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COME TO THE GAME

SPEARMAN
vs.
LYNX
Dimmitt
on 10/7 at 7:30 p.m.
at Dimmitt

Gruver Greyhounds vs
Clarendon
on 10/7 at 7:30 p.m.
at Gruver

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

Gruver Greyhounds
The Gruver Jr. High will play White Deer in White Deer on Thursday, October 6th at 5 p.m.. The Gruver JV will play Bovina at Canyon Randall at 6 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

Gruver Greyhounds/Lady Hounds
The Gruver Cross Country teams will compete in the Canyon Invitational in Canyon on Saturday, October 8th.

Spearman Lynx/Lynxettes
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Weekly Update

Texas, October 3- Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 8.0 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.20/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that has fallen 5.9 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.46/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 64.4 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 27.6 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 20.3 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 73.3 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"Motorists are certainly delighted that average gasoline prices are at their lowest since early March, but compared to prices a year ago, motorists are still feeling a pinch at the pump," said Patrick DeHaan, GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst. "It's great to see gasoline prices falling, but at the same time, prices a year ago were nearly 75 cents less per gallon. The good news is that over the upcoming weeks, there will continue to be factors that could put more downward pressure on oil and gasoline prices. I continue to expect that average gasoline prices will bounce between \$3.25-\$3.50 for much of the rest of 2011," DeHaan adds.

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Windy. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds 20 to 30 mph.

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

FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely. Lows around 50. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

SATURDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 50.

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 50.

COLUMBUS DAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 50.

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

Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: The region remained dry with above-average temperatures. Soil-moisture levels were very short. A few isolated areas received from a trace to 0.9 inches of rain. The corn harvest was ongoing with below-average yields. Most corn had been abandoned earlier in the summer and some was cut for hay. The soybean harvest continued. Cotton growers in some areas were applying harvest aids. Winter wheat was being planted. Rangeland and pastures were in very poor condition. Livestock producers continued supplemental feeding of cattle.

Cross Country Teams Prepare for District & Beyond



TOP LEFT: Gruver Lady Hounds Varsity Cross Country Team - This picture was taken at the Oklahoma State Cross Country Jamboree in Stillwater, OK. The girls finished 2nd, and all 7 girls medaled.



MIDDLE LEFT: Gruver Greyhounds Varsity Cross Country Team - This picture was taken just prior to their competition in the Tascosa Rebel Run in Amarillo, where they finished in 8th place.



BOTTOM LEFT: Spearman Lynxettes Varsity Girls Cross Country Team - This picture was taken at the McNeil Invitational in Round Rock on Saturday, October 1st. The girls came in 3rd place behind 3A LaVernia and 3A Liberty Hill.

Photos submitted
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Ken King to Seek GOP Nomination in TX House District 88



Successful businessman and entrepreneur Ken King recently visited the Spearman Lions Club and Spearman Rotary Club on a tour where he is talking about his bid to seek the GOP nomination for

Texas State House District 88.

HD 88 is a 300 mile long State House District cutting vertically across the Texas Panhandle. HD 88 has been represented by State Rep. Warren Chisum (R, Pampa) since 1989. Chisum announced his retirement this year.

"We need more people with conservative values in the Texas legislature," said King. "When Rep. Chisum announced his retirement, I began to carefully consider the position and what it would take to seek it. With West Texas losing voting strength in the legislature, our Representatives must be even more hardworking and effective than ever."

"I will be a strong voice for conservative values and a strong advocate for the Panhandle," said King. "Whether it is on the issues of lower taxes, lower debt, respect for traditional family values, or on the issue of border security, I will be a strong voice for conservative values."

King is Vice President of King Well Service Company, a successful well services company based in Canadian. King is now serving his second term as President of the Canadian ISD Board of Trustees. Ken and his wife Robin have been married for 16 years and have two children, Kaleb and Karis.

Hansford County Residents Serve on Panhandle Regional Planning Commission

The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission is a voluntary association of cities, counties, and special districts in the Texas Panhandle. Established in 1969, the Planning Commission assists local governments in planning, developing, and implementing programs designed to improve the general health, safety, and welfare of the citizens in the Texas Panhandle.

The Panhandle region covers a 26-county area consisting of almost 26,000 square miles. The region's population is 427,927. The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission has 94 member governments—including all 26 counties, 60 incorporated cities, and 8 special districts.

The Annual Meeting was held in Amarillo Thursday, September 30.

Hansford County residents serving on the board include the following:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Mayor of the City of Spearman, Brian Gillispie

Panhandle Rural Transportation Organization: Chair - Judge Benny Wilson, Hansford County

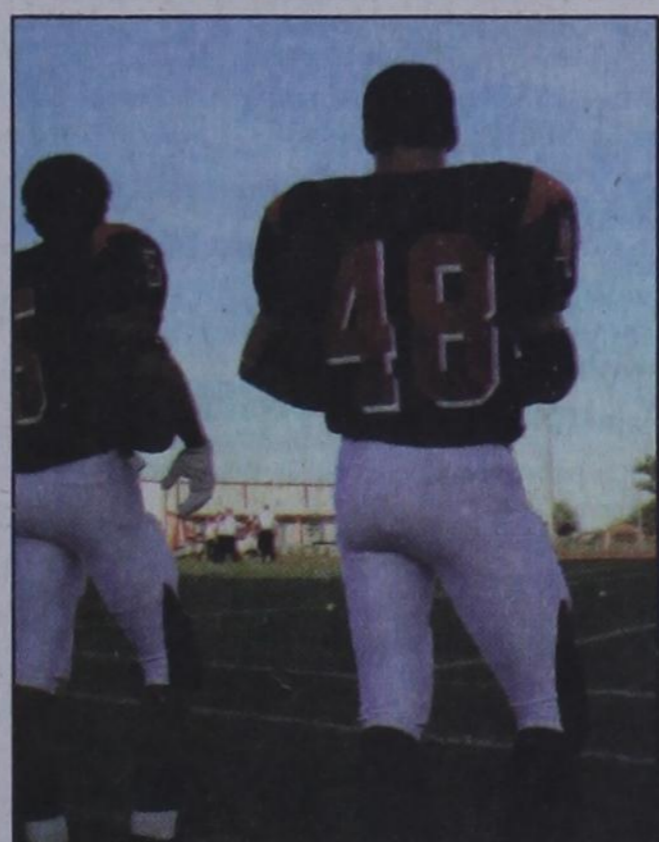
Regional 9-1-1 Network Advisory Committee: Debbie Hornsby, Hansford County

Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council: Erin Bergin, Perryton

Panhandle Water Planning Group: Jim Derington, Spearman

Regional Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee: Ed Hansen, Spearman

Are You Ready For Some FOOTBALL?



Gruver photos by Lisa Johnson.
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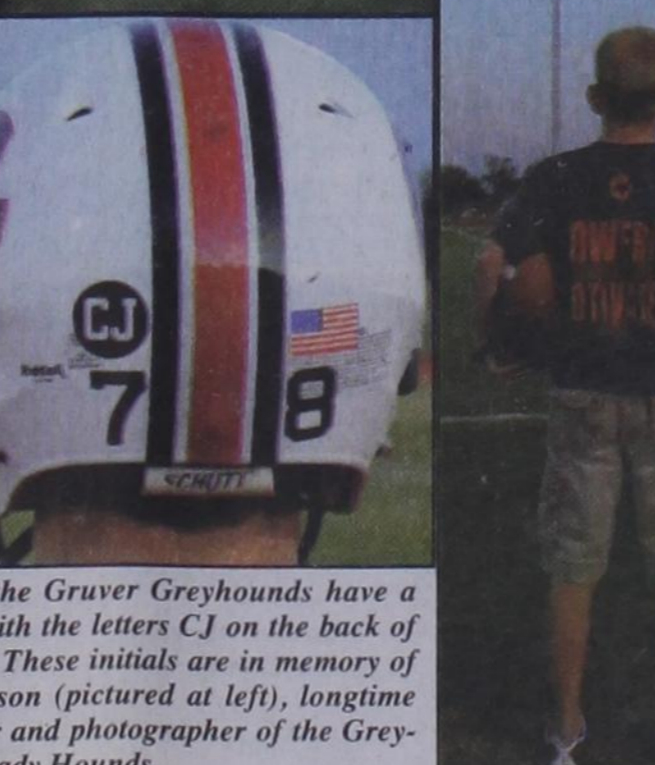
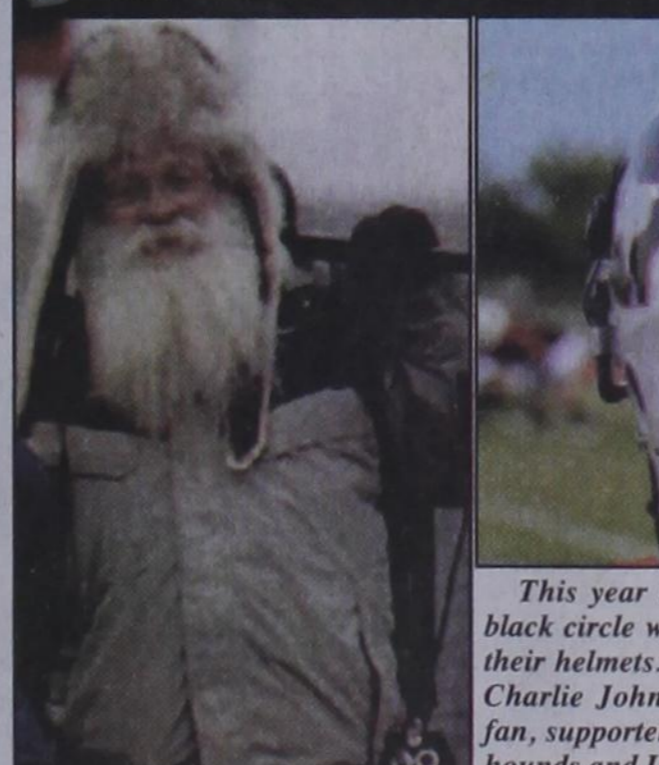


ABOVE: Spearman Lynx quarterback #13 Jace Lang Swan.

BELOW: Lynx receiver #82 Stefan Cook catches a pass from Jace Lang Swan.

Spearman photos by Tami Hargrove. Pictures available at <http://spearmansports.smug-mug.com>

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This year the Gruver Greyhounds have a black circle with the initials CJ on the back of their helmets. These initials are in memory of Charlie Johnson (pictured at left), longtime fan, supporter and photographer of the Greyhounds and Lady Hounds.



Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

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

The program will be presented by Lance Bussard on Archeology in Lipscomb County. Literature will be available on Archeology practices and laws, etc. The month of October is Archeology month in Texas, so join us for a great meal, good fellowship, and a great program!

The committee of the Board is finalizing its recommendations for a budget and needed policies to complete the first section of the national standards program called STEPS. These items are needed to keep our museum abreast with standards of practice. You can review these items in the museum office.

The first phase of cleaning of the archive is almost complete. The core team has reviewed the photographs, inventoried them, reorganized location, etc.,

and now they are reviewing old records given to the museum by various county organizations. We are keeping key documents but the paper of some is beyond preservation. The photographs are being reformatted and salvaged.

It is fall, even though as I write today, the temperature will be in the 90's and it is a little hard to start thinking of Christmas and the holidays. There will be partying, gift exchanges, etc. Keep in mind our gift shop, and this year we have a new line of Texas Best Cook Books. They have the best recipes from all over the state. A great gift for relatives out of state, or all of you who collect cook books and love to read them. Come in and check them out.

MUSEUM MUSINGS

One of the scrapbooks we are reviewing and having to preserve is one kept by a Lipscomb County lady during the 30's and 40's. She would clip things from the newspaper and magazines and paste them in her scrapbook. One of the articles she clipped is about the 1947 tornado in Higgins. It is titled "Housing units, Waterworks, Trucks, Fire Truck secured by W.A.A."

The article reported that 127 housing units were secured from the War Assets

Administration for use in Hemphill, Lipscomb and Ellis counties. These huts, to be moved from a former C.C. camp at Dumas, were turned over to the Red Cross. The article further reported that a water tower from Camp Bowie, a deep pump and pipe from San Angelo, a fire truck from Vernon, an ambulance, two trucks, a bulldozer, a truck with a winch and crane from Camp Howze, and light poles and wiring from Dumas were also donated.

She also kept a photo of Charley Hyde pouring coffee for Ivan Case and Ben Detrixhe at the Salvation Army tent. The Salvation Army "Lassies" came from Pampa with their own tent and supplies.

These articles will be kept in our archival files on the tornado. Nice articles on the rebuilding of Higgins.

"Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope," Robert F. Kennedy.

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Wolf Creek Heritage Museum

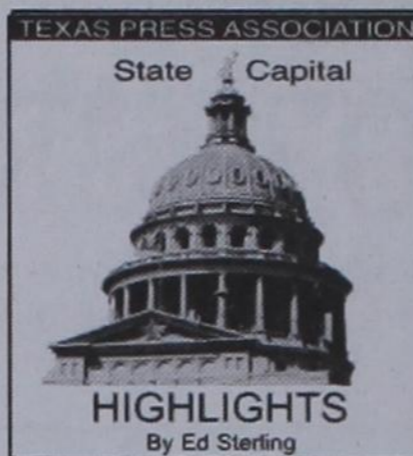
Museum Hours: Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Special hours upon request.

Museum Information: 13310 Hwy 305, PO Box 5, Lipscomb TX 79056; telephone: 806-852-2123; e m a i l : wolfcrk@amaonline.com; website: www.wolfcreekheritagemuseum.org

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS



by Ed Sterling

U.S. district court's sonogram law injunction remains in place

Austin -- The State of Texas' appeal of a lower court injunction preventing House Bill 15 "relating to informed consent to an abortion" from taking effect failed to win the U.S. Supreme Court's approval last week.

The high court did the what the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans did last month: it chose not to overrule Austin U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks' Aug. 30 preliminary injunction stopping the legislation widely known as the "sonogram bill" from taking effect.

Sparks' 55-page court order dated Aug. 30 says HB 15, unlike current law, violates the First Amendment because it "compels physicians to advance an ideological agenda with which they may not agree, regardless of any medical necessity, and irrespective of whether the pregnant women wish to listen." Sparks also expressed discomfort with the proposed law's penalty portion, under which physicians convicted of violations face fines and revocation of their license to practice medicine.

High on Gov. Rick Perry's list emergency bills for the 82nd Texas Legislature to pass last spring, HB 15 remains an open issue before Sparks' court. With the injunction in effect, new bills may be submitted by the parties.

26 states petition over health act

Texas and 25 other states are asking the U.S. Supreme Court to hear their legal challenge to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama on March 2010.

In a petition dated Sept. 28, the states claim the Act is unconstitutional because it "imposes coercive new spending mandates on the states and interferes with individual Americans' constitutionally protected freedoms by forcing them to purchase health insurance."

"As three federal district court judges have found, and as the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in this very case, the federal government exceeded the constitutional limits of its authority by requiring all Americans to buy government-approved health insurance," Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott said.

"Given the substantial implementation costs associated with this 2,700-page law—and the unconstitutional mandate that it will impose on all Americans—we are urging the U.S. Supreme Court to resolve our constitutional challenge as quickly as possible. With our system of limited government and the rights guaranteed the States under the Tenth Amendment imperiled by the Obama Administration's unprecedented health care law, the stakes could not be higher."

According to the petition, "The Medicaid expansion mandated by the act unlawfully coerces the states by mandating increased state spending without providing any practical mechanism for states to opt out of the program." Abbott's office said.

Border security study is released

A report ordered by the Texas Legislature's House Bill 4 and commissioned by the Texas departments of agriculture and public safety suggests from a military perspective how to deal with "spillover border violence" along the Rio Grande River.

The report was released on Sept. 26. Among the findings:

- "Criminality spawned in Mexico is spilling over to the U.S. and Texas is the tactical close combat zone and frontline of this conflict."

- "Federal authorities are reluctant to admit to the in-

creasing cross-border campaign by narco-terrorists." - "Texas is the frontline in this escalating war and the potential consequences of success or failure will affect our entire nation."

From October 2008 through August 2011, the report says, Texas identified 88,080 unique criminal alien defendants in Texas, and those defendants are responsible for 344,398 individual criminal charges over their criminal careers, including 2,245 homicides and 46,412 sexual assaults.

Important election dates ahead

Election Day statewide is set for Nov. 8. On the ballot are nine proposed amendments to the state constitution.

According to the Secretary of State's office, the last day to register to vote is Oct. 11, and the first day of early voting will be Oct. 24.

Schools 'AP' program growing

Texas posted an 11 percent increase in the number of public school students taking an Advanced Placement test in 2011, according to the College Board, which oversees the testing program.

Some 186,576 Texas public school students took 339,406 AP exams last school year and participation gains for Texas' Asian, African-American, American Indian, Hispanic and white students outpaced the growth rate for their peer groups nationally, the Texas Education Agency reported.

Editors Note...

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

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

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WORLD WARS

ACROSS

- Peter in Russian
- Actress Thompson
- UPS competitor
- Light-weight hat for protection from sun
- Will Ferrell's 2003 Christmas character
- Aka Little Mermaid
- In the least bit
- One of a pair for biathlon competitor
- Nincompoop
- Axis opposition
- Third
- Male or female, e.g.
- *FDR's third was dominated by WWII
- Popular locale in Ireland
- Generic dog name
- Male name of old Swedish origin
- "Aid and"
- Syrian neighbor
- PDA pens
- contendere
- Substitute for currency
- Homer's "Iliad," e.g.
- Dance named after horse's gallop
- "Wilhelm"
- school
- "Infamous war camp"
- A person, place or thing
- She played Laurie

DOWN

- Partridge
- *Germany, formed by Soviets after WWII
- Uno or one more
- *FDR/Churchill/Stalin conference site
- *Big howitzer used by Germans in WWI
- Undersized
- *Japan's target, 12/7/41
- *Rolls armored car
- Blood vessel
- Often hailed
- Like days gone by
- Famously extinct bird
- Ostrich-like bird
- Summertime pests
- Parent organization
- Smlidgen
- October birthstone
- One who it like it is
- Type of baseball pitcher
- More is?
- Mountain animal
- Aflame
- Relating to urine
- Hyperbolic sine
- Put it to paper?
- and the Family

These games are brought to you by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman

- Lewis Carroll's character
- Equal to 4th and 1
- Lowest female singing voice
- Hindu Mr.
- Robert Louis Stevenson's evil character
- Passed with flying colors
- Melancholy
- Bovine sound
- He always seems to be pointing
- Half the width of an cm. pl.

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Happy Birthday!

October 6 Birthday - Regina Barkley, Nell Evans, Doug Ferguson, Theron Pack, Brooke Mayfield, Janet Williams, Donna Burk, Kenneth Brown, John Nichols, Adina Garza, Carrie McLain, Paulette Laxson, Haley Pletcher, Kylee Howard, Patty Butt

October 7 Birthday - Rex Casdorff, Pat Dawson, David Miner, Juanita Herron, Kay Ivey, Juan Holgin, Julian David Rodriguez, Michael Cory Hendrick, Clara Gonzales, Wanda Arin, Kayla Carden, Donald Lane, Charles Bowers, Judson Sutterfield, Patty Butt

October 8 Birthday - Harvey Atwood, Candice Casdorff, Gary Evans, Amber Gross, Wilma Holland, Tamba Seal, Letha Stewart, Kimberly Wagoner, Debbie Avila, William Jarvis, Paulina Nava, JoAnn Eaton, Bert Wofford, Maria Gonzales, Kathy Gillispie, Ella Raye Carter, Jill Hodge, Helen Sanders

October 9 Birthday - Angie Lopez, Tammie Osbourne, Rhonda Ward, Rosa Rojas, Shea Crawford, Jerry Hunt, Monty Black, Joe Archer Jr., Ronnie McCammond, Chris Cummings, Suellen Dahl, Liz Lopez, Joyce Johnson, Mark Matthews, Gary Flowers, Lee Brandon

October 10 Birthday - Matthew Brown, Jake Barkley, Kim Blevins, Steve Duncan, Jase Rudolph, Darrell Scroggs, Sherri Cook, Don McLain, Kortny Henton, Edwin Molina, Gary Flowers, Maribel Moreno, Mike Darnell, Jesse Tindell, Cason Finley, McCaully Jo Hart, Verlin Hagerman, Lyn Woolley, Toby Thomas, Kevin Kenney

October 11 Birthday - Marco Favella, Kadie Grotegut, Rod Holland, George C. Lowe, Jim Ratliff, Eleanor Davis, Steve Mathews, Sonny Nollner, Kathy Lou Biggs,

Sara Williamson, Jimmie Harris, Jim Ladd, Eddie Largent, Daniel Gonzales, Dick Smith, Jimmie Harris, Rosa Blan, Jason Blan, Adam Ferguson

October 12 Birthday - Erica Alvarez, Lee Bort, Sue Henson, Pat Holt, Jan Jarvis, Kathy Taylor, James Reed Jr., Mendy Riggins, Misty Crooks, Danny Hamilton, Cody Mauldin, Marvin Byers, Louis Nava, Jimmy Garrard, Alan Howell, Paula Clemmons, Veronica Cenicerros, Donna Taylor, Jesus Briones, Hazel Lesly

October 13 Birthday - Hunter Novak, Andrea Mires, David Grotegut, Carrie Close, Burnell Kjos, Mrs. Albert Hahn, Sonny Parker, Joel Shields

October 14 Birthday - Jerry Hunt, Jennifer Morris, Jeanne Swink, Crockett Tidwell, Kristi Pearson, Roy Lynn Garrard, Jesse Lyn Cowan, Jimmy Snider, Melinda Davis, Michelle Graham Foster, Kyla Nelson Sell, Bert Sheppard, Eddie Whitefield, Gilbert Salgado, Anthony Bravo, Jim Brown, Sue White, Monty George, Charline Laxson, Carlos Trejo, Adrienne Simpson, Bert Sheppard

October 15 Birthday - Jess Wood, Jeffrey Miller, David Martin, Billy Martin, Verna Lee Shirley, Brandi Schneider, Chris Hornsby, Ann Martin, Martha Donahue, Anne Marie Pearson, Bonnie Woolan, Randy Janzen, Joe Garcia III, Allen Varnon, Betsy Holt, Irene Baker, Steve Krug, Sarah Snider

October 16 Birthday - Buster Davis, Troy Miller, Tammy Benton, Virginia Fowler, Sammy Graham, Lola Newcomb, Joey Avila, Landree Woodward, Julie Payne, Meghan Stork

Our Sympathy

PAULINE EITHOL DICKISON

STINNETT — Pauline Eithol Dickison, 87, formerly of Borger, died Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011, at Hansford Manor.



Services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday, October 4, 2011 in Faith and Grace Church in Spearman with Gary Smith, pastor of First Christian Church of Stratford, officiating. Burial was in Stinnett Cemetery in Stinnett. Arrangements were by Brown Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mrs. Dickison was born Oct. 22, 1923, in Sapulpa, Okla., to Walter Leroy and Wilma Lois Faith McDaniel Tarr. She married Truman Dickison in Ponca City, Okla., on Aug. 14, 1975.

Survivors include two sons, Glenn Robinson of Spearman and Charles Robinson of Williamsburg, Va.; one daughter, Linda Kay Bookout; two sisters, Metta Moore of Oklahoma City and Isabel Wells of Harrah, Okla.; four grandsons; and four great-grandchildren.

BETTY JO PIERCE VERNON

Betty Jo Pierce Vernon, long time resident of Spearman, TX, went to be with her heavenly Father on Sunday, October 2, 2011 at the age of 83. She passed away in Kingwood, TX surrounded by her family.

Betty was born December 19, 1927 in Amarillo, TX, to Allen and Eva Pierce. Although she was an only child, she grew up with numerous cousins in a close knit Christian family. She was a 1945 graduate of Spearman High School and attended college at West Texas State in Canyon, TX. On November 9, 1946 she wed J.P. (Peter) Vernon in Spearman, TX, with whom she had five children. They raised their children in Spearman and moved to Winters, TX in 1995. In 2005, Betty and Peter went to live close to their daughters in Kingwood, TX.

She was an active member of First Christian Church in Spearman, where she taught Sunday School and participated in CWF. She found joy in being involved in her children's activities. These activities included serving as Girl Scout and 4-H Leader, FFA mom, and chauffeuring speech tournaments. Betty enjoyed attending her children's basketball games, tennis tournaments, swim meets, and stock shows. Later in life, she became an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters where she served in the altar guild. She enjoyed delivering Meals on Wheels with her best friend, Clara Bell. All her life she was a dedicated homemaker and quilter, creating lasting memories for her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Betty is survived by her husband, Peter Vernon. She is also survived by her daughter Johnny Roach and husband John of Kingwood, TX; Bonnie Jackson and husband Mark of Huffman, TX; Scott Vernon and wife Molly of League City, TX; Connie Bridges and husband Jimmy of Odessa, TX; and Tracy Vernon and wife Sharyn of Nevada, TX. Grandma Betty's surviving grandchildren are Dr. Greg Roach and wife Renee, Chris Roach, Courtney Hurst, Mandy Jackson, August Vernon and wife Sara, Austin Vernon, Blake Bridges and wife Lindi, Brady Bridges, Bailey Bridges, and Jack Allen Vernon. Her great grandchildren are Parker and Pryce Roach, soon to be born Liv Harlow, Parker and Drew Vernon, Ava Vernon, and Braydon, Bryli, and Brogan Bridges.

A viewing was held on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Boxwell Brother's Funeral Home. Graveside services were held following the viewing at 11:00 a.m. at Holt Cemetery in Spearman, TX.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make a donation to your favorite charity in her name.

CORA NICHOLS

SPEARMAN — Cora Nichols, 88, of Spearman, died Thursday, Sept. 29, 2011.

Graveside services were at 10 a.m. Monday, October 3, 2011 in Hansford Cemetery with Larry McCollum and Bill Turner officiating. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mrs. Nichols was born Oct. 20, 1922, in Beckham County, Okla. She married Garland Monroe Nichols on Sept. 18, 1937, in Perryton.

Survivors include two daughters, Ruth Kizziar and Nancy Kelley, both of Spearman; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Hansford Manor, 707 S. Roland St., Spearman, TX 79081

WINSON (WIN) VIRGIL HEATH

SHALLOWATER - Winson (Win) Virgil Heath passed away on September 17, 2011 at 3:45 am in Lubbock, TX.

Memorial services were held on the September 24, 2011 at 12th Street Church of Christ in Shallowater, TX.

Win was born October 10, 1924 in Wayne, OK. He was raised in Gruver, TX, graduating from Gruver High School May 25, 1942. He enlisted in the Marine Corp in December 1942 and served in the Pacific during WWII. He was honorably discharged on December 31, 1945. A member of the church of Christ from his youth, he had just celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary on March 23, 2011.

Win was preceded in death by his parents, Chester C & Ruby Heath; 2 sisters Betty Jean Cotter of Gruver and Irene Huber of Massachusetts; 1 brother Donald Heath of Amarillo; and his oldest son Dale Wayne Heath, who was living in Germany.

He is survived his wife Delva (Del) L Heath of Shallowater, TX; a daughter Glenda K Heath also of Shallowater; 2 brothers and their wives Chester & Ora Mae Heath of Gruver and J B (Jim) & Shirley Heath of Stinnett, TX; 2 sons and their wives Terry & Mechelle Heath of Boaz, AL and Lynn Alan & Diane Heath of Hixson, TN; 3 grandchildren Jeffrey & his wife Kimberly Heath of Bartlett, TN, Timothy & his wife Jennifer Heath of Henderson, TN, and Bethany Heath of Hixson; 3 great-grandchildren Dylan Kai, Jacob Andrew, and Joshua Caleb Heath; and a myriad of cousins, nephews, and nieces.

Condolences may be sent to: Mrs. Del Heath, 811 12th St, Shallowater TX 79363.

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Bouquet Designs

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

Spearman Booster Club

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

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Cheerleading Camp for PK-6th Grade Girls

The GHS Cheerleaders are hosting a Cheerleading Camp for PK-6th grade girls. The camp is Thursday, October 6, 2011, from 4:00p.m.-5:00p.m., in the Elementary gym. The cost is \$10.00. All participants will be able to cheer the 3rd quarter of the Gruver vs. Clarendon home football game, October 7th. 63.

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community

The Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet Saturday, October 8, at 6 p.m. in the Waka Christian Center located in Waka, Texas, between Perryton and Spearman. A potluck meal will be served followed by sponsors training and a praise and worship service. A nursery will be provided, and families and friends are welcome.

EMT Basic Class Begins October 10th

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

Hansford County Health Fair October 13

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Home Extension Club Spaghetti Luncheon October 14

The Home Extension clubs are having a Spaghetti Luncheon on Friday October 14 from 11:30 to 1:30 at the First Baptist Church (123 S. Bernice) Spearman, TX Tickets are \$8.00 and will be sold by members or you can purchase tickets at the door. Take out orders will be available please call ahead to make arrangements. The meal includes Spaghetti, Salad, green beans, bread and Sopapilla cheesecake. For more information or to purchase tickets you can call Cheryl Sander @ 330-0096 thanks for helping support our clubs so we can continue to educate our community.

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

Help Available for Breast Cancer Survivors

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

Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild

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

Friendship Quilter Quilt Guild

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

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

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

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister



In the seventeenth week of Pentecost we are invited to God's banquet as we study Isaiah 25: 1-9, Psalm 23, Philippians 4: 1-14, and Matthew 22: 1-14.

Isaiah praises God who has done wonderful things and protected his peoples in a poem. He describes a feast to be given by God for all peoples. God will swallow up death forever and console his people and dry their tears. The people will declare that God is their God and rejoice in his salvation. But, the 'evil-doers', the Moabites, will be trodden down by God. Note that this promise is to all peoples, not only the Jews. All that believe in God will be invited. God will give to his peoples all that they need for life. The removal of the fear of death enables the believer to live life to its fullest.

Psalm 23 is often cited in this country at funerals; but, it is also used in ceremonies of healing, exorcism, and deliverance. Note that the "Shepherd" provides the necessities of life--food, drink, and protection--for his sheep. Life is a gift of God and the removal by God of the fear of death allows us to live abundantly regardless of our status in life.

Paul exhorts the persecuted Philippians to stand firm in the Lord. The Greek word Paul uses is the word used of soldiers who stand before the onslaught of the enemy unmoved. He pleads with two of his co-workers who are women to reconcile themselves and be of the same mind in the Lord. Paul asks the Philippians to rejoice and to take everything in prayer. The persecuted Philippians do not have to worry about anything for with faith and prayer we enter into that "peace which passes all understanding" that is the gift of God. Paul asks them to think on those things that are true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable and excellent. For you see dear Christian, our thoughts become words, our words become actions, and our actions define our character. Paul declares, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me". Practice this!

Jesus tells the parable of the King who invites his friends to a wedding banquet for his son. These royal invitations came in two stages, an alert to the guests saying that a banquet is planned and coming soon and an announcement that the time for the banquet has arrived. Note that the King's friends stay away some citing the press of business, others violently treating the King's messengers. The King promptly avenges his messengers and send other messengers out to bring in everyone they find to the banquet. When the new guests arrive, there is one without a 'wedding garment' whom the King orders to be cast out. Jesus' detractors--the Chief Priests, the scribes and Pharisees--were experts in God's law, but they did not live it and they are not of God's Kingdom. God has invited all who believe in Him to the Kingdom; yet, we are told one is excluded. Perhaps we can understand this as we are not saved by works, but we do good works because we are saved. If we arrive in God's Kingdom (the Banquet) without any good works, our faith may be no greater than the Chief Priests and Pharisees.

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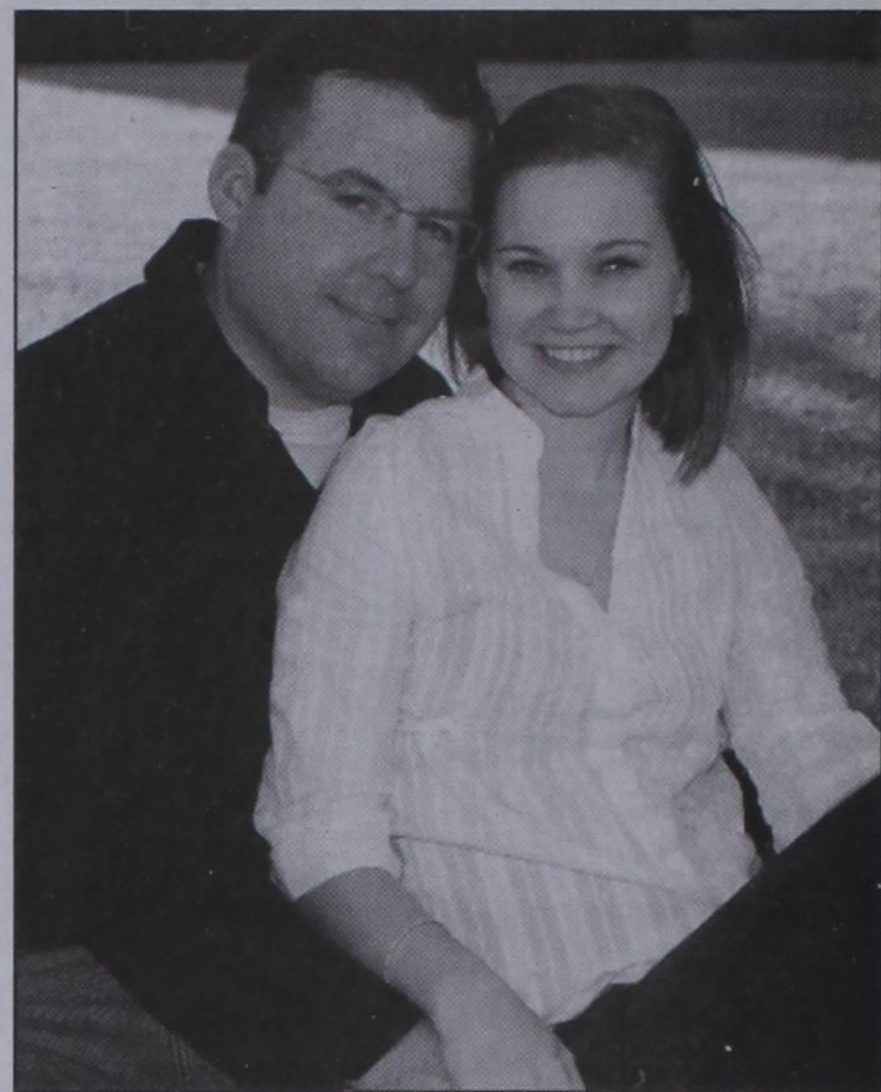
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Rodger and Pat Ferguson of Memphis and Jerry and Michelle Kessler of Glendale, Arizona would like to announce the engagement of their children, Blake and Elizabeth. Blake is the grandson of the late Harry and Billie Dean Barkley of Gruver.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Independence High School in Phoenix. She is currently attending Arizona State University where she will graduate this December with a Bachelors Degree in secondary education with an emphasis in English.

The groom attended Memphis and Gruver schools, graduating from Gruver. He is a Tech Sergeant currently serving his country in the United States Air Force and is stationed in Abilene.

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Gruver CC, Community Reach Out



By **BARB AMRHEIN**
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It's a simple message the Gruver cross country team under coach Rod Been promotes: Excellence in sports and excellence in the community.

On Saturday, the Gruver cross country team, athletic department and community demonstrated how to win in life and on the cross country course: The girls varsity team, the two-time defending state champions, won the Lubbock Invitational and the entire school and community received an honor for its five years of participation in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure and for being the largest school in terms of participation this year.

"We want to push for excellence and teach kids that there's something out there beside themselves," coach Rod Been said.

The "something out there" turned out to be Emily Williams, a basketball player and junior varsity runner for Been who was dealing with her mother Julie Williams' breast cancer diagnosis in 2007.

Emily approached Been, who also coaches basketball, during her senior year, wanting to know if the team could run in the Race for the Cure. After checking with University Interscholastic League officials to make sure by running no eligibility rules were violated, participation has become a tradition by school runners and non-athletes.

"We have about 80 here today, (from a school with approximately 140 students)" said Micah Been, the Gruver assistant cross country coach. "The junior

high and junior varsity and many adults from the community are here."

The Gruver teams and community run The Race for the Cure in honor of Julie Williams and community members dealing with cancer.

"I had no idea they were going to run in my honor that first year," Julie Williams said.

Several of the students running Saturday, unfortunately, were honoring new community members with breast cancer.

"Evelyn Pastrana and Lupe Pena have mothers who are fighting cancer right now, and a junior high girl whose grandmother just went through surgery as well," Micah Been said. "Our kids respond to this opportunity to run for something that's more than just a time, and is something that can change someone's life."

Emily's idea has become a senior project for the Gruver athletes.

Basketball players Kaysha Bass and Ashlynn Miner, who helped organize the fund raising this year, were proud to be participating for the fifth time.

"It's fun to keep (Emily's idea) going," Miner said. Bass agreed.

"It's for a great cause," she said. "The cross country (varsity) runners wish they could be here, but they do the 'sleep in' and donate that way."

Emily Williams, a recent graduate of Texas Tech, is working in Austin and said she was sorry she couldn't be in Amarillo to participate in raising money for breast cancer research and the care of survivors.

"My mom, having been

through surgery and chemo, is what made me want to get people to go and raise awareness," Emily Williams said. "It's hard on people and the family, and I don't think people are always aware."

And what does Emily Williams think of the Gruver athletic community continuing her legacy?

"It's a proud moment for me," she said. "They have more and more people going every year, and I know I helped to get this started."

Julie Williams has been in remission for almost four years. She now sponsors youngsters from the community who would not be able to afford the \$30 donation and is pleased with what her daughter's idea has become.

"Neal (Williams, Julie's husband) and I are very proud of her," Julie Williams said. "When she puts her mind to something, she does it."

The Gruver athletic program, even needing to balance running competitive high school races on the same day, has no intention of ever stopping its participating.

"This is our kids' favorite race every year," Micah said. "It's bigger than them, and we couldn't do this without the community's great support. Emily had a great idea."

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No Text Worth A Life



Ali Marie Tyler, 15, of Gruver, died in a one-vehicle rollover on Oct. 18, 2009.

by **Jon Mark Beilue**

Stephannie Tyler had a mother's intuition, a nagging thought that her daughter Ali may have been distracted while driving with friends during a crash near Gruver in October 2009, a fatal one-vehicle rollover that took Ali's 15-year-old life.

It took until this February — 16 months later — before Stephannie said she summoned the courage to look at phone records. She felt compelled after watching an "Extreme Makeover" show in January that spotlighted the Alexandria Brown family in Wellman, south of Lubbock, and their efforts to bring texting-and-driving dangers to the public. She also had to know for certain.

"There was no doubt. There was texting in and out, in and out the whole time," she said. "At first I didn't want to believe it, and then I let it go for awhile. It was like, 'Well, she's gone, she's gone' and that's all that matters."

A few weeks later on a drive to Oklahoma City, Stephannie had an epiphany. Billboard after billboard flew by. Not one on the dangers of texting while driving.

"I thought, 'I can't afford a billboard, but I can do something,'" she said.

Ali Marie Tyler was one

of those small-town success stories waiting to unfold. She was 6 feet tall with red hair and blue eyes. She was the youngest in her sophomore class, and one of the most popular. Her effervescent personality and giving spirit gave her a circle of friends that stretched to the Gruver city limit signs and beyond.

She loved basketball, and had since she was on a traveling team in the third grade. Maybe the only thing she loved more were her friends. The impact she had on them was comforting.

The Lutheran church was not big enough to hold the funeral. It was held in the high school auditorium with more than 700 people in attendance.

Her high school basketball teammates wore lime green shoelaces — Ali's favorite color — on their left shoes because the left was closer to the heart. Her No. 25 basketball jersey was retired.

Her basketball locker was kept just as she had left it. Friends made a book, "From A to Z," filled with pictures. On the first anniversary of her death — Oct. 18, 2010 — several hundred balloons were released near the wooden cross at the accident scene. Two girls told Ali's mother that her daughter impacted them in different ways — one not to quit basketball because Ali played the game with such passion, the other to join a church because of her Christian walk.

If Ali's life could have that kind of impact, what might her death bring? The easy way would be to just go on, don't poke at a tragedy, don't in some public way show that a young girl made costly decisions with a cellphone and a steering wheel. The harder way would be to act to make kids think, try to make a parent more likely to lecture, make sure at least one family didn't endure what the Tylers did.

It began in April with

stickers, little lime green decals made by a man in nearby Spearman: "AMT 1994-2009, Don't Text And Drive." The initial order was 300, and they all sold out with proceeds going to a scholarship fund.

Then came lime green T-shirts with the same message. After a big sale on those, Stephannie wondered what she would do now. The answer was jelly bracelets with the same message repeated.

Tate, her 12-year-old son, and two friends have gone to Cadillac Ranch, painted a car lime green and purple, with a text-and-drive warning. They handed out Ali's T-shirts to I-40 strangers who stopped at the ranch.

"If this can save one mother from the pain I have, it's worth it," said Stephannie, a single mom. "The kids in town have really gotten it."

Stephannie has done a Perryton radio interview, but is not ready to speak to any groups, saying her daughter's death is still too fresh. But if she did, she could also add this:

A study by the Transport Research Laboratory found reaction time in the 17-to-24 age group decreased 35 percent when texting, worse than the 23 percent of those who had a legal limit of alcohol. Steering control was 91 percent poorer than those whose concentration was on the road. She could mention that the City of Arlington has made texting while driving anywhere in the city limits illegal.

One town gets it, so why can't more?

"It's not worth your life," Stephannie said. "Is that text worth your life? Is that phone call worth your life? I know kids especially think they're invincible, but they're not. I know. They're not."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS

GRUVER ISD'S STATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Date: October 17, 2011

Time: 6:45 p.m.

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

Subject: Financial Accountability Rating

Hansford County Sports

Spearman blanks Highland Park

Jace Lang-Swan had 16 carries for 128 yards as Spearman routed Highland Park Friday night 56-0.

Spearman scored 24 points in the second quarter and allowed only 90 total yards.

Highland Park had four turnovers, including three interceptions.

Spearman is 6-0 overall and 2-0 in District 1-2A Division II. Highland Park is 2-4, 0-2.

Scores by Quarters

Highland Park 0 0 0 0 — 0

Spearman 7 24 13 12 — 56

Scorers

S — Brent Hensen 1 run (Alfredo Rosendo kick good)

S — Rosendo 25 field goal

S — Stephen Cook 65 pass (Rosendo kick)

S — Tyler Cator 43 interception return (Rosendo kick)

S — Jace Lang-Swan 2 run (Rosendo kick)

S — Hensen 9 run (kick failed)

S — Alex Mendoza 16 run (Rosendo kick)

S — Mendoza 14 run (kick failed)

S — Mendoza 50 punt return (kick failed)

Statistics

	HP	SL
First Downs	4	24
Rushing Yards	25	378
Passing Yards	65	135
Total Yards	90	513
C-A-I	6-20-4	6-9-0
Punts-Avg.	5-33	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-0
Penalties-Yds	9-68	10-90

September 29th

7th Grade Lynx 12, Highland Park 0

8th Grade Lynx 18, Highland Park 34

Luck o' the Irish on the Side of the Greyhounds

Gruver had 340 yards on the ground en route to a 28-point win over Shamrock, 40-12.

Jerrod Collier had 26 carries for 236 yards and four touchdowns in the Greyhounds' first win of the season.

Shamrock remains winless in six games.

Scores by Quarters

Gruver 20 0 13 7 — 40

Shamrock 12 0 0 0 — 12

Scorers

S — Ethan Berten 62 run (run failed)

G — Jerrod Collier 61 run (Lupe Pena kick)

S — Miacus Menefield 2 run (pass failed)

G — Collier 49 run (kick failed)

G — Collier 4 run (Pena kick)

G — Korbin Irwin 2 run (kick failed)

G — Collier 7 run (Pena kick)

G — Victor Serrano 2 run (Pena kick)

Statistics

	GG	SI
First Downs	18	15
Rushing Yards	340	228
Passing Yards	18	34
Total Yards	358	262
C-A-I	2-6-1	3-11-0
Punts-Avg.	NA	NA
Fumbles-Lost	NA	NA
Penalties-Yds	8-50	4-35

September 29th

JH Hounds 22 - Boys Ranch 6 JV Hounds 28 - Boys Ranch 6

GHSXC Update

by Coach Rod Been

The GHSXC teams just completed an awesome two week stretch that culminated with the girl's second place finish at the Oklahoma State Cross Country Jamboree, in Stillwater, Oklahoma. The girls finished runner up to Oklahoma's top ranked 3-A school, Plainview High School. All seven girls medaled. This is quite an accomplishment in the Nation's longest continuously ran cross country race. In my short career as a cross country coach, this is the first time that has happened. Cause for celebration!

The Gruver Greyhounds competed in the Tascosa Rebel Run in Amarillo on Friday September 30th. The boys finished 8th in the team standings, and as that may not sound too good, the field was comprised of mostly 4-A and 5-A schools, and the State's top ranked 1-A program, Boys Ranch. The boys were paced by Senior Luis Mendoza's 16:39; a season best and they were hot off of a third place finish at the Lubbock Invitational putting them in the conversation as a possible State qualifier!

Both Varsity teams will be running at the Canyon High Invitational on Saturday October 8th. We are expecting both teams to finish at or near the top.

Thanks to all for supporting these student athletes!

SHS Varsity Lynxettes Compete in Round Rock

by Coach Starla Whiteley

The Spearman Lynxettes competed in the McNeil Invitational at Old Settler's Park in Round Rock (site of the State Meet) on Saturday, October 1, 2011.

A total of 51 school were represented with 42 full teams competing in 1A-3A. Results were: 1. LaVeria (3A) 95 points, 2. Liberty Hill (3A) 103 points, 3. Spearman (2A) 175 points,

4. Melissa (2A) 242 points, 5. Ballinger (2A) 247 points, 6. East Bernard (2A) 294 points, 7. Fairfield (3A) 296 points

A total of 329 runners competed with the top 25 receiving Adidas Sponsored Medals. Spearman results are as follows:

Tylo Farrar 8th Medalist, Gately Garnett 10th Medalist, Sarah Snider 22nd Medalist, Malory Martin 53rd, Shelby Hanna 90th, Gena Hargrove 108th, Itzel Meza 132nd, Slade Garnett 147th, Cynthia Mendoza 151st, and Brooke Walker 154th.

On October 8th, all Spearman Cross Country Teams will be running at the Canyon Invitational located behind Canyon High School. The JH girls' race begins at 8:15 a.m. with all other races following.

Spearman Cross Country Teams Compete in Canadian

The Spearman JV Lynxettes, JV Boys and Jr. High teams competed in the Canadian Cross Country Meet on Saturday, October 1, 2011.

The Spearman JV Girls finished in 2nd place behind Sunray. Individual results were: Sadye Hanna 2nd Medalist, Hannah Patterson 6th Medalist, Kylee Hegstrom 7th Medalist, Taylor Williams 10th Medalist, Cheyenne Evans 28th, Kyla Walker 29th, and Janneth Terrazas 31st.

The JV Boys Cross Country Team competed very well, taking third place as a team. Individual results were: Peyton Garnett 4th place medalist, Cesar Torres, Javier Caro 15th place medalist, Eulises Mendoza 14 place medalist and Richard Jarvis.

The Jr. High Lynxettes

came in 6th out of 15 teams. Team results were: 1. Borger 56, 2. Panhandle 96, 3. Canyon 108, 4. Wellington 121, 5. Sunray 136, and 6. Spearman 147.

180 runners competed in the Jr. High division. Individual results were: Payton Harrell 11th medalist, Yesica Gonzales 24th, Evelyn Jacquez 39th, Sidney Hawkins 45th, Sarah Jackson 56th, Taylor Varnon 69th, Courtney White 87th, Maggie Pipkin 102nd, Brantly Shields, 106th, Kayla Servantez 110th, Daisy Perez 126th, Halston Kenney 152nd, Kalysta Williams 152nd.

The Jr. High Lynx had

four runners compete as individuals. Results were: Lane Farrar 20th, Cade Garnett 27th, Bryan Campos 31st, and Parker Hanna 76th.

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Gruver ISD Request for Proposal
Notice is hereby given that GRUVER ISD will receive proposals to pull, inspect, test, and service water wells. All proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. October 17, 2011. Any proposal received after that time and date will not be considered. The proposal will be awarded at the October 17, 2011, regular Board Meeting. Contact the Gruver ISD administration offices 601 Garrett, Gruver, Texas, for additional information. Please mail or deliver all proposals to: Gruver ISD Business Office, P.O. Box 650, Gruver, Texas 79040. For more information contact Matt Messer at 806-733-2821. The District reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals and to waive technicalities, and be the sole judge of quality and

equality.
2(9/29/11)B
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed bids for the sale City surplus equipment and pickups will be received by the City of Spearman, Texas, until October 24, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. and then publicly opened and read.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities and to accept the bid deemed to be the most advantageous to the City. All bids received after the above closing hour will be returned unopened. Mark on the outside of the envelope, "Surplus Equipment Bid".

Further information and bidding documents may be secured from City Hall, PO Box 37, Spearman, Texas 79081. 2(10/6/11)B

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed Proposals addressed to Ed Hansen, City Manager, City of Spearman, P.O. Box 37, Spearman, Texas, 79018-0037 for the reconstruction of approximately 4,100 square feet of sidewalk and all associated appurtenances entitled: **DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS WEST SIDE OF MAIN STREET FROM NORTHWEST COURT TO DAVIS STREET**

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OCTOBER 21, 2011 2:00 P.M.

At this time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the City of Spearman in an amount equal to not less than five percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen days after receipt of Contract Documents, enter into a contract with the City of Spearman and will execute bonds on the forms provided in

the Contract Documents. Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Contract Documents are on file and may be examined in the City of Spearman, City Hall, 30 Southwest Court, Spearman, Texas, phone (806) 659-2524. Plans and Specifications may be obtained from the Engineer, Brandt Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, phone (806) 353-7233 at a cost of fifty dollars (\$50.00), non-refundable, for each set of plans and specifications.

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The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness, the Owner reserves the right to adopt such interpretations as may be most advantageous or to reject the bid as informal. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 30 days from the bid opening date
BRIAN GILLESPIE, MAYOR CITY OF SPEARMAN 2(10/6/11)B

ROUTINE MONITORING VIOLATION TOTAL COLIFORM RULE

The City of Spearman Water System, No. 0980001, failed to collect the required number of bacteriological samples for coliform monitoring of the water distribution system during May 2011. This monitoring is required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's "Drinking Water Standards" and the federal "Safe Drinking Water Act," Public Law 95-523.

Bacteriological samples are used to monitor water quality and indicate if the water is free of coliform bacteria. Our water system is required to submit one (1) bacteriological sample each month. Failure to collect all required bacteriological samples is a violation of the monitoring requirements and we are required to notify you of this violation.

If you have any questions regarding this violation, you may contact Ed Hansen at City Hall, 806-659-2524. 1(10/6/11)B

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Summer Fun Activities Held in Morse

submitted by VeAnn Clark

Several activities were held at Morse this past summer to give members of our community something to do. The Morse First Baptist Church youth group under the direction of Marcus Wilson and Rachel McCloy hosted Summer Club for the children of the Morse Community. The Summer Club was held on Monday and Thursday nights from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. starting on June 23rd and going through August 11th. Summer Club had games, Bible lessons, prizes, snacks, memory verses, and was lots of fun for all who participated, and was open to all children ages 4-13. The Summer Club had 30 children who were awarded t-shirts for their attendance throughout the summer.

Morse Community Building Board and Morse 4-H Club sponsored an "Over 50" Supper and Game Night for the community members of the Pringle and Morse area on

Friday, July 22, 2011. Roast beef, potatoes, carrots, fresh salad, deviled eggs, bread pudding, and chess pie were prepared and served by the Morse 4-H Club members and members of the Morse Community Building Board. The evening of food and games was enjoyed by 35 community members. An outdoor movie night open to everyone in the community was held on June 24th at the Pringle-Morse School playground complete with popcorn and kool-aid.

Pringle-Morse School and Morse 4-H Club sponsored a Summer Library Program at the Pringle-Morse School. This program was open to the Pringle and Morse community children of all ages and was held from 9:30 - 12:00 (noon) on every Tuesday during the month of July and the first week of August. The theme for the summer library program was "Bring Your Alligator That Has No Manners."

The children watched short

videos on manners, did alligator crafts, checked out library books to read for a week, and then enjoyed snacks. The older 4-H members assisted the younger children with the alligator crafts. The crafts were taken home to help remind the children of what they had learned that day about manners. The Spearman Alligator Farm came out one day and let the children see and hold real baby alligators. The average attendance for the summer library program was 12 children. The summer program closed with a camp out and outdoor-movie night at the Pringle-Morse School on Friday, August 5th.

We want to thank everybody who helped make all of these activities possible for our community! None of this would be possible without your continued support of our church, 4-H club, and community building! Thank you for making our "Summer Fun in Morse" such a success!

by Dorothy Hudson

Out at the Lake

October 3, 2011 - Lake Palo Duro level - 33.76

Lake Palo Duro campgrounds were active over the weekend. Fourteen R.V. campers were at the hookups behind the dam, and two on the lake side. Randy Davis had one more cook off, before it gets too cold to enjoy it. Many of the campers behind the dam were involved with the cook off.

I was not here over the weekend. The Denton High School class of 1971, met for our forty year reunion. (Yes, I'm that old) We had a great time reminiscing, bragging, and maybe lying to each other. One highlight of the weekend was hearing "The Coachmen" play the songs of those days. They were a junior high band, and can still play!

I noticed several flocks of sandhill cranes flying over the lake this morning. The migratory birds are going to be shocked at the lack of water this year. Hawks are plentiful in the area. One spot, four miles north of Spearman on the



airport road, is a favorite place for them. I have slowed down several times in this area, to avoid hitting them. The buzzards are still here at the lake, and roost in the cottonwoods behind the dam. My wife showed me the "city" buzzards roosting in the communications tower at the telephone building.

Trapper, Louis Schnell brought another raccoon to release at the lake, this morning. That makes forty six. He joked that they may be going back to town, only to be trapped again.

Please watch for deer

when you travel the lake roads. They have been plentiful lately, at dusk, near the edge of the roads and highways. I saw many deer hunters on the highways this weekend, as bow season started. Remember, no hunting is allowed on Palo Duro River Authority property.

The bald eagle, pictured this week, may be the closest one I have taken. I spotted it in a tree, and thought it would fly before I could take the picture. I didn't seem to bother it much, and was able to take several shots.

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