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THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2009

Adult Lap Swim

The City of Spearman has received numerous requests for an adult lap swim time at the city pool. City Manager Ed Hanson has announced that the City will now offer the following swim times: Wednesday 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 5:30-6:30 p.m.

The pool will be open for adults only. No one under 18 will be allowed in the pool area. No one will be allowed to use the kiddie pool or any of the slides. No one will be allowed to use the deep end of the pool. Children will not be allowed to sit inside the pool area while parents swim. This time will be strictly available for adults to use the swim lanes for exercise purposes only.

The charge is \$2 a session with a minimum of three swimmers needed to have a session.

Be Careful with Fireworks Use

For many, fireworks are an exciting part of Fourth of July celebrations. But the colorful fun they provide can easily turn into a dangerous situation if proper and safe use is not followed.

"It only takes a spark to start a wildfire," said Tom Spencer, fire risk assessment coordinator for Texas Forest Service. "Fireworks, especially aerial fireworks, can be the source of that spark."

Much of the state is experiencing drought. As a result, the grasses in these areas have dried and are easily ignited. Spencer recommends keeping fireworks use well away from dry grass and other flammable vegetation, to prevent accidental fires.

The Texas Forest Service recommends the following precautions for safe fireworks use-

- Adhere to all county and city fireworks laws and restrictions
- Use fireworks outdoors, away from dry grass and buildings.
- Follow label instructions on how to properly discharge fireworks.
- Only use fireworks with close adult supervision.
- Keep a bucket of water, wet towels and a garden hose nearby.
- Discard used fireworks; never try to relight them.
- Allow used fireworks to cool thoroughly before handling to avoid possible burn injuries.

Caution is advised on fireworks use because of the potential they pose for starting wildfires. Texas Forest Service urges those celebrating the Fourth of July with fireworks to plan ahead and limit use of fireworks to areas where accidental fire starts will not occur.

"Everyone doing their part will help make sure we all have a happy and safe Independence Day holiday," said Spencer.

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60s.

FRIDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Increasing clouds. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

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

SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s.

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

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

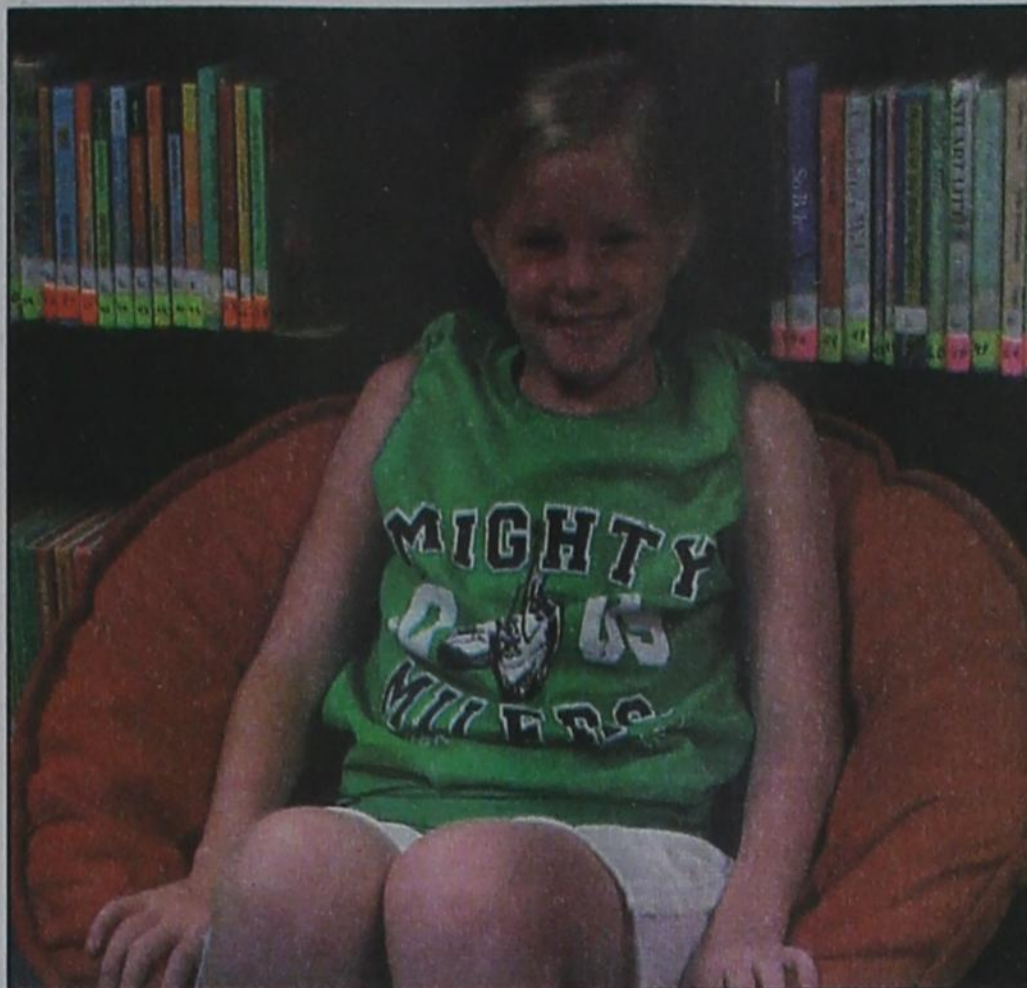
MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Closed Notice

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman will be closed July 29-August 12th. The deadline for the August 6th and August 13th issues will be Tuesday, July 28th at 5 p.m. Items submitted after the deadline will be published at a later date, as time and space permit.

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

Irwin Wins Award for Book



Klaire Irwin, a third grader in Ms. King's class, placed 2nd out of 88 writers in the 15th Annual Young Writers and Illustrators Contest. Her story was titled "The Runaway Pig." She received a digital camera, a set of Reading Rainbow DVDs for the public library, a classroom room set, and a set of her own. Lynzey Tucker of Gruver also entered the contest.

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Chad & Sam Wilkerson

700 Wilmeth

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



The Run Away Pig

When I left my pig, Peanut, in the County Barn, after I had sold him at our county stock show, I cried and cried till I had no tears left. I knew he was going to load on a truck and be taken to get butchered.

Stock Show 2009



Later that night I got to thinking maybe Peanut didn't get on that truck, maybe he ran away. He just might have met some friendly pigs who had run away from the last stock show and they taught him where the best foods were, where to sleep at night and where Peanut would be safe.



Peanut was just living the life. He thought nothing could be better. Then one day his friends told him to come with them. Peanut said, "What are you doing to me?" His friends said, "Look", and there was a pile of mud. Now Peanut had never seen mud. He was amazed. His friends Burt, Bud, Duke and Harry said, "Jump in it!" Peanut said, "K", so he jumped in. Peanut was so gooey and disgusting.



He announced, "Now where do I wash up?" Harry exclaimed, "You let the mud dry and it keeps the bugs off." So Peanut did as he was told and he felt terrific. He had never been in something so long that felt so awesome! Peanut asked Burt the next day, "Can we go again to the mud bath today?" Burt answered, "No you only get to do it once a week because you want the mud to settle."



He was gone for about two days and that was when he showed up on my door step. I welcomed him home with open arms and he lived happily ever after in my backyard.



The next week, Peanut said to Duke, "I think I'll try something else this week instead of mud baths, do you want to go with me?" Duke exclaimed, "Well, I don't know, maybe," but they never did anything else so Peanut set off. Peanut thought he had learned enough from his new friends, but what he was really missing was me.



Letter To The Editor

Saturday was a first for me. I had never watched a controlled burn before from beginning to end.

We did not know what to expect. Maybe some damage to our building or, at the very

least, a smokey smell carried over till Monday morning.

This burn was handled in such a professional way that we had neither. We had some water get into the building but that was easily cleaned up as it happened.

if it saves one child from being hurt in that building.

I just want to say that I appreciate our volunteer firemen, our EMS, our law enforcement personnel and all those behind the scenes who make Spearman the safe community we have in which to live.

Mary C. Moore

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

GOVERNOR VETOES 35 BILLS BEFORE JUNE 21ST DEADLINE



by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry signed the 2010-2011 state budget and vetoed 35 bills two days before Sunday, June 21, the deadline for approving or vetoing legislation passed by the 81st Texas Legislature.

The budget leaves the state's \$6.7 billion rainy day fund untouched but includes \$12 billion in federal stimulus money.

Perry said the final outcome of all bills would "move Texas in the right direction."

Now, here are samples of a few bills the governor vetoed:

• HB 130, creating a pre-kindergarten education grant program. In his veto statement, Perry said a similar grant program already exists, and the new state budget contains \$25 million earmarked for HB 130, so the Texas Education Agency should use those funds to bring 21,000 more students into the existing program.

• HB 821, mandating that television manufacturers collect and recycle a quantity of televisions to be determined annually by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

• HB 1293, creating disclosure requirements and consumer education standards relating to the sale and marketing of life insurance and annuities.

"Although the bill establishes standards of transparency and improvements that are important, I believe it will do more harm than good" because it would create more opportunities for frivolous lawsuits, Perry said.

• HB 3481, authorizing the expunction of criminal records, including law enforcement case files, 180 days after an arrest if no formal misdemeanor or felony charges have been filed.

• HB 3485, relating to certain county, municipal, district, and other governmental functions, procedures, powers, duties, and services, including certain criminal procedures. "The bill's provision regarding physician liability was neither debated nor discussed, but rather amended onto this bill late in the session."

"It risks unraveling the progress we made in curtailing excessive liability and ensuring that patients who need physicians will be able to find them," Perry said.

• SB 1440, clarifying guidelines on how the Department of Family and Protective Services takes children into custody. Perry said he vetoed the legislation because it could infringe on the rights of parents and guardians.

• SB 2558, allowing beer and malt beverage tastings to be held in a branded vehicle on the premises of a retailer with a permit to sell alcohol, therefore allowing alcohol consumption in a vehicle.

"The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission would be required to increase its on-site inspections to ensure the proper precautions are taken to prevent serving to minors and over-consumption," Perry said, in explaining his veto.

And, here are a few samples of bills the governor approved:

• HB 4586, the supplemental appropriations bill that includes \$150 million in funding to help the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston recover from Hurricane Ike.

• HB 4409, reforming the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association "to ultimately reduce the burden of catastrophic storms on the state and eventually establish TWIA as an insurer of last resort," Perry said.

• HB 4765, tripling the small business franchise tax exemption from \$300,000 to \$1 million, thereby lowering the tax burden for more than 40,000 small businesses across Texas.

• HB 4294, allowing public

schools to purchase electronic textbooks. Perry backed up the bill with an executive order that underscores the State Board of Education's role in the electronic textbook approval process.

Website parades tax evaders

Texas' top tax evaders are featured on a new web page posted by the office of the Texas comptroller.

The Comptroller's Criminal Investigation Division focuses on tax fraud cases involving sophisticated schemes to dodge sales, motor fuel, tobacco and other taxes.

The site also allows online reporting of suspected tax fraud and highlights indictments and convictions.

Unemployment rate increases

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased in May to 7.1 percent and continued to trend below the national rate of 9.4 percent, the Texas Workforce Commission reported.

U.S. labor statistics show Texas recorded a net loss of 222,600 jobs in the past 12 months, compared with job losses of 5.4 million nationwide during the same period.

Gladiola Flower Club News

May 21, 2009

The Gladiola Flower Club met in the home of Ann Allen on May 21, 2009.

Kathy Boyd, City Councilwoman, presented the program on the Main Street Sidewalk Project. This project is being paid for by the merchants on Main Street, the City of Spearman, the Spearman Economic Development Corporation, and a grant.

Roll call was answered by members naming a house plant. Minutes were read and approved.

A thank you was read from Judy Yarbrough on behalf of ConKerr Caner. The note stated that she now has 67 pillowcases ready to deliver to Amarillo hospitals.

Kathleen Sutton gave the Treasurer's report.

Ann Flowers, Flower Chairman, reminded those that need to pay fines for 2008.

Ann Allen reminded members to meet at the Library on June 2nd at 10 a.m.

The scholarship winner was voted on - Sabrina Cantu.

Judy Yarbrough gave a recipe for Coffee Mug Cake.

Kathleen Sutton gave a health tip on "Inner Strength."

Sabrina Landrum will give the recipe next week.

Flower winners were: Specimen - Kathleen Sutton, Arrangement - June Jackson. Those present were: Dorothy Buzzard, Betty Davis, Mar-

garette Evans, Ann Flowers, June Jackson, Kathleen Sutton, Virginia Trindle, Sabrina Landrum and Judy Yarbrough, and guest Kathy Boyd.

The next meeting will be at the home of Margarette Evans.

June 4, 2009

The Gladiola Flower Club met in the home of Margarette Evans on June 4, 2009.

Chairman Dorothy Buzzard presided. Roll call was answered with members telling about an ancestor. Minutes were read and approved.

A thank you was read from Krista Baird, Spearman High School counselor, thanking the club for their support.

A Treasurer report was given by Kathleen Sutton. The bank balance is \$127.62.

Margarette gave a report on the Library project on Tuesday, June 2nd. Those attending were Ann Allen, Muriel Boyd, Sabrina Landrum, Judy and Callie Yarbrough and Margarette Evans.

Margarette gave a slide show on Hansford County wildflowers. Ann Allen provided flowers to be potted for each child to take home. 49 children attended.

Margarette made a motion to give a book to Hansford Library in appreciation of Ann Allen. Muriel Boyd seconded, the motion carried. Margarette will get the book.

Eloise Renner gave a book report on "Survival in the Storm." The book was writ-

ten about 1930-1038, during the drought and dust storms of the Texas Panhandle.

Sabrina gave a recipe for icing.

Flower winners were: Specimen - Margarette Evans, Borrowed - Margarette Evans, Plant - Margarette Evans, and Homegrown - Kathleen Sutton.

Those present were: Muriel Boyd, Dorothy Buzzard, Betty Jean Davis, Margarette Evans, Ann Flowers, Estelle Jackson, Sabrina Landrum, Norma Jean Mackie, Eloise Renner, Pam Schnell, Gwen Smith and Kathleen Sutton.

The next meeting will be on June 18th at the home of Muriel Boyd.

June 18, 2009

The Gladiola Flower Club met in the home of Muriel Boyd on June 18, 2009.

Dorothy Buzzard presided over the meeting. Roll call was answered by "What improvements I would like to make in my flowerbed." Minutes were read and approved. Treasure Kathleen Sutton gave a report.

Margarette Evans gave a program on Water Use and Conservation.

Flower winner was Muriel Boyd.

Those present were: Muriel Boyd, Dorothy Buzzard, Margarette Evans, Ann Flowers, Estelle Jackson, Kathleen Sutton and Judy Yarbrough.

The next meeting will be hosted by Norma Jean Mackie on July 2nd.

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5. CSI network
8. Helps with digestion
12. *The sound of cannons in Revolutionary War
13. Italian money
14. Praise
15. Stare amorously
16. Bird, Latin
17. Choose by a vote
18. *Independence Day* star
20. Dull or uninteresting
21. Circus walking stick
22. Past tense of "is"
23. What bullies do
26. *Between "life" and pursuit of "happiness"

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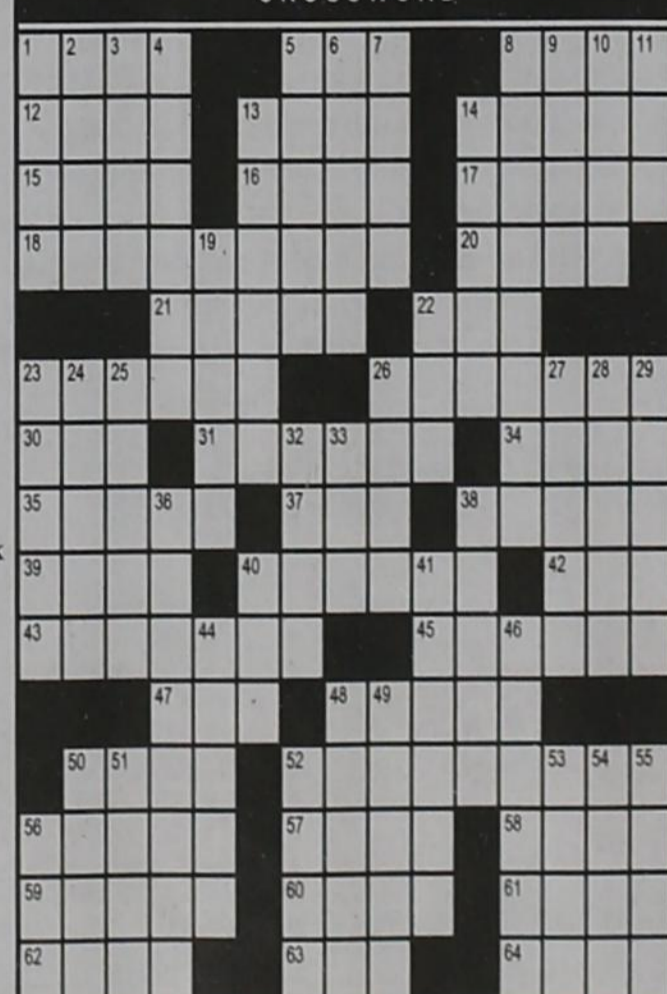
- 1. To think or believe, archaic
2. Yankee great Berra
3. ___ Mall, London
4. Alternatively
5. Type of war within a country
6. Recently "retired" Packers quarterback
7. Window frame
8. Center of target
9. Lightbulb over head?
10. ___ Ness, Nessie's home
11. Right coast time
13. Thin plate or layer, especially of bone

ACROSS

- 14. Shish ___ formation
19. *They're spangled on banner
22. *What the colonies did in Revolutionary War
23. "___ some dirt on him!"
24. Last 8 in college basketball
25. One of twelve in mouth
26. *O'er the ___
27. He and Martin hosted "Laugh-In"
28. Binding
29. Bear and Berra
32. Rum cut with water
33. Computer network
36. *Number of colonies in 1776
38. First floor in relation to second floor
40. Something a junkie craves
41. Guides to your seat
44. "___ Science"
46. Different spelling for "aroint"
48. Theater passage
49. Rumer Godden's "In This House of ___"
50. Tolstoy's heroine Karenina
51. Contraction of not ever
52. Energy drink
53. Back of military

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Happy Birthday!

June 25
Birthday - Betty Womble, Nita Bynum, Pete Stafford, Vickie Stewart, Jennifer Umphress, Joey Woolley, Curtis Wayne Porter, Candice Janzen, Lisa LaFarr, Billie Jo Moore Pierson, Oneida Bynum
Anniversary - M/M B.J. Renner, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Williams, M/M Dennis Quimby, Terry & Sherry Moore, M/M Richard Marrs

June 26
Birthday - Paula Kelly, Mike Blanton, Bill McClellan, Omar Sutton, Carla Harper, Doris Pinkerton, Teresa Bennett, Ann Vela, Ronnie Ring, Ashley Baker, Vanessa Cease, Paul Bynum, Joe Ruthlin, Chelsea Nollner, Trevor Shields
Anniversary - Will & Tiffany Crane, M/M Garry Hathaway, M/M Joe Lopez, M/M Verlin Beck

June 27
Birthday - Max Frick, Clint Irwin, Steve Baggerly, Elden Allen, Allen Cook, Tyler Scott, Charlie Lopez, Karen Johnson
Anniversary - M/M Bill Turner, M/M Randy Coombs, Judy & Darl Hergert

June 28
Birthday - Carson Womble, Linda Rowland, Don Allen, Ernie Vandenberg, Terri Brummet, Helen Hand, Mrs. A.F. Loftin, Trent England, Meghan Jade Snider
Anniversary - Harvey & Sandra Proffitt, M/M Cecil Biggers, M/M Jim Derington, M/M Bruce Knight

June 29
Birthday - Ira Gross, Hazel Taylor, Scott Strawn, Gary Johnson, Sandra Gurfory, Monica Blackman, Rajan Traflet, June Tucker
Anniversary - M/M Charles Bell, M/M Anadeo Cazares

June 30
Birthday - Mike Minter, Ricky Thompson, Esmeralda Vela, John Snider, Margarette Evans, Kyle Brock, Jeff Hohertz, Keri Lou Schneider, Willie Vera, Paige Burgin, Daniel Crug, Ed Cook, Austin Benton, Katelyn Villarreal, Shari (Smith) Githens
Anniversary - Ishmael & Anna Vela, M/M Claude Sheets Jr., M/M D.A. Cator, M/M Walter Murrell, M/M Paul Stavlo, M/M S.J. Wells, M/M Carl Kunselman, Joe & Elvia Avila

July 1
Birthday - Ida Hendrick, Pauline Lopez, Pauline Jackson, Rosa Rojas, James Cunningham, Manlene Cook
Anniversary - M/M Dee Mayfield, M/M Jerry Hart, Kevin & Ronda Bynum, Clay & Pam Schnell

July 2
Anniversary - M/M Dee Mayfield, M/M Jerry Hart, Kevin & Ronda Bynum, Clay & Pam Schnell

July 3
Anniversary - M/M Jimmy Valandingham, Burt & Lynell Williams, Ron & Loretta Cook, John & Debbie DeLaRosa

July 4
Anniversary - Bill & Verna Strawn

July 5
Anniversary - Mike & Kathy Peck, M/M Walter Postoak, M/M Jerald Ray Scribner

July 6
Anniversary - M/M Bill Brown, M/M Anthony Wilkerson

July 7
Anniversary - M/M Kenny Bratton, Kelly & Johnie Fuller

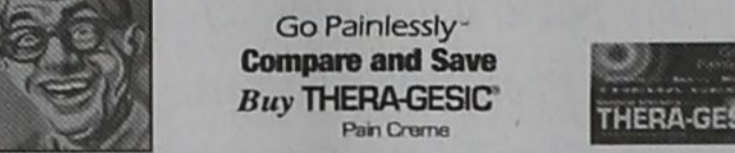
July 8
Anniversary - M/M Kenny Bratton, Kelly & Johnie Fuller



Happy 40th Anniversary to Cecil and Myrna Biggers
Forty years of wonderful memories - may God continue to bestow his blessings upon you in the years to come.
Love, Gina, Alan, and Hilary

Man Hurls Polecat 63 ft.

BEJAR COUNTY - After using Thera-Gesic[®] on his sore shoulder, Tom W. was able to rid his property of the varmint last Thursday.



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Words from Faith & Grace



by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister
 In the fourth week of Pentecost, we study 2 Samuel 11:1, 17-27, Psalm 130 (1), 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15, and Mark 5:21-43.

Samuel shows us David grieving for the loss of King Saul and his son, Jonathan, David's friend. These verses are a tribute to friendship. Jonathan although next in line for the throne, had all but conceded this position to David because of his love for David. David grieved over Saul who was King of Israel, the first anointed by the lord. Some may see David's praise of Saul to be a political move to help consolidate David's power by appealing to those loyal to Saul. We should receive from this scripture that the Christian should find in the church service of remembrance for a loved one a place where death can be faced realistically and a place where grief over loss can be safely expressed.

The Psalmist in his distress calls to the Lord, "Out of the depths, I cry to you, O Lord." When we face grave loss and sorrow, when depression dwells in our minds, out of the depths of our sorrow, we can call upon the Lord knowing that the Lord will hear us, comfort us, restore us.

Paul is soliciting aid for the impoverished mother church at Jerusalem. He uses five arguments for generosity: 1) The example of others, the Macedonians had given generously despite their own poverty; 2) The example of Jesus Christ who not only died on a cross for our sins, but even more, who left position in heaven to seek our redemption; 3) Paul cites the necessity of acting on the generous impulses that the Corinthians had when first hearing of Jerusalem's plight; 4) the example that life acts to balance their abundance with Jerusalem's needs. We can learn these same lessons from this scripture. Paul could have made this request an order but he made it a request. Hence, we learn that to be a 'giver,' it is necessary to give something of ourselves to make a "gift." As Jesus restored us, so should we restore others.

Mark tells of two healing miracles of Jesus. Jairus, who was the administrator of a synagogue, lays aside his pride and dignity of office to beg Jesus to heal his daughter. Jairus seeks Jesus out. Jesus consents to go with Jairus to heal his daughter. As he is enroute, a woman, suffering from a disorder of blood, which made her ritually unclean and excluded her from society, seeks Jesus out with the idea that if she can only touch his garment, she will be healed. Despite being surrounded by a crowd of people, Jesus asks, "Who touched me." The disciples think of Jesus as being 'out of it.' But the woman confesses her action and Jesus tells her that her faith has cured her. Jesus continues on to Jairus' house and tells the professional mor to leave because the girl is only sleeping. The mourners laugh at Jesus. Jesus says in Aramaic, "Talitha cumi" which is "girl arise!" The girl rises. Jesus has restored woman to health and community; Jesus has resurrected a young girl from death to life. Jesus is master of healing and death. Jesus is Messiah!

May the Holy Spirit assure you of Jesus' gift of salvation and allow you to be a "giver."

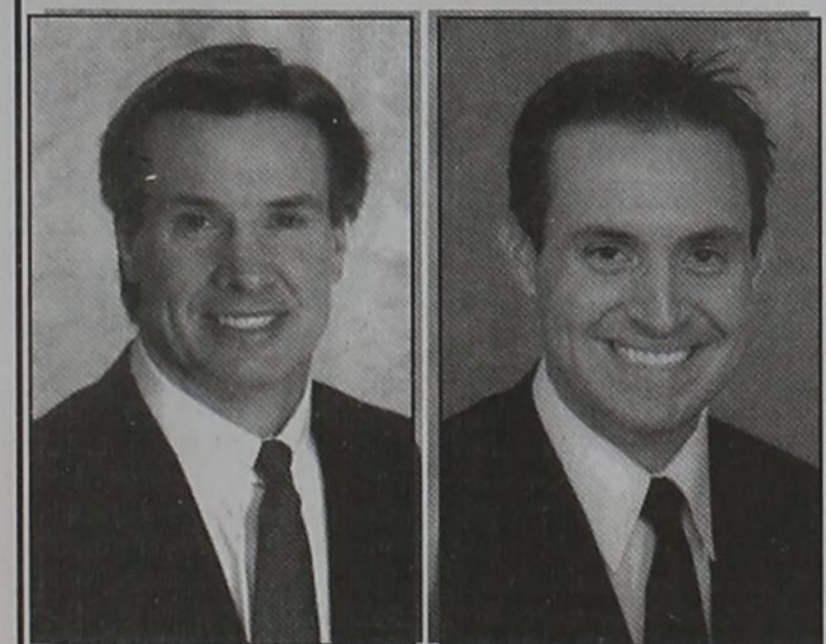
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Medical Fund for Nancy DeLuna Jernberg

A medical fund has been established for Nancy DeLuna Jernberg of Stinnett. Nancy was diagnosed with a rare malignant brain tumor and will be undergoing treatment. If you would like to make a contribution you may make a deposit with any teller or mail a donation to H&H Federal Credit Union, 104 Main Street, Stinnett TX 79083.

Canyon High School Reunion

The Class of 1974 of Canyon High School is gathering for a reunion in Canyon and Amarillo the last weekend in June. All CHS graduates from the classes of 1972-1976 are invited to join in the festivities. Preliminary plans include a cook-out at Conner Park in Canyon on Friday night, June 26th; tour of the new high school on Saturday afternoon, June 27th; and a big party at the Big Texan in Amarillo the night of the 27th. Make plans to attend now. Current details can be found on Facebook (Canyon High School - Class of '74 Reunion), or by contacting Brenda Brooks at 806-351-0432.

Abernathy High School Reunion

During the weekend of July 3-5, 2009, the Abernathy Ex-Students Association will be hosting a reunion for everyone who has attended Abernathy Schools. All past and present teachers are welcome to join the festivities, too. There will be individual class reunions during the weekend as well as a general assembly for everyone on Saturday afternoon, July 4th. For a schedule of events and contact information, contact us at www.abernathyex-students.org or PO Box 1, Abernathy TX 79311.

Understanding Infant Adoption Training

Children's Connections Inc., Panhandle Area Health Education Center (AHEC) and the Frank Phillips College Nursing and Allied Health Department are presenting an Understanding Infant Adoption Training on Tuesday, June 30, 2009 from 12:30-4:30 p.m. at the Frank Phillips College Center for Access and Innovation Conference Room, 1301 W. Roosevelt, Borger. Registration begins at 11:45 a.m. The following Continuing Education Credits will be awarded: Nursing - 4 and Social Workers - 4. The training is free and includes a free lunch. The registration deadline is June 25th. For more information, or to register, contact Karen Russell, Panhandle AHEC, 806-651-3482, or email krussel@mail.wtamu.edu.

Golden Spread Center Radio Auction Planned

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

Fire Department Donations

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

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Meets

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

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Third Marine Division Association

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

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Beware of FAFSA Web Scam

Seniors, senior parents, and parents of college students should use the web site www.fafsa.ed.gov when filling out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. There is currently a website that has found an interesting way to get in the college-bound's pocket. Known as fafsa.com, the website charges a fee for submitting the application. There is no fee for submitting the fafsa form on the www.fafsa.ed.gov site.

Panhandle Crisis Center in Need of Volunteers

The Panhandle Crisis Center is in great need for Volunteers to operate our Spearman Resale Store on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The hours would be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Training would be provided and you would be helping us greatly as you work with the public selling items, receiving donated merchandise, and visiting with your hometown friends. If you are willing and able to help with a program that benefits Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault victims in your community, please call 806-435-5008.

Region 16 ESC offers Free GED Preparation Software

Region 16 ESC is offering free GED preparation software for students interested in obtaining a GED. You will also have access to a free online GED prep program through the public library. If you are interested in finding out more information about these services, please contact: Cindy Blackman at 659-3233, Maria Carbajal or Margaret Ruttman at 659-2231 or stop by the Hansford County Library.

Panhandle Crisis Center Outreach Office

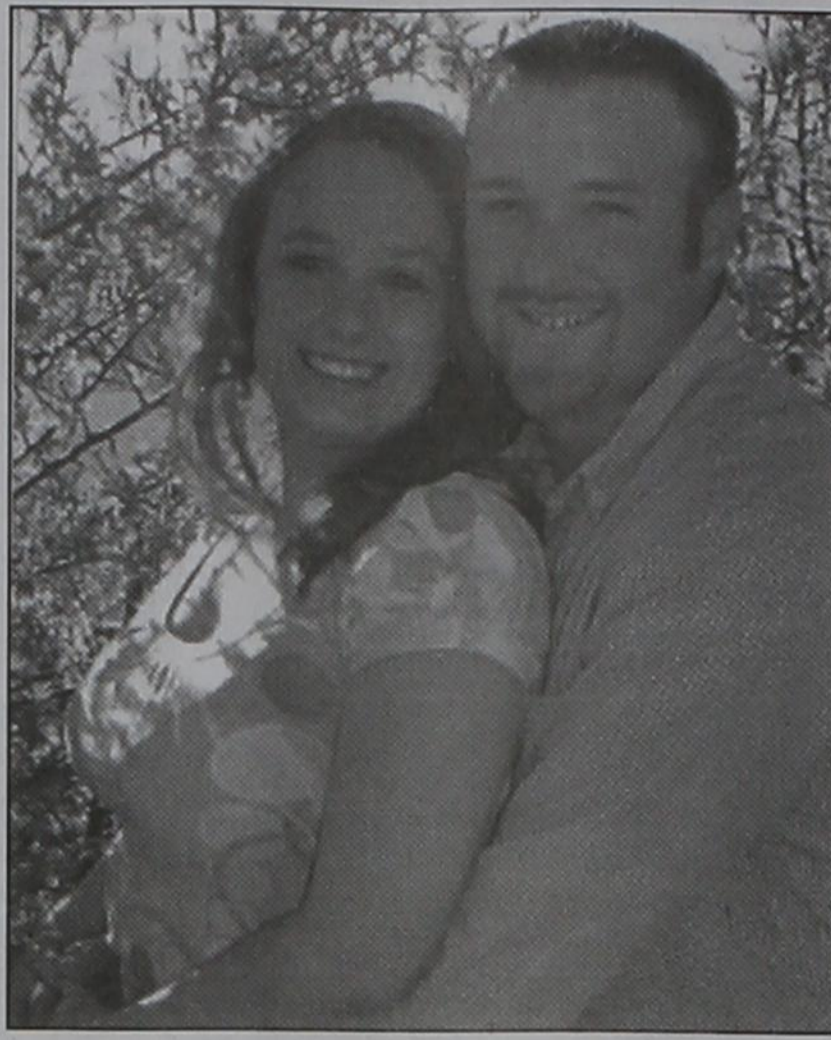
Panhandle Crisis Center (PCC) has an Outreach Office and Resale Store at 306 Hancock, in Spearman. In case of emergencies, please continue to call the hotline, 1-800-753-5308. To schedule an appointment with a worker in Hansford County, please call 659-3391 to leave a message, or call the hotline number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

Spearhead AA Group

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

You're Never Alone - Narcotics Anonymous Group

Each year individuals struggling with drug and alcohol addiction make the resolution to quit using drugs. For many of them it is a resolution that they cannot keep. Narcotics Anonymous can help. Open meetings are held on Monday and Thursday nights from 8-9 p.m. at the First Christian Church (29 S Bernice, Spearman) for the "You're Never Alone" group of Narcotics Anonymous. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Drug addiction can leave an individual feeling helpless and out of control - we can help.



It's A Boy!

Amee Boyd is proud to announce the birth of her son, Macklin "Mac" Pierce Boyd. Mac was born on June 5, 2009. He weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are Willis and Sherry Boyd. Great-grandparents are Helen and Irvin Boyd of Hansford County, Glynda and Jerry Yerby of Dumas and Bobby and Sue McBeth of Plainview. Mac is also welcomed by his proud aunts, Nikki Boyd and Krista Mericle.

Thank you!

The Stationmaster's House Museum appreciates all the participants who made the quilting show display a huge success. The artwork of needle and thread of our Hansford County ladies and surrounding area is unsurpassed. Guest speakers Helen Neal from Amarillo spoke on the forgotten subject of the underground railroad quilting and Melissa Pickett from Fritch demonstrated long-arm quilting. These ladies added greatly to the day's enjoyment.

Engagement Announcement

Keith and Gena Ray Whatley of Stratford would like to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Tanya Whatley to Brett Widener. Brett is the son of D'Anda Widener and the late Larry Widener of Spearman.

You are invited to a Baby Boy Shower honoring Justine Rosales & Skyler Sumner

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- Claire Zellers & Richard Varnon
- Adrienne Simpson & Brent Jackson
- Tanya Whatley & Brett Widener

Baby Registry

- Justine Rosales & Skyler Sumner - 6/27
- Brianne (Burkhammer) & Eric Eslick - 6/27
- Amee Boyd - 6/27
- Cheryl & Matt Overbey - 7/11
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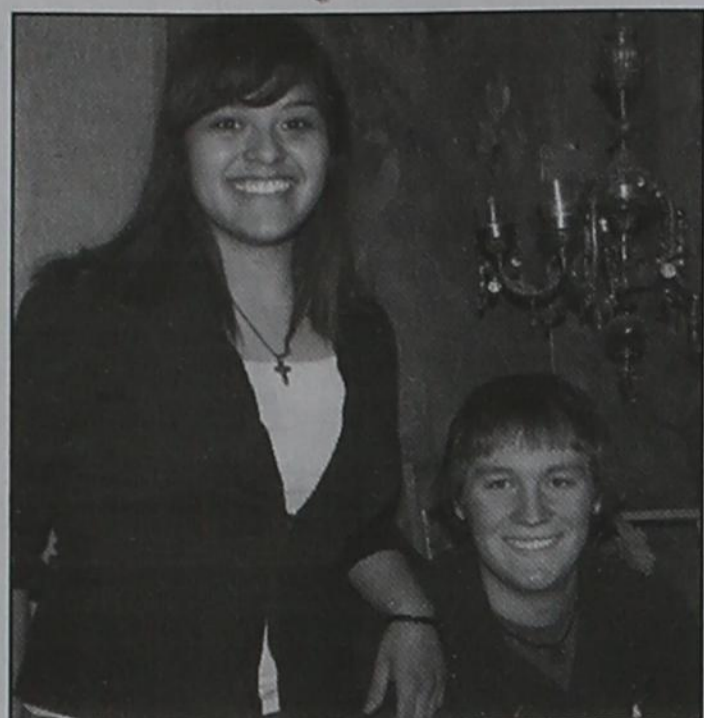
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**Spearman ISD
Students of the Month**



Elena Vargas and Tyler Schnell

The February Students of the Month at Spearman High School are seniors, Elena Vargas and Tyler Schnell.

Elena is the daughter of Sergio and Norma Vargas. She has one brother and sister-in-law, Sergio and Mona Vargas and nephew Noah Vargas; two sisters Elsa and Cristina Vargas. Elena is a member of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), varsity tennis, and her church youth group, Covenant Teen from the Diocese of Amarillo. While attending Spearman High School, Elena has been on the Honor Roll and has received 1st and 2nd place art awards from the Spearman High School art show. In her spare time, Elena likes to play the guitar, listen to music, watch movies, take photos, read, draw, and paint. She also likes to play basketball and tennis. Her future plans include attending West Texas A&M University in the fall, but she is still undecided about what she would like to study. Elena states the best thing about Spearman is, "I love that it is a small town and everyone knows everyone." The best thing about Spearman High School is, "My awesome friends and teachers!" Elena's most influential teachers during her school years are Mrs. Sandra Blankenship, Coach Doug Bowles, Mrs. Kelly Chambers, Mrs. Kristin Shieldknight, Mr. Richard Trantham, and Mrs. Cheryl Whitefield.

Tyler is the son of Mike and Patti Schnell. He has one younger brother, Ryan Schnell. Tyler is active in National Honor Society, Varsity Basketball, Big Brothers/Big Sisters program, and the Hansford County Junior Livestock Show. Tyler has been named 1st team All-District in basketball and Academic All-District in basketball for two years. He was named the Top Student of the Year in BCIS 2, was named to Who's Who in Spearman High School, and is also on the All A Honor Roll. Tyler was the April Student of the Month his junior year, as well. In his spare time, Tyler likes basketball, playing the X-Box, hunting, fishing, and flying. Tyler plans on attending college at Texas A & M University. He eventually would like to receive his pilot's license. Tyler states the best thing about Spearman is, "knowing everybody and the support we get from everybody during basketball." Tyler says the best thing about Spearman High School is, "knowing everybody and playing basketball for SHS." Tyler's most influential teachers during his school years are Mrs. Kelly Hart and Mr. Richard Trantham.

Congratulations to Elena and Tyler on being named the Spearman High School February Students of the Month.

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Quote of the Month

"When I was 8 or 10 or 12 years old... we changed for gym... (And) people did sometimes stick things in my underwear."

Justice Brayer

**Spearman ISD
Students of the Month**



Brittany Barnes and Cullie Cooper

The March Students of the Month at Spearman High School are seniors, Brittany Barnes and Cullie Cooper.

Brittany is the daughter of Doug and Shannon Barnes. She has two sisters, Kaley Barnes and Sara Barnes and one nephew Matthew Barnes. Brittany is a member of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), Varsity Tennis, Varsity Band - Color Guard, and is the Varsity Lynxettes basketball manager. While attending Spearman High School, Brittany has been named the Top Student of the Year in Food and Nutrition, JV District Tennis Champ, received the Leadership Award for Color Guard her junior year, and has served as the Color Guard Captain for two years. In her spare time, Brittany likes to play tennis, hang out with friends, talk and text on the phone. Her future plans include attending West Texas A&M University in the fall and majoring in business. Brittany states the best thing about Spearman is, "It's a small community and people here are very supportive." The best thing about Spearman High School is, "You can be yourself and not worry about what people think about you." Brittany's most influential teacher during her school years is Ms. Colderon, her junior high history teacher at Pringle-Morse.

Cullie is the son of Tim and Paula Cooper. He has one older brother, John Cooper. Cullie is active in National Honor Society, Future Farmers of America, Varsity Football, Varsity Golf, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Texas Panhandle. Cullie has been named Who's Who in Spearman High School, Academic All-State 2nd team in football, and 2nd team All-District offensive and defensive lineman in football. In his spare time, Cullie likes golfing, hunting, and fishing. Cullie plans on attending college at Texas Tech University and pursue and pre-veterinarian degree. Cullie states the best thing about Spearman is, "It's a small town with a great community." Cullie says the best thing about Spearman High School is, "I love the sports programs, but I like that if I need help I can talk to the teachers and they will work with me." Cullie's most influential teacher during his school years is Coach Ashmore.

Congratulations to Brittany and Cullie on being named the Spearman High School March Students of the Month.

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That is a savings \$156 in taxes.

GISD Makes Changes To Concurrent Classes

Gruver ISD has made changes regarding concurrent classes at Gruver High School for the 2009-2010 school year. Due to a continuing financial deficit to the college fund (because of students failing or dropping the classes), Gruver ISD has set up some new guidelines for juniors and seniors who wish to enroll in concurrent classes.

All concurrent classes will be paid for up front by the student and his/her family. Upon completion of the course, said money will be refunded under these stipulations: students receiving a grade of "A" will receive a 100% refund with the student enrolled in a post secondary school; students receiving a "B" will receive a 50% refund with the student enrolled in a post secondary school; students receiving a "C" will receive a 25% refund with the student enrolled in a post secondary school; stu-

dents receiving a "D" or "F", and students who drop the class will not receive a refund.

Gruver High School will not refund any cost for the books required.

To qualify for concurrent classes the student must be a junior or senior, score a certain percentage on their TAKS test and/or take the Accuplacer test at a cost of \$10 before school starts.

Attached is a tentative list for the cost of each course offered at GHS through Frank Phillips. There are also books that will need to be purchased by the student.

Following are the costs of the concurrent courses for the year 2008-2009:

U. S. History I - \$210.00/per semester = 2 semesters total \$ 420.00

Government - \$210.00/per semester = 1 semester total \$ 210.00

Economics - \$210.00/per semester = 1 semester total \$ 210.00

English Rhetoric & Composition - \$210.00/per semester = 2 semesters total \$ 420.00

BCIS II - \$280.00/per semester = 1 semester total \$280.00

Tuition is subject to change for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year. Accounts must be paid and testing completed by August 14, 2009 before students will be enrolled in college classes.

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Museum Musings

by Joanne Eaton

If you missed the quilt show, at the Museum, on June 13th, during the Heritage Days Celebration, you really missed a treat. There were many beautiful quilts on display.

Helen Neal, of Amarillo, historian of the Underground Railroad, had a display of her collection of information about the Railroad. This was not really a railroad, as we know one. The Underground Railroad was a secret way for slaves to get to freedom, by using quilts as signals. These quilts were hung on porches or clotheslines. Helen had made some quilts and quilt blocks that represented the quilts of that era. Each block had a meaning, instructions for slaves, telling them what to do or where to go on their way to freedom in Canada.

One pattern was the Bear's Paw, which meant to follow the bear's path through the woods. That one sounded very dangerous to me, but I guess it worked. These clues were not recognized by the general public. Only people helping to free slaves.

There is always something in history that pertains to your own life, if you have studied your family history. Helen had an article about slave travel, by the Underground Railroad, in Nodaway County, Missouri. My grandfather, True Ulmer, was born in this county. At one time, as a little girl, my mother, Marguerite Nelson, lived in this area.

It was a sad time when I went to the Post Office this week and saw the old Spearman Hotel smoldering. I knew it was going to be destroyed, by controlled burn-

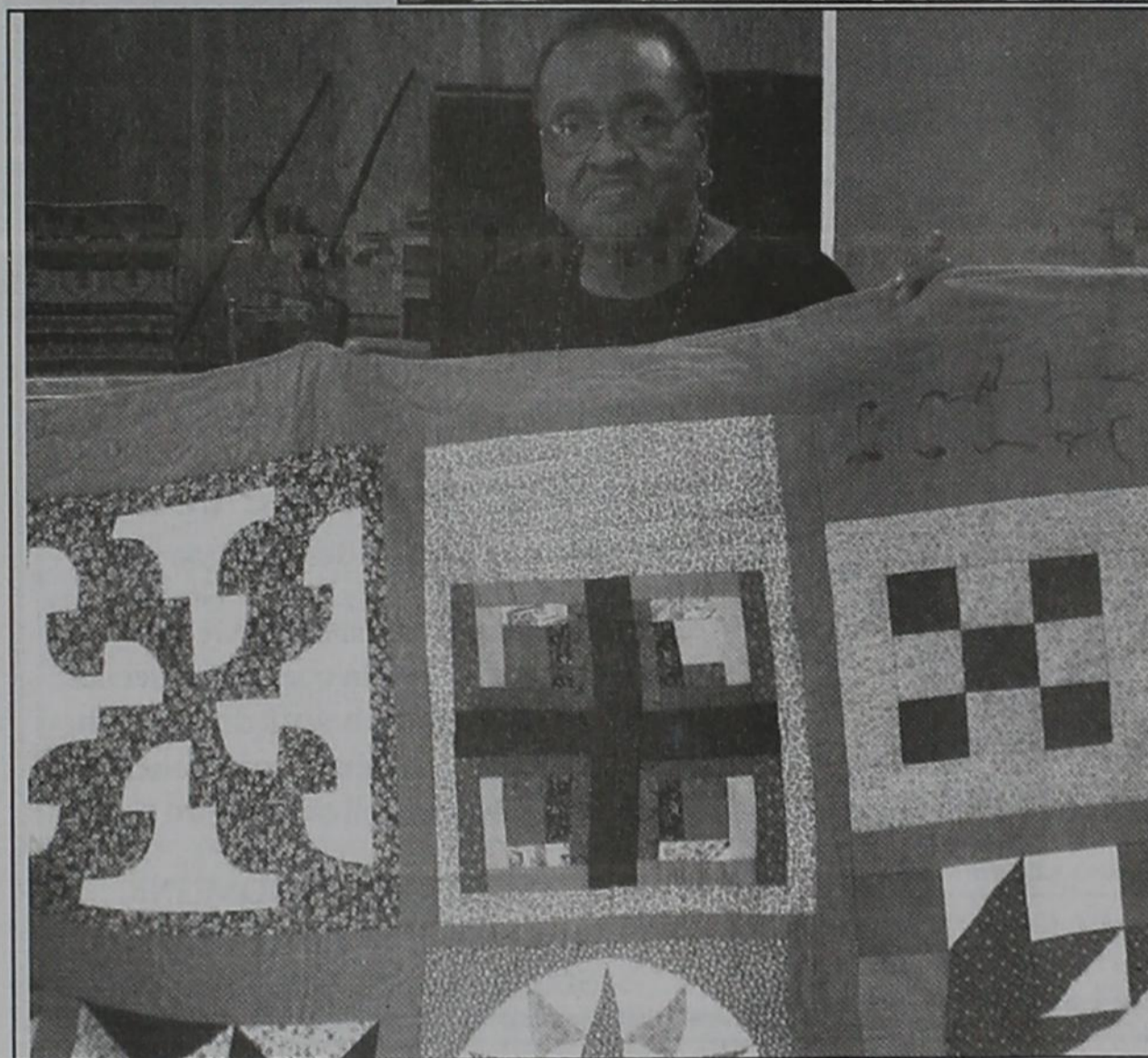
ing, but I did not know when. A lot of history went up in smoke, but the building had become a hazard.

This building was the Palo Duro Hotel, that had been moved from Old Hansford in 1920, to Spearman. It was started in 1908 and finished in the spring of 1909. There are pictures of the hotel being moved in our Hansford County History books. Hansford hills were a problem for all things moved from Old Hansford to Spearman and Gruver, when the railroads came. (In the pictures in the history book, the sign on the hotel reads Pala Duro Hotel, with an a.)

One hundred years of history is gone! That hotel could have told us a lot of stories, if it could have talked.

The new sidewalks on Main Street are going to be so nice. I know getting them has been an inconvenience for the store owners and customers. (I had never taken my cleaning to the alley before.) It will be good for both, owners and customers, when the sidewalks are finished. So far, one block of Main, on the west side, is nearly complete.

Please visit the Stationmaster's House Museum, whenever you can. There is a lot of history to talk about there. Doris Breeden will be glad to show you through. She is the caretaker of the museum! The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday afternoons. Maybe you can add some information, to our collection of history, that we are not aware of. Summers are a great time for Family Reunions. Bring your family to see the museum and reminisce!



Breakthrough Study Finds Adults Mentored as Children in BBBS are Better Educated and Wealthier than Peers

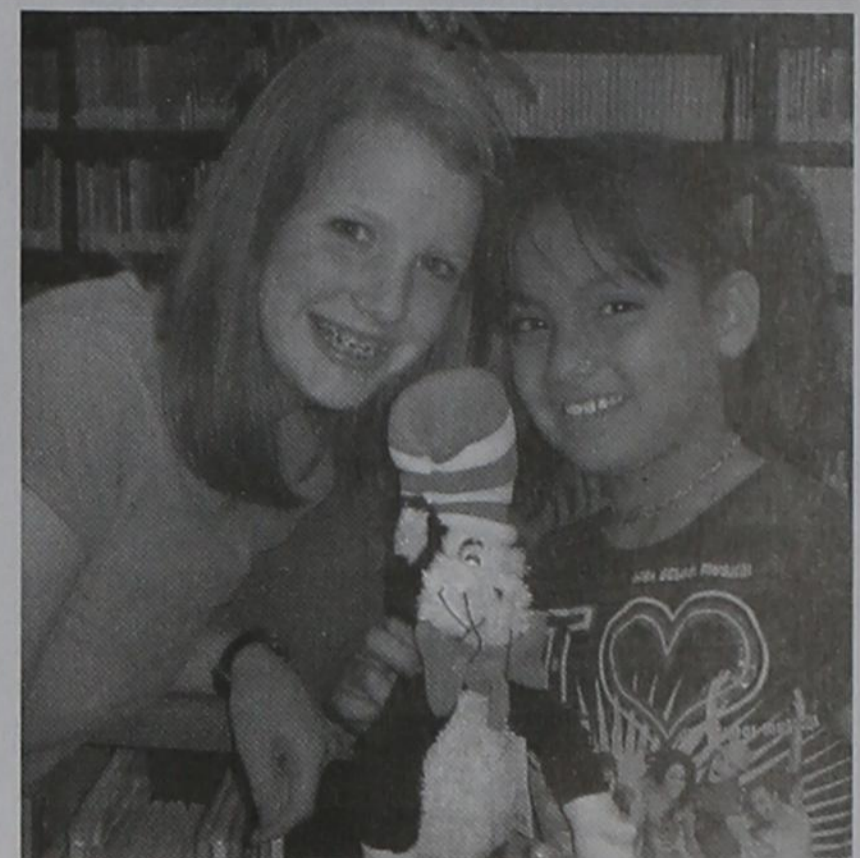
A study conducted by Harris Interactive® on behalf of Big Brothers Big Sisters finds adults mentored as children through Big Brothers Big Sisters are more likely than peers with similar backgrounds but who were not served by the program to have a four-year college degree and incomes of \$75,000 or more. They also report strong relationships with their spouses, children and friends.

"The children we serve are among America's most vulnerable, whether they have one parent, live in households experiencing poverty or have a parent who is incarcerated," said Judy Vredenburg, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America President and Chief Executive Officer. "Independent research has told us for some time that Big Brothers Big Sisters improves the odds that children we serve will succeed educationally and socially. This is our first large-scale examination of the long-term benefits suggesting we have the potential to break cycles too often associated with poverty."

The study was commissioned by Big Brothers Big Sisters to gather information about how the effects of its long-term, structured mentoring program reach beyond the time that children are actually enrolled in the program. Between March 3 and April 16 2009, Harris Interactive conducted an online survey of 449 adults, 200 were matched with volunteer mentors through Big Brothers Big Sisters for at least one year during their childhood (alumni) and 249 who never participated in the program (non-alumni).

Among the study's specific findings:

- Alumni were 75% more likely than non-alumni to have received a four-year college degree (28% of alumni vs. 16% of non-alumni).



Big Sister is Katie Gibson and her Little Sister is Roxana were matched just before school was out at Gruver Elementary.

- Alumni were 39% more likely than non-alumni to have current household incomes of \$75,000 or higher (46% of alumni vs. 33% of non-alumni).

- A majority of alumni are extremely or very satisfied with their relationships to friends (72%), family (65%) and spouses (62%). Fewer non-alumni report the same level of satisfaction (46%, 50% and 40%, respectively).

- Approximately two in three (64%) alumni are extremely or very satisfied with life compared to just over one in three (35%) non-alumni.

- Alumni are more likely than non-alumni to be engaged in their community over the past 12 months, particularly when it comes to volunteering (52% vs. 35%, respectively) and holding a leadership role in an organization working on an issue (29% vs. 16%, respectively).

A little more than half of the alumni Little Brothers and Little Sisters who participated

in the study grew up in single-parent homes (52%) and described their childhood financial situation as worse off than the average American household (51%). The Big Brothers Big Sisters alumni reported that having a Big Brother or Big Sister mentor in their lives positively influenced their self confidence, provided stability and changed their perspectives on life, taught them new things, influenced aspects of their education, pushing them to set higher goals and make better decisions.

The Wheatheart Satellite of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Texas Panhandle serves Perryton, Spearman and Gruver. This year, over 100 children have been matched with volunteer mentors in the organization's school and community programs. For more information about how you can help local children grow up positively through volunteering or donating funds, call 434-0016.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE Hansford County Commissioners court will accept bids on one (1) new tractor for each of the four precincts with 95-140 PTO HP, with and without trade-in per-precinct, until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 10, 2009. Bids will be opened at the regular meeting on July 13, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Specifications can be obtained at the County Judge's office at 16 NW Court St., Spearman, TX 79081, or the office of the County Auditor, 17 NW Court St., Spearman, TX. 79081.

THE COUNTY reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Benny D. Wilson Hansford County Judge 3(6-18-09)B NOTICE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM The City of Gruver will hold a final public hearing on Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at 5:00 PM. The hearing will be held at the City Hall of Gruver, TX, in regard to the Water System Improvements Project that was recently completed with a Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG). Topics to be discussed will include the specific program improvements completed and the costs associated with the TxCDBG and the City of Gruver. Handicapped citizens needing assistance to attend this hearing should contact Steve McKay, City Manager, at (806) 733-2424. 1(6-25-09)B

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Contractor, Charles Elliot began construction, and two homes are nearing completion - a 3BR, 2B home located at 804 Wilbanks and a 3BR, 2B home located at 806 Wilbanks. These homes are near Spearman High School, Rocket Slide Park and the Walking Trail. If purchased now, the new owner will have the option to select the paint colors and carpeting of their choice.

The house located 804 Wilbanks is a 1540 square foot 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick veneer home with a two-car garage. The house has a vaulted living room ceiling with a fireplace and custom raised-panel oak cabinets in the kitchen. The master bath has a tub with a separate shower, and his/her walk in closets. It also features an 8x14-foot patio. This home was appraised at \$138,000, but is being priced at \$130,000.



The house located at 806 Wilbanks is a 1460 square foot 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with brick veneer and a two-car garage. The house has a living room with a fireplace and custom raised-panel oak cabinets in the kitchen. The master bath has a tub with a separate shower with a glass block window, and an extra-large closet. It also has an 8x20-foot patio. This home appraised at \$137,000 and has a selling price of \$127,000.



An Open House will be held this Sunday, June 28th, from 2-5 p.m. More information may also be obtained by calling Charles Elliott at 330-0328, Martin & Associates Realty at 659-2425, or Blankenship Real Estate at 659-3052 or 670-3774.

Don't miss out on low interest rates on home mortgages. Rates will soon be going up, so now is a great time to buy a new home.

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HANSFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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Anyone with information about this crime, another crime or wanted person is asked to contact Chief Deputy Gary Garrett of the Hansford County Sheriff's Office at (806) 659-4140. If callers wish to remain anonymous, they can call the Hansford County Crime Stoppers Hotline at (806) 659-4149. All callers are kept confidential and your tips could make you eligible for a cash reward. Remember Crime Stoppers doesn't want you, just your information.

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Spearman ISD Kids Kamp 2009

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- June 30 - Deep in the Heart of Texas Reading Program** will be with Bill Thorpe and a variety of animals with the career of a rodeo clown. Do not miss this great time. Age 5 - Grade 2; 10-11 a.m.; Hansford County Library
- June 30 - July 1: Sewing Camp** Hey girls and boys in grades 3-7 this is a great camp. Peggy Winegarner and Karen Babitzke will show you basic sewing techniques that will help you throughout life while you have fun learning and making your very own unique creation. You must pre-register for this class. Grades 3-8; Spearman High School; \$10
- July 7: Jr. EMT Camp** is sponsored by Spearman EMS. Local volunteers will instruct students on basic first aid and emergency procedures. This is a great class for kids who are home-alone.; Grades 1-5; 1-3 p.m.; Spearman Ambulance Station; \$5
- July 9: National Weather Service Field Trip.** This field trip will leave from the east parking lot at Spearman High School. Steve Drillette, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, will lead the tour of the National Weather Station. Students must pre-register and bring a sack lunch. Permission slips must be with registration! Grades 1-5; 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.; \$15
- July 13 - 15: Mad Science Robotics Camp**-This camp will teach students about environmentally friendly power sources and mechanics. On one of the days the students will recycle a soda can into a silly robot that moves. This camp does require pre-registration. Registration must be in by June 23. Khris Kelp is the instructor and camp will be held at Spearman High School. 10 a.m. - 12 Noon; Grades 2-5; \$45
- July 16: Fancy Nancy Tea Party**- Moms and little girls can wear their favorite Fancy Nancy clothes and adorn themselves with bobbles, beads and boas at their grown-up tea party! Pre-registration is required. The Fancy Nancy Party is at The Bunkhouse Restaurant. Limited registration. Ages 3-6; 10-11:30 a.m.; \$20
- July 22: Lyric Matinee** will sponsor a age appropriate movie beginning at 10 a.m. The cost of the movie is \$6 and includes coke and popcorn. This camp is for grades K-5.
- July 27-30: Spearman Lynx Football Camp** is sponsored by Stephen Rodman and the Lynx coaching staff. The cost of camp is \$15 and will be held at Lynx stadium at Spearman High School. Camp will focus on fundamentals of football and technique. Grades 4-9; 10 a.m. - 12 Noon; \$15
- August 4-6: We've Got Spirit Cheer Camp** is sponsored by Spearman High School Cheerleaders. Registration is the first day of camp at 8:30am in the Spearman High School Cafeteria. The other two days of camp start at 9 a.m. and end at 11:45. Spirit sticks will be handed out each day at 11:45. \$10 per day or \$25 for all three days
- August 12: Lyric Matinee** will begin at 10:30 a.m. The movie will be an age appropriate for grades K-5. The price is \$6 and includes admission, coke and popcorn.

For more information, or to register, contact
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