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**Seliger to Host
Town Hall Meetings
Throughout District**

State Senator Kel Seliger is embarking on his annual town hall meetings across Senate District 31. Seliger will be making stops in 26 counties over the next several weeks to visit with constituents throughout the Panhandle, South Plains and the Permian Basin about issues of concern to them in preparation for the 82nd Texas Legislature that convenes in January.

"These town hall meetings are a great opportunity for me to listen to the concerns of the citizens throughout this large district and see how we can address them in the upcoming legislative session," said Seliger.

"I would encourage the public to attend these meetings. Representing the 31st District is a joint effort, and the best way to represent people is the way in which they tell you."

Upcoming stops on Senator Seliger's town hall meeting schedule include:

Friday, August 6, 2010: 7:00 - 8:30 a.m. - Moore County Town Hall Meeting. Location: Noon Lions Club, 524 South Porter Avenue, Dumas; **10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Sherman County Town Hall Meeting.** Location: Sherman County Courthouse, 701 North Third Street, Stratford; **2:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Hansford County Town Hall Meeting.** Location: Golden Age Center, 109 East Broadway Street, Gruver

Tuesday, August 10, 2010: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. - Deaf Smith County Town Hall Meeting. Location: Hereford City Hall, 224 North Lee Avenue, Hereford

Thursday, August 19, 2010: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Parmer County Town Hall Meeting. Location: The Old Depot, City Park, 700 Main Street, Friona; **1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Bailey County Town Hall Meeting.** Location: Muleshoe State Bank, Community Room, 101 West American Boulevard, Muleshoe

Wednesday, August 25, 2010: 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Oldham County Town Hall Meeting. Location: Oldham County Courthouse, 105 South Main Street, Vega; **12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Hartley County Town Hall Meeting.** Location: Hartley County Courthouse, 900 Main Street, Channing; **2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Dallam County Town Hall Meeting.** Location: Senior Citizen Center, 610 Denrock Avenue, Dalhart

Thursday, August 26, 2010: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Roberts County Town Hall Meeting. Location: Miami High School Auditorium, 100 Warrior Lane, Miami

Monday, August 30, 2010: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Potter County Town Hall Meeting. Location: Amarillo Central Library, 413 Southeast 4th Avenue, Amarillo

Tuesday, August 31, 2010: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Ochiltree County Town Hall Meeting. Location: Frank Phillips College, Allen Campus, 2314 South Jefferson Street, Perryton; **1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Lipscomb County Town Hall Meeting.** Location: Booker High School Library, Main Street and Mitchell Road, Booker

**Xcel Energy Asks Customers
To Curb Electricity Use**

In the wake of an unplanned generation outage, Xcel Energy has declared an Energy Alert in its Texas and New Mexico service territory and is urging customers to cut back on their use of electricity.

Xcel Energy declares an Energy Alert only when a reduction in electricity use is urgently needed to maintain the electricity system and service to customers.

"We are making a public appeal to our customers to turn off lights and appliances unless it would harm their health," said Riley Hill, president and CEO of Southwestern Public Service Company, an Xcel Energy company. "For example, elderly people or people who have health concerns should NOT turn off their air conditioners."

Suggestions on how reduce electric load include:

- Either turn off air conditioning or increase your thermostat setting to 85 degrees, slowly lowering the setting after 7 p.m. to a more comfortable setting. This does not apply to customers who depend on air conditioning for health reasons.
- Put off household chores that involve

electrical appliances until after 7 p.m. (dishwashers, washing machines, clothes dryers, vacuum cleaners, etc.)

- Put off tasks at work, if possible, that would demand electricity (power tools, maintenance equipment, etc.).
- Turn off televisions and electronic equipment unless they are necessary to conduct business or to ensure your health and safety.
- Turn off unnecessary lighting, leaving on only enough to move about safely indoors.

Xcel Energy forecasts indicate that, unless customers cut back on use, electricity demand will exceed the amount of electricity the company will be able to supply from its own power plants and by purchases from other utilities. Failure to reduce electricity demand could result in controlled outages within the region.

Xcel Energy officials declared the Energy Alert only after all other efforts to reduce electricity demand or to increase supply were implemented. Those include:

- Bringing on line as many power plant generating units as possible and buying as

much electricity as possible from other utilities.

- Reducing electricity use as much as possible at Xcel Energy power plants and office buildings.
- Interrupting power to industrial and agricultural customers who signed up for lower interruptible rates.
- Asking other commercial and industrial customers to curtail their energy use.

"We take our responsibility to supply energy to our customers very seriously, and we will declare an Energy Alert only after exhausting all other options," said Riley Hill, president of Southwestern Public Service Company, an Xcel Energy company. "Our customers have helped us through similar situations in the past, and we look to them today to help us maintain the integrity of their electricity system. Turning off all lights and appliances that are not essential to health and safety will help us meet everyone's energy needs without service interruptions. We at Xcel Energy - and your friends and neighbors - thank you."

Cooking Up Family Memories

By Lorie Mink, Sun-Times Co-Editor
After collecting several generations of family recipes, Orlene Martin did the only thing she could do; she compiled them into a book. *Pull Up A Chair* is a delightful little cookbook that not only showcases many of her family's favorite recipes, but also tells their story.

From the cover of the book, a collage of family recipes and pictures, to each chapter beginning, the cookbook takes the reader on a journey through one family's

love of food and how it bound that family together.

"I picked the title, *Pull Up A Chair*, from my experiences at my grandparent's home," Martin said. "My grandparent's home was always full and anybody could come over and eat. It was always, 'come in and pull up a chair.' Remembering that, I thought that would be a great title."

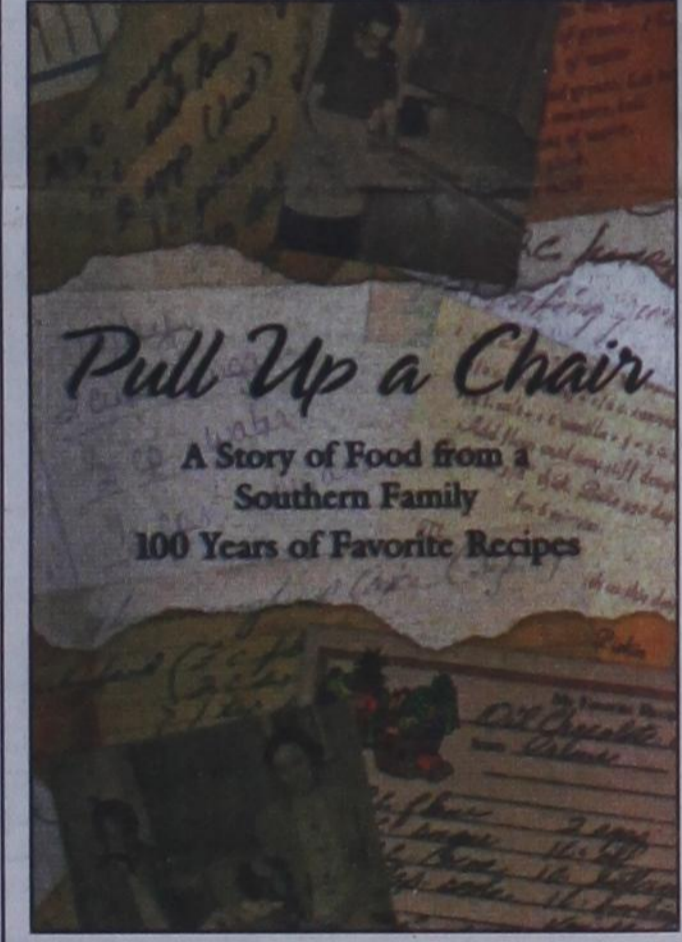
Martin's family recipes were gathered from her mother's side of the family where even her grandfather cooked. "My mom, grandmother and aunts were great cooks but they excelled at candy and cakes," Martin said. "Even my grandfather was a great cook. One time he baked over 800 cookies for Boy's Ranch in Texas just so every boy at the ranch would have cookies. And they were the best tasting cookies, everyone wanted them."

Martin's cookbook is filled with not only old family recipes, but simple yet tasty ones as well. "There are also recipes for canning and how to preserve food," she said. "Things that this younger generation may not know how to do."

There are many wonderful recipes in this book, and when asked, Martin could-



Orlene Martin is pictured at Gordon's Drug with her new cookbook, "Pull Up a Chair."



n't pick out just one favorite. "There are so many good recipes in this book, but if I had to recommend one, it would be oil chocolate cake," she said. "It is the one I've made the most and is moist, good, and so easy to make. I've made it hundreds of times."

Martin's cookbooks are available at Gordon's Drug for \$20 each, or you may order one by calling her at 501-589-2797.

**Unusual Rainfall in 2010 Reveals Need
for Flood Insurance Awareness**

Submitted by Ron Antalek, Spearman Volunteer Fire Department

Flood hazards and mitigation efforts related to flooding have garnered the attention of emergency management officials in Hansford County as a result of the June flood and unusual rainfall this year. Once perceived as a "localized hazard", meaning that flooding would affect only a few in isolated areas, a much wider approach to planning is now being undertaken.

The June flood caused extensive damage to many homes and businesses, many of which had no flood insurance coverage. As a result, these victims did not receive any financial assistance for damages. Prior to the flood many of these individuals had considered flood insurance purchase but had been told that it was unavailable or could not be purchased. Many had been told that they did not live in a "flood zone" and that only those in such designated zones could purchase flood insurance. This information is erroneous and residents throughout Hansford County may purchase flood insurance coverage if they choose.

In an effort to correct the misconceptions of flood insurance availability, the Hansford County Emergency Management officials have scheduled three sessions of "Outreach" on August 31 to educate both Insurance representatives and the public. The information will be provided by Federal Emergency Management, National Flood Insurance Program contractor Mark Lujan. Mark travels the United States to educate and inform citizens about the NFIP.

One session will be at the Morse Community Building on August 31 at 9:30 a.m., the second will be at the Gruver Golden Age center beginning at 1:30 p.m.,

the final evening session will be at the Spearman Fire Station at 7 p.m.

Insurance professionals selling property protective policies are encouraged to attend as well as the general public. During each session, Mr. Lujan will address the availability of flood insurance, many of the misconceptions about flood insurance and answer any question attendees might raise.

It is hoped that having sessions in each community at different time periods, all will be able to attend at least one of the sessions.

Should you have questions or would like specific information about any session, please contact Emergency Management Coordinator, Ron Antalek at 806 659 2045 or Assistant EMC Cindy Blackman.

**Spearman All-School Reunion
Held July 4th Weekend**

by Margarette Evans

The Spearman All-School Reunion Assembly began at 11 a.m. on July 3rd. Chairman Claude Sheets presided.

Ladd Sheets gave the invocation, followed by Claude leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Carol Pack led the group in singing the Star Spangled Banner.

Margarette Evans, Vice-Chairman, read the minutes of the 2005 reunion and reported the scholarships for 2006 - Maribelle Moreno, 2007 - Shannon Barnes, 2008 - Ivan Terrazes, 2009 - Dayne Hargrove, and 2010 - Koley Chance Pack. JoNell Sheets gave the treasurer's report.

Chairman Claude Sheets thanked the school and Superintendent Rod Sumner for the use of the school, and for his help.

Frank Buzzard read the list of deceased students from July 2005-July 2010.

Mr. Sumner gave a welcome to all and gave information on projects completed the last five years. He stated the many reasons SHS is great. He invited everyone to tour the new Jr. High from 2-4 p.m.

Claude recognized those coming the greatest distance - Celia Wilson from North Carolina and Jay McMuller from Florida. He also recognized those present from the older classes - Olive 'Babe' Kirk Pendergraft - Class of '31 and Gertrude Barkley Archer - Class of '35.

Claude asked for nominations of Officers for 2010-2015. Elected were: Chairman - Frank Buzzard, Vice-Chairman - John Hutchison, Secretary - Gary Ellsworth, Treasurer - Susan Holt Kidder.

The meeting closed with the SHS Spirit Song led by Carol Ann Pack. The meeting adjourned to a barbecue dinner catered by the Hungry Cowboy in the school cafeteria. *See related stories and pictures on Pages 5 & 6.*

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening - then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 5 to 10 mph.

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

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

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

Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/forecast/w-Spearman-Texas.html#ixzz0SLYLPSf>

Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Temperatures were near average with from a trace to 2.25 inches of rain in some areas. Soil-moisture levels varied from short to surplus, with most areas reporting adequate. Corn varied from poor to excellent, with most areas reporting fair to good. Growers in some counties were spraying for corn borer and mites, and applying fungicides to other crops. Cotton varied from very poor to excellent, with most areas reporting fair to good. In some fields, squares set and boll set was occurring. Sorghum was mostly fair to good. Rangeland varied from poor to excellent, with most areas reporting mostly fair. Cattle were in good condition.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott
MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

We are still busy with the archives room. We are evaluating prints, posters and paintings in storage for their value and historical contributions to our collection. We have to make room for other items and the archives is in need of re-organization. We have neglected it this year with our emphasis on "the book." We will be offering items in the September 11, "Panhandle Road of Sales."

I will report next week on our visit from Susan Shumaker and her crew. Since we write on Monday, we are always a week behind.

School will start soon and on Sept. 1st, we are having our Stamp Cancellation at the Lipscomb post office. The Texas Plains Trail has been going to every county in alphabetical order to their county seat post office and having a special Texas Plains Trail

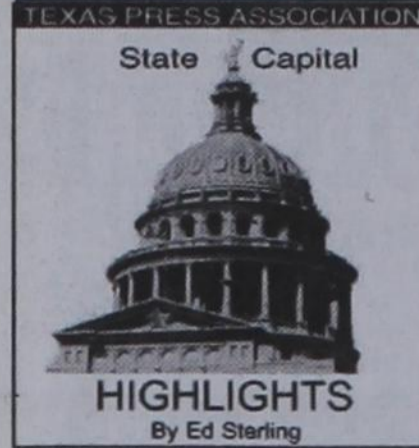
stamp cancellation. We will be the 35th county. The cancellation is Wednesday, Sept 1, at 11 a.m. We will be inviting the 4th and 7th grade to attend and hear a history lesson from Deborah Sue McDonald and Rick Vanderpool. They are also wanting to speak to local civic groups, so if you are having a meeting that date, call Deborah Sue at 806-231-3479 or me at 806-852-2123.

HISTORICAL MUSINGS

Since we have been focusing on the Dust Bowl, it is appropriate to note that on May 29, 1939, the State Soil Conservation Board was organized to implement state conservation laws and organize and assist soil-conservation districts across the state in response to the devastating Dust Bowl of the 1930s. State headquarters was established in Temple, and a five-member board served

as the agency's policy-making body. Sixteen soil conservation districts were organized by 1949. In 1965, the agency's name was changed to the State Soil and Water Conservation Board. Over the years the board has coordinated a variety of programs. In cooperation with other conservation and agricultural agencies, over a billion feet of terraces have been constructed to prevent soil erosion. The board also works with the Railroad Commission to examine and care for areas affected by mining operations. By 2003 the number of conservation districts in Texas had grown to 216. (source: Texas state historical Association online day by day)

Lipscomb County's Max A. Blau was terracing in 1930 and was one of six men in Texas described in an early Soil Conservation Bulletin about terracing. He has served as chairman of the conservation committee for the soil conservation service.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

by Ed Sterling

Attorney general files appeal to keep Texas' clean air program in place

AUSTIN — Texas is challenging the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's decision on July 15 to disapprove the state's flexible permits program.

Attorney General Greg Abbott on July 26 filed the state's petition for reconsideration with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in New Orleans.

Texas' flexible permits program was created in 1994 "to incentivize grandfathered operations to voluntarily enter into the State's air permitting and environmental regulation program," according to the attorney general's office.

The Clean Air Act required the EPA to act on Texas' flexible permit program rules within one year, which would have been in 1995, Abbott said.

cluding Gov. Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, Speaker Joe Straus, Attorney General Abbott and Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson.

Also signing were Railroad Commissioners Victor Carrillo, Elizabeth Ames Jones and Michael Williams, state Sen. Troy Fraser, chairman of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, and state Rep. Jim Keffer, chairman of the House Committee on Energy Resources.

former U.S. Marine, on July 20 said, "Our military servicemen and women have made great sacrifices in duty to their country. As lawyers, we have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of a great many veterans — and in the families of those who did not return."

For more information, visit www.texasbar.com/veterans.

District, campus ratings released

The Texas Education Agency on July 30 announced 239 school districts and 2,624 schools received Texas' highest accountability rating of Exemplary.

The second-highest rating of Recognized was received by 597 districts and 3,153 schools.

Forty-five districts and 125 schools received the lowest rating, Academically Unacceptable.

Annual tax holiday coming up

State Comptroller Susan Combs on July 28 said that during the state sales tax holiday, which runs Aug. 20-22, retail shoppers will pay no state or local sales tax on many school supplies, school backpacks and most children's and adults' clothing and shoes priced at less than \$100.

Combs predicted shoppers will save \$59.3 million in state and local sales taxes during the upcoming holiday.

The first annual state sales tax holiday was in 1999.

State employees to pitch in more

Texas Facilities Commission, the agency charged with the upkeep of state buildings, wants state employees to help cut janitorial costs by dealing personally with their own wastepaper and other discards.

What is prompting this: the projected state budget deficit of \$18 billion.

The commission is asking state employees to put their own trash in small cans, dump it themselves, and to recycle recyclables.

Janitors will work during daytime hours instead of at night to save on air conditioning and lighting costs.

State Bar to help military veterans

Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans is a new State Bar of Texas program to develop and assist pro bono legal clinics for military veterans who otherwise cannot afford or do not have access to legal services they need.

State Bar of Texas President Terry Tottenham, a 1999,

In exchange for emissions regulations, participants were authorized to allocate emissions on a facility-wide basis rather than at each release point. Grandfathered facilities were operating before the state's permitting program began in 1971.

Abbott said Section 101 of the Clean Air Act provides that air pollution prevention "is the primary responsibility of the States and local governments."

And, Section 110 of the Act provides a similar admonishment to respect the states' authority, stipulating that "each State shall have the primary responsibility for assuring air quality within the entire geographic area comprising such State."

On July 29, Gov. Rick Perry said the EPA's action would lead to further mandates and regulations on Texas businesses and place Texas jobs at risk.

Officials sign letter to delegation

Congress' contemplation of new laws to tighten oversight of drilling in the Gulf of Mexico — in light of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill — prompted a letter urging the Texas congressional delegation to fight against attempts at more federal regulation.

Dated July 29, the letter was signed by 10 high-ranking state officials, in-

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Proceeds From Mike Walker Concert To Help With Panhandle Exposition Costs

Billed as the grand finale of the 93rd Annual Panhandle Exposition, Mike Walker and Friends, the world's greatest singing impressionist, on Saturday, Aug. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Guymon High School Auditorium is a fund raiser to help with costs of putting on the fair.

"Proceeds from ticket sales will go to help the Panhandle Exposition and is a community effort with support from the presenting sponsors, Epic PCS, Epic Touch and KGYN Radio, and attendance sponsors, Tri-County Electric and Mosaic of Liberal, Kan. As an attendance sponsor, Tri-County is giving tickets to any residents of Dunaway Manor who elect to attend the concert. Mosaic is presenting tickets to people in the Liberal area that it pro-

vides services to," said Mike Shannon, community development director for Epic Touch and Epic PCS.

Sponsorships are important, according to Shannon, by helping make the ticket price affordable to all, by allowing others who may not often get out to community events to have the opportunity to do so, and by raising funds for the Guymon fair.

"For many years budget cuts have had a serious effect on local fairs across the nation. It is important to help local fairs, a valuable part of our American culture. Other companies or individuals who would like to be attendance sponsors may contact me at 580-206-0071," he said.

Mike Walker and Friends is a hit Branson show that will appeal to all ages, ac-

ording to entertainment critics.

"The title refers to the more than 200 voices Mike Walker has perfected during his distinguished career. Or course, he cannot fit but about 50 of those voices into the two-hour show he plans to do in Guymon," said Linda Ward, marketing and advertising director for Epic PCS and Epic Touch.

Walker uses his five-octave range voice to portray performers such as Aaron Neville, Bon Jovi, Conway Twitty, Elvis Presley from the '50s, '60s and '70s, Frankie Vallie, Freddy Fender, George Jones, Guns N' Roses, James Brown, Johnny Cash, Journey, Louis Armstrong, Marty Robbins, Michael Bolton, Michael Jackson, Neil Diamond, Ray Charles, Roy Orbison, Sam Cooke, Stevie Wonder, The Marcellis, The Platters, The Righteous Brothers, The Temptations and Willie Nelson and characters such as Fohorn Leghorn, Fred Flintstone, George Bush, Kermit the Frog, Larry the Cable Guy, Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton.

"Everyone will just have to come to the concert to see what 'friends' get to be on stage with Mike Walker," Ward said.

Open seating tickets are available at all three Epic PCS locations: Guymon Northridge Center, Liberal Coronado Plaza and downtown Elkhart, at KGYN Studios, 2300 North Lelia St. in Guymon and the Guymon Chamber of Commerce, 711 E. Highway 3. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5 to 13. For more information call 580-206-5050.

Mitchell Theatres to add Digital 3D Projectors

This fall, movie customers in Liberal and Guymon will have more 3D movies to choose from as Mitchell Theatres has purchased additional Digital projectors with 3D capability for the Northridge 8 and Southgate 6 theaters. The conversion away from traditional 35 MM film to digital transformation has accelerated worldwide at an unprecedented rate during the past year, with 3D being the catalyst for the conversions.

Hollywood is showing preference for movie theaters to convert from film to digital, as true digital cinema provides a better image and sound quality that never degrades. This weekend, Walt Disney is only releasing "Step Up 3" to theaters that can play it in digital, a trend that is expected to continue. "We hate not being able to play Step Up 3 in Guymon and Liberal on the national release date but we should be able to play it in a couple of weeks," stated Brian Mitchell. "After the installations, we should be in good position for the Holiday movie season."

When the additional projector installations are completed by October, Mitchell Theatres will be almost 30% digital.

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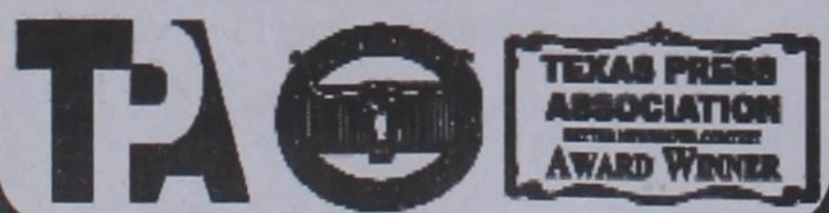
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Happy Birthday!

- August 5**
Birthday - Chase Reagan, Beth Ann Holt, Tina Adams, Billy Miller, Shirley Stafford, Erin Boxwell, Stephen Poole, Emidia Borunda, Paul Winn, Maria A. Parra, Susan Renick, Rodney Sumner
Anniversary - M/M J Garnett, M/M Roy Flowers, M/M Samuel Sanchez, Danny & Debby Herrington
- August 6**
Birthday - Paul Winn, Scott Pipkin, Ladd Gafford, Carolyn Hahn, Raymie Porter, Hoyt Biles, Kathy White, Sharon Swan, Eoldia Bravo, Monica Lara, Susan Rason, Heather Gallimore, Debra McNeely, Marlyn Pecha
Anniversary - M/M Murl 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 Bevil
- August 10**
Birthday - Clint Bell, Kyle Deeds, Monica Garcia, Ralph Mireles, Bob Tolleson, 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 Sutter-field, Tammy Herndon, Tayshia James
Anniversary - M/M Gary Johnson, M/M Ervin Wright, M/M Junior Cross-
- August 12**
Birthday - 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**
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 Chapman, Ed Fry, Ronny Womble, Wayne Burchard, Ben Dunaway, Sondra Younger, Felix Sandaval, Tyce Hergert, Teresa Cook, Sharon Ross, Jason Villines, Lillie Love, Kathy Love, Nicholas Vinson, Ruben Gomez, Donetta Greene, Carlos Hernandez, Alexander Davis
Anniversary - M/M Bill Sparks
- August 17**
Birthday - Christy Brown, Guy Paul Hindergart, Allison Reid, Dean Sparks, Dodie Beedy, Delinda McLaughlin, Halee Rice, Bo Bensingier, Kimberly Boyd
Anniversary - Betty & Dub Womble, M/M Danny Jackson, M/M Don Allen, M/M Wayne Ware, Kitty & Frank Edwards, David & Kim Swink
- August 18**
Birthday - Brenda Dahl, Carla Johnson, Heather Murrell, Jack Weldon, Tina Wilmeth, Jerry Beth Prachar, Tammy Welch, Bob Cook, Robbin Keetch, Pat Miller, Jeanie Bennett, Glen Ward, Andrew Correll, Janet Mayo
Anniversary - M/M David Link, M/M Dennis Baker, M/M Charles Deakin

Words from Faith & Grace



by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

In the second-half of the Season of Pentecost we consider what does it mean to follow Jesus? We learn something of "faith" and "hope" as we study Genesis 15: 1-6, Psalm 33: 12-22, Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16, and Luke 12: 32-40.

Abraham has just defeated three kings in battle, and is reflecting on God's promises while despairing of not having an "heir." Adoption was generally not practiced in ancient Israel, but Abraham was about to adopt his slave, Eliezer of Damascus, in order to have an "heir." God promised Abraham land, many descendants, and that he would 'bless' all the peoples of earth which we read of in Chapter 12. In Chapter 13, God embellished his promises to Abraham. But Abraham wonders how a 90+ year old couple is going to have a child. Verse 6 of Chapter 15 is hard to translate; yet, it tells us something of "faith." It can read, "Abraham believed God" and God believed that this belief met the requirement of the Divine-human relationship. Or it can be read, "Abraham believed God" and Abraham believed that this belief met the requirements of the Divine-human relationship. It is likely that both are true. Abraham's faith was reckoned as "righteousness," that is, a right relationship with God.


The Psalmist sings a psalm of praise. In this portion of the psalm, he praises God for His greatness. We see that worship should be joyful, that worship can be with music, that worship can be creative, that worship leaders should be well-trained. "Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you."

The writer of Hebrews tells us that "faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." In the omitted verses from this week's lesson, the examples of Abel, Enoch, and Noah are cited for this point. The included reference is the story of Abraham. Abraham died before all of God's promises to him were fulfilled; yet, Abraham did not doubt that the Word of God was true. Dear Christian, we are all seeking a new Homeland, a better country, a heavenly home. We are told by Jesus the Christ that he has gone to prepare a place for us, "a house not made by hands, eternal in the heavens." This is our hope, this is our faith. In the words of a '60's rock song by Curtis Mayfield, "People get ready, There's a train a comin'. You don't need no baggage, you just get on board. All you need is faith to hear the diesels' hummin'. Don't need no ticket, you just thank the Lord."

Jesus tells us, "Do not be afraid little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom". This is indeed "Good News!" As Jesus outlines what the disciples need to do, Peter asks, "Lord are you telling this parable for us, or everyone." The answer, Dear Christian, is "Yes." Understand that there is nothing we can do to "earn" our salvation, for it is the gift of God's grace; yet, there are things we should do because of our salvation. "You must be ready for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

May the Holy Spirit assure your hope through faith in our Lord, Jesus The Christ.

Our Sympathy



EDWARD NATHAN LEE LACKEY MORSE - Edward "Ed" Nathan Lee Lackey, 30, passed away Wednesday, July 28th, 2010.

The son of Marilyn (Oxley) and David Lackey, he was born February 11, 1980 in Guymon, Oklahoma. Ed attended Guymon schools. He was united in marriage to LeAnn Earle on September 24, 2005 in Fairview, Oklahoma. Ed was a member of the Fairview Methodist Church. He had worked for the hospital in Fairview and had moved to Morse to work in construction and carpentry. He loved his work in carpentry and had recently renovated their home in Morse. Ed was a loving husband, brother and son and was so anticipating the birth of his first child that is due in January. He also loved his dogs, Sidney, Squeaker, Silo and Hippy.

Ed is survived by his wife, LeAnn Lackey and their child, of Morse, Texas; his parents, Marilyn and David Lackey of Fairview, OK; two brothers, Will Lackey and wife, Michele of Guymon; and Todd Lackey and wife, Gala and their children, Jason and Althea Lackey of Stillwater, OK; his mother and father-in-law, Martha and Randy Earle of Morse, TX. He is also survived by aunts and uncles, Janet and Paul Lackey of Harrisburg, PA, Tamara and Mike Brown of Boulder, CO; and cousins, Jared Brown of Winterville, NC; Amy Fox of Phoenix, AZ; Jenny Lackey of Boston, MA; and Bill and Joey Oxley of Oklahoma City; and brothers-in-law, Neal Earle, Kevin Earle and Scott Earle.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Dr. W.N. and Mac Oxley and David and Alma Lackey.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday afternoon, 2:00 p.m., on July 31, 2010 at the Henson-Novak Funeral Chapel, 501 NW Fifth, Guymon, Oklahoma with Rev. Odie Nunley, officiating. Interment followed in Elmhurst Cemetery.

Memorials may be given in lieu of flowers to the DAWGS Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 911, Dalhart, TX or c/o Henson-Novak Funeral Directors, P.O. Box 1306, Guymon, OK 73942

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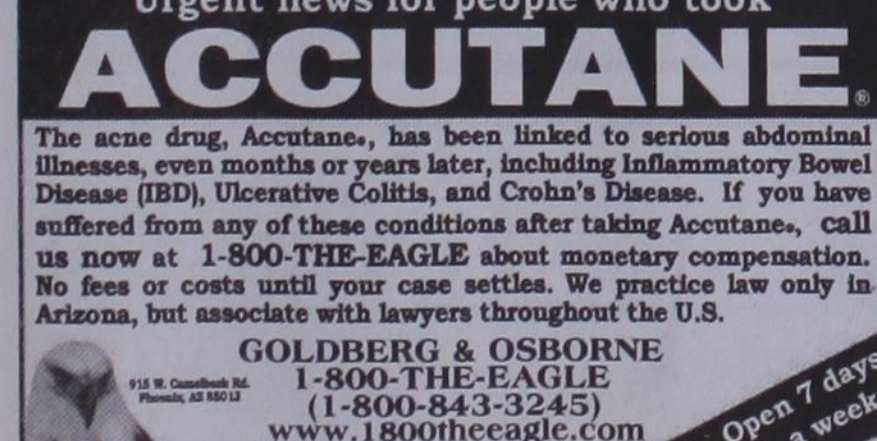
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He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

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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.

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.

Tri-City Community Concert Association

Janie Kunselman is the representative for the Tri-City Community Concert Association of Borger and Liberal, and is selling memberships to attend concerts for the 2010-2011 season. Concerts are as follows: Borger - September 18 - An Evening With Kenny Thames, January 11 - Pianofiddle, March 8 - Riders in the Sky, and May 6 - Jim Witter. Season memberships are: Adults - \$40, Sr. Adult - \$35, Students - \$20, and Family - \$100. Contact Janie Kunselman at 659-2631 for more information. Tickets purchased from Tri-City Concert Association admit members to reciprocity concerts in Pampa and Plainview.

Liberal Community Concert Association

Janie Kunselman is the representative for the Liberal Community Concert Association of Liberal, KS. The Liberal Community Concert Association is selling memberships to attend five special concerts in the 2010-2011 season. Concerts are as follows: September 14 - Buddy Jewell, October 12th - Dallas Brass, February 24th - The New Christy Minstrels, April 3rd - Legacy of Floyd Cramer featuring Jason Coleman, and May 9th - Jim Witter. Season memberships are: Adults - \$50, Students - \$25, and Family Pass - \$125. For more information, contact Janie Kunselman at 659-2631 or James Jackson at 620-624-5995.

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

SPWA Seeks Volunteers

The Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association is seeking the next generation of volunteers to continue the work of restoring and maintaining the windmills of the SPWA. If you have an interest in windmills and their upkeep, and/or maintenance of the park, you are needed. For information, call Dwayne Mitchell, 270-0291 or Don Reed 330-0745.

O'Loughlin Center Hours

The O'Loughlin Center is open for the following hours: Monday-Thursday, 6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; Friday, 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (noon). For more information, contact Jada Breeden, Manager, The O'Loughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt, PO Box 733, Spearman TX 79081, 806-659-3030.

Perryton Parkinson's Disease Support Group

The Perryton Parkinson's Disease Support Group meets the 2nd Friday of each month at 12 noon in the Perryton Menonite Church, 2821 S. Ash. The next meeting will be October 9th. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

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.

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Holt, Grossman Wed



Mrs. Oren Grossman

Dr. Roxane Holt and Mr. Oren Grossman were wed Saturday morning July 24, 2010 in University Park Methodist Church of Dallas with Reverend Leighton Bearden officiating.

Roxane is a daughter of Trixie Stout Holt of Gruver and the late Nick Holt. Oren is a son of Carol Glassel and Anthony Williams of Richardson. His father is Yochai Grossman of Kibbutz Gevaram, Israel, and his grandparents are Jeanne Glassel and the late Oren Glassel of Howell, Michigan.

Pipe organist Jody W. Lindh and vocalist Tiffany Roberts presented music for the service of Christian marriage. Life-long friend Tara Shapley Gardiner read the Scripture selection.

For her wedding day, the bride chose a strapless sheath of white silk organza with Grecian draping and horizontal folds cascading into a chapel train. A chapel length veil of bridal illusion accented with Austrian crystals completed her attire. She carried a hand-tied bouquet of long-stemmed white rosebuds.

Honor attendant was Sarah Polley of Dallas; brides matrons were Dr. Elizabeth Casiano of Rochester, Minnesota, and Lindsey Hopkins of Trophy

Club, Texas. Sisters of the bride, Brooke Ruhlin of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, Paige Speck and Holly Key both of Gruver, Texas, and Sally Meek of Prattville, Alabama, also were attendants.

Flower girls were nieces of the bride, Nilani Meek, Kathleen Ruhlin, Rachel Ruhlin, Ella Carole Speck, Hannah Speck, and Maggie Key.

Best man was Scott Faulk of Dallas; groomsmen were Cody Hoenighaus of Dallas, a brother Boone Williams of Richardson, and cousins Ross Paton and Daniel Paton of Dallas.

Following the ceremony, the mother of the bride hosted a luncheon and afternoon of dancing at the Park City Club.

Roxane grew up in Gruver and is a 1996 graduate of Gruver High School. She earned a Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, in biology and was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma at Texas A&M University. She earned a doctorate of medicine from University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in 2004 and completed an obstetrics and gynecology residency at Parkland Hospital in 2008. She is presently completing a maternal fetal medicine fellowship.

Oren spent his childhood in Howell, Michigan, and is a 1993 graduate of LV Berkner High School in Richardson. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in history from Texas Tech University in 1997 and master of business administration from Texas Tech in 2005. He was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma. He currently is employed with Stream Global Services in resource planning.

The couple is at home in the Park Cities area after a wedding trip to Vancouver and Whistler Resort in British Columbia, Canada.

GHS Class of 1960 Reunion

The GHS Class of 1960 held a reunion on July 17th at the home of Janice (Etlings) and Robert Adams at Lake Tanglewood. There was a total of 27 in attendance, including 12 out of 14 that had started 1st grade and finished 12th. There were 16 out of the graduating class of 32 and 8 spouses. 3 others were in attendance who had been in the class sometime during the 12 years—Geraldine Broadhurst Dooley, Bob Wilburn, Darrell and Carolyn Pierce and Laddie Cluck.

Class members and their spouses who attended were the following: Bruce and Martha Ayres of Abilene, Texie Barkley Fisher of Memphis, Arnold and Sherry Beck of Goodwell, Royce Boney Yarbrough of Amarillo, Sue Charon of War Acres, OK, Carolyn Cooper Erickson of Eaton, CO, Janice Etlings and Robert Adams of Gruver, Richie and Carolyn Fletcher of Gruver, Euline (Bo) and Becky Green of Abilene, Lola Miller and Wayne Fannin of Gruver, David and Ann Murrah of Rockport, TX, Kathryn Peddy Goddard of Friona, Donnie Prater of Tulia, Mary Kay Wells of Amarillo and J.J. Wood of Lubbock.

Five members of the classes have passed away: Dottie Jones Brunson, Gene Evans, Bob Elkins, Mike Miller and Jerry Duncan.

Plans were made to continue the reunion on September 17 at Gruver's homecoming and to get together at Lake Tanglewood each year in July.

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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.

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| 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:

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| 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 |
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| 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 |

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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:

| | |
|--|-------------|
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2010 Spearman All-School Reunion 1958-59 Class Gathering, School Reunion and Memories of Spearman

by Danny Kingsley
The previous territorial heavy rains of Hansford County and the flooding of some areas and the rise of Palo Duro Lake some 20 to 30 feet, did not seem to deter the former classmates of Spearman High School from attending the All School Reunion. They came from near and far for the festivities on July 2 & 3, 2010. Converging on their alma mater Spearman High, they came from as near as Morse and Gruver and as far away as Hawaii, North Carolina and West Virginia. They were beaded back to Spearman where accounts of "the good ol' days" would be told and retold in versions that may have varied in fact but never in intent.

For the Spearmanites it was 'homecoming' and, in rural Texas, homecoming is about the good ole days and all the other days and lives that surrounded them.

After arriving at the High School at 8:45 am, carrying a display for the class of 1959, I began to walk the "hallowed" halls of my 'alma mater'. Of course, it wasn't quite the same since the old High School building had been replaced with a new building (a new Junior High) and the current High School building had been built many years before. But, the spirit was still there. I couldn't hardly wait to see those at the "reunion", for which I had looked forward to for five years since attending the All School Reunion of 2005. More often than not, you'll go to your class reunion, see who's lost hair and gained weight, have nice visits with people you may or may not have known...and then go home.

In reality, there is absolutely nothing 'special' about a Spearman High School Homecoming or Reunion. It is special to each person who attends. It is held every 5 years on even numbers, and each one looks exactly like all the others that preceded it. If I am not mistaken, this is

the 8th All School Reunion (I have made 7 of the 8.) Only the fellowship may not change, but it does improve with age. And fellowship is the catalyst that brings us all back, time and again.

Fellowship also is another word for an endless number of stories that all begin with the same line: "Hey, remember the time..." Sadly, an exaggerated version of something stupid you once did tends to follow...but we all remember those stories. Many of the classes had get-to-gathers with other classes on Friday night to tell some of those stories before the Saturday Reunion. My class of '59 met with the class of '58 (and others) at Buddy King's home. I didn't make it for I attended my brother Larry Kingsley's (Class of 1960) 50th Class Reunion at the Country Barn Steak House in Amarillo. David Stavlo (Class of 1957) and I enjoyed the fellowship of former classmates and listened to their stories before heading North the next morning to Spearman.

After registering at 9:00 am Saturday morning David and I began to see former classmates trickling in to attend the festivities that followed. There were some that we didn't recognize (thank God for name tags) that we haven't seen in 50+ years. Others were classmates from our years and returnees from previous all school reunions. It was hard to stop visiting with everyone when the assembly started at 10:00 am in the auditorium. The assembly led by Claude Sheets included general information, the election of a new slate of officers for the Alumni association and the ac-

knowledge of deceased ex-students and an invitation by the superintendent of Spearman schools to tour the new Junior High.

Of course among the gaiety of the reunion, there also loomed a sadness, an inevitable reflection on the good friends passed on. Reunions do much to restore their memory and, in the process remind you how much you miss them.

A Bar-B-Q lunch served by Hungry Cowboy Restaurant followed the assembly with more visiting among the former classmates.

To further our reunion experience David and I toured the Stationmaster's Museum, the Windmill museum and the alligator farm displays which were across the highway from the old Kingsley home place. Vacant buildings mark the main drag (3 block main street), where the pool halls, hardware stores, variety stores, clothiers, barber shop, two drug stores and other businesses once thrived. The County Court House has held onto its old position, while some businesses replaced the ones of yesteryear.

The class of '59 held a reception at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 2:00 pm to round out the day's activities with more food and an opportunity to visit again and view scrapbooks and photos.

With the school song from the morning assembly echoing among the memories that had spent an entire day resurrecting themselves in my mind, I felt a full contentment for a day that was well spent at the SPEARMAN ALL SCHOOL REUNION.

By Mary Jo Snowden Robinson

On July 4th weekend, 2010, all roads led to Spearman, TX for a wonderful time at the Spearman School Reunion.

I was blessed to be a member of the class of 1958, having joined that class at mid-term, first grade. Many of us spent all twelve grades together.

On Friday night our class gathering was held at the home of Alta Fisher (her nephew, Buddy King, was in our class). Buddy and his precious wife, Jeanne, were such special hosts, and everything was perfect. The class of 1959 was invited to join us and 60 plus schoolmates, spouses, and friends were those making up our party. Much fun was had by all - sharing stories of long ago.

The food was wonderful, door prizes, surprises were given. Mary Pearson Smith was given a hula hoop. She promised to practice for our next reunion. Jimmy Greene received a picture album for having the most children and grandchildren. Several other "fun" gifts were passed out. Buddy King and I were made King and Queen of the evening. What a thrill!

Many traveled miles and miles to spend "one more time" together. We shared fun and sentimental memories. It was very touching to me when our "forever" friend and classmate arrived from Virginia. (We had thought he was not coming.) He had never been back to a reunion. Also, Johnnie Davis' daughter, Jennifer, drove her daddy from Victoria, TX. He has had health problems, and it was won-

derful to see him. Others we had not seen for years were: Hazel Holt Slyter, Karen Stockdale Morgan, and Kay Chambers Haislip who received the prize for coming the longest distance.

A list was read of the classmates who have gone on before us: James Weaver, Gene Stephens, Jimmie Ellis, Linda Tucker Whitford, Ted Collier, Corinne Cade Buschman, Mary Overton, Barton Riley, Frankie Williamson Brandt, Dale Randall, Joyce Patterson, Robert Long, Billy Pat McGuire, and Don Morley.

Members present / class of 1958: Norma Archer Payne; Lubbock, TX; Verlin Behne, Spearman, TX; Kay Chambers Haislip, Hilton Head, SC; Johnnie Davis, Victoria, TX; Roger Davis; Edmond, OK; Don Dillow; Gruver, TX; Diana Dossett Carter; Lubbock, TX; Jimmy Greene; Spearman, TX; Larry Hayes; Eufaula, OK; Hazel Holt Slyter; Augusta, KS; Buddy King, Newcastle, OK; Don Maize; Spearman, TX; Milk Melton; Stinnett, TX; Mary Pearson Smith; Pampa, TX; Elma Pool Bruce; Midwest City, OK; Mary Joy Snowden Robinson, Perrin, TX; Karen Stockdale Morgan; Mansfield, TX; Kenneth W. Townsend; Riner, VA; Tommie White, Terrell, TX

As some of my classmates stood together at the assembly on Saturday to sing the S.H.S. school song, I considered the words and thought "how true" - precious memories of our families, our teachers, preachers, and all of Spearman who are the tie that binds us together and the

woven tapestry of who we all are. We were so blessed to be raised in such a special country town as Spearman.

Sometimes they say "you can't go home again", but I did..... I saw the huge fields that my daddy plowed, the place where I grew up, the brick main street that I used to "drag", Smith Variety store where I learned a lot, working for 55 cents per hour, the courthouse where I was a secretary during college summers. I even had a very "special" concert at the First Baptist Church by two talented friends, Carol Pack and Yvonda Stokes. I am so grateful for time spent at that church and the values given to me there.

Memories of my hometown, my family, my church, friends, and school will always be a sweet bouquet that time can never take away. For these I give God thanks.

My sister, Clara Snowden Foshee was our guest. She took many pictures and video. If anyone would like pictures via e-mail, please call me -940-798-3577. Look on Hazel Holt Slyter's Face Book wall/ pictures are posted there.

I am already looking forward to Reunion 2015. Hopefully, we will all be "coming home" again.

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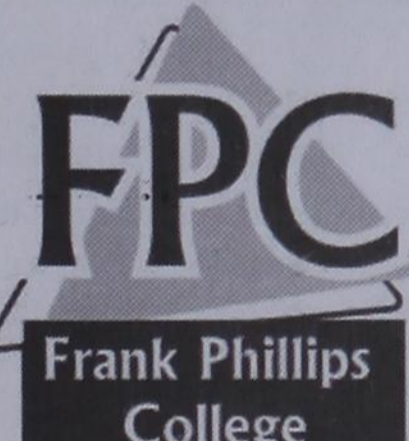


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2010 Spearman All-School Reunion

By Mary Jo Snowden Robinson

Have you ever been in the halls of an entirely empty school? Quietness rains and eeriness engulf you... THEN the doors open and pandemonium erupts. That's how it was on Saturday, July 3rd as the Spearman All-School Reunion began. All that was missing were the bells ringing and someone on the PA system. As everyone signed in and got their name tags, you could hear names called out, hugs exchanged, and the stories beginning.

Near 10 a.m., reunion chairman Claude Sheets began herding the crowd into the auditorium for the morning assembly. You can bet that this was the most difficult round-up he had ever been on! With a nearly full auditorium, Mr. Sheets called the group to order and welcomed everyone back to school.

Ladd Sheets gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Carol Pack then led the group in the Star Spangled Banner. Margarette Evans read the minutes from the 2005 reunion, and reported the names of those who have received scholarships. JoNell Sheets gave the treasurer's report.

As with any reunion, there comes a time when one must remember those who are no longer with us. Frank Buzzard read the following list of names: Class of '29 - Lilla Watters Richardson; '30 - W.R. Greever, J.C. Harris, Grace Davis Kirk; '31 - Helen Buchanan Fisher, Colleen Tower Dutton, Edna 'Tee Tot' McLeod Cunningham; '32 - Loreta Wilbanks Boyd, Ira Harbour; '33 - Branch Sheets, Edna Buchanan Bazell, Buster Kirk, George Caldwell; '35 - Adalynn Dougherty Barnes, Viola Hull Boyd, Elmon Jacobs, Lometa Buckner Sparks, Charles Newcomb, E.W. Sparks, Ruth Wilbanks Bryan, Beth Wilbanks Phelps; '36 - Leota Harbour Gibling, Ralph C. Blodgett, Joyce Hester Crumb, Craig Davidson, Dixie Buckner Gill; '37 - Howard G. Garnett, Floyd Hull, Mary Reimer Trimmel; '38 - Elsa Ruth Porter, Virginia Steward Dancer, Rosa Lee Clements Butt, Oneta Shuttlesworth; '39 - Louise Turner Novak, Georgia McLeod; '40 - Ledru Jacobs, John Horne, Cecil Reynolds, Willie Mackie Clement, Peggy Garrett Archer; '41 - Frances Sheets Cudd, Anna Mae

Files Swink, Virginia Buchanan Cates, Dolly Shedeck McWhirter, Wanda Smith, Albert Graves; '42 - Betty Hester Scribner, J.D. Mitchell, Ruby Lamb Collingsworth, Nathalie Reynolds Turner, Janelle Jackson Hinson; '43 - Virginia Burgess Witt, Ellen Hull Robson, Margaret Hull Novak, Howard Dean Kelley, James P. Lynn, Kathleen Kenney Pulliam, Thadene Deck Cooper, Lonnie Kenney, Dickie Kiker Allen, Pearl Robertson Sparks; '44 - Grace Lee Lawson Kunkle; '45 - Robert 'Bob' Heard, Wilma Mahaffey Reese, Ellen Hash Reynolds, Rosanne Porter Haas, Clarence Kern; '46 - Betty Lee Davis Hazelwood, William Robert Lee; '47 - Orville Latham, Florence Dillow Robinson, J.W. Rossen, Max Church, Mary Frances Schroder Markle, Lois Buzzard Shielknight, Pearl Dean Burke Skaggs, Grace Buschman Gift, Ervin Lamb; '48 - James Cayton, Don Mehair, Anita Burgess Jansen, Ruth Ann Jones Crawford; '49 - L.M. 'Sonny' Patterson, Nancy Lee Robertson; '50 - Ernest Markle, Joan Woods Gaither, Sharley Sheets, Claude 'Pinkey' Pearson, Richard Smith; '52 - Don-

ald Floyd, Dan Dacus; '54 - Larry Sparks, Marilyn Crawford Gragg, Howard Edward Fickling, Ed Bowman; '56 - Robert Sims, Omar Ashley; '57 - R.L. Easley, Billy Spiller, Larry Jacob, Eleanor Seedig Sanders, Lowell Sheets, Billy Rhea; '58 - Linda Tucker Whitford, C.T. 'Ted' Collier; '59 - Jerry L. Sparks, Hal Sampson, Eldon Stevens; '60 - Sue Sutherland Morman, Mike Branson; '61 - Paul Allison, Wanda Jean Brinkley Schubert; '62 - Eddie Riley, Bobby Witcher, Willa Fae Seitz Creamer; '63 - Carland Monroe Nichols; '64 - Betty Powell Reeves; '65 - Shirley Ayers Nesbit, Fern Wagner Porter; '66 - Arbeta Tacket Nobles; '67 - Danny

Robertson, Ronnie Beck; '68 - Gary Daniel Faries, Glenda Roberts Baxter, Elaine Longley Swan; '69 - Shirley Love; '74 - Becky Reynolds Peterson, Danny Thompson; '75 - Nickie Jones Clark; '76 - Oscar Deleon, Roy S. Avila, Terry Meisner Porter, Lee Tice McDade; '77 - Brenda Jean Cook; '79 - Carey Bridges, David Cummings; '82 - Janett Sandovall Longoria; '83 - Denny Brewer; '84 - Larry 'Hank' Hagerman; Mary Martin Greenhouse; '86 - Guero 'Willie' Vera; '87 - Raymond Barnes; '88 - Laura Garnett Umphress, Rose Mary Olivarez Vasquez, David McGuire; '91 - Newly Landrum; '92 - Thomas 'Ty' Harbour; '94 - Brad Delozier; 2002 -

Homero Munoz. Following the business of the reunion, everyone headed to the "lunch room" for a barbecue dinner catered by the Hungry Cowboy. Various classes held activities throughout the weekend - many beginning on Friday night. Carol Pack announced at the reunion that there was a challenge for the Class of '59 to donate \$500 to the Spearman Scholarship Foundation. The class ended up donating \$2,500, and then challenged all other classes to meet or exceed this amount. Money may be mailed to Bill Pittman, c/o Spearman Scholarship Foundation, Spearman TX 79081.

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This notice concerns 2010 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 | \$374,970 |
| Last year's debt taxes | \$0 |
| Last year's total taxes | \$374,970 |
| Last year's tax base | \$70,615,819 |
| 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) | \$373,358 |
| ÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property) | \$71,872,892 |
| = This year's effective tax rate | 0.519469 /\$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) | \$496,402 |
| ÷ This year's adjusted tax base | \$71,872,892 |
| = This year's effective operating rate | 0.690667 /\$100 |
| x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate | 0.745920 /\$100 |
| + This year's debt rate | 0.000000 /\$100 |
| = This year's total rollback rate | 0.745920 /\$100 |
| - Sales tax adjustment rate | 0.169157 /\$100 |
| = Rollback tax rate | 0.576763 /\$100 |

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If City of Spearman adopts a 2010 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.519469 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2009 taxes by \$2,889.

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 | \$271,296 |

Schedule B - 2010 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 Interest 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 2010 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 2010 | | | | \$0 |
| + Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 96.00% of its taxes in 2010 | | | | \$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 \$123,044 in additional sales and use tax revenues.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 709 W 7th, Spearman, Tx 79081.

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August 2, 2010 - Lake level - 57.46 feet

It has definitely turned into summertime, now. The first part of the summer was fairly cool and wet. My thermometer at the office, shows 102 degrees today. The lake is still up pretty good, though we have evaporated and soaked in seven feet of the June high. The permanent boat ramps are still in use, with about ten feet of water to launch in. The chart shows that we cover 1,328 surface acres, today.

The Clint Davis Memorial cook-off was held in the park, over the weekend. It brought a number of good cooks, campers, and hungry people. I missed the results of the judging, and missed a good meal. The group shelter was used for this purpose, and was rented again, Sunday. We also had four RV campers on the south side.

A little before seven o'clock, Saturday evening, I went up to check messages, as my wife Mandy was driving in from a visit with our daughter, in Grand Prairie. A phone message stated that a canoe had capsized, and the occupants needed help.



Two white tail deer. One is red, as the summer coat usually is, and the other is very gray, more like a mule deer.

I spotted a canoe near the spillway, with some people in the water. After checking with them, another canoe was out, but they did not know where. The wind started blowing, after they were out on the lake, and they could not get back to their original launching point. While hurrying to the south side, I contacted the game warden. I launched the boat, and quickly found a life jacket floating. Long story short, everyone was fine and back on the other side. I

gave them a ride back, and called off the game warden.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department stocked Cannel catfish last week. More fish will be sent, as they become available.

The picture this week, shows two white tail deer. They are small, probably last years fawns. I have seen them together several times. One is red, as the summer coat usually is. The other is very gray, more like a mule deer.

O'Loughlin Family Gathers for the 4th of July



Over this fourth of July weekend thirty-five members of the O'Loughlin family, including June O'Loughlin, enjoyed a family reunion in Spearman. People came from as far away as Washington State.

At the ranch house they ate a delicious meal catered by Tobe Shields; guests included Lynna and Phillip Renner and Verna and Bill Strawn. The family toured Cargill and wind turbines in Hansford County; they also visited other downtown businesses including Zephyr, Gordon's, Cates, and Prairie Gardens. Other activities included a volleyball game and a wonderful dinner catered by Paula Clemmons at the O'Loughlin Center followed by fireworks at the house.

They attended mass at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday. Chad Logsdon spoke to the family about the different kinds of crops that grow in the area, and Bob Pearson spoke about positive developments in the field of minerals.

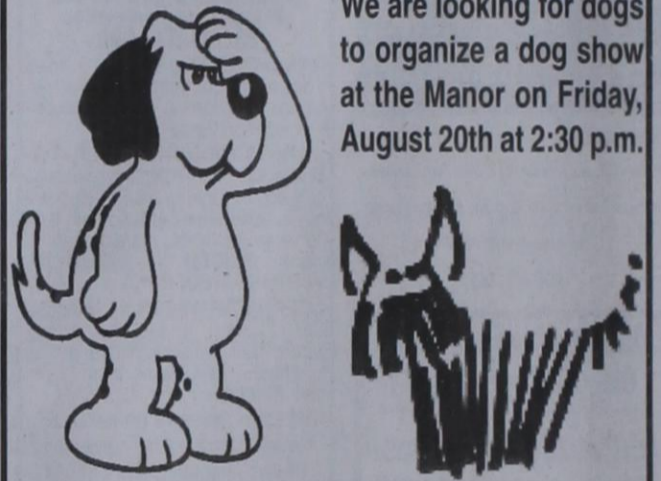
The family enjoyed the Texan hospitality they received everywhere they went and look forward to their fourth reunion in 2015.

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