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## COME TO THE GAME

**SPEARMAN**  
vs.  
**LYNX** Highland Park  
on 9/30 at 7:30 p.m.  
at Lynx Stadium

**Gruver Greyhounds** vs  
**Shamrock**  
on 9/30 at 7:30 p.m.  
at Shamrock

### Spearman Lynx

The 7th & 8th Grade Lynx will play Highland Park in Spearman on September 29th. The 7th grade will play at 5 p.m., the 8th Grade will play at 6:15. The JV will play Highland Park in Highland Park at 6 p.m.

### Gruver Greyhounds

The Gruver Jr. High and JV will play Gruver Ranch in Stinnett on Thursday, September 29th. The Gruver JH will play at 5 p.m., followed by the JV.

## CROSS COUNTRY

**Gruver Greyhounds/Lady Hounds**  
The Gruver Varsity Lady Hounds will compete in the OPSU Jamboree in Goodwell, OK on Saturday, October 1st. The rest of the cross country teams will run in Guymon.

### Spearman Lynx/Lynxettes

The Spearman Varsity Lynxettes will compete in the McNeil Classic in Round Rock on Saturday, October 1st. The other cross country teams will compete in Canadian.

## by GasBuddy.com TexasGasPrices.com Weekly Update

Texas, September 26- Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 11.3 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.28/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that has fallen 7.1 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.53/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 76.4 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 16.4 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 7.2 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 82.9 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"Last week saw an impressive decline in crude oil and gasoline futures, and accordingly, motorists in most areas of the U.S. have seen retail gasoline prices decline. In some areas, price have outright plunged to under \$3/gal," said Patrick DeHaan, GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst. "While social networking sites are abuzz about the decline, be warned that the market does remain extremely sensitive to geopolitical issues and refinery maintenance season is right around the corner," DeHaan adds.

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

### Weather Forecast

THURSDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph.

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

FRIDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s. East winds 5 to 10 mph shifting to the south 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s.

SATURDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s.

SUNDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s.

MONDAY - Mostly sunny. Breezy. Highs in the upper 80s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s.

Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/forecast/w-Spearman-Texas.html#ixzz1XwhiVZt8>

### Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Temperatures were near average, with rain from a trace to 1 inch. The corn harvest was ongoing. Growers continued planting wheat. Cotton progress slowed with the cooler temperatures. Some cotton growers were applying harvest aids. Rangeland and pasture conditions were rated as very poor. Livestock producers continued to provide supplemental feed and reduce herds.

## GHS Homecoming



ABOVE: Gruver High School's 2011 Homecoming Queen Madison McLain (center) is pictured with her two attendants, Taylor Felderhoff (left) and Evelyn Pastrana (right).

BELOW: The Alumni Queen Estelle Barkley Chambers, GHS Class of 1941.

Gruver High School's 2011 Homecoming featured the theme "Crazy for the Greyhounds" and was celebrated September 19th-23rd. The Homecoming Queen and Alumni Queen were crowned during the pre-game of Gruver vs. Texico, NM.

The Homecoming Attendants for 2011 were Taylor Felderhoff, Madison McLain & Evelyn Pastrana. Madison McLain was named the Homecoming Queen.

For the first time, 80 years were represented by the Alumni Candidates. Alumni representatives were: 1931 - Bill Etling, 1941 - Estelle Barkley Chambers and Atma Jean Tomlinson McClearey; 1951 - Ted Evans, 1961 - Joy Fulfer Moore and Leon Wilson, 1971 - Floyd Walker and Nancy Zabel Bickings, 1981 - James Heddins and Margaret Garcia Kidine, 1991 - Kyle Haenisch and Marci Roberts, 2001 - Chad TeBeest and Holly Hart McLean, 2011 - Payton Thoreson and Mary Hart.

Estelle Barkley Chambers was named the Alumni Queen.

An Alumni football game was held on Saturday, September 24th at 6:30 p.m. Gruver played West Texas in Greyhound Stadium. An Alumni Dance, sponsored by the Class of 2001, was held at the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman from 8 p.m.-Midnight in Spearman featuring local talent. Proceeds were used for a Memorial Scholarship in honor of classmate Kirby Johnson.



## Are You Ready For Some FOOTBALL?

Gruver photos by Lisa Johnson. See related article on Page 6



# Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott  
MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

FIRST, I have to correct my mistake from last week. I created a state agency TEA, Texas education for the Arts. It does not exist. I should have referred to Texas Commission for the Arts. (TCA). They are for real and need our support during these trying times. They are the group that receive monies when you buy the specialty license tags, so upgrade and buy a new tag at renewal time. Thanks for your patience with my senior moments.

This week was a busy one for us. We are making real headway with our archival cleanup. The files and boxes in the archive room are looking good. We welcomed a new member this week - Gwen Ferguson joined us and started her project of computerizing our labels and tags for the individual archive boxes. She typed a new label for the box, a master card, and file card. We are going to be so organized and neat when this is done that we will offer tours (HA). Anyway, we are making great progress.

We are also redoing the gift shop. We have purchased new display shelves and will be rearranging our merchandise to make it more customer friendly. You are invited to come see

us and give us your feedback on our new look.

Lastly, we met with a committee of the board on Wednesday to work on our 2012 budget and our October fund raiser.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW. Saturday, October 22, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. we will have a Barbecue Supper at the Lipscomb School. We will have a guest speaker and fun will be had by all. Tickets are on sale now at the museum and board members will have some by the end of the week (tomorrow, since you are reading this on Thursday). Price is \$15 each or \$25 a couple.

### MUSEUM MUSINGS

With this reorganizing and cleaning, I am finding a wealth of tidbits of our history that I will share with you in forthcoming articles. I will start with the article on Mr. G.J. Heil, who died on Jan. 10, 1967. Mr. Heil was born Sept. 5, 1888 in Morrow County, Ohio. On Jan. 29, 1910 he married Elsie Porter at Medicine Lodge, Kansas. They had five sons and in 1916 they moved to the Texas Panhandle and established their home three miles northwest of Follett where their sons grew to manhood.

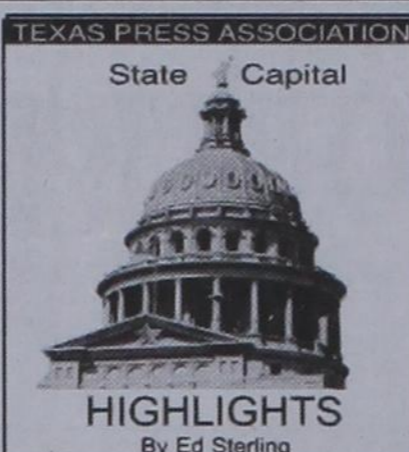
In his obituary, the following quote was used to describe the respect that the

community had for Mr. Heil: "Some one has said: He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much, who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has left the world better than he found it; who always looked for the best in others and give the best he had; whose life was an inspiration; whose memory a benediction."

An example of how he did this was explained in another article where they explained that during the "dirty thirties," he experimented with his wheat seed and developed a wheat seed that yielded 15 to 18 bushels per acre versus the 7 to 9 bushels the traditional seed was yielding. He named the seed "Zarr Blackhull" and after the papers reported his high yield, he received requests from all over the county for his seed.

He was one of our Pioneers that kept this country going during the bad years. He was Rene Heil's grandfather and we are pleased that the Heil family is a part of our history.

Have a good week with this great fall weather.



HIGHLIGHTS  
By Ed Sterling

## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS



by Ed Sterling

### Perry spars with field in GOP debate

AUSTIN — A field of nine Republican candidates participated in the Fox News-Google GOP Presidential Debate on Sept. 22 in Orlando, Fla.

As the top-polling candidate present, Gov. Rick Perry drew extra fire from rivals over his positions and/or record on Social Security, border security, job creation, health care and education.

For example, he took heat over his withdrawn executive order that would have required pre-teen girls to get vaccinated against human papilloma virus. And he defended his support of in-state college tuition for children of undocumented workers.

Meanwhile, as national media attention to campaign issues continued to build over the week, it was learned that questions over the legality of redistricting maps passed by the Texas Legislature would have to be addressed.

The U.S. Department of Justice elected not to "pre-clear" the proposed Texas House and congressional district maps, alleging possible dilution of the voting rights of minority populations in some districts.

Most of the growth of the state's population over the last 10 years was among minority groups and pursuant to the 2010 Census, Texas picked up four congressional seats to bring its total to 36.

Texas is among a group of states required to have its redistricting maps pre-cleared under the Voting Rights Act of 1965. On July 19 Texas submitted its redrawn district maps to the Department of Justice for pre-clearance.

If the maps prove unacceptable, Gov. Perry has the option of calling a special session of the Texas Legislature to have the maps adjusted and any other voting issues fixed. Another possibility is that U.S. district courts could be tasked with fixing the maps. In either case, the pressure is on to have any voting rights issues resolved in time for the 2012 elections.

### 2 Texas Senate leaders to retire

State Sens. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, and Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, announced they would not seek re-election.

As chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Ogden has been one of the state's chief budget writers in ad-

dition to serving in other high-profile capacities. Before serving in the Texas House from 1992-97 he was an officer in the U.S. Navy. He won the Senate Dist. 5 seat by special election in 1997.

Shapiro, a member of the Senate since 1993 and a former Plano mayor and city council member, is chair of the body's powerful Education Committee and former chair of the State Affairs Commission. Among her accomplishments is principal authorship of a series of laws to protect children from sexual predators.

### Widespread wildfire threat remains

Last week the extraordinary drought continued its merciless encampment in the Lone Star State with an unwelcome development.

The Texas Forest Service on Sept. 24 warned of a cold front bringing high winds that could make many parts of the state even more susceptible to wildfires and flare-ups.

"Since wildfire season started on Nov. 15, 2010, firefighters have responded to 23,519 fires that have burned almost 3.8 million acres and destroyed 2,742 homes," the Forest Service reported, adding nearly 35,000 homes have been saved by firefighting efforts, so far.

The Texas Railroad Commission brought up another dimension to the wildfire problem: propane storage containers.

If a container has been

involved in one of the state's recent wildfires, it must be replaced or evaluated by a licensed propane supplier before use, the agency said.

### Last meal practice discontinued

Brad Livingston, executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, stopped the practice of allowing death row offenders to choose their last meal, effective Sept. 22.

"They will receive the same meal served to other offenders on the unit," Livingston said.

The change was made after state Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, wrote a letter to Livingston in disapproval of the last meal tradition after death row inmate Lawrence Brewer ordered a long list of food for his last meal before execution and did not eat it.

Whitmire is dean of the Senate and chair of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

### Holiday road arrests top 2,000

Texas Highway Patrol troopers arrested 2,033 intoxicated drivers statewide during a Labor Day holiday enforcement program conducted Aug. 19 through Sept. 6, the Texas Department of Public Safety said Sept. 20.

Troopers focused on looking for and stopping intoxicated drivers in high-risk locations during the times when alcohol-related crashes occur most often.

### Editors Note...

Freedom of speech is one of the guarantees of the First Amendment of our Constitution, so we encourage readers to express themselves, even if we don't agree with what is said. However, freedom involves responsibility. Therefore, the only letters we will consider publishing are from individuals who are willing for their names to appear with the letter. Letters must contain the telephone number, address and a personal signature of the writer (for verification purposes only).

We will not knowingly publish any letter containing libelous or slanderous statements, or factually incorrect information. Letters containing language or content that we feel is inappropriate will not be published.

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### Wolf Creek Heritage Museum

Museum Hours: Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Special hours upon request.

Museum Information:  
13310 Hwy 305, PO Box 5,  
Lipscomb TX 79056; telephone: 806-852-2123;  
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### SWEET TOOTH

- ACROSS  
1. Lively dance in 2-4 time  
6. \*A main ingredient of custard  
9. Back talk  
13. Single-cell protozoan  
14. Second person pronoun  
15. \*Type of flour used in many cakes and cookies  
16. Surfaces or coats, v.  
17. Cash giver  
18. "Played" during school  
19. Hurries  
21. \*Chocolate square  
23. To do this is human  
24. \*Some candy bar wrappers are made of this

- DOWN  
1. Between generations  
2. Wet nurse  
3. Bulgarian money  
4. Like one with high BMI  
5. \*Baked confection  
6. Young hawk  
7. Acquired  
8. Southern soup  
9. Best in  
10. Also spelled "eon"  
11. Japanese vodka  
12. Eye infection  
15. Greater than sum of parts? pl.  
20. Wear away  
22. Relieve from  
24. Add vitamin D to milk, e.g.

- 25. \*A Judy Blume character  
26. State of entanglement  
27. \_\_\_prosequi  
29. Opposite of yin  
31. Mongrels  
32. Once more  
33. Disease often associated with dogs  
34. "All the news that's fit to \_\_\_"  
36. Member of eastern European people  
38. Bingo-like game  
42. Where deer and antelope play  
45. Plural of genus  
49. Neither here \_\_\_ there  
51. \*English \_\_\_  
54. One of Ben Franklin's inventions  
56. Oil tanker  
57. Letterman, to his buddies?  
58. African chieftain  
59. Same as solos  
60. Pout  
61. Smell badly  
62. Novelist Roberts  
63. Armor chest plate  
66. Zip or zilch  
68. Examine or watch

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Medical Fund Established At FNB for Dynell Moore

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

### Bouquet Designs

Hansford County Library is selling raffle tickets for hand-painted tables, painted by Linda Combs. First place is a full-sized dining room table with a leaf. Second place is a side table or occasional table. Tickets are \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. These tables are truly beautiful. All proceeds will benefit the library to help make up for lost Thrift Shop income. Tickets will be sold through Monday, November 14, 2011.

### Gladiola Flower Club Annual Nut Sale

It's time once again to purchase your nuts from Gladiola Flower Club. If you have purchased before, please contact your representative, if not, please call Margarette Evans at 806-659-2165. Orders must be placed no later than October 5TH. You may purchase nuts, trash mix, fruit mix, or samplers.

### Spearman Booster Club

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

### Greyhound Grand

Please support the Greyhound Booster Club and buy a square to win \$1000. Squares are numbered 1-100 and the \$ value is the number of the square. The person whose number is drawn will win \$1000. The drawing will take place November 4th at the last home football game. To buy a square, see John Haynes at Bort Agency or purchase a square at the home football games.

### New Counseling Practice in Hansford County!

Darlene Curry, M.Ed., M.A., L.P.C., has opened a Counseling Practice in Gruver in the hopes of adding much needed services to the panhandle area. The office is located at 430 Main Street, Ste. A in Gruver. Appointments may be made by calling 806-736-0463.

### EMT Basic Class Begins October 10th

EMT-BASIC classes will be held in Gruver starting October 10th. Scholarships will be available through The City of Gruver and The City of Spearman. Please contact Janet Williams at 806-570-4284 for more information.

### Hansford County Health Fair October 13

Mark your calendar, Hansford County Hospital Community Health Fair October 13, 2011 from 7am- 1pm. Flu shots, reduced price for men and women lab screening and many health related vendors. If your business would like to donate a door prize, please contact Jackie Nelson 806-659-5841 or bring by the hospital.

### Hansford Happenings 4-H Smoked Meat Sale

4-H members across Hansford County(Spearman, Gruver & Morse) are selling smoked meats for their annual fund raising efforts. Products available include smoked & spiral hams, turkey, peppered turkey breasts, smoked or peppered bacon, beef or chicken fajitas, chicken tenders, tamales, pork patties, pork chub , sausage links, pecan cobbler, pulled pork bbq, little porkies Wraps, sausage gravy, Hunters Package(pancake mix, canadian bacon, peppered pork loin & jalapeno cheese summer sausage and pumpkin roll. We would like to thank you in advance for helping raise funds to support projects, activities, contest registration, trips and events for the year. Orders must be received by October 18th, with a delivery date before Thanksgiving. Please contact a 4-H member or call the County Extension Office 659-4130 or 733-2901, fax 659-4133 to place your order. If email would be easier hansford-tx@tamu.edu.

### Gruver High School Open House

Gruver High School will hold Open House on Monday, October 3, 2011 from 6-7 p.m. Parents, please come to the HS Library for a short meeting before visiting the classrooms.

### Texas SNAP Benefits Assistance

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

### Don't Text and Drive Decals

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

### Help Available for Breast Cancer Survivors

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

### Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild

The Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild of Guymon, Oklahoma meets four times a year -- the last Saturday in the months of January, April, July and October. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. in the First Christian Church Disciple Center located at 9th & Quinn streets. The meeting starts at 10 a.m. Members bring a carry-in luncheon, which is served at noon. The afternoon program begins at 1 p.m. Programs include trunk shows, demonstrations, workshops, door prizes and much more.

### Friendship Quilter Quilt Guild

The Friendship Quilter Quilt Guild of Perryton, Texas would like to invite you to their meetings. The Day Guild meets the 2nd Wednesdays of each month at 9 a.m. in the Community Worship Center, 2210 SW 15th, Perryton. The Night Guild meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Community Worship Center, 2210 SW 15th, Perryton. Annual dues are \$15. (To receive only the newsletter \$7.50/yr.) Visitors are welcome. For more information, contact Cynthia Shattles at 806-435-2765 or Marilyn Robins at 806-624-2691.

### Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. at the First Christian Church in Gruver. For more information, contact Marilyn Been at 806-733-2087.

### 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.

## Words from Faith & Grace



by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

In the sixteenth week of Pentecost, we learn the nature of God's 'vineyard' as we study Isaiah 5: 1-7, Psalm 80: 7-15, Philippians 3: 4-14, and Matthew 21: 33-46.

Isaiah is singing a song to the people of Israel about his beloved's vineyard. He sings of the effort and care given by his beloved to creating the vineyard and his expectations of the vineyard. The song asks the people of Jerusalem and Judah to judge between the owner of the vineyard and the vineyard. The vineyard is bearing 'wild' grapes not useful grapes. The song then turns to the owner of the vineyard tearing out and tearing down his vineyard. The vineyard owner is then revealed to be God as Isaiah tells the people that the owner will command the clouds not to rain upon it. This song reflects the woes against Judah for their infidelity to God. If Yahweh's people will not be His people, then they will not be a people at all. Perhaps the first country song about infidelity and love gone bad.

The Psalmist also sings a song asking for God's redeeming of Israel. He also uses the vine as a symbol of Israel and asks God to remember his vine. Notice, however, there is no verse indicating that God's vine is producing God's goals for it.

Paul tells the Philippians not to place confidence in the flesh, ever if they consider themselves to have reason. Our identity is not found in our past, but only in who we are in Jesus Christ. Christ alone makes us righteous and brings us into the life-giving presence of God. Righteousness is based upon faith which is itself based upon the gift of God's grace. Our emphasis should be on what we are becoming through Jesus Christ not what we have done in the past. Paul uses an athletic example that we 'press on' towards the goal.

Jesus gives the Chief Priests and Sanhedrin another parable about a landowner who planted a vineyard, carefully prepared it, and left it with tenants while he went to another country. At harvest time, the landowner sends his servants to collect the rent. The tenants beat one, killed one and stoned another. The landowner sends other servants to collect the rent, and they too were treated badly. The landowner then sends his son, who is also killed by the tenants. Jesus asks them, what will the landowner then do? The elders answer that, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at harvest time". Jesus then shows that the religious leaders are the tenants and the vineyard is Israel; the religious leaders have deprived God of his rightful 'fruits'. Jesus tells them that the kingdom of God will be taken from them and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. He then tells them that the "stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone". And, he warns that, "The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." (This is a composite of Isaiah 8: 13-15, Isaiah 28: 16, and Deuteronomy 2: 34, 44-45). Then the elders wanted to kill him.

May the Holy Spirit make you a good tenant that produces the fruits of the kingdom.

## Our Sympathy

### DENNIS EARL BROOKS



Dennis Earl Brooks, 56, passed away Saturday, September 24, 2011.

Services were held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 in the Brazos Trail Cowboy Church off Sharla Smelley Road. Interment was in the Bethesda Cemetery. Galbreath Pickard Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Dennis was born April, 21, 1955 in Pampa, Texas. He was a graduate of McLean High School in 1974 and was currently a welder. Dennis was also a member of the Brazos Trail Cowboy Church and the Southwest Team Penning Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and LaVerne Brooks and his nephew, Kenneth Wilson.

Survivors include his wife, Letha Brooks of Weatherford; two sons, Chris Brooks and wife Amy, of Grandview, Texas and Cody Brooks and wife Kacie, of Cleburne, Texas; one daughter, Catrina Kidd and husband Mark, of Weatherford; six grandchildren, Trevor, Tucker, Trentin, Tayler, Rendyn, and Colton; one sister, Cindy Walton and husband Joe, of Stamford, Texas; one brother, Ed Brooks and wife Heather, of McLean, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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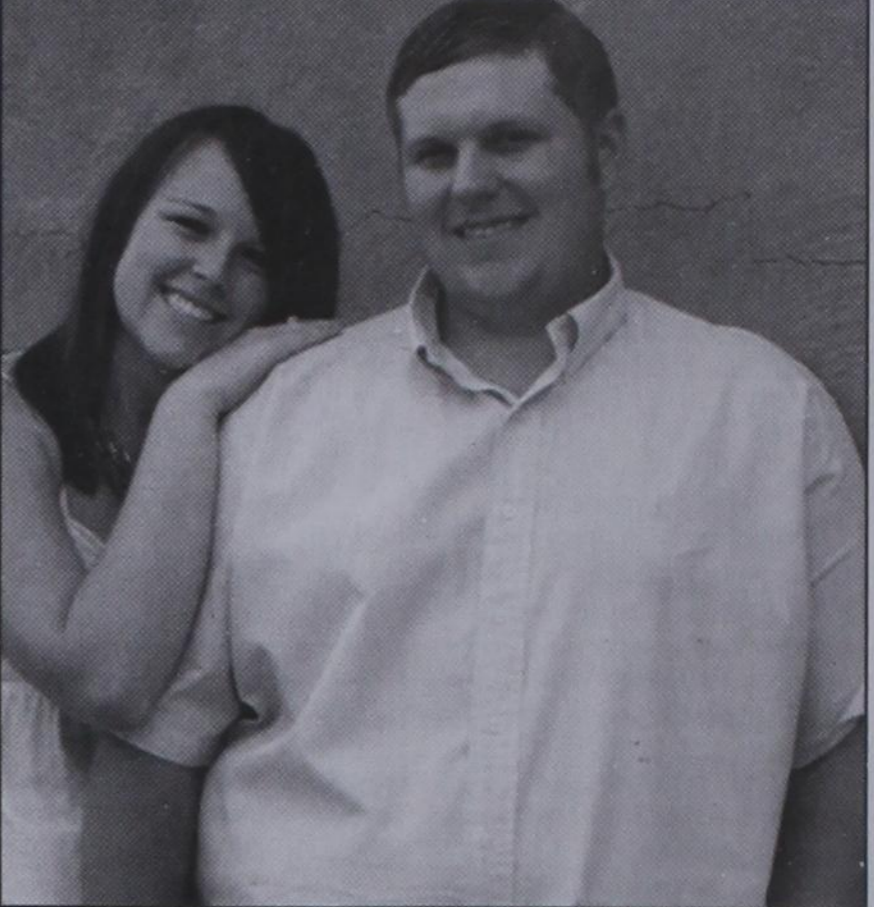
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## Betty Womble Retires from SISD



Betty Womble, elementary music teacher at Gus Birdwell Elementary School, recently announced her retirement at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

Betty grew up in the surrounding area and graduated from Stinnett High School before earning a BS in Home Economics from Texas Tech University. Her first career was that of a stay at home mom, and she did not begin a full-time teaching position until her own children were old enough to go to college at Texas Tech.

Her first teaching job was at Dumas Junior High School in 1992 teaching Career and Technology (Home Economics) to 8th and 9th graders for two years. For the next five years she taught Life Management Skills, a class that taught about living successfully through making good decisions and choices and applying these skills to relationships and dealing with people. She added that as part of the curriculum she would take her students into the community to do various service projects such as visiting nursing homes. She stated, "It was very rewarding to see how young people could mature in their thinking and gain self-confidence by reaching out to someone else in need." One of her students actually took the training and became a fully certified hospice volunteer as a result of her experience in Mrs. Womble's Life Management Skills classroom.

Previous to starting her teaching career, she spent twenty years working in the Parent Teacher Association (PTA), and in 1992 as she started her teaching career she was also elected to serve on the Board of Trustees for Pringle-Morse CISD where she served for twelve years. She said, "I always felt that I had a unique perspective about education having been a parent, working as a class-

room teacher and representing the community as a board member. All of this has given me a better perspective of what it takes to operate effectively and how to deal with parents and administrators."

After seven years in Dumas, she decided to sit out of teaching and pretty much worked full time at Spearman First Methodist Church in the education and music department. It was in 2001 that she accepted the position of elementary music teacher at Gus Birdwell Elementary School which she held until her retirement in May of 2011. Betty recalled the following story: "At Gus Birdwell Elementary School, it seemed that I was the one learning the most. One day we were rehearsing for the 2nd grade Christmas program, and I was explaining that the song we were singing was a good example of the musical element called "expression" when a boy patiently raised his hand and stated, Mrs. Womble, I am singing with my heart. Of course, my own heart melted right then."

Over the years, Mrs. Womble said her favorite memories were the performances. "To see that children of all ages give their full attention and effort to obtain excellence is extremely rewarding," she commented. "Music has to be the most wonderful tool to truly inspire perfection. I have often told my students that when they perform in public and do their very best, then they have every right to be proud of themselves. The feeling of accomplishment that you can earn through hard work is not like someone telling you that you are good at something, but rather is something that

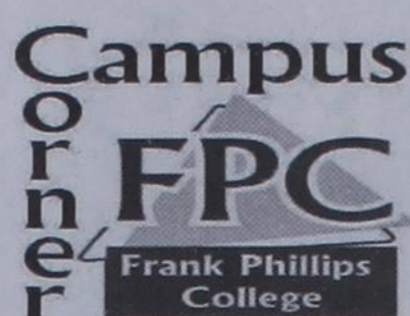
you can actually feel inside you," she added.

Mrs. Womble stated that the hardest part of teaching is learning how to manage children. Her advice to someone new entering the profession is not to get discouraged. "Some years, I have had 500 children come through my doors everyday. Watch the experienced teachers around you and ask them questions. Once your confidence gets in place with the management, then you can really have fun with your teaching!"

She added that technology has changed the most in education from the start of her career in public education. "Educational philosophies come and go, but children are the same. We need to remember that education is about people," she proclaimed.

"I sing because I'm happy," is a good description of Betty Womble," said Spearman ISD Superintendent Rodney Sumner. Betty loves music, and it is quite evident from watching her interact with children about her commitment to instill that same love of music within the children she teaches. We are going to definitely miss her. Over the years, I got a big kick just watching her conduct the various programs and activities due to her own contagious enthusiasm, added Mr. Sumner.

After a seventeen year career in public education, retirement will not end her life-long passion for people and music. Betty intends to continue serving as the Music Minister and Technology Director for her church and enjoy many of the homemaking skills that she has been neglecting over the years!



Greetings from the Northernmost Facility of Higher Education in the Great State of Texas! We have just started our new academic year (2011-2012) and things are off to a great start. During the previous academic year (2010-2011) that just ended, the Allen Campus served 4,873 students and other residents of Perryton and the surrounding area. Academic classes accounted for 287 of these students, while Continuing Education classes served 1,778 students and Community Service classes and events served an additional 2,808 people.

Starting Monday, September 19th, 3 construction projects will begin at the Allen Campus; 2 repair projects (parking lot and building bracing) and 1 renovation project (creation of 2 workforce training classrooms). These projects will be completed by mid November, so we apologize early on for any inconvenience they might cause.

Each year the college chooses a common reader. This year's reader is "Dances with Wolves" written by Michael Blake. Mr. Blake has visited the Allen Campus twice in the past and will be returning this year for an event we are calling "An Evening with Michael Blake". Unfortunately, it will occur on Homecoming night, Friday, September 30th, at 7:00 PM, but that is the only time available for Mr. Blake to visit Perryton. We encourage everyone to go to the game that night and support the Rangers, but for those who aren't planning to attend the game, come spend some time with Mr. Blake; his events are always interesting and the participants leave smiling.

This fall the Allen Campus is offering a wide variety of continuing education

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and community service classes. Are you interested in becoming a Certified Nursing Assistant? If so, the class is scheduled to start September 26th and end on October 12th. Classes will meet Monday through Thursday from 8 AM to 5 PM and the cost is \$400, which includes the cost of the book and state certification exam. Information packets are available at the front desk.

Halloween Cake Pop Class will be held on September 22nd, from 6-9 PM. There is a list of supplies needed for the class at the front desk and the cost is \$45.00. Space is limited so contact Jaci soon to register. There is a brand new

class coming to the Allen Campus this fall. It is Basic Auto Mechanics and will start October 3rd and continue through December 1st. This class will meet Mondays and Thursdays from 6-8 PM and the cost is \$80.00 which includes the text book.

ESL and GED classes have started but there is still a chance to get into them. Come by the front desk to fill out a waiting list form and for more information.

If anyone would be interested in teaching a continuing education or community service class, or for any other information, please contact Jaci Geheb at the Allen Campus (806-648-1450).



### Appreciation Celebration Planned for Justin Boyd

The City of Spearman is holding an appreciation gathering in honor of Justin Boyd on Friday, September 30th. Justin has completed his term as EMS Director, and everyone is invited to stop by the Fire/EMS building between 5:30-7:30 p.m. to thank him for a job well done. Refreshments will be served.

Justin will continue to serve as a paramedic on the EMS service, and he will be the lead instructor for the EMS basic class that will begin in October.

Justin also serves on the State EMS Committee. The function of this committee is to review pertinent issues and make recommendations to the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council who, in turn, makes recommendations to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS GRUVER ISD'S STATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

The Gruver Independent School District will hold a public meeting on October 17, 2011 at 6:45 p.m. in the Gruver ISD Administration Board Room, 601 Garrett Street, Gruver TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's performance under each of the 21 indicators of the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST). Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The FIRST ratings are based upon analysis of staff and student data reported for the 2009-2010 school year, and budgetary and actual financial data for the 2010 fiscal year (ending August 31, 2010). The FIRST rating system was developed by the Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999. The primary goal of the FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of the school district's financial resources.

## PUBLIC HEARING

**Date:** October 17, 2011

**Time:** 6:45 p.m.

**Location:** GISD Administration Board Room  
601 Garrett Street, Gruver TX

**Subject:** Financial Accountability Rating







**LEFT:** 12 Justin Rindlisbacher, #20 Brent Hansen, #13 Jace Lang Swan  
**BOTTOM LEFT:** #25 Rene Pena, #71 Jorge Caro, #84 Tony Ochoa  
**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Lynx receiver #82 Stefan Cook catches a pass from Jace Lang Swan.

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by Dorothy Hudson

# Out at the Lake

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A mule deer buck, spotted Thursday, September 22.

Lake Level--September 26, 2011--34.15 feet (-0.26)

The office rain gauge showed .55 inch from the soaking type rain of last week. Gruver and Spearman each had almost an inch, and Morse received only .37 inch.

The little rains over the Park have brought out the fall flowers. The sand lilies are mostly through blooming and were not as big this year. Jim reported a lovely bed of purple gay feathers across from the intake tower north of the office. The flowers open from the top of the spike downward, and usually bloom through the fall to the first frost.

Campers are still coming to enjoy the nice weather. There were six RVs behind the dam and one on the office side this weekend.

Jim did not have any fish stories, but he said he had seen a bald eagle early on Sunday. A few ducks are around, but he isn't seeing much bird migration yet.

## Hansford County and the Beef Bonanza

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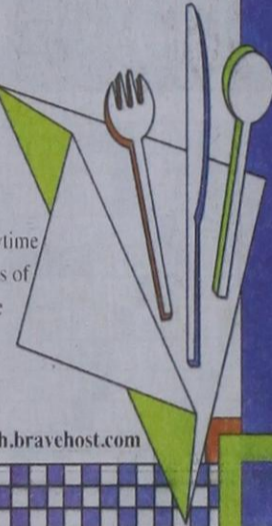
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