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Spearman ISD Mandatory Drug Testing Parent/Student Meeting

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 Thursday, August 12 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.

Spearman High School Registration

SHS students may pick up their 2010-2011 class schedules on Thursday, August 12, 2010, according to the following schedule:

- *9th Grade - 8:00 - 8:45
- *10th Grade - 8:45 - 9:30
- *11th Grade - 9:30 - 10:15
- *12th Grade - 10:15 - 11:00

Students new to the district may register from 11:00 am - Noon. New students need to bring a copy of their shot record and a current transcript.

REMINDER: All students must be in compliance with the dress code policy on the first day of school.

Spearman ISD Receives Bronze Designation for Financial Transparency



Spearman Independent School District recently received a bronze designation in the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle by taking the first steps toward financial transparency.

Nearly 200 local governments across Texas have earned a spot in the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle by posting budgets, financial reports and/or check registers online. Texas Comptroller Susan Combs launched the program in December 2009 to recognize cities, counties, school districts and other local governments that have taken their first steps toward openness, shown progress or even exceeded transparency standards.

"Spearman ISD is working to meet a high standard for transparency and re-

ceived bronze status in the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle by posting its budget and financial report online," Combs said. "We appreciate the work of school district officials who shine a light on spending and ensure greater accountability to the taxpayers."

Through the Leadership Circle program, the Comptroller's office awards certificates based on a self-scoring checklist that evaluates how local governments provide online access to their expenses and revenue. Local governments receiving a gold, silver or bronze Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle award have opened their books to the public and provide clear, consistent pictures of spending with detailed information on how tax dollars are allocated and spent. These top-ranking entities provide information online in an easily accessible, user-friendly format and set up features that allow taxpayers to easily drill down for more detailed information.

"When we talk about transparency in terms of government spending, we're

opening financial records for public examination so taxpayers can see exactly where their money is going," Combs said. "We're promoting greater accountability and raising expectations for customer service and government transparency at all levels."

For tips and a step-by-step guide to achieve local government transparency, as well as a complete list of local governments in the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle sorted by city, county and school district, visit www.TexasTransparency.org/local/. New entities are typically added on a weekly basis.

As part of an ongoing effort to set new standards for transparency and accountability in state government, Combs has taken proactive steps since January 2007 to provide an open window on state spending. Transparency efforts in Texas have yielded cost savings of \$51 million since 2007. To view the state's transparency efforts and tools, go to www.TexasTransparency.org.

Camp Bereavement Benefits from Stavlo Cook-Off



To our friends in the Spearman, Gruver and surrounding communities,

We would like to Thank everyone that made Camp Hope Bereavement Camp a great success at Paul & Barbara Stavlo's, Bar 7 Ranch. We appreciate every one's gift of precious time, talents and love which you so willingly shared with every-

one at Camp Hope. Children came with broken hearts, scared and lonely and left with a New beginning of Hope in each of their lives. The love each of you have shared is priceless. It is our sincere hope that each person, volunteer and camper gained more than they have given and have truly seen God's love in action.

If you would like information on one of our future camps please call (512) 627 4388 (575) 574-8746 or visit our website at www.camphopebereavement.org

With Compassion,
Camp Hope Bereavement
Suzy & Mike McCravy

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

August 11th-13th
8:30-11:00am
1pm-3:30pm

Please bring the following information with you:

- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- List of Immunizations

Closed Notice

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman office will also be closed August 23rd-27th. The office will reopen at 9 a.m. on Monday, August 30th.

The deadline for the August 26th edition will be Wednesday, August 18th at 5 p.m. Items submitted after the deadline will be published at a later date, as time and space permit.

Items may be submitted by phone (806-659-3434), fax (807-398-9080), mail (Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman TX 79081), in person (310 Barkley Street, Spearman) or e-mail (reporter@spearmanreporter.com).

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 100. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

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

SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

SUNDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 90.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

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

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

TUESDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 90.

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WEDNESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/forecast/w-Spearman-Texas.html#ixzz0sL1YLPsf>

Hansford County School News

Spearman ISD

August 14th - 5 p.m., Gruver vs. Spearman Scrimmage, Spearman; followed by watermelon feed for players and coaches (The time has been changed from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., due to the death of a long time Spearman ISD employee Bob Hill. Bob's funeral will be Saturday morning at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Spearman.)

August 16th - Teachers Report to School (8 a.m., Welcome Back School Personnel Breakfast, High School Cafeteria)

August 19th - 5-6 p.m., Gus Birdwell Elementary Open House; 5:30-6:30 p.m., Spearman Jr. High Open House; 6-7 p.m., Spearman High School Open House; 7 p.m. Meet the Lynx & Lynettes Night, East Parking Lot of Spearman High School

August 23rd - First Day of School

Gruver ISD

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August 17th - 6:45-8:30 a.m., Cross Country Practice; HS Football Practice; Teacher In-Service

August 18th - 6:45-8:30 a.m., Cross Country Practice; HS Football Practice;

Teacher In-Service; 9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m., Jr. High Students welcome to bring their supplies and put them in their lockers.

August 19th - 6:45-8:30 a.m., Cross Country Practice; HS Football Practice; Teacher In-Service; High School Students pick up schedules; HS Scrimmage vs. Claude

August 20th - 6:45-8:30 a.m., Cross Country Practice; HS Football Practice; Teacher In-Service; Changes to schedules must be completed.

August 23rd - First Day of School!
August 26th - 5 p.m., Jr. High, JV Football

August 27th - HS Football vs. West Texas High School

Pringle-Morse CISD

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Panhandle Association of SWCDs Meet

The Panhandle Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (PASWCDS) will meet August 17, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Dalhart XIT Rangers Hall in Dalhart.

David Ahlem, Site Manager of the Hilmar Cheese Company located in Dalhart will be the featured speaker at the meeting. Hilmar Cheese Company specializes in the production of cheddar and American cheese utilized by private label and national brand, retail and food service companies across America. The state-of-the-art cheese and whey protein plant in Dalhart processes more than 500,000 gal-

lons of milk each day.

Ahlem will speak to the conservation district directors attending the meeting on how the company reduces, reuses and recycles water. "Recycled water accounts for more than 60 percent of the water used at our facility. The Dalhart facility uses a modern pond and digester system to produce clean irrigation water on a daily basis," Ahlem said.

Speakers during the business session who will update SWCD directors on state and national soil and water conservation programs and issues include Bob Gruner, Program Specialist, Texas State Soil and

Water Conservation Board and Bob Perry, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Program Liaison.

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, Farmer, Castro, Swisher, Briscoe, Hall, and Childress Counties.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott
MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

If you came to the museum on Wednesday, you had a great visit with Susan Shumaker and the three museums in our north east corner - River Valley's Sharon Wright, Canadian visited during lunch while Brandi Wright and two of her board members from the Museum of the Plains, and Perryton joined the Core Team at lunch at the West of the Line in Higgins. We were joined by Charles and Joy Shaw of Vici, OK.

Charles had a lot of wonderful photos of his family during the Dust Bowl. Scott Brosowski and James Coverdale were also on hand for a day full of discussion on the 1930's. At the end of the day Susan, and her assistant Josh, left with over a 100 scanned photos. We really enjoyed the day.

One interesting fact concerning the day was discovered when Susan informed us that one of the family's being interviewed and featured in the upcoming program was the Lewis family from the Gate, OK area. Lovella brought to Susan's attention that I had attended the Lewis auction in Gate several weeks ago and had some of their family correspondence during that time period. I went home and brought some of the family clothing and papers.

We found a letter and the farm account book, along with a dress that Susan knew the son, who is ninety, would be interested in. Another example of how small our world is. It also convinced me to keep on going to auctions.

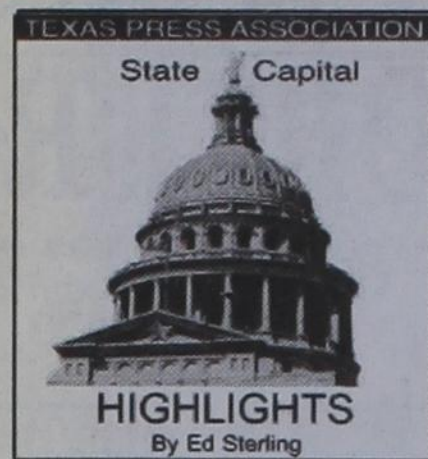
We will be meeting this week to get our building project moving. We will be starting the project to set the budget, which we need

in order to seek grants for the final funds. Stay tuned for updates.

The summer is almost over with schools starting in the next 2-3 weeks. The August third Saturday is the 21st, and we will host Elaine Littau and Warren McClenagan, who will be signing their books. Sam Sidders will also be here for his Art Exhibit, which has been on display since July 1. It promises to be a good evening.

Georgia and I will be in Plainview next week for the second annual Regional Roundup for the Texas Plains Trail. This annual event is for the top 52 counties museum, chambers of commerce, travel representations, county reps, etc. to meet and exchange ideas on tourism, preservation, and economic development.

There will not be a column next week. So, I will report to you in two weeks. Enjoy.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling



Austin congressman's effort would attach strings to funding

AUSTIN — U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, on Aug. 5 attached an amendment to House Resolution 1586 in hopes of preventing Texas' \$830 million share of a \$10 billion pot of education stimulus dollars from being used for purposes other than education.

language arts tests for grades 3 through 8, and 10; • Graduation rates for high schools and districts; and • Attendance rates for elementary and middle schools.

Health reform law is challenged

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott is among 20 state attorneys general and governors challenging the new federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, which was signed into law by President Barack Obama on March 23.

according to an Aug. 4 TxDOT news release. Now, once bridge load posting signs have been installed or removed, an electronic notification is sent from TxDOT to DPS notifying them of the change.

The DPS enforces posted bridge weight restrictions through its commercial vehicle enforcement operations. TxDOT oversees more than 50,000 bridges statewide and is responsible for maintaining over 80,000 miles of road.

Immunization time for students

The state health department on Aug. 6 reminded Texans that it's time to get children vaccinated.

Students entering kindergarten and seventh grade are required to get five vaccines and they will need to be vaccinated before the first day of school.

If a student is not vaccinated, entry into school may be delayed by school administration.

To find an immunization clinic, dial 2-1-1, option #1.

Power usage hits new high

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas Inc., the operator of most of the state's power grid, said a new peak demand record of 63,594 megawatts was set on Aug. 4, between 4 and 5 p.m.

The previous record of 63,400 megawatts was recorded on July 13, 2009.

The challengers' legal brief, filed last week in a Florida U.S. district court, complains that the law unconstitutionally forces states to expand entitlement programs, such as Medicaid, and forces Americans to buy health insurance.

"By exerting such sweeping authority over Americans' individual decisions, Congress is attempting to expand federal authority and seize powers that are restricted by the Tenth Amendment," Abbott and the others say.

A hearing on a federal government motion to dismiss the challenge is scheduled for Sept. 14.

Bridge info sharing to improve

Texas Department of Public Safety and Texas Department of Transportation are working more closely to ensure that bridges in Texas are safe,



The Life And Times Of Judge Roy Bean

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

Nearly 130 years ago this month, a larger than life figure with a colorful past and an unorthodox set of principles became the first justice of the peace to serve in the lawless country between the Pecos and Rio Grande. Dubbing himself the "Law West of the Pecos," Roy Bean was appointed as justice of Pecos County on August 2, 1882, leaving a trail of questionable encounters and his own narrow escapes from the law behind him.

To this day, the line between fact and fiction in the life of Roy Bean remains blurred. According to most accounts, Roy was born in Mason County, Kentucky in 1825 to Francis and Anna Bean. He left home as a teenager to join his brother Samuel driving oxen down the Santa Fe Trail to Chihuahua, Mexico. The Bean brothers began working as traders in Chihuahua, but Roy soon got into trouble and fled to San Diego, where his brother Joshua served as mayor and was well respected among the residents. In 1851, Joshua was appointed major general of the state militia and relocated to San Gabriel.

In February 1852, Roy was thrown into jail after a duel, but he managed to escape and moved swiftly to join his brother in San Gabriel. Joshua owned a general store and the Headquarters Saloon there, which Roy inherited after his brother's murder in November 1852. With jet black hair and a fair complexion, Roy was considered attractive and well-dressed, once even described as "handsome as an Adonis." In San Gabriel, Roy quickly used his looks and charms to his advantage, trying his luck with gambling and cockfighting, and winning the attention of many local ladies. Roy was known to carry two revolvers in his belt and a

bowie knife secured in one of his boots.

Trouble soon found Roy again, and after several duels, Roy was once again forced to flee the region in the late 1850s. Roy was eventually reunited with Samuel in Mesilla, New Mexico, where Samuel served as sheriff. The brothers soon continued the family trend and opened a saloon, which flourished until the Civil War reached the Rio Grande Valley.

Roy then moved to San Antonio and earned a reputation for his sly ability to escape creditors and the law; a portion of South Flores Street became known as "Beaville" in his honor. In 1866, he married Virginia Chavez, with whom he had four children. Their marriage was short-lived, however, and in 1882 Roy traveled west with the men building the Sunset railroad. He eventually made his way to Vinegarroon, just west of the Pecos, where he set up a 'tent saloon' and found the railroad workers to have a steady appetite for the whiskey he peddled.

With lawlessness running rampant in the region, as was typical to the end of any railroad tracks, Texas Rangers were called in. They determined a local justice of the peace was needed to bring order to the region and also save them from making the 400-mile round trip required to deliver prisoners to the Pecos County seat at Fort Stockton. Roy had earned the respect of the Rangers and was officially appointed as justice by Pecos County commissioners in 1882. He would go on to serve in that capacity, with at least two interruptions, for the next 20 years.

A December 1882 article in the San Antonio Weekly Express described Roy as "generous, brave, courteous, and a keen lover of fun. He holds court anywhere and carries a pocketful of blank warrants, one of which he will fill out and sign at a minute's notice."

The same article painted a colorful picture of his leadership style: "Recently his honor got very drunk and wanted to run things. 'I'm the law here,' he cried, jerking out his six-shooter, 'and if anybody don't like it, they better hide out, for I've got my war paint on, and when Old Roy gets his paint on, he's hell.'" Still, Roy was respected for bringing order to the region, albeit by questionable means. On one occasion, when a man fell off a bridge and died, Roy fined the corpse for the same amount he had been carrying when he was found - \$40. Roy figured that money would cover the funeral expenses. While he was known to intimidate, cheat and make up the rules as he went, he never hanged anyone during his tenure. Roy passed away in his saloon on March 16, 1903. He is interred at the Whitehead Memorial Museum in Del Rio.

Today Judge Roy Bean remains a fixture in Texas and American folklore, even serving as the subject of the Oscar-nominated 1970s film, *The Life and Times of Judge Roy Bean*, starring Paul Newman as Bean. While billed as a fictitious account, the film was fitted with a tagline that probably best summarizes the colorful life and legacy of Roy Bean: "If this story ain't true... it shoulda been."

Sources: "Judge Roy Bean Country," by Jack Skiles; Texas State Historical Association. Sen. Cornyn serves on the Finance, Judiciary, Agriculture, and Budget Committees. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Refugees and Border Security Subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

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FAMOUS AUTHOR'S

- ACROSS**
- Very small particles
 - Feeling of veneration
 - 1988 movie "The ___ Blue Line"
 - Large, colorful parrot
 - ___-a-vis
 - Laughing predator
 - Vital life, in Sanskrit
 - "___ my party, and I'll cry if I want to..."
 - Remove from existence
 - "Famous for his science fiction
 - "Little Women" author
 - "___ Jordan
 - Unwanted sac of fluid in the body
 - Mentally quick
 - "The Forsyte ___" by John Galsworthy
 - Authoritative declaration
 - Desperate
 - Baby powder ingredient
 - Censure severely
 - Swear, not as in curse
 - "Female George
 - Short for the capital of Indiana
 - Vehicle popular with college students
 - Boxing practice
 - "A Death in the Family" author
 - Organic chemicals found in animals, e.g. cholesterol
 - Skills evaluation
 - "Pope saying: 'To ___ is human'"
 - Hiker's backpack, e.g.
 - Male equivalent of madam
 - "Pride and Prejudice" author
 - It often causes a cough
 - Old photograph color
 - Protected South African antelope
 - Defective car
 - Fork tooth
 - To become moistened or soaked
 - Elude
 - Redundantly singular
 - Hitherto
 - Sign up again
- DOWN**
- Basic unit of electric current
 - Plantation described by Margaret Mitchell
 - South American edible tuber, ___
 - Kepto ___
 - Hindu religious teacher, pl.
 - Tel ___, Israel
 - "Brevity is the soul of ___"
 - Tempestuous
 - "Superman" Christopher
 - Prefix denoting air
 - "Middle name of Shakespeare's hometown
 - Cosine's counterpart
 - Usually the last
 - stroke on a golf hole
 - Slang for federal agent
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 - R&R hot spot
 - Maiden name indicator
 - The most recent Testament

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Happy Birthday!

August 12
Birthdays - Hix Spivey, Norma Swink, Verna Gail Keim, Angela Gaither, Judy Nelson, Randy Hargis, Julian Rodriguez Sr., Wade Nobles, Devonna Boyd, Janice Bannister, J.C. Harris
Anniversary - M/M Rudy Saldavar

August 13
Birthdays - 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
Birthdays - Leslie Latta, Jimmy Nicholson, Mike Pack
Anniversary - M/M Monty Lusby

August 15
Birthdays - 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
Birthdays - Corky Chapman, Ed Fry, Ronny Womble, Wayne Burchard, Ben Dunaway, Sondra Younger, Felix Sandaval, Tyce Hergert, Teresa Cook, Sharon Ross, Jason Villines, Lillie Love, Kathy Love, Nicholas Vinson, Ruben Gomez, Donetta Greene, Carlos Hernandez, Alexander Davis
Anniversary - M/M Bill Sparks

August 17
Birthdays - 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
Birthdays - Brenda Dahl, Carla Johnson, Heather Murrell, Jack Weldon, Tina Wilmeth, Jerry Beth Prachar, Tammy Welch, Bob Cook, Robbin Keetch, Pat Miller, Jeanie Bennett, Glen Ward, Andrew Correll, Janet Mayo
Anniversary - M/M David Link, M/M Dennis Baker, M/M Charles Deakin

August 19
Birthdays - Diana Bradshaw, Buddy Murrell, Ken-

ton Odom, Linda Tidwell, Carey Bridges, Perry Dixon, Mary Lou Mathews, Chris Trout, Lisa Collins, Teddy Lynn Whitefield, Melissa Harvey, Joshua Miller, Jordan Fisher, Lenny Pecha

Anniversary - M/M Kelly Smith, M/M Larry Hicks, M/M Jim Bartimus

August 20
Birthdays - David Bergin, Joyce Messer, Joyce Lackey, Irene Snider, Tony Hart, Shelley Edenborough, Joe Olivarez, Derek Irlbeck, Kathy Lewis, Jodi Hight
Anniversary - M/M Mike Grotgut, 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 Babitzke, 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

Words from Faith & Grace



by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

What does it mean to follow Jesus? Fire! We study Jeremiah 23: 23-29, Psalm 82, Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2, and Luke 12: 49-56.

Jeremiah condemns false prophets and at verse 23 shifts from poetry to prose as he explains something of the nature of the True God. Our God is near and everywhere. This leaves us to answer, "How do we recognize a 'false prophet'". Micah defined them as those who preach 'peace', that is to say, those who preach believe in God and you will have prosperity. Jeremiah concurs. Dear Christian, we did not receive a 'prosperity' gospel. Jesus The Christ did not tell us to believe in him and we would wear the finest jewelry and clothing and live in vast houses, and dine sumptuously. Jesus The Christ told us, "Take up your cross and follow me." God's steadfast love is given to transform us from what we are into a new creation. The advent of grace does not mean an immediate deliverance from anxiety.

The Psalmist sings a hymn of the greatness of God. Showing God as being superior to all the other gods of nations. The True God brings judgment on the gods of nations because they have neglected the poor, the weak, the orphans and widows. These 'gods' shall therefore die. Dear Christian, you cannot pat yourself on the back for being a believer if you neglect your neighbor in need.

The writer to the Hebrews recites a brief history of the heroes of Israel, who are examples of faith. The point here is that we, as believers, are part of the family of God. This family experiences both triumph and disaster, yet remains faithful to God. Faith endures. The writer describes Jesus as the "pioneer" or "perfecter" of our faith. The Greek is "archegos" which means author, instigator, or impetus. In a race, the "archegos" was the team captain. The writer to the Hebrews uses this sports example to urge us to rid ourselves of every weight of conscience and the sin that clings so closely to us so that we may complete our 'race' successfully. Faith endures.

Jesus declares to his listeners that "I come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!" In the Hebrew tradition "fire" meant judgment. In the Greek, Jesus is casting fire upon the earth. "To cast fire" was to bring light to darkness. John the Baptist said of Jesus, "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire". This is the fire of purification. Jesus then tells his listeners, "Do you think I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!" Dear Christian, if we are aware of the presence of God and if we are purified in trials, then there are some with whom we cannot agree. Jesus then rebukes the crowd for being able to interpret signs of impending weather, while failing to see the signs of the present time. Dear Christian, the time for action through faith is now.

Being a Christian and living the disciple life is not easy. May the Holy Spirit enable you to follow Jesus in faith.

Our Sympathy

SOCORRO RODRIGUEZ

SPEARMAN - Socorro Rodriguez, 77, died Monday, August 9, 2010.

Rosary was at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 11, 2010 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, August 12th in the church with the Rev. Gregory Bunyan as celebrant. Burial will be in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Socorro was born Feb. 12, 1933, in Satevo, Chihuahua, Mexico, to Roberto and Manuela Rodriguez. He was a ranch and a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Spearman.

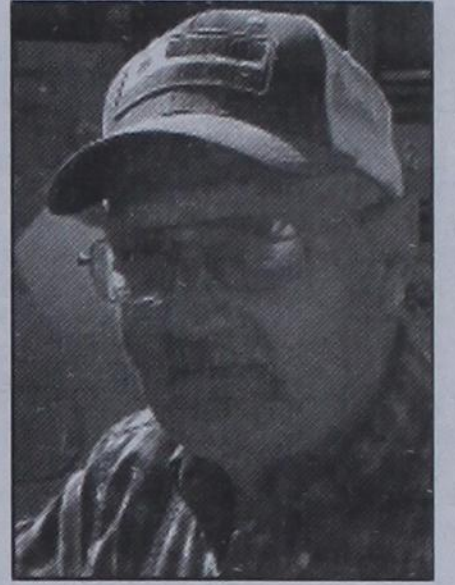
He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Alberto Rodriguez Sr.; and two sisters, Maria Rodriguez-Pacheco and Belen Rodriguez-Pacheco.

Survivors include two daughters, Elizabeth Rodriguez of Garland and Maribel Socorro Rodriguez of Chihuahua; two brothers, Sabino Rodriguez-Pacheco and Jesus Rodriguez-Pacheco, both of Chihuahua; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

BOB HILL

SPEARMAN - Bob Hill, 77, died Wednesday, August 11, 2010.

Funeral services will be on Saturday, August 14, 2010 at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Spearman. Burial will be in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.



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 Pastor - Roland Haney

First Assembly of God
 401 N. Bernice • 659-2295
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
 Worship: 10:40 a.m.
 Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
 Wed. Worship: 7 p.m.
 Wed. Youth: 7
 Pastor - Jerry Pollard

First Christian Church
 (Disciples of Christ)
 29 S. Bernice • 659-2036
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship: 10:50 a.m.
 Minister -

First Baptist Church
 123 N. Bernice • 659-5557
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship: 11 a.m.
 Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
 Men's Bible Study - Wed., 7 a.m.
 Children's Choir - Wed., 6 p.m.
 Adult Choir - Wed., 7 p.m.
 Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.
 Pastor - Jim Medley

Church of Christ
 121 S. Haney • 659-3244
 Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship: 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
 Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
 901 Roland • 659-2166
 Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m.
 Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English
 Sun. Mass: 11:30 a.m. - Spanish
 Rev. Gregory Bunyan

First United Methodist
 407 S. Haney • 659-5503
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m.
 Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
 High School: 6 p.m. Sunday
 Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed.
 Pastor - Neely Landrum

Grace Presbyterian Church
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 1101 Bernice • 659-2033

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)
 1101 Bernice • 659-2252
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship: 11 a.m.
 (Worships with Grace Presbyterian Church)
 Pastor - Cecil Biggers, PLM

Union Church
 31 S. Endicott • 659-2644
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
 Worship: 11:00 a.m.
 Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed.
 Youth Service: 6 p.m. Wed.
 Pastor - Don Baltazor

Fellowship Baptist
 1102 S. Archer • 659-2783
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
 Worship: 11 a.m.
 Sun. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
 Sun. Evening Spanish Worship: 7 p.m.
 Youth/Adult Service: 7:30 Wed.
 Pastor - Philip Hudson

Primera Mision Bautista

502 E. 7th • 659-3991
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship: 11 a.m.;
 Evening: 6 p.m.
 Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.
 Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m.
 Pastor - Joe Garcia Jr.

El Aposento Alto U.P.C.I.
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 Culto Evangelistico - 7 p.m.
 Jueves: Oracion - 8 p.m.
 Mier: Estudio Biblico - 7 p.m.
 Pastor - A.G. Martell
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Gruver

First Baptist Church
 402 E. Broadway • 733-2411
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship: 10:50 a.m.
 Disciple Training: 6 p.m. Sunday
 Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday
 Pastor - Scott Curry

Church of Christ
 209 King • 733-2760
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
 Worship: 10:20 a.m.
 Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
 Wed. Worship: 7:00 p.m.
 Minister - Gaylord Cook

First Christian Church
 510 King • 733-2960
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
 Youth: 7:30, Sunday
 Adult Bible Study: 7:30, Sun.
 Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.
 Pastor - Gary Gumfory

Gruver United Methodist

Broadway & Garrett
 733-2651
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.
 Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m.
 Pastor - George Price

Spanish Cristo Redentor Church

Hwy 15 806-659-2166
 Gruver, TX
 Sun. Mass: 1:30 p.m. - Spanish
 Rev. Gregory Bunyan

Oslo

Oslo Lutheran Church (ELCA)
 6 Miles West & 12 Miles
 North of Gruver
 339-7646
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship: 11 a.m.
 Pastor - Arlen Lloyd

Morse

Morse Baptist Church
 733-2757
 Pastor - Mike Martin

Waka

Church of Christ
 300 Rogers Ave.
 202-7126
 Sunday Worship: 6 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.
 Preacher - James Gordon

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 Micah 6:8

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Medical Fund for Bruce Duncan

A medical fund has been established for Bruce Duncan at First National Bank, Spearman. If you would like to make a donation you may make a deposit with any teller or mail a donation to First National Bank, Bruce Duncan Medical Fund, PO Box 337, Spearman TX 79081.

Ted & Barbara Scroggs Fund

One couple experienced excessive flooding of their home during the recent rains and flooding. Ted & Barbara Scroggs home, located at Old Hansford near the Palo Duro Creek, was flooded not only in the basement, which was full to the top, but also the water went up to about 13" in the main part of the house. Ted & Barbara have also experienced good out of this flooding experience, help from friends and neighbors. Much as in the "Old Days," when neighbors all pitched in to help in times of natural disasters Our area has always been very good at helping neighbors. Barbara had tried to buy flood insurance many times but could not get it due to the government rules on flood areas, the government had placed their home in a non-flood area. A fund has been set up in their name at the First State Bank of Spearman. If you would like to contribute to this fund take or mail your contribution to The First State Bank, PO Box 247, Spearman, Tx 79081. Thank you.

Perryton Area Parkinson's Disease Support Group

The Perryton Area Parkinson's Disease Support Group will meet Friday, August 13, 2010 at the Perryton Mennonite Church, 2821 S. Ash, for a noon meeting. Lunch will be provided. Physical Therapist, Kim Moore will give the program. Call Bev Burger for more information at 435-3437

Annual Spearman Chamber of Commerce Golf Tourney
The Annual Spearman Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, August 14th. The format will be lowball/scramble, \$40/player. Everyone interested is invited to compete. There will be hole prizes, food and fun! Call Keith at 659-5555 for more information or to sign up.

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet on Saturday, August 14, at 6 p.m. at the Waka Christian Center. Families and friends are welcome to attend. There will be a potluck meal, sponsors training, and a praise and worship service. A nursery will be provided.

Card Shower for Claudine Clark

Claudine Clark has touched the lives of many in Hansford County - now you can brighten her day by sending her a birthday card! Please mail to: Claudine Clark, % Carrie Tidwell, 2631 Inwood Briar, San Antonio TX 78248. This will be a surprise "Birthday Card Shower" for Claudine - so please don't tell her, and be sure to send your card by August 14.

Calling Ladies of Prayer

You are invited to an evening of fellowship, worship and prayer on August 20th from 6:30-10:30 p.m. at 1016 Wilmeth, Spearman. Fellowship, get acquainted and salad supper begins at 6:30, followed by worship, prayer and intercession. Please call to RSVP by August 18th: Christina Dettman, 330-1276, Merry Sparks, 659-2700, or Lucy Pittman, 659-3819. If no one answers, please leave a name, number of attending, and phone number.

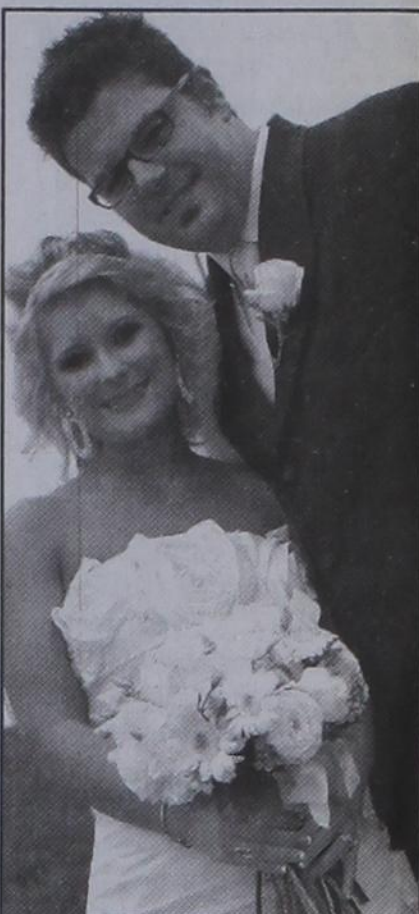
Hansford Gun Club Rifle Shoot

The Hansford Gun Club holds a .22 rifle shoot on the second Sunday of each month, starting at 1:30 p.m. at the gun range (located on Hwy. 15 between Spearman and Gruver). Everyone is invited to join the fun.

Hansford Golf Club Hosts Tuesday Night Scrambles

The Hansford County Golf Club has begun their Tuesday Night Scrambles. Tee-time is at 6 p.m. sharp. The cost is \$10 per person. Teams are drawn. For more information, or to sign up, call 659-2233.

Miesner, Carter Wed



Mr. & Mrs. Broc Carter

Broc Carter and Kaylee Miesner, both of Amarillo, were united in marriage at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday July 3, 2010, at Trinity Fellowship Church in Amarillo, TX. Pastor Adam Widowski of Trinity Fellowship Church officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Jed and Lesa Miesner of Amarillo, formally of Spearman.

The groom is the son of Rickki Carter of Canyon and David and Donna Carter of Amarillo.

Matron of Honor was Lacey Salgado of Amarillo, sister of the bride. Bridal attendants were Teela Miesner of Amarillo, sister-in-law of the bride, Nickki Cluck of Canyon, sister of the groom, Kimmy Artho of Oklahoma City, friend of the bride, and Jill Stennis of Amarillo, friend of the bride. Honorary bridesmaids were Jordan Short and Lindsey Short of Waco, friends of the bride. Flower girl was Carter

Cluck, niece of the groom.

Best man was Brett Stout of Amarillo, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Marty Miesner of Amarillo, brother of the bride, Cory Cluck of Canyon, brother-in-law of the groom, Stephen Salgado of Amarillo, brother-in-law of the bride, and George Webster of Lubbock, friend of the groom.

Bible bearer was Ben Salgado, nephew of the bride.

Ring bearer was Cavin Cluck, nephew of the groom.

Ushers were Brye Carter, Kemp Carter, and Brandon Behrens all cousin's of the groom.

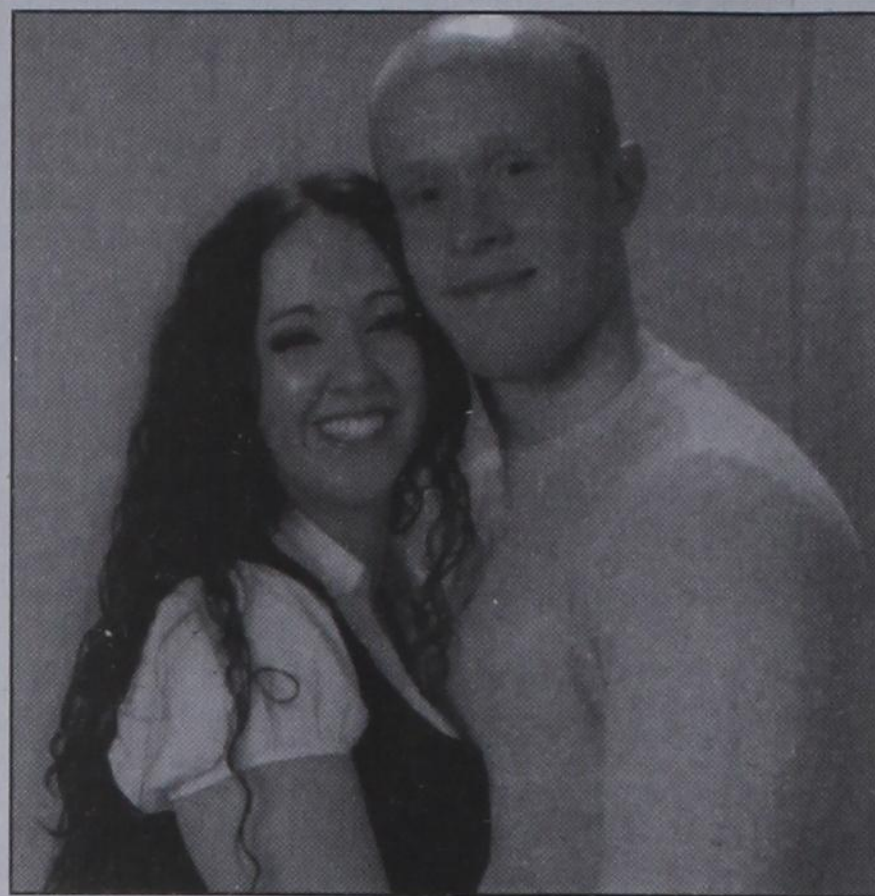
Molly Longcor of Amarillo, friend of the couple, sang "Glance". Molly and Brett Stout sang "Love Song". Pianist was Rayond Boyd of Amarillo and Jordan McClain, also of Amarillo, played the Djembe.

The wedding reception was held at the North Ministry Auditorium of Trinity Fellowship Church.

The bride is a 2006 graduate of Spearman High School and is currently pursuing a degree at Amarillo College. She is the granddaughter of F.W. and Betty Thomas of Spearman and Mary Miesner and the late Louis Miesner of Spearman.

The groom is a 1999 graduate of Canyon High School and a 2004 graduate of West Texas A&M University with a bachelor of arts degree in mass communications. He is the grandson of Jacqueline Cross and the late Knoxie Cross of Edmond, Oklahoma and Horace Carter and the late Bobbye Carter of Canyon.

After the honeymoon to Mazatlan, Mexico, the couple is residing in Amarillo.



Engagement Announcement

Tom Beasley of Gruver and Teresa Beasley of Amarillo announce the engagement of their daughter, Audrey Kay to Jim Holgerson. Holgerson is the son of Jim Holgerson and Susie Holgerson of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The couple plan to wed October 11, 2010 in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

They will reside in Eagle River, Alaska where Jim is a Staff Sergeant in the United States Air Force.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Spearman ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, August 23, 2010 in High School Library, 403 E 11th Spearman, TX 79081. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.184400/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	3.30% increase
Debt service	0.00% increase
Total expenditures	3.04% increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$480,279,382	\$453,225,766
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$2,045,755	\$1,679,192
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$411,592,154	\$388,369,158
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$1,861,637	\$1,527,896

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

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

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

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$10,525,000

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.204000	\$1.244000	\$6.437	\$5.120
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.036540	\$0.172500	\$1.209040	\$7.057	\$4.094
Proposed Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.184400	\$1.224400	\$7.116	\$4.301

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

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$46,183	\$48,743
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$26,565	\$28,869
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.244000	\$1.224400
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$330.47	\$353.47
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$23.00

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.224841. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.224841.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$2,743,503
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$33,553

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 Blanca Valtierra & Julian Gallegos
 Esmerelda Bernal & Heriberto Navarrete
 Jessica Cornell & Hunter Beville
 Michelle Waide & Jarick Howard
 Callie Hargis & Brian Hensley
 Kathryn Murphy & Christopher Allen
 Laura McCloy & Daniel Harris
 Racquel (Waide) & Ben Hardesty
 Adrienne Hood & Kevin Baker
 Shea Lowe & Brian Lair

Baby Registry

Betsy & Tucker Henson - TBA
 Annie (Mayhew) & Brandon Gilbert
 Tashi (Schumann) & Eric Haley
 Erin & Bailey Reid
 Sammie (Stavlo) & Wade Harkey
 Kara (Pipkin) & Jon Taylor

Gordon's 659-2141
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Spearman Booster Club News

The Spearman Lynx and Lynxette Booster Club met Monday night, July 26, 2010 at Spearman High School.

They painted paws on Thursday, July 29th at 6 p.m. around the high school and junior high.

If you have a yard sign from a Senior that graduated this year, please return the sign to Kelly Garnett at 515 S. Barkley - just leave on her front porch. We need all these back to use for the kids coming up this year.

Two-a-days started Monday, August 2nd at 8 a.m.

Spearman Cross Country began Monday, August 9th at 7 a.m. Please be aware of runners on the roads! Support them by waving and honking, but please be patient as they run their miles!

The Meet the Lynxettes/Lynx Ice Cream Social has been set for Thursday, August 19th at 7 p.m. at the football stadium.

The Football Programs and the Football/Basketball Poster will be printed soon. If you would like an ad, sponsorship, or signature ad, please contact Kelly Buchanan at the Hansford Agency, (806) 659-3888.

Sponsorships are funding for the scholarships and broadcast expenses. If you can, please help out with sponsorships as we do have several far away games this year.

Spearman Lynx & Lynxettes Booster Club Sports Sponsorship Packages for 2010/2011

1) Sponsor - \$200/year: Includes a 60-second taped commercial during the live broadcast and a live broadcast promotion.

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3) Booster - \$50: Includes a 15-second one-liner during the live broadcast.

4) Signature Ad - \$50-\$200: This is used for scholarships and to pay for the broadcast.

Please make checks payable to: Spearman Lynx & Lynxettes Booster Club. They may be mailed to: Spearman Lynx & Lynxettes Booster Club, PO Box 343, Spearman TX 79081.

For more information, call Tammy Benton alt 659-3071, 330-0193, or 659-4130.

Thank you in advance for your support!

The Spearman Booster Club met on Monday, August 9, 2010 at 7 p.m. in Coach Rodman's classroom. There were 9 members present.

Coach Rodman reported that there are 63 boys out for football and 7 coaches.

Booster Club is going to serve watermelon to the JV and Varsity players of both Spearman and Gruver immediately following the scrimmage on Saturday, August 14th (coaches and players only.) The JV will scrimmage first, beginning at 5 p.m. Coach Rodman estimated 40 players/coaches for Gruver. We will purchase 25 watermelons. Booster Club will also serve watermelon to the cross country runners after practice next week. (Due to a lack of available officials and also a funeral that many of the Spearman school personnel will need to attend, the football scrimmage has had a time change. The scrimmage

will now begin at 5 p.m. instead of the previously set time of 10 a.m.)

Meet the Lynx and Lynxettes will be Thursday, August 19th at 7 p.m. at the football field. Sally Vaquera announced that PTCI has donated and will serve Frito pie and bottled water to fans and players. Booster Club will also be serving ice cream.

PTCI will also sponsor a tailgate party prior to the Floydada game here on September 24th. They will serve sausage on a stick and drinks. More details to follow.

As a reminder, all senior yard signs need to be returned to Kelly Garnett's house at 515 S. Barkley.

Booster Club is in need of someone to announce the "away" football games on the internet. If you know of someone who might be interested, please contact Don Schrader, Tammy Benton or Julie Martin.

Order forms for football shirts and cross country shirts will be available at the scrimmage this Saturday, as well as the first week of school. Shirts must be ordered and paid for in advance. Please contact Julie Martin 659-2425.

Booster Club will meet Monday, August 23rd, at 7 p.m. in Coach Rodman's classroom in the High School.

It is time to start planning for this year's upcoming sports - football, cross country, basketball if you have a child that is active in any of these sports - you need to come! We need all parents involved this year as possible.

Class 1A Schools Already Know Division

by Les Giles, Amarillo Globe-News

The biggest change in Class 1A after the University Interscholastic League's realignment announcement earlier this year is the fact schools now are either Division I or Division II from the beginning of the season, based on their enrollment.

Previously, three teams advanced to the playoffs where they were bracketed into large- or small-school divisions, based on enrollment. Of the three teams that advanced, the one with the largest enrollment went into Division I, while the other two were Division II and either the No. 1 or No. 2 seed, based on their league record.

Beginning this season, the schools in Class 1A have been separated by enrollment from the start and are either Division I or Division II. Again, three teams from each district will advance to the playoffs, with the district champ receiving a bye in bidistrict.

District 1-1A, considered the toughest in the state the previous two years with Stratford, Canadian and Sunray in it, along with West Texas, Gruver and

Booker, maintains that distinction.

WT High remains, but Gruver and Booker have dropped to Division II. Boys Ranch, a member of District 3 the past two years, joins District 1.

There was no District 2 the previous two years, but that has changed as Clarendon, Lockney, Panhandle (which dropped from Class 2A) and Quanah reside there.

Division II of Class 1A now has three districts with area teams.

Booker, Gruver, Vega and White Deer comprise District 1, while Claude, Memphis, Shamrock, Wellington and Wheeler are in District 2.

The District 3 teams include Bovina, Springlake-Earth, Farwell, Nazareth and Sudan.

With the creation of different district alignments, some natural rivalries were maintained.

Chief among them is the Stratford-Canadian rivalry in 1-1A that has become one of the state's best among small schools.

While there is perhaps no outstanding rivalry among the District 2 teams in Division I, the Wellington-

Wheeler one remains alive in District 2, Division II. Those teams have met for their district title the past two years and likely will do so again.

Nazareth, a playoff team every year during the previous decade, moves into a tough district that includes Bovina, Farwell and Springlake-Earth, projected by Texas Football Magazine to reach the Division II state title game in December.

There also were a number of coaching changes among the 1A teams, most notably at Canadian, where longtime offensive coordinator Chris Koetting replaced Kyle Lynch, who became the school's superintendent.

Terry Felderhoff returns to Gruver for his second stint after being gone for two years. James Henton is the new head coach at Booker, where he grew up and was an assistant the previous two years. At Claude, which has had three head coaches in three years, James Lane comes from Class 2A Cisco, and at Farwell, Mike Prokop, who coached at Texline for many years, is the new coach.

Texas Crop and Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Temperatures were about average, and most areas received rain. Soil-moisture levels were mostly adequate. Corn was still being irrigated in many areas and was rated fair to good. Cotton was fair to good but needed more heat units. Sorghum was in fair to good condition. Rangeland varied from poor to excellent, with most areas reporting mostly fair. Cattle were in good condition.

Gruver Community Blood Drive

A Gruver Community Blood Drive has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 17, 2010 from 2-7 p.m. in the La Casita Room at Gruver State Bank.

All eligible donors will receive a Boots vs. Badges t-shirt; and can vote for their favorite local hero - firefighters or law enforcement.

Also, during the months of May, June, July, & August, every eligible donor will be entered into a drawing to win a \$2500 cruise voucher to the destination of your choice.

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To schedule an appointment, please call 1-877-574-8800. Appointments are encouraged, but not necessary. All blood types are currently needed. The need is real. There is no substitute for blood. It can only come from volunteer blood donors. Please support the patients of the High Plains Region... Give the Gift of Life!

Victory Center Church's Women's Conference

Victory Center Church is once again making preparation for this year's Woman's Conference. The Women of Victory ministry will host their eighteenth annual Overcoming in Life Conference at 5th and Quinn, in Guymon, OK, on August 26th, 27th, & 28th. The featured theme throughout the meetings will be "Empowered by Grace." Speakers include Nancy James, with Triumph Ministries; Tamy Mendenhall, Co-pastor of World Harvest Church of Enid, OK; and our local host speaker: Pastor Margaret Mendenhall, author of the book, Unlocking the Secret to Healthy Relationships. Events for the conference will include anointed praise and worship - led by Beth Elliott. Also, skits, door prizes, an opportunity to win a make over - which consists of a new hair style, facial, and a new outfit - a free luncheon for those who have paid the registration fee, and lots of yummy food and enjoyable fellowship after the night services. The early-bird registration fee is \$35 until August 15th. After that the cost is \$45.

Registration starts Thursday, August 26th, at 5:00 PM, with both the Thursday and Friday evening services beginning at 6:30 PM. Friday's daytime events commence at 9:00 AM and come to a close at 1:30 PM, with a break for the luncheon at 12:00 PM. Saturday the conference will begin at 9:00 AM and conclude at noon.

Any woman who desires to tap into the power available through God's grace and wishes to experience the remarkable presence of God is cordially invited to make this year's Overcoming in Life conference a must-do event on her calendar.

You can register by mail at Victory Center, P.O. Box 128, Guymon, OK 73942; online at victorycenter.org; or by phone at 580-338-5616.

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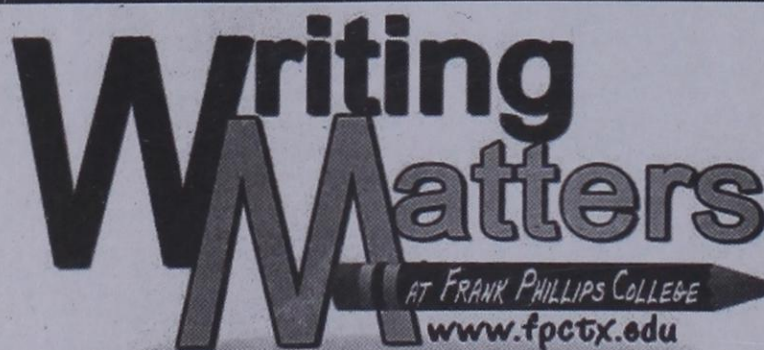
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The Joys of Hosting an Exchange Student

by CIEE Oklahoma Team Leader Melyn Johnson of Texhoma, Oklahoma

Kay Hull of Spearman is working hard to find area host families for high school foreign exchange students.

Hosting an exchange student can be a life changing experience, or maybe not. Sometimes the opportunity for a student is such that they fit in so well with a family that there is simply a new son or daughter.

This has happened with me. And sometimes you host someone that hardly makes a groove in your life or lifestyle, which isn't good or bad. This has happened with me. Sometimes you have a student who makes you look at the world in a whole new way. This has happened with me.

The logistics of the program is one such that students from many countries throughout the world have decided to become exchange students. They are between the ages of 15 and 17. They have taken English for several years, some from good teachers, some from not such stellar teachers. Some even speak four or five languages well. The language issue brings about many laughs through the year.

I'll never forget the fabulous, wonderful German student, Liane Rutkowski, who wrote on her application that she loved "sitting on babies." Today she is a wife and mother of young Daniel, for whom she needs to find someone to sit on him, or as we more commonly say, a babysitter.

Most of the kids arrive in early to the middle of August and stay for 10 months, which is the full school year. There are also some five month, or one semester, students that leave in December or arrive in January and stay until the end of school. There are also a few that sign on for a full 12 months of the year.

It is a mind altering day for the Brazilian from the land of heat and jungle to step off the plane in northwest Oklahoma and see miles and miles of prairie. Or the unforgettable year when the young Russian fellow from Vorkuta, high north in Siberia, debarked from the plane and it was 107 degrees. He feared for his life in that heat.

Each of them brings their special and unique person-

ality combined with the cultural traditions of their family, their area, and their country. Some families enjoy learning and embracing a couple of new traditions. Some of the students immerse themselves so totally into their American lifestyle that they don't often share many of their traditions.

I will never forget the stories shared by a young Russian girl from near St. Petersburg telling about how they would cut the ice on the river and then jump into that freezing cold water. When my face showed doubts, she shared her photos. Brrrrrr.

The difference in religious beliefs is fascinating to discuss, although you must remember that the students are teenagers and there are just some things that never change with teenagers, no matter where they live. Yet, very few of them have ever experienced a church youth group and find the American's way of church being a social outlet as something new and interesting. It is not unusual at all for the local youth group to be the best experience many of these kids have during their year in America, no matter if they have said they are Buddhist, Baptist, Catholic, or nothing.

For the American family and classmates, if they have not been exposed to the ancient history (compared to the United State's relatively young years), can be quite surprised. An American talks about "the revolution" whereas a Frenchman might be referring to any one of the 14 in their history. We recall our 200th birthday as a nation. Some of them live in cities that have ruins dating to the time before Christ.

And, yet, with all the differences to celebrate and learn, the similarities far outnumber the differences. Kids want families that love and care for them. Parents want their children to appreciate what they have. Kids want to have experiences that are positive and adventurous.

Teenagers sometimes don't do their chores. Parents sometimes have arguments. And, in the end, you are a better person for having an experience as an exchange student, host family, or school.

In 1976 I became the host daughter of Frans and

Magda Helmink in Holland. Nothing I ever did (even earning all-state athletic honors) as a youth ever came close to that experience. I grew as a person and my mind was opened to the world and to who I was and who I could be.

Etched into my mind is the day I got off the plane in Denver, Colorado, and my parents took me straight to a volleyball game. When the national anthem played, tears streamed down my 17-year-old cheeks. Never did I know how much my country mean to me until that time. I loved Holland so much, but home was home, and I was home. Those same tears have fallen when I receive letters from one of the 18 students we have hosted over the years.

A host mother from Guyton, Mary Ann Shaddy, recently said it so well, "I will be hosting my fourth exchange student this year, Pedro Cruz from Brazile. My first student was Stella Pena from Italy, second was Nikola Ilik from Macedonia and last year was Roman Vavro from Slovakia. The experience has been priceless. My daughter, Devery has enjoyed all of them. I said I wouldn't host another year because Devery is a senior this year and I thought it would be all about her but she said, 'Why not?' So I am in it again. I would encourage any young family with junior/senior high children to please take this opportunity to host an exchange student. It WILL change your life. My co-workers are always anxious to find out who I get and they become involved with the students as well. Try it, you will like it. It rounds out your square world."

My experiences have been through the Council on International Educational Exchange organization. CIEE was founded in 1947 to enrich lives by helping individuals gain understanding, acquire knowledge, and develop skills for living in a globally interdependent and culturally diverse world.

For more information about CIEE and hosting, you can go to www.ciee.org/high school and click on "host." You can also contact CIEE Local Coordinator Kay Hull at 806-330-0062 or kayhull@ymail.com.



High Plains area exchange students with their host brothers and sisters pause for a picture during a get-acquainted barbecue in the fall of 2008.

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The first public hearing will be held on August 19, 2010 at 6:00 PM at Hansford Manor Activity Room-707 Roland, Spearman, Tx 79081.

The second public hearing will be held on August 25, 2010 at 6:00 PM at Hansford Manor Activity Room, 707 Roland, Spearman, Tx 79081.

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

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| FOR: | Ginger Pittman | Randall Sauer |
| | Paige Speck | Ryan Davis |
| | Kevin Babbs | |
| AGAINST: | | |
| PRESENT and not voting: | | |
| ABSENT: | Tim Glass | |

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Hansford Hospital District last year was \$29,700. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.255369 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$75.84.

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If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.284577 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$85.32.

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

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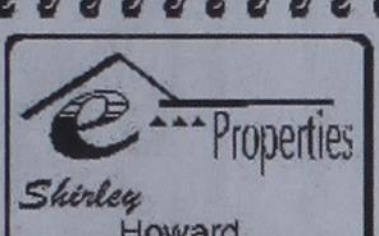
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Out at the Lake

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The Welcome Committee - Buzzards perched on the entrance sign at Lake Palo Duro.

Lake Level--August 9, 2010--56.71 feet (-0.75)

The past week out at the Lake was a quiet one. Cargill had the shelter for a party for their employees Saturday evening. There were 7 RVs behind the dam and 2 on the office side. Fishermen were scarce.

More on Black Mountain Lions

My day is made when I get a follow-up from a reader on a column. This weekend a letter came from Harletta (Mrs. Danny) Carthel with more on black mountain lions in our area. Harletta wrote of an experience she had in 1973:

"Our first year in the Gruver area, my 6 year old brother-in-law and I observed a big, black mountain lion lying on a haystack east of our house.

We watched the big cat sunning for several minutes--his fur just glistened in the bright sunlight. We eventually saw him descend from the haystack with his long back tail trailing behind him.

"I have never seen a mountain lion since although this past winter I was awakened by an unusual noise. When I went outside to listen more closely, the sound was

nearly like a woman screaming--very human sounding. I found a recording of a mountain lion on the Internet and it was the sound I heard.

"To make the story shorter, Danny never really believed we saw a black mountain lion. He has asked repeatedly if it wasn't just a house cat!

Seeing the big black lion with his tail trailing behind him as he descended the haystack only yards from

our window was so amazing!

"So with your article on the black cats seen by the young Slough man and his girl friend, I am now believed after all these years."

Harletta suggested I talk to Mike Yanke about his sighting of a black panther at roughly the same time.

Next week--his story of seeing three mountain lions over a 37 year period.

High Plains Wheat and Stocker Cattle Conference Slated Aug. 17

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the free multi-county High Plains Wheat and Stocker Cattle Conference from 9 a.m. until noon Aug. 17 in the Farwell Community Center.

"This year is shaping up to be one to create pleasant memories for High Plains stocker cattle operators," said Benji Henderson, AgriLife Extension agent in Parmer County. "We've had abundant moisture and cattle prices remain strong with no clouds on the immediate horizon.

"The purpose of this conference is provide our region's producers with the best information we can early enough so they can use it when planning this year's wheat crop."

The event's scheduled speakers are Dr. Brent Bean, AgriLife Extension agronomist, and Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, who are both headquartered in Amarillo.

The conference is being conducted by the AgriLife Extension agents in Parmer, Bailey, Castro, Lamb and Hockley counties. For more information contact Henderson at 806-481-3619 or any of the AgriLife Extension offices in the participating counties.

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- Pencils
- Crayons (crayola brand)
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- Kleenex (200 count)



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Southwestern Oklahoma State University's 55th annual band camp, which was held July 11-16 on the Weatherford campus, attracted 517 students from three states. Camp director Keith Talley said it was the largest camp in over 10 years. The students auditioned for placement in one of five concert bands and participated in rehearsals as well as a variety of recreational activities. The camp ended with a final concert featuring all five bands. Among the students attending the camp from Gruver TX were (front from left): Zoe Cantrell, Hannah Speck, Rachel Teal, Madison Williams, Emilynn Robinson and Madison Teal. Back from left--Wil McCloy, Damian Pierce, Rebecca Fransen, Carson Williams, Nicholas Key and Yadira Mendoza.

See the Biggest Parade in the Texas Panhandle

The Perryton-Ochiltree Chamber of Commerce Wheatheart of the Nation Celebration Council is preparing for the Annual Wheatheart of the Nation Celebration in Perryton, Texas August 14-22, 2010.

The committee is planning on many activities this year including the Texas Panhandle's Biggest Parade on August 21st at 10am. The parade will consist of many floats in addition to 14 high school marching bands from around the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles and Southwest Kansas including the Spearman Lynx and the Gruver Grayhound marching band.

Other activities include a Demolition Derby on August 22nd at 5pm, a BBQ at the Perryton Expo Center on August 21st after the parade, the 12th Annual TRCA rodeo at the Perryton Rodeo Grounds on August 20-21st at 7:30pm, and the Museum of the Plains Pioneer Days August 21st from 11am to 4pm.

This will be an exciting week in Perryton with many more activities. Please visit the Perryton-Ochiltree Chamber of Commerce website at www.perryton.org or call (806) 435-6575 for a full list of activities.

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