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Gruver Homecoming

Thursday, September 16: 80's Day; JV vs. Arbor Christian 7 p.m.

Friday, September 17: Spirit Day; Pep Rally - 3 p.m.; New Field House open for Tours - 3:30-5 p.m.; Chili Supper, New Gym Commons (\$5), 5-7 p.m.; Alumni Coronation - 6:45 p.m.; High School Coronation - 7 p.m.; Gruver Greyhounds vs. Hooker, OK - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 18: Gruver Alumn Golf Scramble, 9 a.m. (Contact Mike Grotegut at 736-2932); New Gym Construction and High School open for tour, 2-4 p.m.

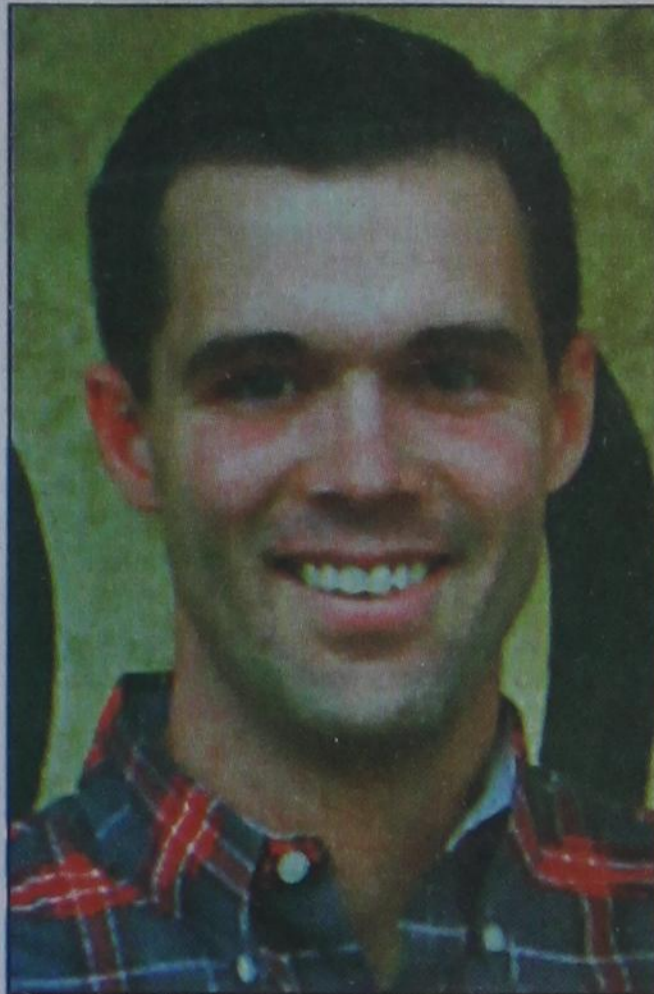
Spearman Homecoming

Thursday, September 16: Show Support for Your favorite Team with Caps & Team Apparel; Snake Dance - 7 p.m.; SHS; JV Lynx vs. Stratford (there) - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 17: Spirit Day - "Everyone wear Lynx Purple"; District-Wide Pep Rally, 2 p.m.; Varsity Gym; FFA BBQ Dinner, 5-7 p.m.; SHS Cafeteria; Pre-Game Homecoming Festivities, 7 p.m.; Lynx Stadium; Spearman Lynx vs. West Texas, 7:30 p.m.; Lynx Stadium; Homecoming Dance, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.

Dress Code must be followed on ALL dress-up days.

Local Druggist Dead at 36



Hansford County remains in shock after learning that David Truitt Johnson, 36, of Spearman, TX, died on County Road 18 west of Rocky Ford, CO at about 5:30 p.m. on September 13, 2010.

David, a pharmacist, and his wife, Sandi, purchased Gordon's Drug in September of 2003. He was very well liked and respected in his community. His wife and their five children, Steven, Carlee, Mattee, Suzee and Dixee, are and will remain in our thoughts and prayers. May God hold them in His arms and heal the sorrow that they feel and may time accomplish what no words can.

Funeral services for David Johnson will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 18, 2010 at the Morse Baptist Church. Grave-side services and interment will be at 4 p.m. at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean, TX, under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

The following reports were taken directly from the Otero County Sheriff's Office blog:

Monday, Sept. 13, 2010

Hostage taker dies from self-inflicted gunshot wound

Posted by Sheriff Chris Johnson at 9:43 PM

A thirty-six-year-old male from Texas died on County Road 18 west of Rocky Ford at about 5:30 p.m. on September 13, 2010. The Otero County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call at about 4:45 p.m. from an address in the 28000 block of County Road 18. The caller reported that a man armed with a handgun was holding a female captive at the residence. Two young girls fled the residence without the gunman seeing them. After a short stand off, and before the Otero/La Junta SWAT team arrived the gunman left the residence and drove out onto County Road 18 in a pickup and turned north on Road 18. Sheriff's officers and the Colorado State Patrol had blocked the roadway. The driver stopped, exited his vehicle and knelt on the ground, and then shot himself in the head with a handgun that he had been brandishing at the residence. The gunman died at the scene, and no one else received any physical injuries in the incident.

Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2010

Follow up on hostage taker

Posted by Sheriff Chris Johnson at

10:24 AM

The deceased suspect who died on September 13, 2010 on County Road 18 west of Rocky Ford, Colorado has been identified as being David Truitt Johnson, 36, of Spearman, Texas. In 2004, David Johnson had been arrested by the Otero County Sheriff's Office for violation of a protection order issued by the Otero County Court protecting the victim and family who reside on County Road 18. In October of 2004, David Johnson pled guilty to the violation of the protection order.

In the incident on September 13, 2010, David Johnson arrived at the residence and entered uninvited into the back entrance to the home where he met the victim inside the home. Two children, ages seven and three were present. The seven-year-old girl heard the conversation between the victim and the suspect and fled the home with her younger sister without the gunman's knowledge where they ran to a neighboring home. A neighbor called 911, and the Otero County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene assisted by the Colorado State Patrol and the La Junta Police Department. A call out of the joint SWAT team was made along with a call to the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office SWAT team as a backup. As previously published, the suspect left the residence at about 5:30 p.m. and stopped on County Road 18 where he exited his own vehicle and took his own life with a revolver by shooting himself in the head. The suspect died at the scene. Otero County Coroner Robert Fowler has scheduled an autopsy at the El Paso County Coroners Office for this Thursday.

See related story on Page 4.

COME TO THE GAME

SPEARMAN LYNX vs Shamrock 9/17 7:30 p.m. vs. West Texas Comanches

Gruver Greyhounds 9/17 vs Hardesty, OK 7:30 p.m.

Gruver Greyhounds The Jr. High football teams will play Pampa "C" in Gruver at 5 p.m. on 9/16. The JV football team will play Arbor Christian in Gruver at 7 on 9/16. The 7th Grade (5), 8th Grade (6:15) and JV (7:30) football teams will play Floydada in Gruver on 9/23.

Spearman Lynx The 7th Grade (5 p.m.), 8th Grade (6:15 p.m.) and JV (7:30 p.m.) football teams will play Stratford on 9/16 in Stratford. The 7th Grade (5 p.m.), 8th Grade (6:15 p.m.) and JV (7:30 p.m.) football teams will play West Texas in Spearman on 9/23.

CROSS COUNTRY

Gruver Greyhounds/Lady Hounds The Gruver Greyhounds and Lady Hounds Jr. High and High School Cross Country teams will not compete on Saturday, September 18th.

Spearman Lynx/Lynxettes The Spearman Varsity Lynxettes will compete in the Plainview Invitational on Saturday, September 18th. The Spearman Lynx and Lynxettes Jr. High, Jr. Varsity and Varsity Boys Cross Country teams will compete in the Sunday Invitational Cross Country Meet on Saturday, September 18th.

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Spearman ISD - Exemplary District

The Spearman Independent School District is proud to announce that the district has received an EXEMPLARY rating by the Texas Education Agency for the 2009-2010 school year. According to Mr. Rod Sumner, Superintendent of Spearman ISD, districts are either rated exemplary, recognized, academically acceptable or academically unacceptable based on the analysis of TAKS data along with the graduation and drop out rate. He said that statewide 239 school districts were exemplary with 20 school districts in Region 16 earning this top mark!

Mr. Sumner said what was interesting was that out of the 20 school districts in Region 16 there were only three school districts larger than the 1-A classification that were exemplary: Dumas (4A), Bushland (2A) and Spearman (2A). He added that the rest of the schools were 1-A or small K-3 or K-8 districts. Spearman had the second highest student subgroup numbers of all the 20 districts that count toward the ratings, whereas, many of the other districts do not have the minimum number of 30 students in a sub group to count on the overall rating! According to Sumner, this is an awesome accomplishment and makes a powerful statement on the district's goal of being the best school district in the Panhandle of Texas.

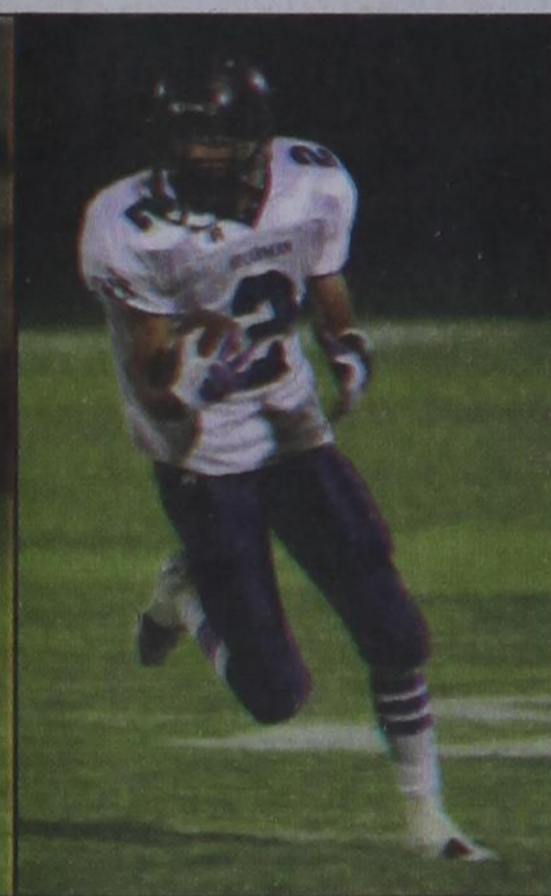
In addition, Spearman Junior High School also earned the exemplary rating for a second year in a row! Spearman High School and Gus Birdwell Elementary School received a recognized rating. According to Sumner, there were many campus and grade level successes that demonstrated the hard work and effort of the teachers and staff members.

Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Conditions were hot and dry. Soil-moisture levels varied from very short to adequate with most reporting short. Corn neared being ready for harvest. Cotton was mostly fair to good. Growers were planting winter wheat. Rangeland and pastures were mostly fair. Cattle were in good condition.

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
FRIDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.
FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.
SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.
SUNDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s.
SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 60s.
MONDAY - Mostly sunny. Breezy. Highs in the lower 90s.
MONDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 60s.
TUESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.
TUESDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.
WEDNESDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.
Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/forecast/w-Spearman-Texas.html#ixzz0xgJSWQkT>



Lynx Pluck Shamrock

The Spearman Lynx defeated the Shamrock Irish 52-0 on Friday, September 10th in Shamrock. The Lynx will play West Texas at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, September 17, 2010 in Spearman for Homecoming. See related story on page 8

FAR LEFT - #20 Cameron Meddock and #55 Ramon Garcia stop the Irish ball carrier.
LEFT - #2 Everardo Flores returns a Shamrock punt.
(Photos by Tami Hargrove. Pictures available at <http://spearmansports.smugmug.com>)

Hounds Fall to Farwell

The Gruver Greyhounds were defeated by Farwell on Friday, September 10, 2010 in Texhoma. The Hounds will play Hardesty, OK at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, September 17, 2010 in Gruver for Homecoming. See related story on page 6

RIGHT - #2 Peyton Thoreson clears the way for #44 Cole Wills during Friday nights game against Farwell.
FAR RIGHT - #44 Cole Wills makes a run for a first down in Gruver's game against Farwell.
(Photos by Charlie Johnson)



Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott
MUSEUM HAPPENINGS
 Another busy week and weekend. We were busy in the week getting ready for the garage sale and weekend activities. The garage sale was a moderate success. We made a little money and had less stuff when we closed than when we started. At least the weather was nice for Saturday and there were people out shopping. We hope it was a successful weekend for everyone.
 On Sunday we had the Price reunion at the museum for lunch. This is Martha Smith's family from the Pampa area. She and her two sisters, with their families, had a delightful lunch and enjoyed the mu-

seum. This was our second reunion and we love to host families and other activities at the museum. We thank Martha and Vester for thinking of us for their luncheon. It was fun.
 This week was another busy one. On Tuesday and Wednesday the museum was closed due to our work sessions on the book at the school. I will report more next week on what we accomplished.
 On Saturday will be the reception for Rene Heil and James Coverdale from 4-7 pm. James will speak at 5 p.m. on the Billy Dixon long shot. Please plan to join us.

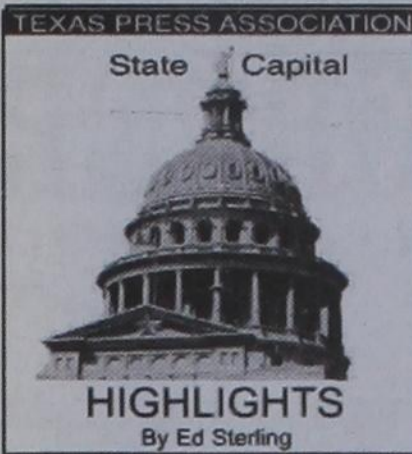
HISTORICAL MUSINGS
 Visited with Vester Smith

This past weekend and she reported that descendants of the Doyle family will be in Lipscomb County this weekend. Made me curious about the Box T origins. According to the book written on the Box T by John Francis Doyle and John Barton Doyle, The Box T was first a cattle brand. Then the Box T was a range - a vast expanse of land in Lipscomb & Hemphill counties of Texas and The Cherokee Outlet and perhaps The Cheyenne-Arapaho Reservation in what is now Ellis County, OK. Last but not least, the Box T was a cattle ranch, north of Higgins, owned by the Doyle's from at least the mid-1890's until the late 1990s. This range was owned by the state of Texas and the Cherokee Nation and was leased initially by JM Day, followed by the Dominion Cattle company, the partnership of Ives & Doyle, and finally the Doyle Family.

Patrick Doyle purchased several sections of school land in Lipscomb County between 1895 and 1897. Section 612 became the ranch headquarters. This section was purchased by contract for \$1.95 per acre to be paid over a 40 year period. It was later forfeited and repurchased at lower interest. It was paid for and patented in 1934. This transaction made Patrick Doyle the first recorded individual owner of that land.
 The Dominion Cattle Company appears to have been a business arrangement funded by Canadian capital in the early 1880's and a member of the Cherokee Strip Live Stock association. The Association was organized by a group of cattlemen during the years 1880-1883; its purpose was to obtain from the Cherokee Tribe a lease for exclusive grazing rights in the 6,000,000+ acres of the Cherokee Outlet. The Dominion Cattle Company encompassed an area that included the present towns of Shattuck, Fargo, Gage, and perhaps, Arnett in Ellis County, OK and Hemphill and Lipscomb County in Texas.

From his obituary we learned the following: Patrick Doyle was born in Montreal, Canada about 1857. He married Harriet McCarthy of Prescott, A.T. in 1891, seven years after he had come to the United States and established himself in the cattle business in the Panhandle of Texas.
 The firm of Ives & Doyle, of which he was a member, prospered in Texas and their Box T cattle were among the best known on the range in the Panhandle. In 1894 Mr. Doyle became a member of Tower-Doyle Live Stock Commission Company.

Patrick Doyle was one of our pioneer cattlemen and we are pleased that his descendants will be visiting this week and that the Smith family keeps a part of Box T alive today.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS



by Ed Sterling

Feds ask Texas to resubmit application for teacher jobs funding

AUSTIN — Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott on Sept. 3 submitted the state's application for \$830 million in federal funding to hire and keep school teachers.

Funding, if granted, would come through House Resolution 1586, a bill signed into law by President Obama on Aug. 10. Congress passed H.R. 1586 with an amendment by U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett of Austin that gives Texas little wiggle room in the way it spends the money and displeases Gov. Rick Perry.

On Sept. 9, U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan rejected the application because it contained no assurance that if Texas were to receive the money, it would not — as it had before — decrease its education spending by a like amount.
 In response to the rejection, Gov. Perry said the state constitution and state laws prevent him from entering into binding commitments about future budgets or funding levels.

The Department of Education asked the Texas Education Agency to revise and resubmit the application, and the Texas State Teachers Association called for Commissioner Scott to resubmit the application as requested.

Disaster proclamation is issued

Tropical storm Hermine raged through Texas Sept. 6-8, leaving in its wake flooding and tornado damage.

Gov. Perry issued a disaster proclamation for 40 of the state's hardest-hit counties after he took an aerial survey of areas in the storm's path.

Perry ordered the Texas National Guard, Department of Public Safety, Parks & Wildlife and other agencies to support local disaster relief efforts.

Perry emphasized the common warning regarding flooded roads: "Turn around, don't drown."

No debate between Perry, White

Right after the two won their party primaries last March, Texans have been imagining a debate between incumbent Republican Gov. Perry and Democratic challenger Bill White, the former mayor of Houston.

Not giving up on the idea of getting the two top can-

didates to face off in public, the Austin American-Statesman, The Dallas Morning News, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, the Houston Chronicle, the San Antonio Express-News and KLRU, the public television station in Austin, set a televised debate for Oct. 19.

The Perry campaign is standing back from the debate, demanding that White first must make public his tax returns from 1993-95, when he served as deputy secretary of energy under then-President Bill Clinton. The White campaign has called the Perry campaign's demand a ploy to dodge the debate.

There's time. The Nov. 2 election is still weeks away. And presently the race looks close: most polls show Perry slightly ahead or in a statistical dead heat with White.

Workforce agency warns of fraud

Filing for unemployment benefits is free of charge and there are "fee-for-filing" scams afoot.

On Sept. 7, the Texas Workforce Commission warned unemployment insurance claimants to be aware of unscrupulous business operators who try to charge a fee for filing unemployment claims.

Texas Workforce Commission unemployment staff do not perform home visits, do not ask for Personal Identification Numbers and do not use text messages to contact claimants. Call (800) 252-3642 to contact the

agency's Fraud and Program Abuse Hotline.

Election-related dates posted

Secretary of State Esperanza "Hope" Andrade, Texas' chief elections officer, on Sept. 7 notified the public about these important dates:

Oct. 4: Last day to register to vote; Oct. 18-29: Early voting; Oct. 26: deadline for early voting clerks to receive ballot by mail applications; Nov. 2: Election Day.

Revenue lower than expected

The Dallas Morning News interviewed Comptroller Susan Combs and reported that the state ended fiscal year 2010 on Aug. 31 about \$1.5 billion less than projected in tax collections.

Lower than expected revenue puts additional pressure on the executive and legislative branches to keep state government afloat with an already-enormous budget deficit estimated at \$18 billion.

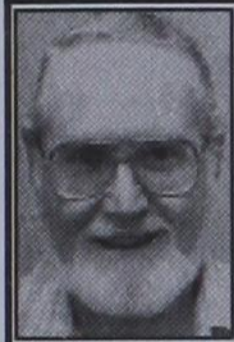
Another may run for speaker

State Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, said he may file to run for speaker of the Texas House.

Chisum can file on Nov. 1 or as late as Jan. 10, the day before the 82nd Texas Legislature convenes.

Other Republicans who have filed for the powerful office are incumbent Speaker Joe Straus of San Antonio and Rep. Leo Berman of Tyler.

Stargazer



To readers of the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman:
 Stargazer is a column for all who find beauty and wonder in the night sky. Hoping you'll find Stargazer informative and entertaining, I welcome your comments, questions and ideas for column topics, and look forward to hearing from you.
 -Paul Derrick

A Sky Full of Satellites

In this column we usually talk about night sky objects well beyond our home planet, but a reader in Dublin, TX, asked me to "do something about the orbits of satellites and their speed and how high they are and how many." So here goes, but to put things in perspective, let's start by looking closer to home.

The deepest part of Earth's oceans, called the Challenger Deep within the Pacific Ocean's Mariana Trench, is a staggering 35,840 feet -- nearly 7 miles -- below sea level. The world's tallest building, Dubai's Burj Khalifa, extends 2,717 feet -- about 1/2 mile -- into the sky. Earth's tallest mountain, Mt. Everest, tops out at 29,035 feet -- 5 1/2 miles. High-flying commercial airplanes usually fly 5-7 miles above Earth.

Now let's go to another level. While there is no definite boundary between Earth's atmosphere and outer space, the atmosphere's effect becomes noticeable to reentering spacecraft at about 75 miles above Earth's surface. That's also where many meteoroids begin to burn, turning into those breathtaking meteors we call "shooting stars."

Now for satellites. Most of the ones we see are in low Earth orbit a few hundred miles above Earth. Some examples: the International Space Station orbits at around 270 miles; the Hubble Space Telescope orbits at about 350 miles; Landsat 7, which provides images for mapping services as well as for Google Earth, orbits at some 440 miles; and weather satellites orbit at about 530 miles. These satellites speed along at around 17,000 miles per hour; the higher they are, the slower their speed.

Navigation devices in our vehicles receive signals from 30 Global Positioning System (GPS) satellites orbiting in medium Earth orbit at 12,550 miles.

The most distant satellites are in geosynchronous orbit 22,240 miles above Earth, the distance at which satellites orbiting over Earth's equator travel at the same speed as the Earth rotates. Satellites in geosynchronous orbit (also called geostationary orbit) always hover over the same location on Earth, making them good for communication and other purposes.

The U.S. Space Surveillance Network currently tracks over 8,000 orbiting objects, only about 560 of which are operational satellites. Thus most of the satellites we see on any given night are space debris -- inactive satellites and spent rocket parts.

The Web site www.heavens-above.com is a good site for finding out about visible orbiting satellites, including exactly when and where to see them. It's free, but you'll need to register the first time to enter your viewing location.

SKY CALENDAR

- * Sep. 19 Sun. all night: For the next week or so, Uranus is within two moonwidths above Jupiter, but seeing faint Uranus requires at least binoculars and reasonably dark skies.
- * 22 Wed.: Autumn equinox, the beginning of fall in the northern hemisphere when night and day are of equal length.
- * 22 Wed. all night: Jupiter and the Moon travel across the sky together.
- * 23 Thu.: The full Moon, being the full Moon nearest the fall equinox, is this year's Harvest Moon, also called Fruit Moon and Corn Moon.
- * 30 Thu.: The Moon is at 3rd quarter.
- * 3 Sun. morning: The crescent Moon is to the lower right of the Beehive star cluster in the east.
- * 7 Thu.: The Moon is new.
- * 8 Fri. all night: The Draconid (Giacobinid) meteor shower peaks with no Moon interference all night.

Naked-eye Planets. "Evening star" Venus, low in the west southwest at dusk, is at its brightest for the year and looks like a tiny crescent Moon in telescopes and larger binoculars. Fainter Mars is to its upper right. Jupiter, rising in the east at sunset, is on the opposite side of Earth from the Sun (called opposition) and appears brightest and largest for the year; by morning it dominates the western sky. Mercury makes a brief appearance low in the east at dawn.

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 13. "a.k.a. "The Little Mermaid"
 14. Blood testing site
 15. Children's respiratory disease
 16. Klepto
 17. One or some
 18. Respond
 19. *Babe's companion
 21. *Pilgrims' helper
 23. South in French
 24. Flightless birds
 25. Greenwich time
 28. Architectural drawing, e.g.
 30. Location of famous 1971 prison riot
 35. *Cherry tree-chopping Washington wasn't one
 37. Keen on
 39. Break of day
 40. Wheel shaft
 41. *Wilderness Road trailblazer
 43. Speed
 44. "___ extenuating circumstances"
 46. Lice eggs
 47. Seed cover
 48. Peanut butter to a cracker
 50. Reluctant, followed
- by "to"
52. Between NE and E
 53. Gene Simmons' rock band
 55. Upton Sinclair novel upon which movie "There Will Be Blood" was based
 57. *"Gone With the Wind" heroine, minus a "l"
 61. Air passage through which air leaves a mine
 64. "Drove my chevy to the ___", according to Don McLean
 65. Extrasensory perception
 67. Type of whip
 69. In a cold manner
 70. Likewise
 71. Giraffe-like African animal
 72. *Coonskin hat-wearing frontiersman
 73. Center of the solar system
 74. "___ eelson," or "Lord, have mercy" in Latin
- DOWN**
1. *Famous U.S. army recruiter and "uncle"
 2. Penny-pinching boss of SpongeBob SquarePants
 3. Indigenous people and language of Japan
 4. *Paul Revere seized them on his midnight ride
 5. Highlight or spotlight
 6. Kin group
 7. *Peter of the Lost Boys
 8. Bottomless pit
 9. a.k.a. Carbamide
 10. Multicolored horse
 11. Type of tape famous for its versatility
 12. "___ no good"
 15. Hard outer layers
 20. Improvise
 22. In so far as
 24. Ensnares
 25. Trash bag manufacturer, possessive form
 26. Kind of mistake
 27. An early European coin, a.k.a. thaler
 29. In a little while, old-fashioned
 31. Deepest brass instrument
 32. Habituate
 33. Mediterranean spice
 34. *Johnny Chapman's fruit of choice
 36. Network of nerves
 38. On top of
 42. To bar by estoppel
 45. *Famous female sharpshooter
 49. "___ Hard," movie
 51. *Wild Bill's surname
 54. Cancel an edit. pl.
 56. *Lincoln's physique
- Earhart did this across the Atlantic
63. Brazilian Indigenous people
66. ___-chef
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Happy Birthday!

September 16
Birthday - Marcia Kuehl, Terrell Evans, Jarret Warren, Oscar Rojas Jr., Jason Evans, Gelicia Salazar, Frank Letvin, Palazine Winger, Silvia Lopez, Mary Schoenhals
Anniversary - M/M Charles Greenwood

September 17
Birthday - Hugh Bell, Krystle Deeds, Pablo Perez, Glenda Renner, Johnny White, Jan Allen, Helen Melton, Joe Wattier, Teresa Ford, Myrtle Eller, Janna Brock, Robbie Cochran, R.D. McLain, Judy Fredrick, Mario Molina, Dale Wofford, Andrew Cummings, Kayla Swink
Anniversary - M/M Larry Kennedy, M/M Ray Gressett

September 18
Birthday - Betty Davis, Alton Ellsworth, Pat Jackson, Scarlett Jackson, Cary Cates, Mrs. Don Ladd, Donna Phillips, Van Hamilton, David Baca, Jamie Townsen
Anniversary - M/M Scott Swan

September 19
Birthday - Sally Holt Meek, Carol Hester, Sue Jackson, Tildon Sparks, Jim Jones, Amadita Vargas, Alberto Vargas, Randy Kirk, Tammy Woodward, Julie Pittman, Cassidy Taylor
Anniversary - M/M Dennis Nelson, M/M Tindle Ramon

September 20
Birthday - Tiffanee Crane, Jerry Overbey, Karen Archer, Charles Shield-knight, Mrs. Jimmy Watson, Dee Mayfield, Edrie Jones, Lance McMahan, Dora Salgado, Chris Womble, Beverly Vinson, Pedro Garza
Anniversary - M/M Dennis Nelson, M/M Tindle Ramon

September 21
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Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

We learn of serving only one master as we study Amos 8: 4-7, Psalm 113, 1 Timothy 2: 1-7 and Luke 16: 1-13. The people of Israel have fallen into greed. They long for the religious holy days to be over so they can go back to cheating the poor. The Lord sends a vision to Amos and asks, "What do you see?" Amos answers "a basket of summer fruit". This is a pun in Hebrew. The "summer fruit" is the end of the fruit season, the remainder will rot and ruin, the Lord indicates Israel is at the end of its 'fruit season' and will soon fall to an invading army and the Lord's presence will not be with them. The Lord commands Amos to be silent [previously he had pleaded to the Lord to spare the people]. The Lord promises a famine on the land, not of food-stuff but of the Word of the Lord. You see, dear Christian, we as believers cannot survive without the Word of the Lord. It is God's presence in our lives that makes life worth living. God expects us to emulate Him, not to rejoice in wringing a dollar from the poor.

The Psalmist sings a hymn of praise which opens with a call to praise and then explains why we should praise God. God raises the poor from the dust, lifts the needy from the ash heap, gives the barren woman a home, making her a joyous mother of children. The hymn ends with another call to praise. You see, God looks after those we tend to look down on. God expects us to emulate Him, not to dislocate our shoulders while we pat ourselves on the back for being "Christian".

Paul urges Timothy that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we, as believers, may live a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This was a strong request as the Emperor at the time of this letter was Nero! Yet, this is advice that should be heeded by us in our time. Pray for the leaders of this world. Pray for God's presence in these leaders. Paul goes on to emphasize that there is One God, and One Mediator between God and man. And it is to proclaim this that Paul became an evangelist, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. However you may feel about some of our leaders and the leaders of this world, dear Christian, pray fervently for them.

Jesus tells those who would lead the disciple life, that there is a relationship between wealth (resources) and relationships with others. The Parable of the Dishonest Manager shows an embezzling manager about to be fired by his master. The Dishonest Manager secures his "golden parachute" by going to his master's debtors and having them re-write the amounts they owe his master to a lesser amount that they can pay. He thereby insures that the Debtors will be in his debt and cannot then testify against him.

Jesus tells this to tell us that we need to be as resourceful as the "crooks of the world" in our living the disciple life. Remember that whatever we have of this world's goods comes from God, we only have the use of them for His honor. We can only serve one master.

May the Holy Spirit enable to choose your Master wisely.

Our Sympathy

MINNIE LEE PERKINS
SPEARMAN - Minnie Lee Perkins, 87, died on Sunday, September 12, 2010.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 10 a.m. at the Abundant Life Temple in Durant, OK with Rev. Roger McCoy officiating. Interment was in Silo Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Minnie was born in Eldorado, OK on October 17, 1922. She married Homer T. Johnson on August 31, 1940. She was also married to Jim McCarthy. She married to Elvin Maynard Perkins on May 26, 1963. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Homer and Temmie Higgins; her husband, Elvin Maynard Perkins; a daughter, Kimberly McCarthy; and three sisters, Faye Montgomery, Nina May Lindley and Bonnie Mitchell.

She is survived by three daughters, Nikki Swenn and her husband of Spearman, Dana and John Decker of Princeton, TX, and Charlene and Gerald Mullins of Mustang, OK; four sons, Kerry and Phylliss Johnson of Las Vegas, NV, Rhomer "Tony" and Marianne Johnson of Las Vegas, NV, Stephen "Mike" Johnson of Las Vegas, NV, and Kenneth and Mary Perkins of Lubbock; two sisters, Juanita McIntyre of Don, TX and Connie Holland of Turkey, TX; 22 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

LEROY E. SMITH
PERRYTON - Leroy E. Smith, 85, died on Wednesday, September 15, 2010.

Funeral services will be held at the First Baptist Church of Perryton on Friday, September 17, 2010 at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Richard Laverty officiating. Interment will be in Ochiltree Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Leroy was born in Ochiltree County, Texas on October 21, 1924. He had lived in the area his entire life. He married May Lee Harbour on December 18, 1942 in Spearman, TX.

He was a lifetime farmer and rancher and loved to fly. He was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Perryton. He was an Ochiltree County Commissioner for 9 years and was on the board of directors at Baptist Saint Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Leroy loved his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Cora Smith; a son, Gary Leroy Smith in 1967; and a daughter, Connie Weis in 2006.

Survivors include his wife, May Lee of Perryton; and a son, Larry Don Smith of Perryton; 7 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to First Baptist Church, PO Box 1272, Perryton TX 79070; or one's favorite charity.

DAVID TRUITT JOHNSON
SPEARMAN - David Truitt Johnson, 36, died Monday, September 13, 2010.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, September 18, 2010 at 11 a.m. at the Morse Baptist Church with Pastor Gary Stevens and Pastor Wes Stevens officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLain, TX with Reverend Thacker Haynes officiating under direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

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

Hansford Golf Club Hosts Tuesday Night Scrambles

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

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.

Celebrating 90 Years of Life

Mrs. Wilma Clark is Celebrating 90 Years of Life at the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Spearman on Saturday, September 25, 2010 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Rainbow Kids Klub is Back!

Our new building if finished and we are inviting all children Kindergarten -Fifth grade to join Rainbow Kids Klub. This is a weekly after school program with snacks, recreation, character building Bible lessons, memorization, music, games and its all free. Rainbow Kids Klub begins Wednesday, September 8, after school until 5 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 407 S. Haney in Spearman. Invitations and enrollment forms will be given out at school. Please bring the enrollment form when you bring your child to Rainbow Kids Klub. For more information call 659-5503.

"Deal or No Deal" - Lunch & Learn

Can we play "let's make a deal" when it comes to Nutrition and Health? To find the answer come to Lunch & Learn, Friday, September 17, from 12-1 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of Spearman Church of Christ. She will discuss Gluten Intolerance at 1:15 p.m. for those who would like to stay for this presentation. The program is sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service. For more information call Peggy Winegarner, Hansford County Extension Agent (659-4131 or 733-2901). Donations for lunch will be accepted. Door prizes will be given.

Care Packages

If you would like to help with Care Package Drop Offs, please contact Less Sullivan at lessullivan@hotmail.com. Less is collecting items for care packages in conjunction with AmericaSupportsYouTexas.com. Journals are also located at the O'Loughlin Center, Spearman High School, and Gus Birdwell Elementary for anyone wishing to sign them. For more information, contact Less at 330-0973.

Spearman Lions Club Annual Broom and Mop Sale

The Spearman Lions Club invites you to their annual Broom and Mop Sale on Wednesday, September 22 at Lowe's Marketplace, beginning at 7 a.m.

Gruver Alumni Golf Tournament

The Gruver Alumni Golf Tournament has been set for Saturday, September 18. T-time is 9 a.m. Contact Mike Grotegut at 736-2932 for more information.

Gruver FFA & Jr. FFA Parent Meeting

The Gruver FFA and Junior FFA members that are planning to participate in the livestock show program this fall and next spring will have a parent meeting this coming Tuesday, September 21st. During this meeting we will be discussing purchases, daily project care, swine validation, upcoming show dates, and times that entries are due back to the FFA advisor. If your student has not participated in this program before and is wanting compete in livestock shows, please come to the meeting Tuesday. We will be meeting in the Gruver agricultural science building at 7PM, Tuesday, September 21st. All livestock show participants parents are encouraged to be in attendance.

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4-H members across Hansford County (Spearman, Gruver & Morse) are selling smoked meats for their annual fund raising efforts. Products available include smoked & spiral hams (\$28), Turkey (\$23), peppered Turkey breasts (\$21), smoked or peppered bacon (\$14), beef (\$15) or chicken (\$13) fajitas, chicken tenders (\$16), tamales (\$16), pork patties (\$14) pork chub (\$10), sausage links (\$15), pecan cobbler (\$13), pulled pork BBQ (\$13), little porkies Wraps (\$14), sausage gravy (\$), Hunters Package (pancake mix, Canadian bacon, peppered pork loin & jalapeno cheese summer sausage (\$23) and pumpkin roll (\$13). Funds benefit the awards program, contest and recognition banquet for all 4-H members. Orders must be received by October 18th, with a delivery date before Thanksgiving. Please contact a 4-H member or call the County Extension Office 659-4130 or 733-2901, fax 659-4133 to place your order. If email would be easier hansford@ag.tamu.edu.

3rd Round of Open House in the Elementary

Parents of 1st Grade and Kindergarten students at Gruver Elementary are invited to an Open House on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at the following times: 1st Grade at 6 p.m., Kindergarten at 7 p.m. Interpreters and babysitters will be provided.

Adult ESL Class

Improve your English skills and enroll in an adult ESL Class. Learn to speak the English Language and receive the educational skills necessary to help your children in school. Registration will be the first night of class. Classes begin Thursday, September 16, 2010, and will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. at Spearman High School. Mrs. Lopez will be the instructor. Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights. There is no charge for the class. For more information call Cindy Blackman at the Community Resource office, 659-3233.

Panhandle Professional Writers

Panhandle Professional Writers will meet on Saturday, September 18, 2010 at St. Stephen United Methodist Church's West Campus. Lunch will be catered at a cost of \$10 per dish. For reservations, please contact Kenja Purkey by email at, ppwlunch@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at 806-570-1468. Nonmembers are welcome to attend at a cost of \$5.00 each which can be credited to your \$30.00 annual membership dues if you choose to join at this meeting. Students with id cards may attend meetings for \$1.00. Morning Session speaker: Ann Domela, Romance Writer, author of Banned in Boston. Afternoon Session speaker: Dan Schneider, NASA Contractor will speak on the Space Program. Meeting location - St. Stephen United Methodist Church, West Campus at 4415 Wesley Dr., Amarillo. Greeting time - 9:30 a.m. Morning Session- 10-12 a.m.; Lunch 12-12:45 p.m.; Business Mtg. 12:45-1 p.m.; Afternoon Session 1:00-3:30 p.m. \$5 for guests - \$1 students with ID Deferred if join PPW—dues \$30 per year. Lunch is \$10.00. RSVP to Kenja Purkey by Sept. 14 ppwlunch@gmail.com. www.panhandleprowriters.org

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What Led to the Tragic Events on County Road 18?

Editor's Note: This week Spearman lost a dear friend in David Johnson, local pharmacist and businessman. David had become a beloved member of our community and he will be sorely missed. We extend our sympathy to David's family and to his many friends. The following article was submitted to us by Susan Pieper, former editor (retired) of the Rocky Ford paper.

So who was David Truitt Johnson, whose name has now been inexorably linked with Rocky Ford?

A look at the web page for Spearman, Texas, Johnson's residence, lists his drug store, Gordon's Drug. A click to that site even has a "family pictures" link that shows a smiling father, mother and four children.

Something, however, wiped those smiles off those bright shining all-American faces and left a widow, five children, and two communities stunned at the events that culminated on County Road 18 near Rocky Ford, CO, on Monday.

Two communities, very similar in size and beliefs, will never be the same.

David Johnson, who according to the many blogs posted regarding the story, was a much beloved man in his community. Beneath that exterior, however, was a different person who hit the lowest point of his brief life on Monday on a county road in another state.

Johnson, who was 36 years old, graduated from McLean (TX) High School

in 1992 and went on to further his education at Texas Tech in Lubbock where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in multidisciplinary science in 1997.

Following that, he graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1999 with a B.S. in pharmacy.

His wife Sandi was a 1993 graduate of Canyon (TX) High School and then went on to earn her Bachelor of Science degree in kinesiology and nutrition in 1997 from West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

She received a Master of Arts degree in education in 1999 from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Together, the couple purchased a pharmacy in Spearman, TX.

To the outside observer, the Johnsons had a good marriage. Something happened, though, that brought Sandi Johnson to Rocky Ford in late 2003 where she confronted a local family and stated at that time that her husband was "crazy" and was going to kill a Rocky Ford man over an event that happened years before.

In fact, David Johnson could never shake the knowledge of that previous event and had even resorted to "stalking" the Rocky Ford man -- showing up at places where he knew the local man would be.

As a result, a permanent restraining order was issued in Colorado against David Truitt Johnson, an order he violated in 2004. In Octo-

ber that year, Johnson pled guilty to violation of the order.

When Johnson arrived in Rocky Ford on Monday, he allegedly had already sought and received information on what the financial penalty would be if he again violated that protection order. That day is when things took on a very dark side.

According to the Otero County sheriff's blog, Johnson entered a house on Road 18 through the back door and subsequently confronted a local woman. He then held her hostage at gunpoint and reportedly had her call her husband to come home.

Differing reports indicate the two children in the house either left unnoticed by Johnson or were told by him to leave. When the children arrived at a neighbor's home and told him what was transpiring in the house on Road 18, he and again the story is conflicted, went to confront Johnson (since he knew the man) and was sent from the home at gunpoint.

In the meantime, according to reports, the hostage victim's husband had arrived and was kept from the scene by law enforcement officials since they deemed Johnson armed and dangerous. As the various SWAT teams got into position, Johnson left the house brandishing his weapon, got into his pickup and drove out to Road 18, where he exited his vehicle, knelt and shot himself.

Unofficial reports indicate Johnson had called his wife several times during the hour-long incident and had even told her that police were assembling and that the ending to the drama was "not going to be pretty."

The rambling six-page suicide note found was actually a last will and testament, detailing to his wife how the property they owned should be distributed.

The emotion behind the letter, however, changed decidedly as the document moved to its conclusion. From blaming himself for putting the couple's children first before mending a broken relationship with his wife, the mood changed and Johnson's anger manifested itself. He never, however, blamed the Rocky Ford couple for anything that had transpired between the four adults in the past.

The letter also revealed an untrusting side to the Texas man. He was fearful of what his wife would tell the couple's five children about him. Johnson, however, did detail his love for the couple's children, although he never called them by name. (The Johnsons had five children -- Steven, Carlee, Mattee, Suzee and Dixee).

Now, questions that will never be answered hang in the air and the lives of people in two communities in two states will always be linked by "a senseless tragedy."

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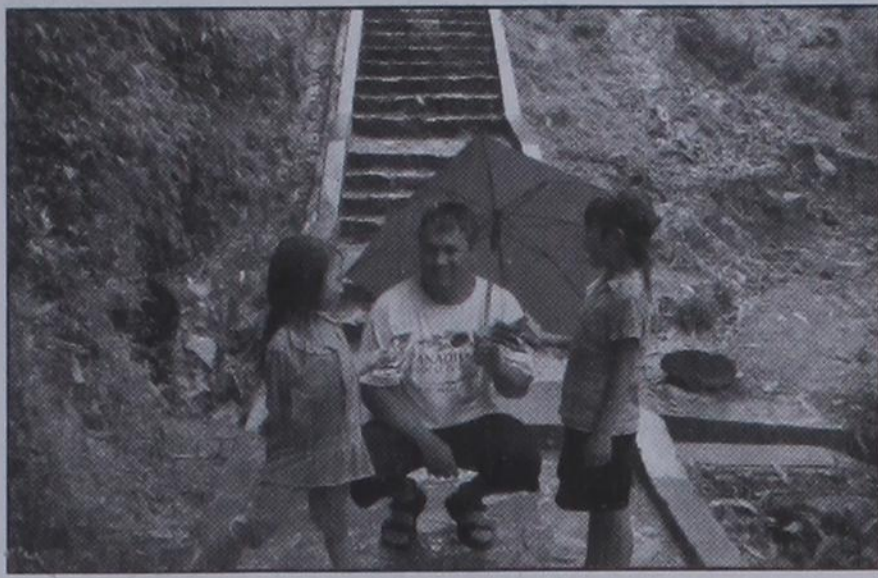
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Coming Home— A Vietnam Story



Girls selling to Tim

Editor's Note The following story was written by Laurie Ezzell Brown of The Canadian Record. The story is being reprinted with permission.

Continued from last week.

"My goal was not to find all the answers to some very difficult question," said Tim, but to find an inner peace and to attain a knowledge of the life that could have been so different."

Tim's parents had very little information about his birth parents: a mother's name and age on a birth certificate supplied by the nuns at the orphanage. Often, they learned, the information was embellished. "The nuns would make up paperwork so the babies would have some form of documentation," Tim said. "I visited with Rosemary through e-mail and by telephone. She was the one who warned me about that."

They were fortunate, though, that the orphanage to which Tim was taken was one of only two in Vietnam that actually kept registries.

What they did know was the province in which Tim was born and the mother's name. The birth date was filled in, but probably not accurate. It was assumed that he was the son of an

American soldier, as many of the orphans were.

Embarking one day from the beautiful Saigon Hotel, the two took a guided tour of Saigon—known today as Ho Chi Minh City—accompanied by Hung, a 19-year-old orphan from Tim's home of Sa Dec.

With their guide and interpreter, the Fletchers ventured into Saigon's Cu Chi Tunnels, an immense network of connecting underground tunnels within the city which are part of a much larger network of tunnels that underlie much of the country. The tunnels were used by Viet Cong guerrillas as hiding spots during combat, and provided communication and supply routes, hospitals, food and weapon caches and living quarters throughout the war.

Visiting two of Vietnam's many orphanages was both a highlight and an emotional touchstone during the Fletcher's trip. They came bearing gifts, generously donated by friends back home. In addition to candy and gum, there were Legos and Hot Wheels for the boys, and stuffed animals and Disney stationery sets for the girls.

The first orphanage, called the Green Bamboo Shelter in Ho Chi Minh City, houses 25 boys, but

supports up to 100 financially. The boys' bedrooms consisted of hard tile floors with thin sleeping mats. Despite the lack of air conditioning, the visitors were greeted by happy and sweet smiling boys, who received their gifts with great joy.

"One little boy claimed that he was going to save his money so he could buy a pen for school," said Jennifer. "It's amazing what little we could give could bring such joy."

At Maison Amour in Sa Dec, the Fletchers met the director, Sister Benedicta, and left money to help with the orphanage's expenses. "We've read in the past that they barely had enough money to feed the 80-100 children who live there during the school year," said Jennifer, "so we knew this would be put to good use."

From Saigon, the couple flew north to Da Nang, where they allowed themselves a brief vacation at China Beach before heading to Hue for a tour of the Nguyen Dynasty temples built in the early 1800s. On July 15, they flew north again to Hanoi, the capital of what had been North Vietnam before the end of the war, and toured the infamous Hanoi Hilton where Senator John McCain had spent years as a prisoner of war.

"It wasn't as difficult as we expected," said Tim, "because it showed the other side of what the Vietnamese called the American War. It showed how good the Vietnamese treated the Americans."

"It showed pictures of [the POWs] playing basketball and decorating a Christmas tree," said Jennifer. "It didn't show the torture."

A planned junk boat tour out in the bay was cancelled when a typhoon struck the area, so the Fletchers ended

up taking a night train from Hanoi to the beautiful but far more primitive Sa Pa region close to the Chinese border. Sa Pa is a quiet mountain town and home to a diversity of ethnic minority peoples, including the Hmong. The crops of rice and corn are grown on sloping terraces since the vast majority of the land is mountainous.

"You can't even explain in words how pretty it is," said Jennifer.

The tour concluded with an overnight train trip back to Hanoi, a flight to Tokyo and the Fletchers' arrival back in Houston on July 22.

Though the trip yielded little concrete information about his birth family, Tim and Jennifer were able to plant the seeds of inquiry. Through Emanuelle, they met a school teacher and a policewoman, both of whom promised to assist them with their search. Their offer to pay for the help was politely declined.

Back in Canadian, Tim was philosophical about his journey home. "Vietnam holds so much emotion to a lot of families from the states," he said, "and many of those emotions are painful ones. I can't fully wrap my mind around the complexities of the war, but I have so much respect for the men and women that served during those painful times."

Having gone in search of some greater knowledge of his own identity, Tim found that the country itself faces the same struggle. "But the people and families are solid in their values toward family, morals and hard work," he said. "The country itself is mystical, with beauty that is so hard to capture. It's a land of amazement and wonder."

Even surrounded by such beauty, though, it was impossible not to be cognizant

of the country's darker heritage—its landscape so marked by battles and bloodshed where "so much was taken from so many young lives," Tim wrote.

"Life often changes so many lives," he said. "For me, mine is captured in time—a time where so much is still in question."

Tim said he accepts that he may never have the answers he seeks, but the certainty he has gained is far greater. "What I do know is that a young couple from Gruver, Texas, stayed the course, held solid to their foundation and followed God's plan," he wrote in reflection. "What I do know is that I have a brother and sister that have always welcomed me into their lives. What I do know is that many people touched my life in the early years with a passion that was so important in my survival...sacrificing their comforts for my life."

"I also know that I have a wife that has always accepted my life as is, and three children that can look upon their lives knowing they have a heritage that is

deep in mystery but also one that has so much character to it.

"Most important is that I believe God took the violent war around me and surrounded me with his love, founding my life with his angels to get me to this point in my life."

As is sometimes the case when we leave that which is most familiar, Tim and Jennifer returned from Vietnam with a renewed sense of appreciation for their home.

"Canadian is a community not of buildings and streets but one that has people opening up their hearts to me and my family in so many ways," wrote Tim. "I know without a doubt through your help we changed lives for the better in ways we probably will never know."

Tim's mother and father would no doubt agree. "Tim has no doubt circle," Carolyn said. "To see Tim and Jennifer in those pictures handing out gifts to those children...This just totally completes it. He's giving back something."





Jennifer with Vietnamese Girls

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2010 GRUVER VARSITY GREYHOUNDS

No.	Name	Ht	Wt	Pos	Class
2	Payton Thoreson	5' 10"	150	QB/DB	Sr.
3	Zachary Saylor	5' 10"	170	RB/LB	Sr.
5	Kramer King	5' 7"	130	WR/DB	Jr.
10	Korbin Irwin	6' 3"	160	QB/DE	So.
15	Tadeo Mendoza	5' 9"	135	TE/DB	Jr.
22	Lupe Pena	5' 6"	130	WR/DB	So.
25	Colton Moffett	5' 8"	175	RB/LB	Sr.
28	Zach Logsdon	5' 9"	170	TE/DE	Sr.
44	Cole Wills	5' 7"	135	RB/DB	So.
48	Jerrold Collier	5' 8"	160	RB/DB	Jr.
50	John Bergin	5' 10"	165	OL/DE	Sr.
51	Rito Mendoza	5' 8"	180	OL/DE	Sr.
52	Trey Fransen	6' 2"	200	OL/DL	Sr.
53	Dallas Reynolds	6' 0"	290	OL/DL	So.
54	Forrest Lopez	5' 11"	220	OL/DL	Jr.
55	Justin Bass	6' 3"	180	OL/DL	Sr.
56	Jesus Balderrama	5' 6"	215	OL/DL	Sr.



GHS Homecoming Court

Gruver High School will be celebrating Homecoming 2010 "Clash of the Classes" September 13th-17th.

Powder Puff King Candidates are: Haden Hart, Zach Logsdon, Payton Thoreson and Zachary Saylor.

Homecoming Queen Candidates are: Cambry Cooper, Mary Hart and Brianne Mitchell.

This year we are having a competition to find the most spirited class and encouraging participation from the whole student body. Students have an opportunity to win points for their class by participating with the dress-up days, decorating their hallway, the Powder Puff Game, a class cheer at the "Burning of the GHS," attendance at the JV football game, and the pep rally. The most spirited class will be announced at the pep rally Friday the 17th and be awarded long lunch for an entire week.

2010 JV Hounds

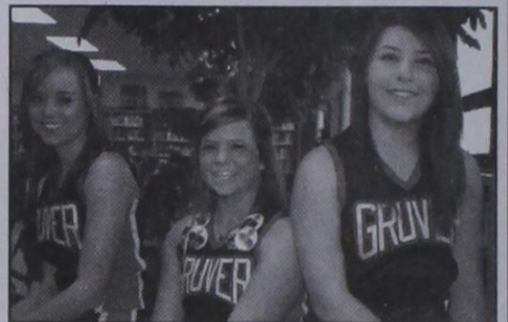
No.	Name	No.	Name
10	Korbin Irwin	50	Saul Suchil
12	Colten Jackson	52	Clancy Cooper
20	Travis Stedje	53	Taos Anderson
21	Jace Lane	56	Kolton Morrow
22	Victor Serrano	57	Isreal Mendoza
23	Efrain Santillan	62	Johny Terrazas
24	Beau Blankenship	64	Victor Barrera
25	Manuel Borunda	65	Armando Guereca
40	Victor Guereca	75	Coley Ruebush
44	Cesar Mendoza	77	Allen Dixon

GHS Homecoming

Thursday, September 16: 80's Day; JV vs. Arbor Christian 7 p.m.

Friday, September 17: Spirit Day; Pep Rally - 3 p.m.; New Field House open for Tours - 3:30-5 p.m.; Chili Supper, New Gym Commons (\$5), 5-7 p.m.; Alumni Coronation - 6:45 p.m.; High School Coronation - 7 p.m.; Gruver Greyhounds vs. Hooker, OK - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 18: Gruver Alumn Golf Scramble, 9 a.m. (Contact Mike Grotegut at 736-2932); New Gym Construction and High School open for tour, 2-4 p.m.



Homecoming Queen Candidates: (L-R) Mary Hart, Cambry Cooper, Brianne Mitchell

2010 8th Grade Hounds

No.	Name	No.	Name
4	Dax Haight	44	Blake Wills
5	LC Perez	50	Wesley Jackson
7	Jacob Collier	52	Wiley Wright
10	David Lopez	54	Dakota Lopez
12	Mason McLain	55	Simon Cuellar
15	Carson Williams	56	Marco Ayala
21	Ramon Ortiz	57	Valentin Trejo
23	Brett Wills	62	Gabriel Mundo
34	Blake Burgess	77	Ben Book

2010 7th Grade Hounds

No.	Name	No.	Name
2	Justin Moreno	75	Marshall Thornton
6	Karsten Irwin	53	Hunter Hopkins
20	Aaron Felderhoff	72	Trace Patterson
22	Jahir Rodriguez	50	Adam Casdorff
25	Trenton Finley	79	Ulysses Valverde
40	Anthony Cruz	80	Griffen George



Powder Puff King Candidates: (L-R) Zachary Saylor, Payton Thoreson, Zach Logsdon, Haden Hart

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**Spearman Lynx
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**Friday,
Sept. 17
7:30 p.m.
Lynx Stadium**

2010 SPEARMAN JV LYNX

#	Name	Off	Def	Gr
10	Rene Pena	RB	LB	10
11	Jake Willimon	QB	FS	10
12	Luis Vela	WR	CB	10
20	Brent Hansen	FB	LB	11
21	Alexis Mendoza	WR	CB	10
22	Steffan Werner	FB	NG	10
28	Christian Ortiz	FB	LB	9
30	Eulises Mendoza	QB/WR	OLB	9
33	Brody Hargrove	TE	OLB	11
37	Hector Juarez	WR	CB	9
40	Anthony Ochoa	WR	CB	10
44	Gil Molina	WR	CB	10
45	Alejandro Aguilera	RB	CB	9
51	Conner Wolf	OL	DL	10
52	Marcos Aguilar	OL	LB	9
58	Devin Wells	OL	LB	9
60	Adrian Monge	OL	DL	9
61	Kane Pitman	OL	DL	9
64	Ruben Ponce	OL	DL	10
65	Bruce Hawkins	OL	LB	9
66	Jovan Alvarado	OL	NG	10
68	Jesus Carrasco	OL	DL	9
70	Alex Salazar	OL	DL	9
72	Alan Robeldo	OL	DL	9
77	Aldo Flores	OL	DL	9
78	Jesus Lucero	OL	NG	10
80	Alec Cenicerros	TE	Sec	9
81	Jorge Caro	WR	CB	11
82	Jose Chavez	WR	OLB	9
84	Juan Lopez	WR	CB	10
85	Kevin Ruiz	WR	CB	11
88	Javier Rosendo	TE	OLB	9



SHS Homecoming

Thursday, September 16: Show Support for Your favorite Team with Caps & Team Apparel; Snake Dance - 7 p.m., SHS; JV Lynx vs. Stratford (there) - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, September 17: Spirit Day - "Everyone wear Lynx Purple"; District-Wide Pep Rally, 2 p.m., Varsity Gym; FFA BBQ Dinner, 5-7 p.m., SHS Cafeteria; Pre-Game Homecoming Festivities, 7 p.m., Lynx Stadium; Spearman Lynx vs. West Texas, 7:30 p.m., Lynx Stadium; Homecoming Dance, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.
 Dress Code must be followed on ALL dress-up days.

2010 SPEARMAN VARSITY LYNX

#	Last	First	Gr	Off	Def	Ht	Wt
2	Flores	Everardo	12	WR	DB	5'9	130
3	Mendoza	Jose	12	RB	DB	5'7	140
4	Schroeder	Blayne	12	QB	LB	6'0	200
10	Cator	Kyler	11	RB	DE	5'5	135
11	Zimmerman	Derrick	11	WR	DB	5'9	140
12	Rindlisbacher	Justin	11	RB	C	5'7	160
13	Lang-Swan	Jace	11	QB	DE	6'0	175
20	Meddock	Cameron	12	RB	DE	5'10	155
25	Hernandez	Adrian	12	WR	DB	5'7	130
26	Rosendo	Alfredo	10	RB	DE	5'8	155
28	Almanza	Luis	12	RB	LB	5'7	160
34	Thomas	Jeffrey	11	RB	LB	5'9	175
37	Benton	Cody	12	WR	DE	5'10	185
40	Fisher	Christian	11	RB	LB	5'8	160
50	Martinez	Joe	11	OL	DL	5'7	240
52	Martinez	Josh	10	OL	DL	5'5	190
54	Pack	Blaine	11	OL	LB	5'10	180
55	Garcia	Ramon	12	OL	LB	5'10	195
56	Goodheart	Trent	12	OL	LB	5'10	180
60	Anaya	Jesus	12	OL	DL	5'7	175
64	Mires	Arik	10	OL	DL	5'10	165
68	Roberts	Justin	11	OL	DL	5'11	245
70	Ortiz	Marc	11	OL	DL	6'0	265
72	Camacho	Alberto	12	OL	LB	5'5	140
78	Almanza	Martin	12	OL	DL	5'10	295
80	Mendoza	Joel	12	OL	DE	6'0	180
82	Cook	Stefan	11	WR	DB	5'8	145
84	Vela	Martin	12	WR	DB	5'8	135
87	Garcia	Junior	10	WR	LB	5'8	195
88	Camacho	Francisco	12	WR	C	5'6	155

2010 8th Grade Lynx

No.	Name	No.	Name
4	Brock Schroeder	60	Ruben Frayre
10	Clay Jackson	61	Omar Mendoza
11	Cameron Wolf	64	Alex Valles
13	J.D. Reed	66	Javier Caro
25	Peyton Garnett	70	Alfredo Barajas
28	Tanner Baird	71	Zane Hughes
34	John Holloway	72	Luis Molina
40	Beau Brown	78	Jose Corralejo
54	Jose Carbajal	80	Cooper DeArmond
55	Freddy Mendoza	88	Carlos Molina
56	Alan Biggers		

SHS Homecoming Court

Freshman attendant - Gena Hargrove
Sophomore attendant - Allison Brown
Junior attendant - Sarah Snider
Senior Queen Candidates - Shi Ann Bates
 Jessica Bueno
 Joselyn Terrazas
Senior King Candidates - Jose Mendoza
 Blayne Schroeder
 Cameron Meddock

2010 7th Grade Lynx

No.	Name	No.	Name
2	Colton Cator	52	Matthew Earle
7	Julio Morales	54	Angel Mendoza
10	Trent White	55	Brennan Greene
11	Kevin Castillo	60	Dalton Munoz
12	Alex Garza	68	Hunter Kenney
13	Austin Holguin	70	David Aguilera
20	Edgar Corral	72	Sammy Mendoza
28	Moises Rosendo	78	Dustyn Kelley
40	Kevin Hopkins	80	Bryan Meza

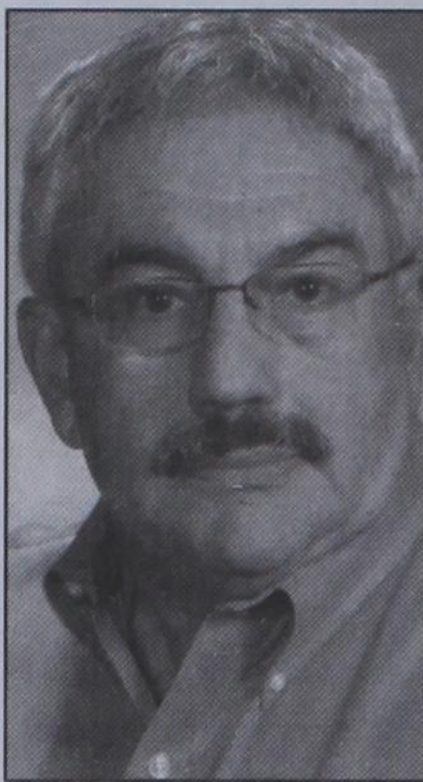
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Spearman Receives Superior Rating on FIRST

On Monday night, September 13, 2010, Larry Murphy, Business Manager for Spearman ISD, informed the Board of Trustees that Spearman has received a "superior rating" on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST). This year the district scored a perfect score on the 22 indicators which analyzes student and staff data as well as budgetary and actual financial data for the 2009 fiscal year. Spearman ISD has scored a superior rating each year since the inception of the program!

In addition, Larry was recognized by the Board of Trustees for being named a Registered Texas School Business Administrator (RTSBA) by the Texas Association of School Business Officials. This certification is earned through a combination of specified coursework,



Larry Murphy

school business experience, and training in the area of specialization. Larry has served in his current capacity with Spearman ISD since 1999.

Spearman 4-H Meets

The Spearman 4-H Club met on Monday, September 13th and the Gruver 4-H Club met on Tuesday, September 14th for sign-up for the coming year. (Morse 4-H Club has not met.)

If were not able to attend the meeting, please stop by the office and sign your enrollment form, pick up the fund raising information, and fill out your tag order form. No tags will be ordered with out a form this year. (Paperwork for the State Swine, County Swine and Sheep is due by September 23rd. If you do not fill out the form, you may

not receive validation tags. Form is available at www.spearmanreporter.com)

Food projects begin in September, as well as Beef, Sheep, Swine, Livestock Judging, and Share-the-Fun.

Youth wishing to enroll in 4-H must be at least 9 years old, or in 3rd grade. Anyone may participate in 4-H regardless of their race, color, sex, disability or national origin.

Call Peggy Winegarner or Burt Williams (659-4130 or 733-2901) for more information.

Local Media Honored

Nine individuals from the community have been named by the Spearman Independent School District to the 2010 TASB Media Honor Roll and were recognized at the September 13, 2010, meeting of the Board of Trustees for their contributions and support of the students and the school district.

This honor roll recognizes media representatives statewide with approximately 400 newspaper, radio and television, and other media outlets honored by their local school district. Those individuals nominated by Spearman ISD represent the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman (Cathy & Gary Smith); High Plains Observer (Gina Gillispie and Ron Antalek); KXDJ-FM 98.3 (Chris Samples, Ken Splawn, Dick Gillaspie and Quentin

Shieldknight); and the Spearman Athletic Booster Club web page spearmanlynx.com (Tammy Benton). The Board of Trustees expressed their sincere appreciation to each of these media members for their support and for promoting the successes of the school district's students.

Lynx Take Pot o' Gold from Irish

The Spearman Lynx dominated the Shamrock Irish on Friday, September 10, 2010, from the opening kickoff.

Cameron Meddock got the ball rolling with a 13-yard touchdown early in the first quarter. The PAT by Camacho was good, making the score 7-0.

The Lynx scored again when Ramon Garcia forced a fumble and returned the ball for a 7-yard touchdown. Camacho's PAT was good, giving the Lynx a 14-0 lead.

Senior quarterback Blayne Schroeder scored again during the first quarter on an 8-yard run, bringing the score to 21-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Camacho scored on a 32-yard field goal in the second quarter, followed by another 8-yard touchdown by Schroeder. The Lynx went into half-time with a lead of 31-0.

The Lynx continued their push for the end-zone in the second half. Meddock scored on a 4-yard touchdown after receiving a 40-yard catch from Schroeder.

The Lynx went into the fourth quarter ahead 38-0.

Everado Flores scored in the fourth quarter on a 50-yard punt return. The PAT was good. Luis Almanza scored the final touchdown for the Lynx on a 23-yard run late in the fourth quarter. The PAT was good.

Spearman (3-0) piled up 318 yards of offense, while limiting the Irish to 56 total yards and 4 first downs.

Shamrock dropped to 0-3.

Score by Quarters

Spearman 21 10 7 14 - 52
Shamrock 0 0 0 0 - 0

Scoring

Sp - Cameron Meddock 13 run (Francisco Camacho kick)
Sp - Joe Martinez 7 fumble recovery (Camacho kick)
Sp - Blayne Schroeder 8 run (Camacho kick)
Sp - Camacho 32 FG
Sp - Schroeder 8 run (Camacho kick)

Sp - Meddock 4 pass from Schroeder (Camacho)
Sp - Everado Flores 50 punt return (Camacho kick)
Sp - Luis Almanza 23 run (Camacho kick)

Stats

	Spe	Sha
First Downs	13	4
Rushing	193	53
Passing	124	3
Total Yards	318	56
C-A-I	7-9-1	1-3-0
Punts	-	4-23
Fumbles-Lost	0	5-5
Penalties	6-60	2-20

Thursday Night Football

The Spearman 7th Grade and JV teams played Shamrock on Thursday, September 9, 2010. The 7th Grade lost, 0-28, and the JV lost, 0-20.

The Spearman 8th Grade football team played Sunray and won, 24-0, on Thursday, September 9, 2010.

The 7th and 8th Grade and JV teams will play Stratford on Thursday, September 16, 2010 in Stratford. The 7th grade will play at 5, followed by 8th grade at 6:15, and JV at 7:30.

The Spearman Varsity Lynx will host the West Texas Comanche on Friday, September 17, 2010 for Homecoming. Pre-game activities will begin at 7, and kick-off will be at 7:30 p.m.

Hounds Fall to Farwell

Farwell remained unbeaten by scoring in every quarter en route to a dominating victory over Gruver.

Farwell (3-0) ran for 223 yards as while holding Gruver (0-3) to 54 rushing and six passing in the victory.

Score by Quarters

Farwell 7 14 13 7 - 41
Gruver 0 0 0 0 - 0

Stats

	Far	Gru
First Downs	18	3
Rushing	45-223	32-54
Passing	98	6
Total Yards	321	60
C-A-I	7-13-1	1-12-1

Punts 3-30 7-35
Fumbles-Lost 0-9 0-0
Penalties NA NA

GHS Player of the Week

Sr. Zachary Saylor, WR/DB was named the GHS Player of the Week. Zach, 5'10" and 155 pounds, was in on 20 tackles and had 1 interception on defense.

Spearman Cross Country Results

The Spearman Cross Country teams competed in the Wolf Creek Classic, hosted by Perryton High School, this past Saturday, September 11, 2010.

The Spearman Lynxettes took first place out of 13 teams. They were led by Tylo Farrar in 2nd place, Gately Garnett in 8th and Sarah Snider in 16th. Other girls running for the Lynxettes were Shelby Hanna, Malory Martin and Itzel Meza.

Sol Pittman was the only individual to compete for the Varsity Lynx. He placed 60th.

The Junior Varsity Girls came in 2nd out of 7, led by Taylor Williams in 1st place, followed by Gena Hargrove in 3rd, Sadye Hanna in 8th and Joselyn Terrazas in 19th. Other team members include Kyla Walker, Janneth Terrazas and Sidney McDonald.

Two runners competed in the Jr. Varsity Boys competition (competing as individuals). Jerry Tang came in 23rd, and Cesar Torres came in 30th.

The Jr. High Girls team came in 2nd behind Gruver Jr. High. The top 20 runners medaled. Lynxette medal

winners were: Payton Harrell 8th, Slade Garnett 14th, and Evelyn Jacquez 10th.

The Jr. High Boys came in 4th behind Guymon (1st), Dumas (2nd) and Gruver (3rd).

The Varsity Girls will travel to Plainview (race beginning at 9:30 a.m.) on Saturday, September 18, 2010, while the Junior Varsity and Junior High will run in Sunray starting at 9:00 a.m.

Gruver Cross Country Results

Congratulations to the Gruver Jr. High Cross Country Girl's! On Saturday, September 11, 2010, they won the Perryton Invitational meet held at the Lake Fryer course. In stomping down "BIG BUBBA," they captured the team title with an impressive two point win over rival Spearman.

The boy's team came in third overall, but lead the way in the small school ranks, trailing only 4-A Guymon and Dumas.

The Gruver High School Girls Cross Country team came in third behind Spearman and Perryton, while the boy's team finished 6th.

The girl's team was lead by Shelley Gibson's third place overall finish, and in the boy's race Luis Mendoza also made the medal stand with a third place finish.

All teams will be idle this weekend but will resume racing on September 25, 2010 when the varsity teams travel to run in the Lubbock Invitational while all others participate in the Susan G Komen Race for the Cure in Amarillo.

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Sphinx Month

Lake Level--September 13, 2010--53.70 feet (-0.46)

The level has dropped 11 feet since the high (64.75 feet) of June 15.

Only one camper stayed behind the dam, but there were 5 on the office side last week.

Saturday evening was beautiful at the Lake, and several were there to enjoy it. A birthday party was held at the shelter. The First National Bank had an outing for their employees at Dedication Park. Others had come out for picnics around the area.

When Jim told me his picture was of a large moth he had found on the office, I assumed it was a humming bird moth. I had seen one ten days ago and was struck by how well it imitated a humming bird. I even found a video of one

by Googling. Then Jim sent me a picture of the moth he had taken. It was a Sphinx Moth as is the humming bird moth, but I think its specie is a Tomato Hornworm Moth. Sometimes called a hawk moth, it is the adult form of the big green caterpillar we call a tomato hornworm. As a former gardener, I remember how quick these worms could destroy tomato plants. They were easier to pick off early in the morning or before dark.

Mustangs

To resume the research on the early day mustangs or wild horses in our area, I have not been able to find the answer to two of my questions.

I think maybe a spot on Horse Creek -where the deep canyon part is narrow had a corral where the mustang hunters could pen the

horses. I have not been able to find if this is correct. I have also wondered when the last band was penned around here, but I have not found anything definite on that question.

Boss Neff, formerly of Hansford County, wrote in his Memoirs of a band of wild horses being captured north of where the dam is now in 1889.

Shortly after Boss had roped a strawberry roan yearling from this band, F. E. McWilliams and Billie Davis ran this same bunch of mustangs down. It probably took about ten days. Boss had quit his job with the S Half Circle Outfit by then, so he helped them for a day or two to snare the mustangs.

The band was led by a blue roan stallion that had been hitched to a wagon. "The stallion was very vicious and he bit Mack. Whereupon Mack drew his six shooter and killed him."

F. E. McWilliams was shot and killed January 8, 1891. The first murder indictment in Hansford County was returned against Ira Neff. A brass plate flat in the ground and just east of the water tank with this information was placed over the McWilliams grave in the Hansford County Cemetery. Boss and his brother Ira had lived together on a little ranch north of the dam in the late 1880's.



Karen Babitzke was recognized Monday night, September 13, 2010, by the Spearman ISD Board of Trustees for her years of service to the school district. She worked as a high school career and technology teacher from 1998-2010. She officially retired May 28, 2010. She was presented a retirement gift by Bill Begler, HS Principal and Dwayne Mitchell, President of the Board of Trustees at Monday night's meeting. Karen said she enjoyed very much her stay at SHS and was looking forward to the next chapter in her life. She and her husband are planning to relocate to Amarillo.

BBBS Volunteer of the Month

Keith Hight has been named Big Brothers Big Sisters August Volunteer of the Month. He has been matched with Little Brother, Dustyn, since September 2005 - ever since he was 7 years old!

This award recognizes a "Big" who has connected with the "Little" in a special way or gone above and beyond to establish and nurture the relationship. It is designed to communicate appreciation for the difference the volunteer is making in the child's life.

Big Brothers Big Sisters matches volunteers with kids who can benefit from extra time, attention and support. Through these professionally supported relationships, children learn new skills, have different experiences and develop friendships that increase their confidence and help them deal with life's ups and downs.

Keith and Dustyn get together several times a month as part of the organization's community based program option. During



Little Brother Dustyn and Big Brother Keith Hight

their time together they like to do "manly" things like hunting, fishing, showing pigs and cruising at the lake in the jeep. Hight says, "We have a blast together, we do some really cool, fun stuff." When asked about Hight, Dustyn said "He's a good guy. He's easy to talk to and we have fun together."

Keith and his wife, Jodie, have a daughter who is in Spearman Junior High. Keith works as Executive Director of Spearman Chamber of Commerce. He is an active member of the

First United Methodist Church of Spearman. Currently he is pastoring at Hunt Memorial United Methodist & Middlewell United Methodist churches in Dumas.

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