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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2008

Opera Workshop to Stage Pirates of Penzance

The WTAMU Opera Workshop and Symphony Orchestra will present the comic operetta *Pirates of Penzance* at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19 in Mary Moody Northern Recital Hall on campus.

The production is directed by Dr. Cloyce Kuhnert, associate professor of voice, and conducted by Dr. Mark Bartley, assistant professor of music. The opera, written by Gilbert and Sullivan, premiered in 1879 and remains a popular staple of the operatic stage. It tells the story of young Frederic, who was supposed to be apprenticed to a pilot, but instead is sent to live with a band of pirates, thanks to his hard-of-hearing nurse.

The opera features spoken dialogue intermingled with musical numbers including the famous tune, "I Am the Very Model of a Modern Major-General."

"This is a fun and entertaining opera, suitable for all ages," Kuhnert said. "There are many famous tunes that the audience will recognize."

Landree Steadman, a graduate student in music from Spearman, will play Edith.

Tickets are \$7.50 for adults, \$4 for students and free for WTAMU faculty, staff and students with a Buffalo Gold Card. They are available in advance in the music office or can be purchased at the door.

GHS Homecoming



The 2008 Gruver High School Homecoming Queen is Marisol Hernandez (left). She is the daughter of Isabel and Maria Hernandez. The 2008 GHS Alumni Queen is Frankie Wallin Leatherman, representing the Class of 1938. Ms. Leatherman was escorted by classmates Fred Miller and fellow candidate Betsy Dahl Ward. (Photos by Charlie Johnson. See pages 9 and 10 for more photos and information.)



Jennifer Schnell is pictured above at her hooding ceremony at the University of Oklahoma College of Law.

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 15 to 25 mph.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

SATURDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy. Highs in the upper 70s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy. Lows in the upper 50s.

SUNDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.

COLUMBUS DAY - Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy. Highs in the mid 60s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s.

TUESDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s.

TUESDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

WEDNESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs around 70.

Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Temperatures were slightly above normal. Soil moisture varied from surplus to very short with most areas reporting short to adequate. Corn was rated mostly fair to good with the harvest beginning in some counties. Warmer conditions were still needed to mature much of the cotton crop. Sorghum was mostly fair, but as with cotton, harvesting was limited as the crop needs more warm days to mature. Soybeans were rated good. Wheat was emerging and ratings varied from fair to excellent with most areas reporting fair. Range and pastures varied from very poor to good with most areas reporting good. Livestock were in good condition.



Joel Enriquez of Lamesa and Britta Vanderburg of Spearman were named West Texas A&M University Homecoming King and Queen.

WTAMU Crowns Homecoming King, Queen

Joel Enriquez of Lamesa and Britta Vanderburg of Spearman were named West Texas A&M University Homecoming King and Queen at halftime of the Buffs football game against Midwestern State on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Enriquez, a junior social work major, is the son of Victor and Janie Enriquez and Todd and Maria Hatchett. He was sponsored for Homecoming King by the Wesley Foundation.

Vanderburg, a junior education major, is the daughter of Joe and Kim Vanderburg. She was sponsored for Homecoming Queen by the WTAMU cheerleaders.

Other finalists for Homecoming King were Joseph Peterson, a junior management major from Amarillo, and Stephen Edwards, a senior management major from Hereford.

Finalists for Homecoming Queen were Elvia Cazares, a junior marketing major from Amarillo, and Amy Hendrix, a junior mass communication/public relations major from Lubbock.

Nominees for Homecoming King and Queen must be enrolled in at least 12 semester hours at WTAMU, be sponsored by a chartered WTAMU organization, maintain and have at least a 2.0 overall grade point average and be at least a junior in standing.

Jennifer Schnell admitted to Oklahoma State Bar

Jennifer Schnell graduated with honors from the University of Oklahoma College of Law with a juris doctorate in May of 2008. She took the Oklahoma bar exam in July of 2008 and was sworn in by the Oklahoma Supreme Court on the 25th of September.

Jennifer's accomplishments at OU included Class of 2008 Vice President (2007-2008), Class of 2008 Officer (2005-2007), Board of Advocates-Director (2006-2008), American Indian Law Review (2006-2008), Dean's Leadership Council (2006-2007), Phi Delta Phi honorary law fraternity (2006-2008), First Year Moot Court Sweet Sixteen Finalist (out of 64 teams), OU representative in the Ginsburg American Inn of Court in Oklahoma City, and Dean's Honor Roll honoree throughout her tenure at OU. She was a recipient of several scholarships including the Jones, Givens, Gotcher & Bogan Professional Activities Scholarship and the Leonard H. and Phillip Savage Scholarship for outstanding merit in all elements. Jennifer's work experience throughout law school includes internships with Chesapeake Energy, Inc., in Oklahoma City and the Underwood Law Firm, in Amarillo, TX.

Jennifer graduated cum laude from Texas A&M University in College Station in 2005 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and a minor in Communications. She was a 2001 graduate of Spearman High School.

She is now practicing in Oklahoma City, at Tomlinson & O'Connell, PC, where she worked as a legal intern throughout her second and third year of law school. Her practice is focused on litigation in various areas, including complex business disputes, products liability defense, and oil and gas, as well as transactional areas including trademarks, copyrights, trade secret protection, and licensing.

Active in the community, Jennifer is a member of the YWCA of Oklahoma City, the Oklahoma Young Lawyers Association, and the Texas Aggie Bar association, and she currently serves as Vice President of Finance for the Oklahoma City Texas A&M Club.



Lynx running back Kegan Garnett (25) takes the hand-off from Skyler Sumner (1) as Cullie Cooper (50) and Hebert Carasco (70) clear a path through the Tulia Hornets. (Photo by Tami Hargrove. Pictures available at <http://spearmansports.smugmug.com>)

Benefit Set for Felix De La Cruz

A benefit will be held for Felix De La Cruz on Sunday October 12 in Pringle-Morse School Auditorium from 3-5 p.m.

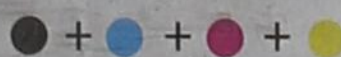
All donations will help pay for doctor, hospital bills, and other expenses due to cancer treatments and surgeries.

Entertainment will be provided by Heaven's Harmony and more. Bring a favorite dessert. Coffee and dessert will be served in the cafeteria after the entertainment.



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vs. Booker
10/9 - 7:30 p.m. at Booker



HANSFORD COUNTY

Cecil Ralston

Cecil Ralston was born on December 20, 1924, at the Ralston homestead in Gruver, Hansford County, Texas. He was the third son of Robert H. and Lillian Holleman Ralston. Cecil grew up in the Gruver area and attended the Gruver schools. One of his favorite pastimes was to entertain his brothers and sisters by drawing cartoons.

In October of 1943, with his good friend Dayton Barkley, Cecil left school and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. He and Dayton were sent to Camp Pendleton in San Diego, California, for boot camp, before being sent to the Pacific Theatre for the remainder of World War II. While in boot camp, Cecil achieved the designation of Superior Marksman. At the time of his enlistment, Cecil already had two brothers serving in the U.S. Armed Services: Jesse was serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Liscombe Bay in the South Pacific; Orie was serving in the Marine Corps, and has been deployed to the Pacific front with the company that would later raise the flag on the island of Iwo Jima.

During World War II, Cecil was stationed in the Pacific Theater, and saw combat on the islands of Okinawa and the Ryukyua Islands. While in Okinawa, Cecil was found and taken to a hospital ship to see his brother, Orie, who had been critically wounded. He was always amazed that his superiors could find him amid all that was taking place on the island, and would transport him to see his brother.

In October of 1945, Cecil was assigned to the occupational forces in mainland China, where he saw many of the hardships confronting the Chinese people. He came to admire and respect many of the values and the knowledge of the Chinese, and had the opportunity to see much of China, including the Great Wall of China and the

Forbidden City. Many of the opportunities came as a result of his forming strong relationships and friendships with a Chinese doctor and his family. They opened the doors for Cecil to see many things in China that would not have been accessible to the ordinary Westerner. In 1946, Cecil as transported back to the United States aboard the battleship USS Missouri, the same battleship upon which the treaty was signed between the United States and Japan.

Cecil returned to the United States with the intention of re-enlisting in the U.S. Marines. He was, however, persuaded to leave the military and enter into farming and ranching with his father, Henry Ralston, east of Gruver. Until the end of his life, Cecil spoke very little about his combat experiences, though he looked upon his time in China very positively.

In 1946, Cecil met Margaret Reed, daughter of Dennis and Eleanor Reed, of Spearman. They were married on December 4, 1948. They eventually made their home 2 1/2 miles east of Gruver, and three sons were born to Cecil and Margaret: Dan, Alfred and Mike. Cecil was engaged in farming and ranching in the Gruver area until his death on June 29, 2001. He was pre-deceased by his parents, Henry and Lillian Ralston; three brothers, Robert Henry (who died in infancy), Jesse Fred (who was killed in a pre-dawn Japanese torpedo attack upon the USS Liscombe Bay on the Gilbert Islands in November of 1943), and Orie Robert (who died in 1960); and one son, Alfred Dennis (who died on August 4, 1998).

Cecil gained a world-wide



Cecil Ralston

reputation for his knowledge of antique automobiles through his hobby and his passion of restoring the very earliest Ford automobiles. He acquired one of the few complete collections of brass Ford automobiles built between 1903 and 1909. He restored all of the automobiles to mint condition, despite finding only rusted parts of many of the cars. He was considered an expert on early Fords and their restoration, and was consulted by other antique automobile enthusiasts in Sweden, the Netherlands, England, Australia, and throughout the United States. His first restoration was a 1915 Ford Model T, which was the first car owned by his father. Cecil was honored posthumously by the Ford Motor Company on the occasion of its 100th year of production, as a person who had made significant contributions to the past and present of Ford Motor Company.

Pictures and information for this feature may be submitted to the Reporter-Statesman (310 Barkley Street), mailed to WW II Memories, % Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman TX 79081, emailed to reporter@spearmanreporter.com, or they may be given to Dorothy Hudson, 733-2562, 806 Cluck Avenue, Gruver TX 79040, or emailed to dhudson862@gruver.net.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

Virginia Scott is in a grant writing workshop this week. I have volunteered to write the column for her. The Wednesday volunteers will be without our usual commander in chief and who knows what mischief we can perform. Our work goal is to clear out problem areas. For example last week we transferred quilts into proper storage methods. Wool quilts were stored with cotton quilts and according to museum standards that is a no-no....so we separated the quilts and stored as they should have been done. This week we will work on military uniforms and the proper storage methods for them.

We have been enlarging our gift shop area and we have several new books for sale. The latest addition is the Red River War book written by Brett Cruse of the Texas Historical commis-

sion. This month is Texas Archeology Week and the Red River War Book ties into this theme. We also have an interesting book about the Russian Culture. The next time you visit the museum look over our book selection. Gift shop purchases help us with our expenses and we do appreciate sales and cash donations as we do not charge admission as many other museums do.

We have been blessed with a lot of visitors. Many guests are workers in the gas and oil industry. We also have had visitors interested in researching genealogy. Lovella Theissen and LaVaun Kraft have been working on obituaries of Lipscomb County and the surrounding counties and their publications have been

very helpful for those in need of family information. This past week we had two visitors interested in information on the Box T ranch as their mother and grandmother had been a cook for the Box T ranch. We were able to get them copies of the Box T ranch booklet that John Doyle had written. The ladies were excited about their Box T book and the herd of wild turkeys that they saw roaming the streets.

St. Paul Lutheran Church is making plans for a dedication service for the Kiowa Cemetery Historical marker. Please watch for publicity as this cemetery is the eighth Texas Cemetery marker placed in Lipscomb County.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum

Museum Hours: Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 2 to 4 p.m. Special hours upon request.

Museum Information: 13310 Hwy 305, PO Box 5, Lipscomb TX 79056; telephone: 806-852-2123; email: wolfcreek@amaonline.com; website:

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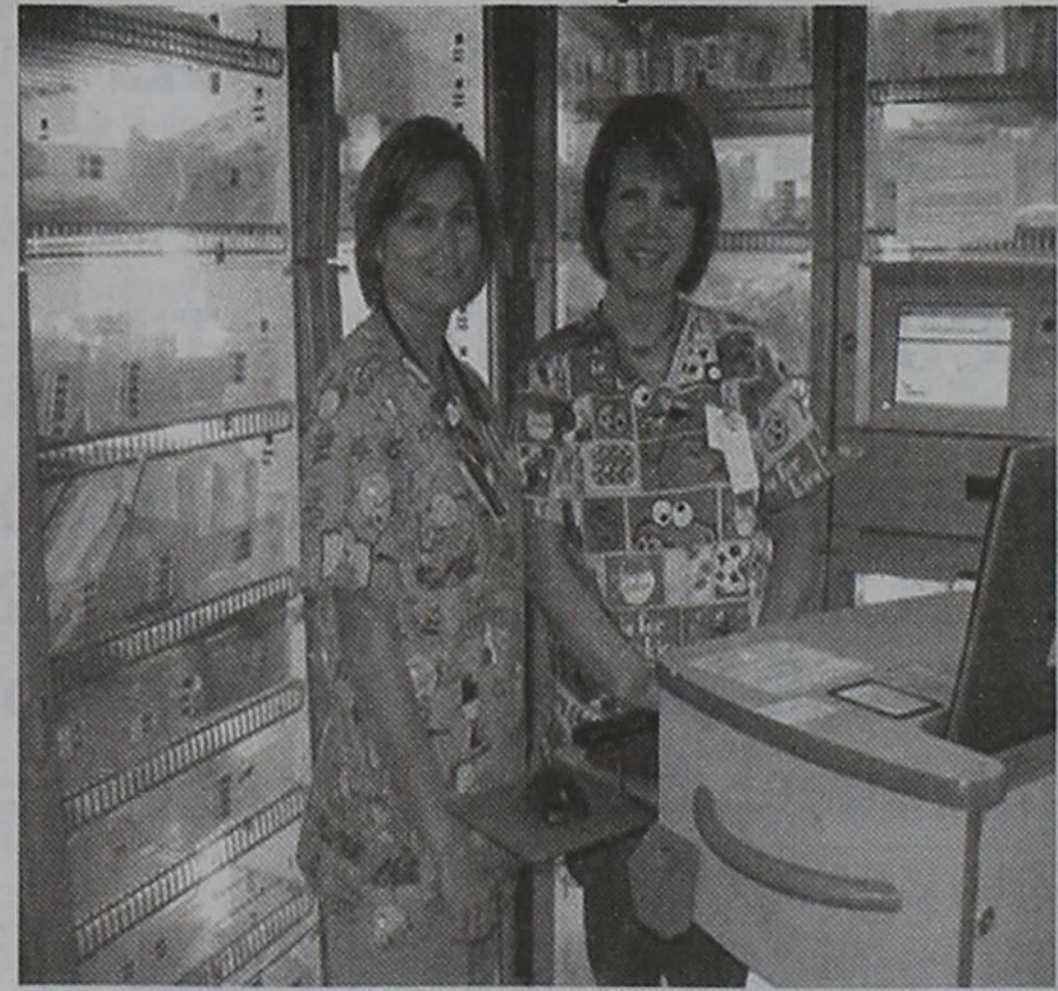
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Gladiola Flower Club

The Gladiola Flower Club met in the home of Ann Allen on May 15, 2008. Chairman Dorothy Buzzard presided.

Roll Call was answered with "A Proud Moment."

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given. The following did not present a report - Project Chairman, Old Business, and New Business. The 2008-2009 scholarship was awarded to Hereselda Perez.

An interesting program was presented by Kathy Boyd, City Councilwoman. Questions and discussion was held afterward.

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

The Gladiola Flower Club met at "The Bunkhouse" on June 5, 2008, with Norma Jean Mackie serving as hostess. Chairman Dorothy Buzzard presided over the meeting.

Roll Call was answered by "Name a Texas Town with an unusual name."

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A thank you was read from Krista Baird, Spearman High School Counselor, for the

Club's participation in the Scholarship program. A thank you was also read from Hereselda Perez, recipient of the 2008-2009 Scholarship.

Project Chairman Estelle Jackson asked for discussion on the Home Tour. Betty Jean Davis made a motion to have the Home Tour on the first Sunday in December. The motion, seconded by Muriel Boyd, carried.

Virginia Trindle will host the next meeting at Josie's home near Miami. Members will meet at Betty Jean's home at 8:30 a.m.

A program was presented by Peggy Winegarner entitled "Using and Keeping Your Brain Power."

Those present were: Peggy Winegarner, Muriel Boyd, Dorothy Buzzard, Betty Jean Davis, Margarette Evans, Ann Flowers, Estelle Jackson, Eloise Renner, Kathleen Sutton, Virginia Trindle and Judy Yarbrough.

The Gladiola Flower Club met in the home of Betty Jean Davis on July 3, 2008. Chairman Dorothy Buzzard presided.

Roll Call was answered by "My Wildest Dream."

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. No meeting was held on June 19th due to bad weather.

Project Chairman Estelle

Jackson began sign-up for Bingo at the Manor for August.

Virginia Trindle won Best Specimen.

A very interesting program on "Rag Quilts" was given by Lisa Pipkin.

The next meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the home of Sabrina Landrum.

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

The Gladiola Flower Club met in the home of Sabrina Landrum on July 17, 2008. Chairman Dorothy Buzzard presided.

Roll Call was answered by "A Favorite Movie."

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Sabrina introduced Sandra Reeves. She showed the many lapel pins she wears, and told interesting and inspiring stories about each one.

Muriel Boyd made a motion to invite Wanda Brown to rejoin the Club. Estelle Jackson seconded the motion, which carried. Margarette will contact Wanda.

Project Chairman Estelle Jackson continued sign-up for Manor Bingo in August.

Winner of the Home-Grown Arrangement was Sabrina Landrum; Winner of the Plant was also Sabrina Landrum.

Fellowship was enjoyed by all in an outdoor setting.

Those present were: Muriel Boyd, Dorothy Buzzard, Margarette Evans, Estelle Jackson, Sabrina Landrum, Norma Jean Mackie, Eloise Renner, Gwen Smith, Kathleen Sutton and Virginia Trindle.

The Gladiola Flower Club met in the home of Margarette Evans on August 7, 2008. Chairman Dorothy Buzzard presided.

Roll Call was answered with members showing their baby pictures.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Project Chairman Estelle Jackson began sign-up for Bingo at the Manor for August. Margarette reported that Wanda Brown regretted that she would have to decline membership.

June and Gwen presented the cost of having the cost of the Summer Social at the Hungry Cowboy and The Bunkhouse. Muriel Boyd made a motion to have it at The Bunkhouse on August 28th at 6:30 p.m. The motion, seconded by Judy Yarbrough, carried. June Jackson made a motion that the Club buy the meals. The motion, seconded by Pam

Schnell, carried. The menu will be Chicken Fried Chicken and Chicken Fried Steak.

Virginia Trindle won Home-Grown Flower.

The program was presented by Merissa McCoy. She told of her two years in the Peace Corp in Jamaica. She was in a remote area and told of her experiences during that time.

The next meeting will be held on September 4th at the home of Pam Schnell.

Those present were: Muriel Boyd, Dorothy Buzzard, Betty Jean Davis, Margarette Evans, June Jackson, Sabrina Landrum, Norma Jean Mackie, Eloise Renner, Pam Schnell, Gwen Smith, Virginia Trindle and Judy Yarbrough. Guests were Merissa McCoy and Kathy McCoy.

The Gladiola Flower Club met at The Bunkhouse on August 28, 2008 for the Summer Social.

Those enjoying the wonderful meal were: Dorothy Buzzard, Betty & Irvin Davis, Margarette Evans, Ann & Roy Flowers, Estelle Jackson, June & Doyle Jackson, Sabrina & Neely Landrum, Eloise Renner, Pam & Clay Schnell, Gwen Smith, Virginia & John

Trindle and guest Dianne Maxwell.

The Gladiola Flower Club met in the home of Pam Schnell on September 4, 2008. Chairman Dorothy Buzzard presided.

Roll Call was answered by "How I Relieve Stress and Tension."

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

June Jackson presented the Treasurer's Report. Virginia Trindle made a motion to sell nuts for the annual fundraiser. Pam Schnell seconded the motion, which carried. Members were given contact lists. Orders and money must be turned in by October 16th.

The next meeting will be held at Kathleen Sutton's home.

Flower Winners were: Home-Grown - Margarette Evans, Borrowed - Margarette Evans.

Those present were: Muriel Boyd, Dorothy Buzzard, Betty Jean Davis, Margarette Evans, June Jackson, Sabrina Landrum, Norma Jean Mackie, Eloise Renner, Pam Schnell and guest Stan TeBeest.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PRINGLE-MORSE CISD'S STATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

Pringle-Morse CISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. on October 21, 2008 in the Pringle-Morse CISD Boardroom, 100 Fifth Street, Morse.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Pringle-Morse CISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

PUBLIC HEARING

Date: October 21, 2008
 Time: 7:00 p.m.
 Location: Pringle-Morse CISD Boardroom
 100 Fifth Street, Morse TX
 Subject: Financial Accountability Rating

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS SPEARMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S STATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

Spearman Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. on October 14, 2008 in the High School Library, 403 East 11th Avenue, Spearman TX.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Spearman Independent 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 2006-2007 school year, and budgetary and actual financial data for the 2007 fiscal year (ending August 31, 2007). 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 for the FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of the school district's financial resources.

PUBLIC HEARING

Date: October 14, 2008
 Time: 7:00 p.m.
 Location: Spearman High School Library
 403 East 11th Ave., Spearman TX
 Subject: Financial Accountability Rating



★ HOME INSPECTION SHEET

THE FAMILY'S FIRE-SAFETY CHECKLIST

Everyone in your family has a role to play in your home's fire safety. Both adults and kids should be familiar with what makes some behaviors "fire safe" and other behaviors a fire hazard.

KID'S CHECKLIST

- Does a grown-up always stay in the kitchen when food is cooking on the stove?
- Is there a "kid-free" zone of three feet around the stove when grown-ups are cooking?
- Does a grown-up turn off all portable space heaters before they leave the room or go to sleep?
- Does your fireplace have a sturdy screen to catch sparks?
- Are matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet?
- Does your home have smoke alarms on every level, inside each bedroom, and outside each sleeping area?
- Are all the exits in your home clear of furniture, toys, and clutter?
- Has your family picked a safe place to meet outside if a fire occurs?

GROWN-UP'S CHECKLIST

- Are the stove and counter clean and uncluttered?
- Are potholders within easy reach of the stove?
- Are pot handles turned inward so they can't be bumped?
- Are curtains and other things that can burn well away from the stove, space heaters, and fireplaces?
- If space heaters are used in your home, are they at least three feet away from anything that can burn?
- Has your chimney been inspected and cleaned during the last year?
- Has your furnace been serviced during the past year?
- Are propane tanks and other fuels stored outside your home?
- Are electrical cords in good condition?
- Are kitchen appliances plugged into separate receptacle outlets?
- Are the batteries working in all your smoke alarms?
- Does your family have a home fire-escape plan that includes two ways out of each room?

DO THE DRILL! Follow these easy steps to complete a fun family fire drill!

1. Call the family together. Let everyone know that you are going to do a practice fire drill.
2. Explain that when the smoke alarm goes off, everyone should quickly and carefully leave the home and go to the Outside Meeting Place.
3. Ask everyone to go to a different room and wait for the alarm. After several minutes, set off the fire alarm by pushing the test button and watch your family's actions.
4. When everyone reassembles at the Outside Meeting Place, ask each family member to explain exactly what he or she did after the alarm went off.

Review any questions and repeat the drill at least one more time. Make your drill count at sparky.org.

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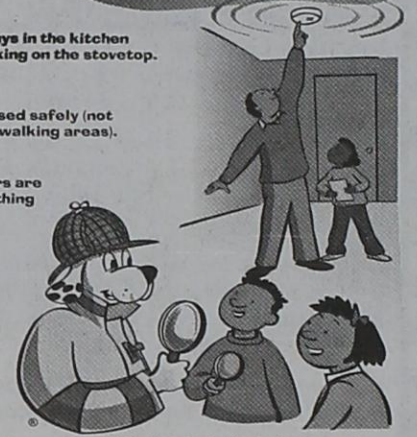
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My Fire Inspection Checklist

Become an official Safety Inspector! Make sure your home is safe and inspect for risks. Ask a grown-up for help.

If the item on your list is **SAFE**, color the circle next to it **GREEN**.
 If the item on your list is **UNSAFE**, color the circle next to it **RED**.
 If you are **NOT SURE** if item on the list is safe, color the circle **YELLOW**.

- Electrical cords are in good condition (not damaged).
- Appliances and lights are plugged into separate electrical outlets.
- All smoke alarms work when tested by a grown-up.
- All escape routes are clear of clutter and easily accessible.
- Curtains and other things that can burn are away from the stovetop.
- Portable space heaters are off whenever a grown-up leaves the room and goes to sleep.
- The clothes dryer has a clean vent and filter (no lint build-up).
- A grown-up always stays in the kitchen whenever food is cooking on the stovetop.
- All extension cords are used safely (not under carpets or across walking areas).
- Portable space heaters are 3 feet away from anything that can burn.
- The furnace has been inspected in the past year.
- The chimney has been inspected and cleaned in the past year.



If any of your circles are **YELLOW** or **RED**, ask a grown-up to make it safe.

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2008 GHS HOMECOMING

HOMECOMING & ALUMNI QUEEN CANDIDATES



2008 Homecoming Queen Candidates
The 2008 Gruver High School Homecoming Queen Candidates are pictured above with their families: (L-R) Isabel and Maria Hernandez, Marisol Hernandez, Lynn Vela, Ted and Mary Vela, Devlin Reynolds, and Sharon Arrington.



1938: Frankie Wallin Leatherman, Fred Miller & Betsy Dahl Ward



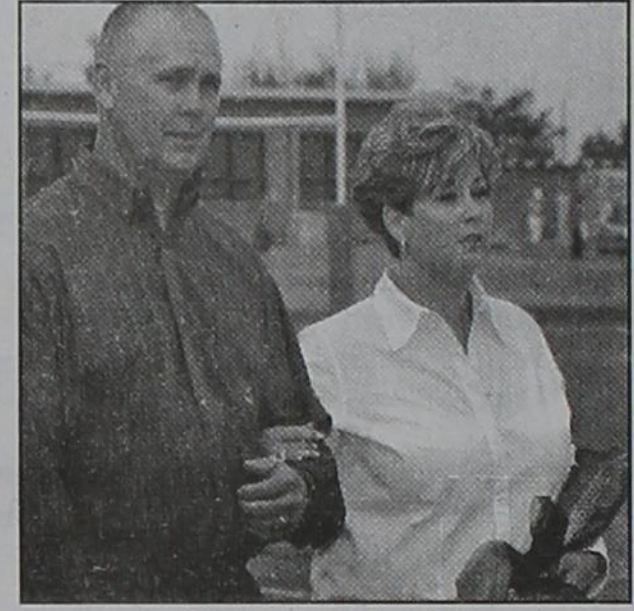
1948: Lowell Moon & Marie Harris Gould



1958: John Boney & Sue Lowry Deakin



1968: George Odom & Brenda Williams Henderson



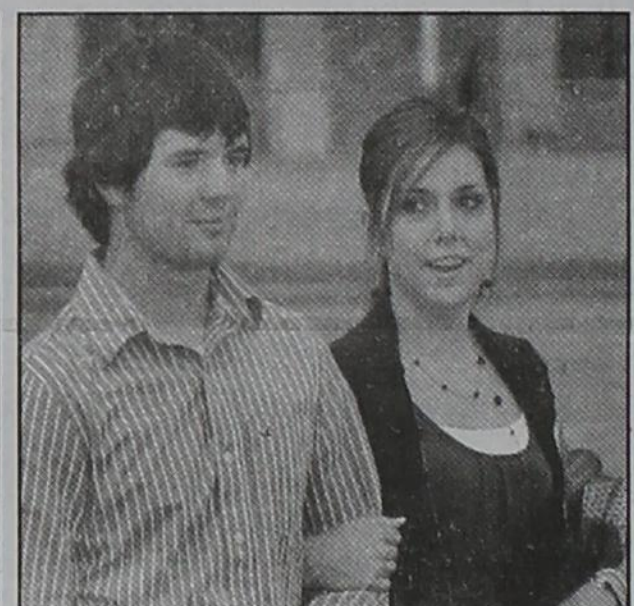
1978: David Swink & Paula Carroll Pearson



1988: Slavin Sparks & Tracy Logsdon Mulady



1998: Justin Johnson & Autumn Bateman Ratterree



2008: Chandler Miner & Diana Solis

GHS HOMECOMING DAYS

The Homecoming Alumni Coronation was held at 6:45 p.m. on Friday, October 3, 2008, followed by the Homecoming Queen Coronation at 7 p.m. The Homecoming game against Texico, NM will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Marisol Hernandez was named the 2008 Homecoming Queen and Miles Messer was named the 2008 Powder Puff King.

Homecoming Queen candidates were Marisol Hernandez, daughter of Isabel and Maria Hernandez; Devlin Reynolds, daughter of Sharon Arrington; and Lynn Vela, daughter of Ted and Mary Vela.

Powder Puff King Candidates were Rey David Gaspar, son of Roman Gaspar and Antonia Balderrama; Miles Messer, son of Darrell and Lori Messer; and Taylor Williams, son of Ty and Paula Williams.

The following alumni are being honored during the Alumni Coronation:

Class of 1938 - Betsy Dahl Ward, Frankie Wallin Leatherman and Fred Miller

Class of 1948 - Marie Harris Gould and Lowell Moon

Class of 1958 - Sue Lowry Deakin and John Boney

Class of 1968 - Brenda Williams Henderson and George Odom

Class of 1978 - Paula Carroll Pearson and David Swink

Class of 1988 - Tracy Logsdon Mulady and Slavin

Sparks

Class of 1998 - Autumn Bateman Ratterree and Justin Johnson

Class of 2008 - Diana Solis and Chandler Miner

Marisol Hernandez is the 17 year old senior daughter of Isabel and Maria Hernandez. Her siblings include: Jose Hernandez, 32, Brenda Holquin, 28, Hugo Hernandez, 25, and Genesis Hernandez, 20. Her activities include: FCCLA, all four years; FCCLA historian, her Sophomore year; UIL, her junior year; and Annual staff, her junior and senior years. Her honors include: Honor roll her first 3 years, the personal and family development Award her freshman year; Volunteer award her sophomore year; the Spanish award, her sophomore and junior years; Ready, Set, Teach award, her junior year; and NHS her sophomore, junior and senior years. She is affiliated with the Open House Child Care. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, cooking, and shopping. After high school, she plans to go to college and become a successful person.

Devlin Reynolds is the 17 year old senior daughter of Sharon Arrington. She has 2 younger siblings, Dallas, 14 and Dara, 10. Her activities include: basketball and track, all 4 years of high school; FCCLA, her freshman and sophomore year; Cross Country, her sophomore and junior years; Cheerleading and FCA, her sophomore, junior and senior years; NHS, her junior and senior years; and OAP her junior year. Her honors include:

Health award her freshman year, Regional Qualifier her sophomore year, and Regional Qualifier and Basketball District champs her junior year. She is affiliated with Jr. High Cheer Camp, Christmas Adopt a Tree, Halloween Carnival, and Race for the Cure. In her spare time, she enjoys hanging out with friends, and playing basketball. After high school, she hopes to attend Texas Tech University and study Speech Pathology.

Lynn Vela is the 17 year old senior daughter of Ted and Mary Vela. She has 2 older sisters, Jessica, 20 and Victoria, 19. Her activities include: Class President, FFA, UIL, Student Council and Basketball, all 4 years; Track, Tennis her freshman, sophomore and junior years; NHS, Cross country and cheerleading, her sophomore, junior and senior years; FFA sentinel, and band, her Sophomore year; Student council president her Jr and senior year; FFA-President and FCCLA her junior year; and NHS president and FCA, her senior year. Her honors include: State qualifier in FFA Creed Speaking and Class Favorite, her freshman year; Inducted into NHS, State qualifier in Cross X Debate, and Class Favorite, her sophomore year; and State qualifier in Cross X debate, and Class Favorite her junior year. She is a 4-H Club member, reads at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and helped with the little girl cheer camp. In her free time she enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading and listening to music. After high school she would like to attend Texas A&M and major in public relations.

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Gruver Greyhounds

Player	Ht	Wt	Class	Pos.
Justin Bass	5-11	155	So.	OL-DL
Jake Beasley	5-9	130	So.	WR-DB
Blake Fitzgerald	6-0	155	Jr.	WR-DB
Rex Gaspar	5-11	145	Sr.	WR-DB
Cory Graves	5-11	210	Jr.	OL-DL
Parker Grotegut	5-9	140	Jr.	WR-LB
Haden Hart	5-5	135	So.	OL-DL
Saul Hernandez	6-0	210	Sr.	OL-DL
Jordan Hicks	6-2	250	Jr.	OL-DL
Zach Logsdon	5-5	140	So.	OL-DL
Alonzo Martinez	5-11	170	Jr.	WR-LB
Wil McCloy	5-11	155	So.	OL-LB
Ramon Mendoza	6-0	160	Jr.	OL-DB
Rito Mendoza	5-7	150	So.	WR-LB
Miles Messer	5-10	175	Sr.	RB-LB
Drew Mireles	5-10	190	Jr.	QB-LB
Colton Moffett	5-8	160	So.	RB-LB
Matt Salazar	6-0	235	Sr.	OL-DL
Daniel Sanchez	5-9	195	Jr.	RB-LB
Zachary Saylor	5-8	135	So.	OL-LB
Jorge Soto	5-9	175	Sr.	OL-DL
Jorge Tarango	5-10	180	Jr.	OL-DL
Lorenzo Tarango	5-8	125	Jr.	WR-DB
Ramiro Tarango	5-8	150	So.	OL-DL
Payton Thoreson	5-10	150	So.	QB-DB
Rily Urban	6-2	160	Jr.	WR-DB
Justin Vasquez	5-11	160	Sr.	WR-DB
Gustavo Vega	5-9	160	Sr.	K-DB
Taylor Williams	5-6	135	Sr.	WR-DB
Tyler Wills	5-11	175	Jr.	WR-LB

The Greyhounds find themselves in what must be considered the toughest Class 1A district in the state with reigning Class 2A champion Canadian and playoff-tested Stratford.

TEAM STATS

Head Coach: Fred Tucker, first season at Gruver; first season overall.

What Coach Tucker Says: "We have good depth at skill positions and a lot of returning starters. If the players pick up our new spread offense quickly and the defense plays well, we will have a good chance to compete for a playoff berth."

2007 Record: 7-4 overall, 3-2 in District 1-1A. Lost to Nazareth 49-34 in Division II area round.

Returning Experience: 12 lettermen, nine offensive and seven defensive starters.

Players To Watch: Miles Messer, RB-LB; Taylor Williams, WR-DB; Justin Vasquez, WR-DB; Cory Graves, OL-DL; Tyler Wills, WR-LB; Saul Hernandez, OL-DL.

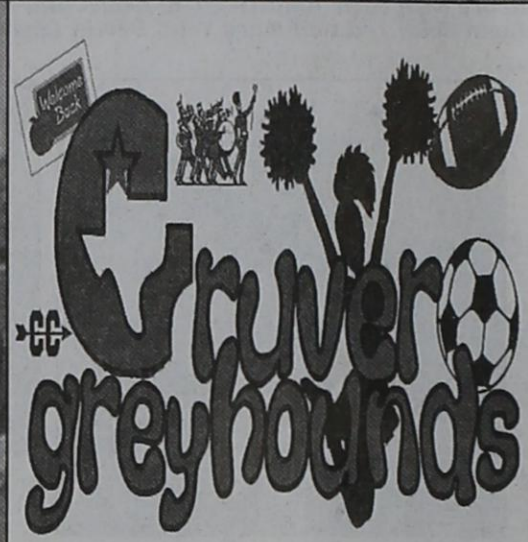
Promising Newcomers: Payton Thoreson, QB-DB; Daniel Sanchez, RB-LB.

Basic Offense: Spread.

Basic Defense: 3-5-3.

Keys To Success: The Greyhounds must find adequate replacements for players such as Jake Wills and Chandler Miner. They must adapt rapidly to a new spread offense and in the end will have to defeat either Canadian, Stratford or Sunray to make the playoffs.

Gruver High School Varsity



Crazy Hat Day: Jessica, Makenzie, Leigh Anne, Amy



Ugly Shirt Day: Mrs. Davis, Marisol, Taylor, Shelby, Rily, Forrest, Ashlynn, Payton, & Parker



Pajama Day: Katie, Dani, Ms. Clark, Makenzie & Brandi

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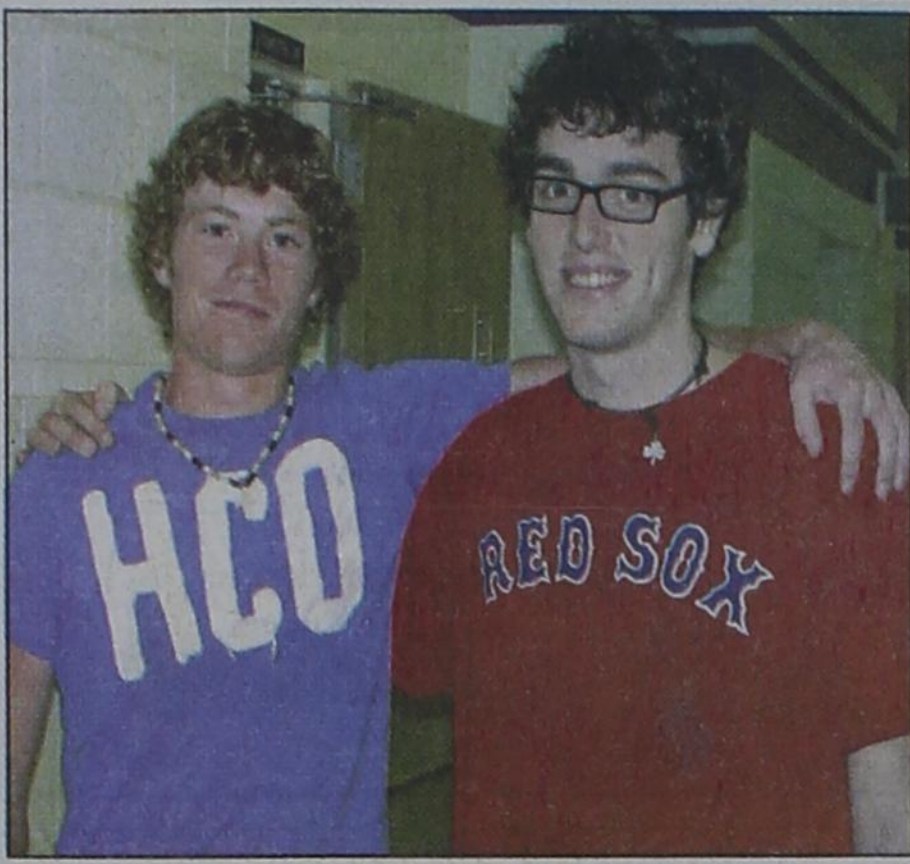
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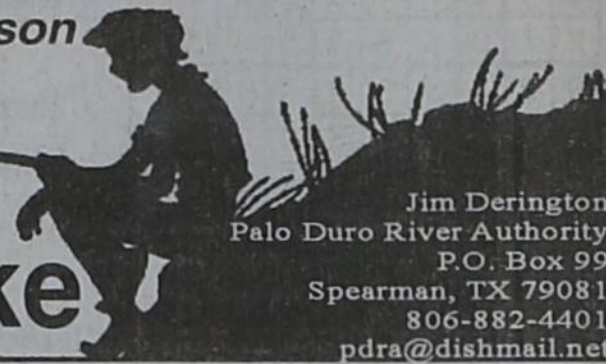
And the winner is..... Spearman High School seniors, TJ Worley and Brett Winegarner, were the winners of a \$200.00 scholarship at this week's Financial Aid Night. The scholarship was given by the Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center in Canyon. Congratulations!

Spaghetti Dinner

The Spearman ISD Choir will have a spaghetti dinner before the Oct. 10, 2008 Varsity Football game in the HS. Cafeteria from 5:30 to 7:30. Advanced tickets from HS choir members will be \$5.00. Tickets at the door will be \$6.00, children 5 and under are \$3.00. Sponsored by the Choir Booster Club and the Spearman ISD choirs.

by Dorothy Hudson

Out at the Lake



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October 6, 2008 - Lake level - 19.88 feet

The weekend brought Bass fishermen to Lake Palo Duro. The mini-boat bass club had six entrants. These guys use "water wagons" with small gasoline engines to get them to the area they like, then quietly use fins or flippers to move around. They throw lures to attract the bass. No live bait is allowed. The wind on Saturday, and the rain on Sunday, made it difficult for these small boats. They were able to catch a few Bass. The picture shows one of the fishermen, with his Saturday morning Bass.



Gaston Benard caught this 20-pound Blue Cat, on Thursday night, October 2, 2008.

Last week also produced at least one good catfish. Gaston Benard caught a 20-pound Blue Cat, on Thursday night. He used perch for bait.

One white Pelican has made our lake home, for the past week. They usually don't stay too long, but he may be waiting for some friends to get here.

Jim attended a meeting of the Texas River Compact Commissioners, last week in

Austin. Texas has five river systems that flow through other states or countries. These include the Canadian (ours), Pecos, Red, Sabine, and the Rio Grande. An agreement or compact, in place to govern these waters. A Commissioner from each river basin was present, along with Senator

Armbrister, and representatives from the Governor's office, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Texas Water Development Board, the Attorney General, and the U.S. Geological Survey. Features and problems, unique to each river basin, were discussed.

HCHD to Participate in Safe Riders Child Safety Seat Distribution and Education Program

Program Will Provide Educational Classes and Child Safety Seat Assistance to Low-Income Families

Hansford County Hospital District has been selected to participate in the 2008 Safe Riders Child Safety Seat Distribution and Education Program. Safe Riders coordinates a statewide child safety seat distribution and education program.

The goal of the program is to address non-use of child safety seats and to reduce the number child injuries and fatalities due to motor vehicle crashes. This is accomplished by working with a variety of local community groups, who in turn offer community education classes in which a family can receive a new child safety seat and instruction on how to use the seat properly. Parents interested in participating in the program

should call Safe Riders toll-free at 800-252-8255, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Qualifying parents will be referred to a program in their area of Texas to contact in order to get scheduled for the next available child safety seat class. Seats are not always available in every area of the state and programs do not always have a supply of seats. Classes are offered on an ongoing basis and available at convenient times for the families. Classes are available in Spanish and English. If you are unable to attend on November 12, 2008 from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. at the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman, please call and pre-register for another

class date.

In Texas, motor vehicle crashes remain the leading cause of death for children ages 14 and under in Texas. Each year, more than 1,700 children die and another 264,000 are injured as occupants of motor vehicles. Half of the children that died were unrestrained (no safety belt or child restraint).

Safe Riders is a child passenger safety education and training program sponsored by the Texas Department of State Health Services in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation. HYPERLINK "http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/saferiders" www.dshs.state.tx.us/saferiders

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