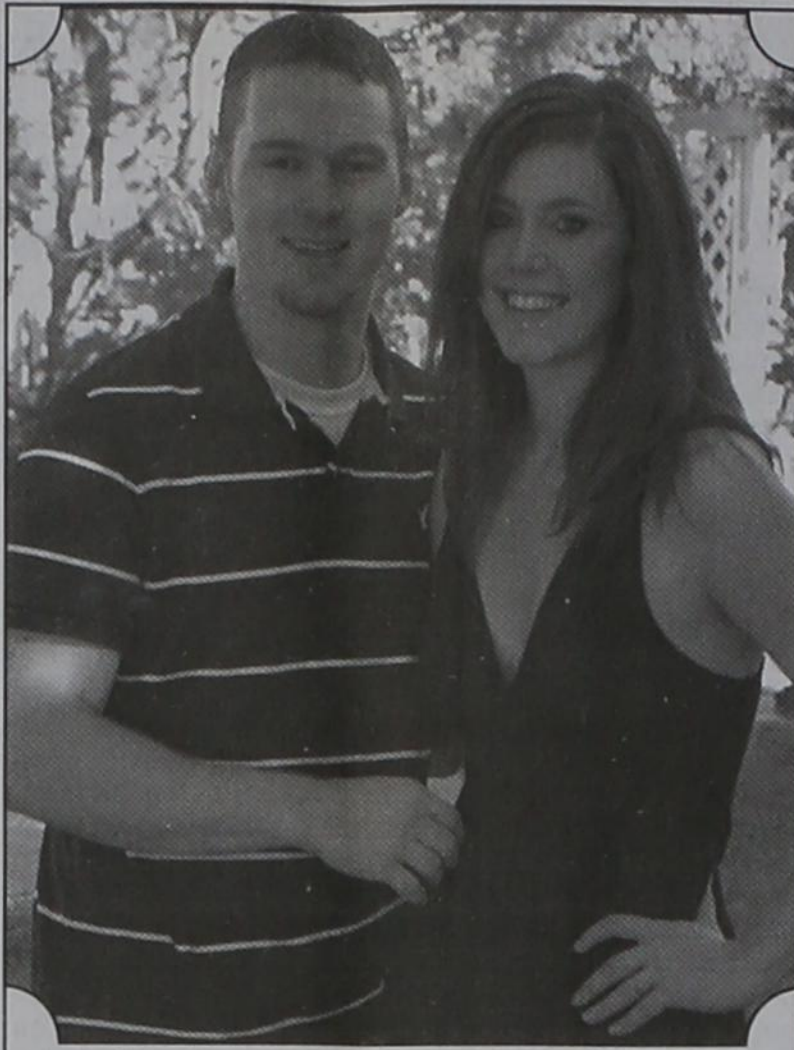
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Panhandle Crisis Center Outreach Office

Panhandle Crisis Center (PCC) has an Outreach Office and Resale Store at 306 Hancock, in Spearman. In case of emergencies, please continue to call the hotline, 1-800-753-5308. To schedule an appointment with a worker in Hansford County, please call 659-3391 to leave a message, or call the hotline number above. Panhandle Crisis Center serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Please call for more information. Hours for the Spearman Resale Store are: Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Spearhead AA Group

The Spearhead AA Group meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Pittman-Shieldknight building. Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. For more information, call 662-1111.



Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Danny James of Rule, TX wish to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kaylie Dawn, to Mr. Justin L. Egner, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Egner of Shamrock, Texas. Kaylie is the granddaughter of Jimmy and Donetta Greene of Spearman. An October wedding is planned.

Aging and dysphagia is topic of August Senior Seminar

Swallowing is a complex process that involves a number of muscles and nerves. If the process becomes difficult, an individual could have dysphagia.

"Aging and Dysphagia," presented by Maggie Stear, a speech and language pathology clinician with BSA Health System, will be the topic of the monthly senior seminar. Hosted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, the seminar is scheduled for 10 a.m., Aug. 13 at the Amarillo Senior Citizen Center, 1220 S. Polk, Room 115.

Dysphagia generally refers to difficulty in eating, or a problem in the swallowing process, and may be caused by damage or weakening of the muscles and nerves used for swallowing.

Senior Seminars are open to the public and free of charge. For more information, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Potter County at 373-0713.

The door prize is provided by Scott's Flowers. Senior Seminars are sponsored by the Potter Coalition on Aging, Panhandle Area Health Education Center and Amarillo Senior Citizens' Association.

It's A Girl!

Robert and Kara Womble of Decatur are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Kalla Gracyn Womble, on June 16, 2009, at 2:37 PM. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. She was welcomed home by her big brother, Kitson, 3. Her Grandparents are Bob and Suzie Womble of Morse, Dara Faries and the late Gary Faries of Plano. Great-grandparents are Dan and Jessie Faries of Jackson, Mo., Vera Jo Bybee of Lockney, and Marcy Hamilton of Breckenridge.



Gruver Blood Drive Results

The Coffee Memorial Blood Center held a blood drive in Gruver on July 31st. They received 12 donations. They would like to thank everyone for supporting Coffee Memorial Blood Center and the patients of the High Plains Region...Give the Gift of Life!

Funds Available for Child Care Assistance

Child Care Services offers child care assistance to eligible families and manages projects to improve the quality, availability, and affordability of child care in the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle. Program Manager, Frances Garcia, stated "With the economic struggles families are having today; the need for day care assistance is rapidly increasing. Our program helps offset the high cost of child care for parents who are working, participating in a job training program or enrolled in school. This service allows students and employees to maintain their attendance, without the disruption of not being able to afford day care. The children will also benefit with the continuity of care that will be provided." At this time funding is available, that means "No Wait List," so call today to have an application packet mailed to you. You can also access our website to print an application packet or to obtain additional information - www.wspanhandle.com.

Assistance is offered to: Low Income Families, Parents Working and/or Attending School, TANF/Food Stamp Recipients and Children with Special Needs. Child Care Services has offices in: Amarillo, 806.372.2836 Ext 1702, 800.658.2662; Hereford, 806-364-8600; and Borger, 806.274.7171.



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Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

Busy week with business as usual at the museum and collecting items for the week-end garage sale. We spent Friday setting up the tables and arranging the sale items and marking prices. The sale was a great success and we thank everyone who came by. A special thanks to everyone who helped us by donating items, setting up and closing down. I am not going to try to name you because I would forget someone. I do have to thank the Darrouzett American Legion for allowing us to have our sale at their hall.

While we were in Darrouzett, we visited the Peil family who were having an estate sale. They graciously allowed us to use a wonderful wooden ironing board and an oven for stove top baking. We appreciate them thinking of the museum and adding to our collection of items. The oven came with a story which is always appreciated and brings the items to life. Look for it in the pioneer room in the near future.

Well, it is the first of the month and since the month started on Saturday, our artist exhibit exchange will occur this Wednesday. So you can read about the new exhibit next week. Sandra Elliott will be our featured artist for August/September.

HISTORICAL MUSINGS

Last week I was asked to research for information on the first Will Rogers Day, which was this past weekend. While researching our files and archives, I discovered a lot of history that I can use in future columns. If you didn't know, the first Will Rogers Day was in 1962 and Will Rogers, Jr. was present as featured speaker.

One of my discoveries was numerous columns entitled "Memories of the Old Home Town," written by Harry Zol-lars. He wrote this weekly column for the *Higgins News* during the 60's and 70's. It contains 15 columns and 2 other articles written by Harry outside his column. In 1967 He wrote of his memories of Will Rogers. The story

was written by Harry to Frank Ewing in a letter. The letter was reprinted in the 1962 *Special Will Rogers Edition of the Higgins News*.

He wrote: "Just after Will had arrived in Higgins, greener than the old Panhandle grass, and while Martin Madsen and myself were operating the blacksmith shop near the lively stable, you got up a big Badger Pullin' to be held at the livery stable, with Mr. Rogers as the honored and trusted "puller." That old toothless bull dog which could not have killed a young kitten, much less a fighting badger but had a growl that chilled the blood of the bravest man or animal, was feeling especially grouchy that day and really helped you with the show...."

A number of those present, went to Will and offered him quite a sum if he would pull the badger sidewise, in order to give the bull dog a better chance at its throat, while others offered a share of their winnings if he would pull the hidden beast straight out so as to give the badger the edge on the dog.

As you probably expected, Will agreed to do as both groups requested, playing both ends against the middle, in which he could not lose.

... The old dog was sniffing

and growling around the box which kept him and the "badger" apart. Will was all stewed up and tense, as if he was going to top off a bronc as you handed him the light rope, which was supposed to be tied to the animal. ...

When the "badger" was pulled Will's mouth dropped open, his eyes popped out, his face turned red and redder as the crowd howled with laughter. Looking wildly all about the crowd, his eye fell upon you, the promoter, and grabbing a pitchfork and with many uncomplimentary remarks he made for that one fellow.... Around and around they went, with the promoter gaining a little on each round through the passageway until he was able to run up the ladder to the hay now where he hid until Will cooled down a little."

The letter doesn't tell us what Frank used as the "Badger," but I imagine it was some animal we would not want to get close to. At any rate, we now know where Will Rogers got some of his material for his stories.

I had to shorten Harry's version so if you want to read the long version come by and visit.

Hope all of you celebrated Will Rogers and Higgins last Saturday. Have a good week.

Great Plains Sorghum Conference scheduled Aug. 11-12 in Amarillo

by Kay Ledbetter

Combine the traditional Texas AgriLife Extension Service field day with a technical conference and that's what is attracting more than 150 people to the two-day Great Plains Sorghum Conference and Sorghum Improvement Conference of North America Aug. 11-12 in Amarillo.

"We will be bringing in experts from throughout the country to speak," said Dr. Brent Bean, AgriLife Extension agronomist and coordinator of the event. He said the technical side of things is attracting researchers, specialists and seed industry personnel from outside the region as well.

"Our area producers are welcome to come listen to all of these presentations, but they might be more interested in the field tours we have scheduled," Bean said. "These are free and open to the public."

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. Aug. 11 and the technical presentations will begin at 8:10 a.m. at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 W.

Amarillo Blvd. The United Sorghum Checkoff program is also helping sponsor the event.

Issues to be discussed include: sorghum genomics and biotechnology, sorghum improvements, sorghum and legume intercropping, strip-till sorghum, low lignin sorghums, diseases and pests affecting sorghum and electron microscopy scanning to identify starch.

The presentations will be followed by afternoon tours from 1:30-5:30 p.m. of either Advanta Seed or Richardson Seed nursery and a dairy, Bean said. Advanta, formerly Garrison and Townsend Seed, and Richardson are regional leaders in producing new grain and forage sorghum hybrids.

From 8-10:30 a.m. on Aug. 12, the group will move to the field tour at the Texas AgriLife Research-Bush Farm and the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service Conservation and Production Research Laboratory at Bushland.

Tour stops will cover: weed control, which will feature several new herbicides

and technologies that will greatly increase the ability of farmers to manage hard-to-control weeds in sorghum; limited irrigation and scheduling; forage sorghums for silage and hay grown under both dryland and irrigation; and new bioenergy sorghum hybrids, including some sweet sorghums.

Once the field tour is completed, the technical conference will reconvene at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Amarillo. Late morning and early afternoon topics will include: breeding priorities; tools to improve biomass for biofuels; tracking lipid levels in dried distiller's grains from grain sorghum; and sorghum yields in acid soils.

Bean said producers should feel free to attend all or part of the conference and field tours at no charge. This will include a free lunch on both days and dinner on Aug. 11.

A complete agenda can be found at: <http://amarillo.tamu.edu> under "Upcoming Events".

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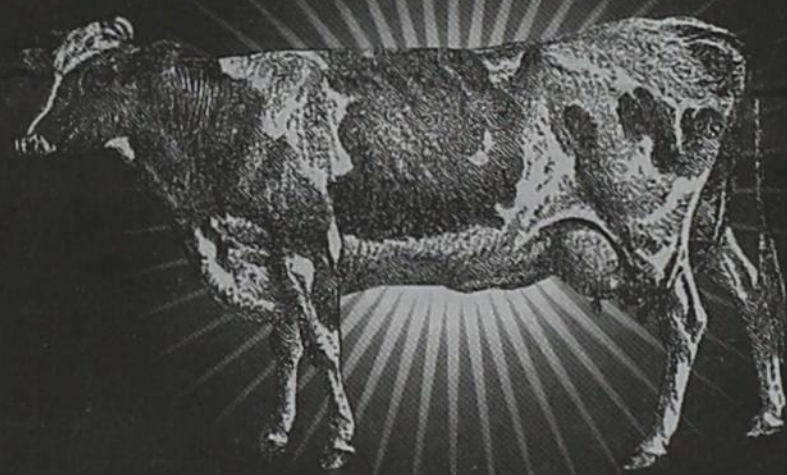
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Agricultural News

Blow after blow troubled High Plains' wheat crop

by Kay Ledbetter
This year was a disappointment for most wheat farmers in the Texas Panhandle, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

Drought in the fall and through most of the winter and early spring resulted in many dryland fields being plowed up, said Dr. Brent Bean, AgriLife Extension agronomist in Amarillo.

"Conditions were somewhat better north of Amarillo, but good dryland fields were still hard to find," he said. "Even irrigated wheat suffered due to a lack of fall and winter precipitation."

"And our old nemesis, the Russian wheat aphid, also played a major role in reducing wheat yield potential throughout the area," Bean said. "This was probably the worst year for Russian wheat aphid in the last 20 years."

The final weather issue in many fields was damage caused by a late freeze in April, he said. Diseases in general were not a major

problem in 2009, but wheat streak mosaic and triticum mosaic infection were significant in a few fields.

Bean said lack of adequate fertilization also tended to hurt wheat yield potential, especially in irrigated fields. Nitrogen deficiency symptoms were observed in the fall and early winter in many fields.

In many cases, compost had been applied prior to planting, he said. But the nitrogen released from the compost was not adequate to prevent nitrogen deficiency in the wheat crop. It was also observed, especially in wheat no-tilled behind corn, that fields were deficient in phosphorus.

"Those fields where phosphorus was applied at planting had a much better stand of wheat than in similar fields where no phosphorus was applied," Bean said. "Care should be taken when planting late and under no-till conditions that adequate phosphorus is present."

Bean said variety trials were planted and harvested at five locations around the Texas Panhandle and at the New Mexico State University station near Clovis, N.M. The yield trials are partially funded by the Texas Wheat

Producers Board through grower check-off funds.

Four irrigated varieties clearly stood out in this year's trials. Hatcher, Bill Brown, TAM 111 and Dumas averaged more than 58 bushels per acre across the five locations, with Hatcher averaging 69.8 bushels per acre.

Both Hatcher and Bill Brown have Russian wheat aphid resistance, which likely contributed to these two varieties topping the trial, Bean said. This is the first year Bill Brown has been in the Panhandle trials.

"Not only did these four varieties have the highest yield when averaged across locations, but were in the top 25 percent in yield in four of the five sites," he said.

Other varieties that averaged in the top 25 percent were Billings, T81, Duster, TAM 203, Endurance, and the experimentals TX02A252 and OK04525. Billings was released this year by Oklahoma State University, and a decision is expected soon to release the Texas AgriLife Research experimental TX02A252, which yielded well in last year's trial.

Of the nine dryland trials planted, only five were harvested, Bean said. The others

were abandoned due to poor stand establishment, drought and high variability within a trial site.

In the five trials reported, the top five varieties were easily identified as Hatcher, TAM 112, TAM 111, TX02A0252 and Bill Brown.

"Hatcher has proven itself in previous years as a good dryland variety," he said. "It performed exceptionally well this year, averaging almost five bushels more than its nearest competitor, likely because of its Russian wheat aphid resistance."

Hatcher and Bill Brown were the only two varieties in the dryland trials with Russian wheat aphid resistance, Bean said. Similar to the irrigated trials, Endurance and Dumas also yielded in the top 25 percent at most of the locations.

"Varieties recommended here are those that have consistently performed well over at least a three-year period," he said. "Those varieties that perform well under full irri-

gation also tend to be the same varieties that yield well under dryland (conditions). In our environment, even those varieties grown under full irrigation are going to be subject to heat stress and likely some periods of drought."

Yield data from previous years, variety descriptions, two- and three-year averages by location, and other information can be found at: <http://amarillo.tamu.edu/programs/agronomy> under Publications.

Amarillo-Area Wheat Producers' Conf. planned for Aug. 10

by Kay Ledbetter
Wheat producers in the Amarillo area can get an update on everything from diseases to insects and markets to variety-trial results at the upcoming Wheat Producers' Conference on Aug. 10.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd.

The program will include four Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialists from Amarillo providing updates in their fields of expertise. Kody Bessent, Texas Wheat Producers Board and Association executive assistant, will provide the latest information from that organization.

Three continuing education units - one general and two integrated pest management - will be offered at the completion of the meeting.

Refreshments will be courtesy of the wheat association and board.

For additional information, contact Michael Wilkes with the AgriLife Extension office in Oldham County at 267-2692 or Kyle Stewart with the AgriLife Extension office in Armstrong County at 226-3021.

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2009 Property Tax Rates in City of Spearman

This notice concerns 2009 property tax rates for City of Spearman. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:				
Last year's operating taxes	\$362,086			
Last year's debt taxes	\$0			
Last year's total taxes	\$362,086			
Last year's tax base	\$68,189,454			
Last year's total tax rate	0.531000 /\$100			
This year's effective tax rate:				
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$360,044			
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$69,883,866			
= This year's effective tax rate	0.515203 /\$100			
<i>(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)</i>				
This year's rollback tax rate:				
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$512,842			
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$69,883,866			
= This year's effective operating rate	0.733849 /\$100			
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.792556 /\$100			
+ This year's debt rate	0.000000 /\$100			
= This year's total rollback rate	0.792556 /\$100			
- Sales tax adjustment rate	0.216503 /\$100			
= Rollback tax rate	0.576053 /\$100			
Statement of Increase/Decrease				
If City of Spearman adopts a 2009 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.515203 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2008 taxes by \$1,522.				
Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances				
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.				
Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance			
Maintenance & Operations	\$652,372			
Schedule B - 2009 Debt Service				
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).				
Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Enter Text Here	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Required for 2009 Debt Service				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2009				\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 96.00% of its taxes in 2009				\$0
= Total Debt Levy				\$0
Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax				
In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$152,798 in additional sales and use tax revenues.				
This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 709 W 7th, Spearman, Texas.				
Name of person preparing this notice: Sonya Shieldknight				
Title: Chief Appraiser				
Date Prepared: July 28, 2009				

PUBLIC NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION IN CAREER & TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION 2009 - 2010

The Spearman Independent School District offers Career & Technology Education programs in Agricultural Science, Business Education, Career Orientation, Family & Consumer Science Education, Marketing Education, Ready Set Teach, 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 Spearman 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 Spearman ISD to support districts as they provide a free, appropriate education to all students consisting of regular and special education and related aides and services in career and technology education programs that are designed to meet individual educational needs of disabled persons as adequately as the need of non-disabled persons are met and are based upon adherence to provisions set forth in 34 CFR 104.33-104.36; 34 CFR 104.31-104.40; (see also standards under V-C, V-D, V-E, V-F, V-G, and V-H).

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Spearman 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, Shane Whiteley, at 505 S. Townsend, Spearman, Texas 79081, (806) 659-2563, and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Shane Whiteley, at 505 S. Townsend, Spearman, Texas 79081, (806) 659-2563.

FORMA DE MUESTRA

El Distrito Independiente de Spearman ofrece programas vocacionales en Agricultural Science, Business Education, Career Orientation, Family & Consumer Science Education, Marketing Education, Ready Set Teach, 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.

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Number of Exemplary and Academically Unacceptable districts and campuses grows

Increasing passing rates on state tests and a new growth measure contributed to substantial increases in the number of Exemplary schools and districts in the state's accountability ratings system.

High school completion rates and science test results caused the number of Academically Unacceptable districts and schools to increase as well this year. The number of Academically Unacceptable districts increased to its highest level since implementation of the accountability system in 1994.

The Texas Education Agency today released annual rating status for 1,235 school districts and charter operators and 8,322 schools. Ratings are posted at: <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/account/2009/index.html>

"We saw increased passing rates on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) for virtually every subject and at every grade when we released test results in May. We knew that boded well for the ratings. A new growth measure called the Texas Projection Measure, which gives schools credit for the academic growth of students, also increased a school or district's chance of earning a top rating," Commissioner of Education Robert Scott said.

Tempering those factors was the high school completion rate, which represents the percentage of students graduating from high school in four years or continuing in high school for a fifth year. Although the completion rate increased to 88 percent from the previous year, 12 percent of the 2008 graduating class left school without receiving a diploma. They either dropped out of school or obtained a General Educational Development (GED) certificate.

"School districts were given two years to adjust to the use of a new, more rigorous dropout definition. Many districts stepped up and worked hard to reduce the

number of students who would otherwise have dropped out. Because districts are being held fully accountable for their dropouts, the new definition has resulted in lower ratings for some districts and schools," Scott said.

Exemplary
The number of Exemplary school districts rose from 43 in 2008 to 117 this year. The total number of Exemplary schools increased from 1,000 last year to 2,151 in 2009. That represents about 26 percent of the campuses in the state.

This is the highest number of districts and campuses to receive an Exemplary rating since 2002, the last year of the state's original rating system, which was based on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS), dropout rates and attendance rates.

Of those rated Exemplary, 73 districts and 1,111 campuses were elevated from Recognized to Exemplary as a result of Texas Projection Measure or TPM. The district and campus accountability data tables posted on the TEA Web site clearly identify whether the TPM or other accountability provisions were used to increase ratings.

Required by both state and federal law, TPM is a growth to proficiency measure. The goal is proficiency for all students at certain check points within one, two or three years. Those check points are fifth, eighth and 11th grades, which are the grades at which students must pass certain TAKS tests in order to be promoted to the next grade or to meet graduation requirements.

The measure provides information about whether the student is improving academically at a rate that makes it likely that he or she will pass the TAKS at these critical check points.

This year, the basic performance standards needed to achieve an Exemplary rating were a 90 percent or better passing rate in all TAKS subjects for all students and all

student groups that meet minimum size criteria, and a completion rate of at least 95 percent and an annual dropout rate of 2 percent or lower.

Recognized
The number of schools and districts that achieved a Recognized rating also rose this year. The number of Recognized districts and charter holders increased from 329 in 2008 to 459 today. The total number of Recognized schools increased from 2,819 last year to 2,930 this year. Slightly more than one-third of the state's districts and campuses earned this rating.

Of those rated Recognized, 178 districts and 1,077 campuses were boosted from an Academically Acceptable rating to Recognized through the use of TPM.

Achievement of a Recognized rating requires meeting a performance standard of 75 percent or higher on TAKS tests for each subject and student group, achieving an 85 percent completion rate and an annual dropout rate of 2 percent or less.

Academically Acceptable
The movement of schools and districts into the two highest and the lowest rating categories left a declining number in the Academically

Acceptable rating category. Last year, 818 districts or charter holders were rated Acceptable, compared to 561 today. Campuses rated Academically Acceptable dropped from 3,508 to 2,298.

An Acceptable rating means the district or school has TAKS passing rates of at least 70 percent on English language arts/reading; writing and social studies TAKS exams; at least 55 percent passing rates on mathematics TAKS and at least 50 percent on the science TAKS test. They also have completion rates of at least 75 percent and annual dropout rates of 2 percent or lower.

Seventy-eight districts and 355 schools used TPM to earn an Acceptable rating.

Academically Unacceptable
Schools and districts received the state's lowest rating if they failed to meet the criteria required for an Academically Acceptable rating. This year, 87 districts were rated Academically Unacceptable, compared to 32 last year. This is the highest number of Academically Unacceptable districts in the history of the Texas accountability system.

The number of Academically Unacceptable campuses was 270, up from 202 in 2008. This is the highest

number of Academically Unacceptable campuses since 2006.

Forty-eight districts and 63 campuses received this rating solely because of an Unacceptable completion rate. Low passing rates on the science TAKS was the only reason that nine districts and 116 campuses were rated Unacceptable. Those were the two most common reasons for poor performance ratings.

State law requires sanctions to be imposed when a district or school receives an Academically Unacceptable rating. The sanctions increase with each year of poor performance. The sanctions

range from the creation of a corrective action plan to closure.

Additional information
The 2009 Accountability Manual, which details all the requirements of the rating system, is available at: <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/account/2009/manual/index.html>.

The ratings can be found at: <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/account/>.

Completion rate and dropout information are available at: http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/research/pdfs/dropcomp_2007-08.pdf.

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