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## Open Letter

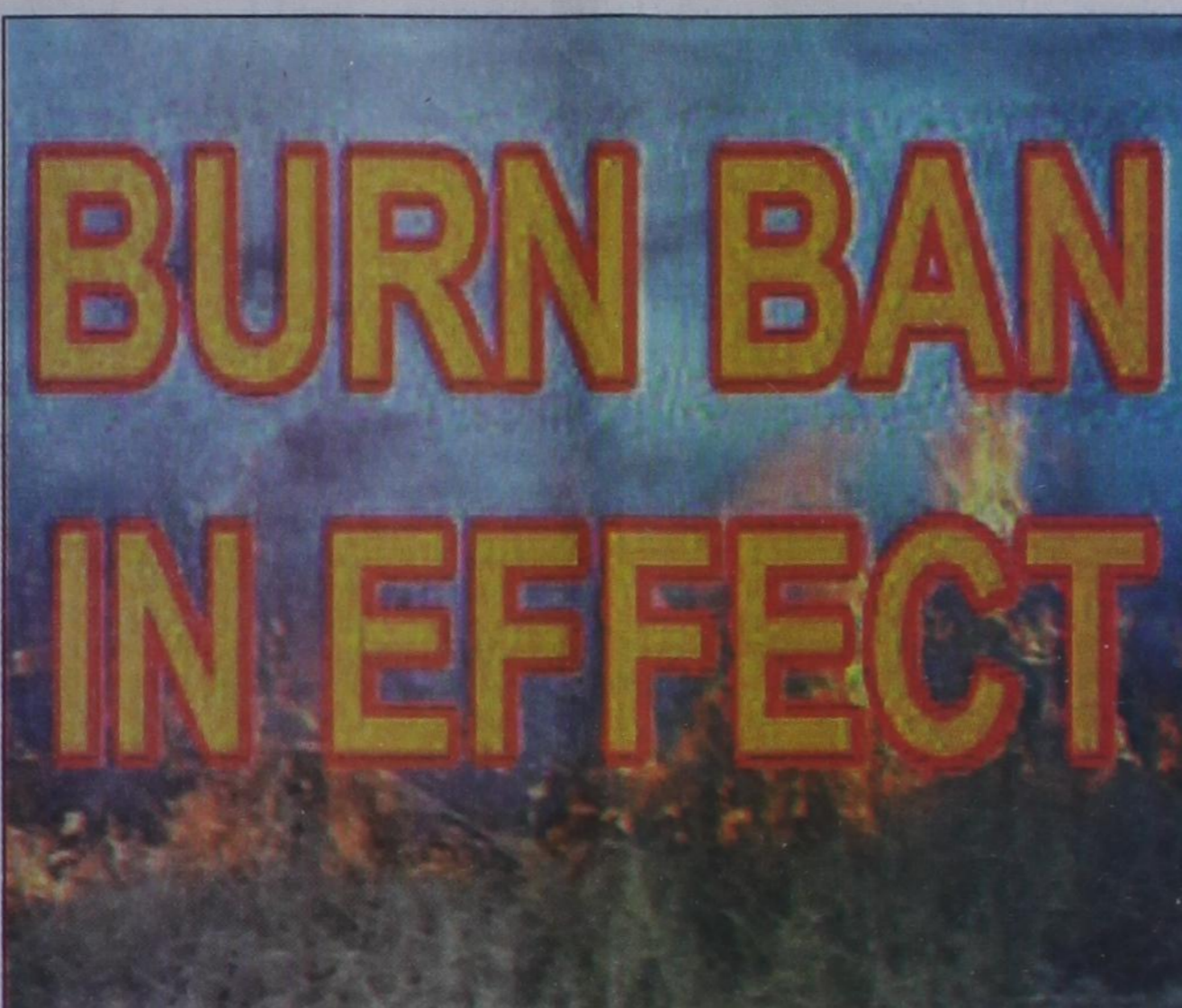
An Open Letter to the Citizens of Spearman

Hansford County Judge Benny Wilson has recently declared a state of disaster for Hansford County due to drought and adverse weather conditions. This declaration prohibits the sale and use of fireworks throughout Hansford County. The City of Spearman has in many past years allowed the enjoyment of fireworks within the city limits. DUE TO THE EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS THIS YEAR, NO FIREWORKS OF ANY KIND WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE SET OFF WITHIN THE SPEARMAN CITY LIMITS.

The Spearman Police Department and the Hansford County Sheriff's office will be enforcing these laws to their fullest extent. The penalty for violating the fireworks ban inside the city limits is a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by fine not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) and each day can be a separate offense.

Please respect the current extreme conditions and the property of those who live within our City as well as continue to pray for rain for our community and for those who have suffered loss during recent neighboring county fires.

Sincerely  
Brian Gillispie  
Mayor, City of Spearman



## Hansford County

Order No. 06-2011 Concerning Burn Ban  
June 13, 2011

### Executive Order of Hansford County Judge

WHEREAS, by proclamation issued March 7, 2011 the County Judge of Hansford County declared a state of disaster for Hansford County, resulting from:

WHEREAS, the state of disaster still exists, and the March 14 Burn Ban, according to Statutes expires 90 days after enactment.

THE POTENTIAL THREAT OF WILDFIRES DUE TO DROUGHT AND ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management;

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF HANSFORD COUNTY, TEXAS NOW, orders the following regulations shall take effect immediately upon issuance of this order and shall remain in effect for ninety (90) days or until the state of disaster is terminated:

1. THE USE OF COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS IN AN OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT BY ANY PERSON IS PROHIBITED.

a. Any individual gainfully employed in a trade or profession that involves the use of combustible materials or use of possible fire sources in the outdoor environment directly related to the successful operation of the business's goals and/or objectives may continue to conduct business as usual utilizing the materials and/or potential fire sources in the outdoor environment as they deem necessary; provided that the individual shall take all necessary safety precautions to prevent the ignition of any fire or fires that are not essential to the conducting of day to day business activities. Any business owner, operator or

individual involved in any business operation citing this section of this order that has not taken the necessary safety precautions and as a result, damage occurs from a fire caused by their business operations, shall be liable for any and all damages that may occur and they shall be issued a citation and fined as allowed by law.

In an effort to combat high diesel prices, the Hansford County Commissioners Court will allow control burns with the following conditions:

- Control burns permitted only for planting or harvesting of agriculture crops.
- Prior to burn, Central Dispatch must be notified with precise directions to the field to be burned.
- Dispatch will then page all three Fire Departments about the proposed control burn.
- Farmer should call back 30 minutes after initial call. If no protest by any Fire Chief or Next-In-Command, then the control burn may be initiated.

3. THIS ORDER SHALL NOT APPLY TO AN OFFICIALLY AUTHORIZED PUBLIC DISPLAY.

In accordance with the Local Government Code, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDER IS THE MITIGATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY HAZARD POSTED BY WILDFIRES DURING THE CURRENT DROUGHT AND SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS BY CURTAILING THE USE OF ALL COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS.

Burn Ban extended as of June 13, 2011  
Benny Wilson, Hansford County Judge

## Disaster Declaration

WHEREAS, Hansford County has not had rainfall for an extended period of time, creating hot and dry conditions; and WHEREAS, the hot and dry conditions pose the threat of large, dangerous and fast moving wildfires; and

WHEREAS, such fires have the potential of endangering lives and damaging property on a large scale; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Government Code Chapter 418 gives the county judge the power to declare a local disaster within the county "if the threat of disaster is imminent"; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the potential damage and the rapidity with which such a fire could escalate to major proportions constitute an imminent threat of disaster; and

WHEREAS, declaration of such disaster authorizes the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of fires; and

WHEREAS, such controls, once implemented, have the potential of protecting lives and property by mitigating the threat of dangerous fires; and

WHEREAS, a declaration issued under Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code may include a prohibition or restriction on the sale or use of all fireworks within the county, and

WHEREAS, a local disaster declaration expires seven days after its issuance, unless the Commissioners Court consents to its renewal or continuance; and

WHEREAS, to the extent that a declaration includes a provision related to fireworks, any portion of the provision that exceeds the restrictions authorized by Local Government Code §352.051 is effective only for 60 hours, unless the county judge requests and the governor authorizes an extension of the broader fireworks restriction.

BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED that I, Benny D. Wilson, County Judge of Hansford County do hereby declare a local state of disaster based on the threat of large wildfires in Hansford, County, Texas.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that this state of disaster will continue until rescinded in accordance with the above cited statute, but in no instance will this declaration continue for more than seven days without being authorized by the Hansford County Commissioners Court, or in the event the declaration pertains to fireworks, no more than 60 hours unless an extension of the restriction on fireworks has been received from the governor.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that the purpose of this order is the mitigation of the hazard posed by wildfires by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning, and the sale and use of all fireworks, which purpose is to be taken into account in any enforcement action based upon this order.

This declaration shall be promptly publicized and filed with the County Clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my signature this 13th day of June, 2011 at a.m.

Benny D. Wilson,  
Hansford County Judge  
Filed with the Clerk  
of Hansford County



## Weekly Update

Texas, June 13- Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 1.9 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.56/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that has fallen 5.1 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.71/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were \$1.02/g higher than the same day one year ago and are 29.8 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 23.3 cents per gallon during the last month and stands \$1.01/g higher than this day one year ago.

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

## Weather Forecast

THURSDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.

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

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

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the upper 90s.

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

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

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

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

Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/forecast/w-Spearman-Texas.html#ixzz0xgJSWQkT>

## Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: The weather remained extremely hot, dry and windy, and the danger of wildfire remained high. Soil-moisture levels were very short in most counties. Corn and cotton were struggling with high winds and daytime temperatures above 100 degrees. Most farmers with irrigation were pumping continuously on all crops just trying to keep up with evaporation losses. Rangeland and pasture conditions were very poor. Livestock producers continued supplemental feeding. Some producers were dispersing herds.

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## Equine Initiative Receives \$2.5 Million Grant in Honor of CVM Distinguished Alumnus



Dr. Glenn Blodgett

The Burnett Foundation recently awarded a \$2.5 million challenge grant to the Texas A&M Foundation for the Equine Initiative in honor of Dr. Glenn Blodgett,

leader in equine veterinary medicine and a 2011 CVM Distinguished Alumnus, establishing the Glenn Blodgett Equine Chair.

This cornerstone gift will help support the Equine Initiative, a collaboration between the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVM) and the College of Agriculture and Life Science Department of Animal Science at Texas A&M University to establish the premiere equine program in the nation. The Equine Initiative will utilize the expertise available at Texas A&M to build an equine program that will graduate the industry leaders and generate research and veterinary medical care that will improve the equine industry and welfare of the horse. The Equine Initiative is built on four major imperatives including; curriculum enhancement, outreach and engagement expansion, facility construction, and partnership development.

A 1974 graduate of the CVM, Blodgett has worked as a large animal veterinarian for more than 35 years. Throughout his veterinary career, he has contributed to the horse industry in many areas, particularly in equine embryo transfer and artificial insemination. Since 1982, Blodgett has been the resident veterinarian and horse division manager for Burnett Ranches, LLC (6666 Ranch) in Guthrie, Texas. Under his leadership, the ranch has consistently produced and developed some of the most highly

recognized racing and western performance quarter horses worldwide, earning the ranch numerous awards and distinctions from the American Quarter Horse Association.

"I am truly honored and thankful to be recognized with a chair that bears my name and to help support such a distinguished program," explains Blodgett. "The Burnett family has a rich heritage in the equine industry and this recent award to the Equine Initiative is another reminder of what the Burnett Foundation has done for the welfare of the horse. I wish nothing but the best for my alma mater, and I know that Texas A&M has the knowledge and tools to house a premiere horse facility. This grant will help to initiate and fulfill the hopes of the equine industry, particularly at Texas A&M."

"Both Dr. Glenn Blodgett and the Burnetts are icons in Texas," said Dr. Eleanor M. Green, Carl B. King Dean of Veterinary Medicine. "How special it is for the Burnett Foundation to honor Dr. Blodgett in this meaningful way. The Glenn Blodgett Equine Chair will contribute significantly to lasting excellence of the Equine Initiative at Texas A&M in the number one equine state in the nation. Students for years to come will know of Dr. Blodgett as a role model for equine veterinarians and as a quintessential horseman, as they will know the generosity of the Burnetts."

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# Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by *Virginia Scott*

**MUSEUM HAPPENINGS**  
The work area is starting to look good. The core team is making headway with their cataloging and repackaging of our photograph collection. The archive room looks so great with the neat archival books and albums all lined up and neatly labeled. This has been a tedious project for the team, but I think they are pleased with the result. Researching for photographs on a peculiar subject will now be a lot easier. Next time you visit ask to see the archive room, and then thank the core team for their hard work.

Summer is here and June is just beginning. If you need a break from the heat, come see us. We have to keep the museum between 68 to 72 degrees for the archives, so people sometimes find us chilly. However, during the summer, we are a favorite stop. We now have bottled water for sale, so come in and cool down with us.

OK, who visited the museum and lost a beautiful key chain ornament. I know some lady who visited us last week lost something off her keys. I won't describe it because I want the right owner to claim it. I will say it is metal, painted and is an animal species. Please come by or call us and we will send it to you. (806-

852-2123)  
**A Reminder:** The Akers Family exhibit is up! Please drop by and visit the wonderful art by Pam, Sharon, Larry, and Mom. Brother Monte will be on hand to sign his news book, "Flames After Midnight." (I will describe the book in my Historical Musing below.) You will not be disappointed. The reception is June 26th at 2 p.m.

**Historical Musings**  
*Do you know what happened in Kirven, TX in May 1922?* It was a coworker's whispered words, "Kirven is where they burned the [Negroes]," that set Monte Akers to work at discovering the true story behind a young white woman's brutal murder and the burning alive of three black men who were almost certainly innocent of the woman's murder. This was followed by a month-long reign of terror as white men killed blacks while local authorities concealed the real identity of the white suspected murderers and allowed them to go free.

Akers paints a vivid portrait of a community desolated by racial hatred and its own refusal to face hard truths. He sets this tragedy within the story of a region prospering from an oil boom, but plagued by lawlessness, and traces the lynching's repercussions

down the decades to the present day. In the new epilogue, Akers adds details that have come to light as a result of the book's first publication in 1999.

What can the uncovering of yet another travesty do to improve race relations in America? In the opinion of Akers, "This story is now complete, but its messages can never be. The insanity of racial hatred, or hatred of any kind, the necessity of equal protection and due process of law, the danger of mob mentality, and the unforeseen consequences of deception and cover-up all hang from this tale like fruit ripe for the picking."

Come visit with Monte about this book and his other two books. All books will be available in our gift shop.

Hope you enjoyed Flag Day this week and stay cool..

## 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 : wolfcreek@amaonline.com; website: www.wolfcreekheritagemuseum.org

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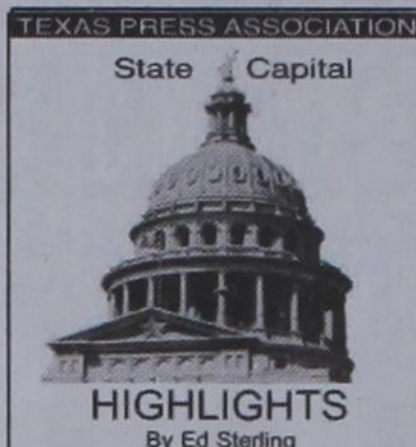
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# STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS



by Ed Sterling

## Education, health care funding bills head toward passage

AUSTIN — Republican majorities in committees and in the full House and Senate pushed toward the governor's desk an assortment of high-stakes legislation in the first 10 days of the special session.

To smooth the way, House leaders used Senate bills as vehicles to carry the budget-related, Medicaid, congressional redistricting and public education finance issues Gov. Rick Perry ordered the 82nd Texas Legislature to address.

Senate Bill 1, the fiscal matters bill that controls the ebb and flow of funding in the 2012-2013 state budget, now moves back to the Senate with 96 House amendments.

One of those amendments, by Rep. Diane Patrick, R-Arlington, would put a two-year shelf life on the funding formula that resulted in \$4 billion in cuts to public schools across Texas under the new state budget.

Rep. Donna Howard, D-Austin, successfully attached an important "amendment to an amendment" to SB 2, the supplementary appropriations bill for education in the 2012-13 state budget.

Howard's amendment would take any revenue above the \$6.5 billion projected for the state's Rainy Day Fund in 2012-2013 and use it to fund enrollment growth in pre-kindergarten through grade 12. SB 2 now moves back to the Senate with 18 House amendments.

Another education-related bill, SB 8 by Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Dallas, offers teacher furloughs and salary cuts as means to help school districts cope with losses of funding losses.

Passed by the Senate last week and now headed to the House for consideration, the bill would allow districts to give teachers unpaid leave on non-instructional days. Shapiro said her bill also removes the current salary floor for teachers and does away with the "last-in-first-out" policy when terminating teachers. The bill, if passed in its current form, also will void the contract of any teacher who does not keep up to date with state certification requirements. Medicaid, the second-biggest piece of the state budget pie behind public education, was addressed

and tentatively approved last week by the House in the form of the omnibus health care bill, SB 7 by Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, and Rep. John Zerwas, R-Simonton.

SB 7 would amend current laws regulating administration, quality and efficiency of health care, health and human services and health benefits programs in Texas.

Among its objectives is the creation of health care compacts to function as a substitute for federally managed health care. The bill also removes a provision of law prohibiting the state Health and Human Services Commission from providing Medicaid using a health maintenance organization in Cameron County, Hidalgo County, or Maverick County.

## Redistricting bill moves ahead

SB 4, legislation redrawing U.S. congressional districts, tentatively was passed by the Senate on June 6 and by the House on June 10.

The bill by Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, and Rep. Burt Solomons, R-Carrollton, plots lines for Texas' 36 congressional districts, including the four added because of the state's 20 percent population growth as recorded in the 2010 U.S. Census. A majority of the growth between 2000 and 2010 was in the Hispanic population.

House and Senate Democrats protested the proposed new boundaries for

districts in far west Texas, the Rio Grande Valley, and the Dallas, Fort Worth and Austin areas.

Complaints were brought mainly over the division of communities of interest and the failure to create more minority opportunity districts in which Hispanics of voting age or Hispanic-surnamed residents, or African-Americans could elect candidates of their choice.

State Sen. Kirk Watson protested the cracking of Austin into oddly-shaped slivers instead of mapping it as a compact, contiguous community of interest.

But Seliger and Solomons defended their redistricting job, claiming that it is defensible under the Voting Rights Act. Lawmakers in opposition predicted that the matter will have to be decided by the federal government through the U.S. Department of Justice and courts.

## Governor sets prayer day

Gov. Perry, through his official web site, proclaimed Aug. 6 as a "day of prayer and fasting for our nation to seek God's guidance and wisdom in addressing the challenges that face our communities, states and nation."

Perry plans to appear on that day at a public event titled "The Response," a Christian prayer meeting at Reliant Stadium in Houston. Texas families and the governors of other states are invited.

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  18. Cast \_
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  21. \*Popular dad gift
  23. \*Malia and Sasha's dad did it in 2008 election
  24. Party
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  28. \*George W.'s famous dad had the same first one
  30. \*Dad, e.g.
  35. Showing age, especially having gray hair
  37. \*Portnoy's Complaint author
  39. Dolphin home
  40. Aquartum show star
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  43. What Arnold used to do for a living?
  44. Shorthand
  46. Mosaic piece
  47. Food for later consumption
  48. Tea tax, e.g.

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57. \*Founding Father
61. Crowd
64. In front of
65. " \_ Te Ching," book
67. Deadly contest, pl.
69. One from Croatia
70. Lennon's wife
71. Perfect
72. Noisemaker, especially in the city
73. Nada or nothing
74. \*Maggie Simpson's first word

- DOWN**
1. "King Kong" (1933) actress
  2. S-shaped molding
  3. Sweet-talk into something
  4. Cupid's ammo
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  6. Mouth off
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Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister



We celebrate Trinity Sunday as we study Genesis 1:1-2:4, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13: 5-14, and Matthew 28: 6-20. The Doctrine of the Trinity confuses many Christians and causes consternation among those who are Jews and Muslims...

Our Sympathy

ORAN BATES

HARKER HEIGHTS, TX - Oran Bates, 81, of Harker Heights, Texas formerly of San Saba, Texas passed away on Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at Indian Creek Nursing Home in Harker Heights.

DENNIS O'NEIL RANDALL

AMARILLO - Dennis O'Neil Randall, 47, died Wednesday June 8, 2011. Graveside services were held Saturday, June 11, 2011 at 11 a.m. at Hansford Cemetery with Danny Hendricks and Melba Rook officiating.

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### Medical Fund Established At First National Bank for Dynell Moore

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

### Hansford County Library Summer Reading Program

The Hansford County Library will begin their Summer Reading Program has picked "Dig Up A Good Book" as their theme for this year. The Reading Program will be held each Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. All programs are for children in kindergarten-2nd grade. June 21 - "Digging in the Dirt" Representatives of D&C Greenhouse will give the program and children will plant their own plants; June 28 - "Digging with Monster Machines" Willis Boyd will present the program and tell about digging in the dirt with a back hoe. The conclusion of the summer program will be highlighted with many gifts and incentives for children.

### Steer Validation

Steer Validation at 8:30 AM till 11:30 AM - Phillip Renner pens north of Spearman - June 23, 2011. All steers that are going to be shown at the county show or a major stock show have to be validated to attend either one. Please plan on attending Steer Validation if you plan on showing a steer.

### Potter County 4-H Veterinary Science Program

The 14th Annual Watergarden and Yard Tour in Pampa will be Saturday, June 18th. The annual event features gardens and yards throughout the city. Sponsored by the Las Pampas Koi & Water Garden Society. Proceeds from the tour each year go back into the community thru scholarships to Clarendon College-Pampa Center and contributions to various agencies in town. The daytime tour will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and a Twilight Tour from 7-11 p.m. Tickets may be obtained at West Texas Landscape, A&T Nursery and Yard Service, Pampa Chamber of Commerce, and at any home on the tour. For additional information, contact the Pampa Chamber of Commerce at 669-3241.

### Tri-City Community Concert Association

Janie Kunselman is the representative for the Tri-City Community Concert Association of Borger and Liberal, and is selling memberships to attend concerts for the 2011-2012 season. Concerts are as follows: Borger - The Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats - September 22nd, 7:30 p.m.; Guy Penrod, February 13th, 7:30 p.m.; Shawn Belton-Miller - TBA. Season memberships are: Adults - \$40, Sr. Adult - \$35, Students - \$20, and Family - \$100. For information, call Janie Kunselman at 659-2631. Tickets purchased from Tri-City Concert Association admit members to concerts in Pampa and Plainview.

### Liberal Community Concert Association

Janie Kunselman is the representative for the Liberal Community Concert Association of Liberal, KS. The Liberal Community Concert Association is selling memberships to attend five special concerts in the 2011-2012 season. Concerts are as follows: October 4th - Deborah Henson-Conant; November 8th - The Indigo Ensemble; January 30th - Mark Masri; February 16th - Guy Penrod; April 26th - Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats. Season memberships are: Adults - \$50, Students - \$25, and Family Pass - \$125. For information, call Janie Kunselman at 659-2631 or James Jackson at 620-624-5995.

### Texas SNAP Benefits Assistance

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

### City of Spearman Seal Coating

The City of Spearman will be seal coating the following streets this week: 11th street from Bernice to Roland, 10th street from Barkley to Roland, 9th street from Barkley to Roland, 8th street from Barkley to Archer, Dressen from 7th to 11th, Townsend from 7th to 11th, Archer from 8th to 11th, and Evans from 8th to 11th. Citizens are asked to have the vehicles off the street while the seal coating is going on. In those work areas you will be able to park vehicles in yards only while work is going on. The project should be completed by Monday June 6, 2011.

### Rushing Wind Emmaus Community

The Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet in the Trinity Faith Church, Liberal, Kansas, on Saturday, June 11 at 6 p.m. A potluck meal will be served followed by sponsors training and a praise and worship service. Friends and families are welcome.

### Spearman Food Bank

If you would like to help the Spearman Food Bank, they need help unloading the truck at 11:30 each 1st Thursday of each month. Contact Cecil Biggers for more information.

### Don't Text and Drive Decals

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

### Project Graduation

The parents of the Spearman High School Senior Class of 2011 are hosting a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement exercises Friday, May 27th. This event is sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation. This project offers the students the opportunity to have an alcohol and drug free celebration. To encourage the students to stay the entire night, door prizes are distributed throughout the evening. All students staying the entire night will be awarded a \$100 gift card. Prizes, gift certificates, and cash are needed for the evening's gifts. If you, the community, who have supported and encouraged these seniors for the past 13 years of school, would like to share in this final "Class of 2011" memory (making this project "special"), please contact Jessie Deakin (806-659-5580 or jessiedeakin@hotmail.com). Donations Chairman. Committee members are: Sharon Kern at 659-2017; Sherry Boyd at 659-3844; Tammy Benton at 659-3071. Contributions or donations can be mailed to: Project Graduation 2011, P.O. Box 926, Spearman, TX 79081. On behalf of the parents and family of the Senior Class, we would like to thank you for all of your support.

### 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.



**Congratulations to Ed and Pat Dear who are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary June 8th. They celebrated over the weekend with their children and families at the home of Dan and Michelle Dear in Amarillo.**

## Hansford Golf Course Tuesday Scrambles Results

By President Damon Sibley  
June 6th

June 6 there were 15 players and no winner. Chad Wilkerson was closest to the pin on number 4. There is a two week carry over and it will take \$30 to join the pot.

May 31st

May 31 there were 21 golfers and no winners. Bobby Don Smith won closest to the pin on #13

May 24th

On May 24th there were 10 golfers to play in severe winds. There were 2 teams of 5. The team of Cooper, Graves, Messer, Winger and Sibley won the pot. Closest to the pin remained elusive as the wind kept all from even hitting the green on #7.

April 26th

Tuesday April 26 we had 21 golfers. Due to the weather we only played 5 holes, giving the win to the rain. The pot will carry over to next week.

April 19th

We had 13 golfers play in the scramble. There was not a winner so next Tuesday will have a two week carry over. Bobby Smith was the closest to the pin winner on hole number 4.

April 12th

Tuesday April 12th we had 22 golfers show up for a round of golf. This week we did not have a team winner or a closest to the pin winner so both pots will carry over to next week.

April 5th

On Tuesday April 5th we had 23 golfers show up for a pretty day of golf. Just as last week we had a winner Don Schroeder, Chad Clift, Randy Hearon, and Wes. K. Schroeder was also the closest to the pin winner on hole number 7.

March 29th

We had 13 players with one team beating the other teams by 4 strokes. The winning team was Don Schroeder, Ramon Lozano, Randy Hearon and Damon Sibley. As bad as Craig Cooper's team was he did manage to get closest to the pin on hole number 13.

March 22nd

We had 13 golfers play in horrible wind. We did not have a winner so the pot will push to next week. Chris Barclay was the closest to the pin winner on hole number 7. He did have to use his driver to get it 150 yards. Next week we welcome all to play. The cost will be \$20 and you must be over 19 to play.

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"It was not until high school that I got a really fast barrel horse," she said.

Her competitive fires lit for barrel racing, Holt did what she always does and gave it her all, placing strong in rodeo after rodeo. Her becoming a member of the OSU Rodeo Team was a seamless transition and one that she says helped her in many ways.

"The OSU Rodeo Team gave me another family; being around people with the same interests allows you to feel at home even when you are far away from your actual home," Holt said. "The team manages its own facilities. Team members practice together. I have made lifelong friends and was able to take part in many exciting events that opened new doors for me."

In addition to personal and professional contacts made, Holt contends that participating in collegiate rodeo at OSU taught her a great deal about herself and helped her building key life skills.

"I have learned how to multitask and juggle many responsibilities while giving maximum effort to everything that needs doing," she said. "Being gone three or four days at competitions scheduled around 10 weekends during school is challenging. There are still books to read, projects to complete, papers to write and taking part in everything that makes up the college experience."

Holt said earning her bachelor's degree at OSU has turned out to be "the single most important thing" she could do to better her future.

"Being part of the OSU College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources has given me the opportunity to meet and work with wonderful faculty and alumni, many of whom are contacts and supporters I will have for a lifetime," she said. "It takes hard work and dedication, but I have been encouraged all along the way to work toward what I love."

After earning her master's degree, the 2006 graduate of Gruver High School plans to return to the Texas panhandle and farm and run cattle, and continue competing in rodeos, of course. But for now, her focus is fixed firmly on the Collegiate National Finals Rodeo in June, doing what she always does, giving it her all.

## Gladiola Flower Club News

The Gladiola Flower Club met in the home of Kathleen Sutton on June 7, 2011.

Roll call was answered with, "How did you get to school when you started 1st grade?"

An interesting program was given by Margarete Evans on "Flower Power." She presented everyone with a variety packet of wild flower seed.

Virginia Trindle won specimen.

Gladiola Flower Club will meet on July 21, 2011 in the home of June Jackson.

Members present were Muriel Boyd, Dorothy Buzard, Betty Jean Davis, Margarete Evans, Estelle Jackson, June Jackson, Gwen Smith, Kathleen Sutton, Virginia Trindle, and Judy Yarbrough.

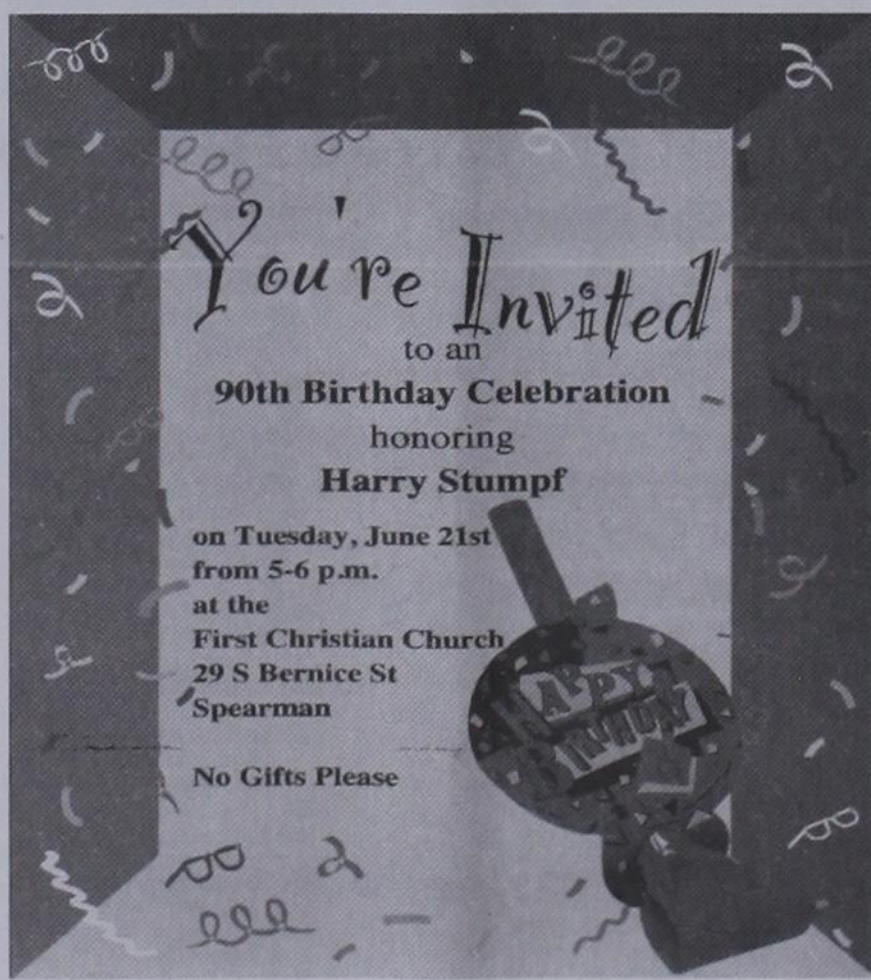


### Couples Currently Registered

- Jenna McElroy & Chance Riggins - 6/25
- Jennifer Gillespie & Jose Moreno Jr. - TBA
- Kamryn & Dane Harbour
- Morgan Templeton & Dustin Mackie
- Saylee Flowers & Ryan Renick
- Vanessa Sullivan & Chase Schubert
- Tanya Starkey & Jared George
- Sharon Haney & Aaron Anderson
- Jessica Blan & Joseph Elsheimer
- Tabatha Shields & Matt Jones
- Dana Lewis & Cass Cooper
- Rossilyn Bulls & Andrew Reed
- Lizet Camacho & Miguel Olmos
- Cara Gwin & Lance Baker
- Kendra Sharke & T Jay Sherrill

### Baby Registry

- Baby Girl of Nikki & Brady Hart
- Baby Girl of Richelle & Lupe Mendoza
- Baby Boy of Courtney Baca
- Phynlee (Girl) & Payne (Boy) - Twins of Kristie & Reagan Renner
- Ava Nicole - Baby Girl of Kaitlyn Poole
- Lane (Girl) & Sloan (Boy) - Twins of Erika & Scott Stedje



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Magdalena and Irene Otte

### Exchange Student Volunteers at Hansford Manor

submitted by Janie Kunselman

Magdalena Otte of Augsburg, Germany volunteered to come to Hansford Manor to help residents with lots of different activities while she attended High School in Spearman, TX as a foreign exchange student.

The residents really benefited from her visits. She played games, helped do puzzles, helped with bingo, assisted with Thursday Music Sessions, read books, filled up bird feeders, and visited with so many residents, plus helped with numerous other activities. It was delightful to hear Magdalena's pleasant German accent.

Magdalena is the daughter of Irene and Ralf Otte. She stayed with her host family, Wes and Kay Hull, while in Spearman. They offered her many educational opportunities. Magdalena seemed to really appreciate her stay in Spearman while learning American customs and traditions from our community and studying her High School curriculum.

Magdalena enriched our lives and hopefully we did the same for her!



Victor Reyes, Sherry Boyd and Carter Burgin

### 4th Grade Reader's Ready to Ride

submitted by Jodie Hight

Willis Boyd Dirt Service donated bicycles to the top 4th grade Accelerated Reader's at the Gus Birdwell Elementary School Award Assembly. Winner's for the fourth grade are: Victor Reyes and Carter Burgin. Bicycles were awarded to the top two reader's per grade level in 2nd -5th grade with the highest points in the Accelerated Reader Program. Congratulations and thank you Willis Boyd Dirt Service (Willis and Sherry Boyd) for your kind and generous donation.



ABOVE: Five Star Equipment donating the top AR points recipients at Pringle-Morse with prizes. James Layton won the middle school prize with 806.8 points and received a \$100 dollar prize and John Robinson won the elementary prize bicycle with 181 points. Richey Thompson and Stephen Poole were present to present the prizes.



Mia Pipkin, Lance Kemp and Maggie Davis

### 2nd Grade Reader's Ready to Ride

submitted by Jodie Hight

Gigot-Agra Products donated bicycles to the top 2nd grade Accelerated Reader's at the Gus Birdwell Elementary School Award Assembly. Winner's for the second grade are: Mia Pipkin and Maggie Davis. Bicycles were awarded to the top two reader's with the most points in the Accelerated Reader Program in 2nd - 5th grade. Congratulations and thank you Gigot Agra Products (Lance Kemp) for your kind and generous donation.

### Dr. Glenn Blodgett

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"This is a challenge gift, meaning the Burnett Foundation has challenged us to raise an additional \$2.5 million for the Glenn Blodgett Equine Chair," explained Dr. Jim Heird, executive professor and coordinator for the Equine Initiative. "We are thrilled to have a cornerstone gift honoring such a deserving friend of the program to kick off our fundraising efforts."

If you would like to contribute to the Glenn Blodgett Equine Chair or any other program through the CVM, please contact Dr. O.J. "Bubba" Woytek, assistant vice president for development, or Dr. Guy A. Sheppard, director of development, in the Development Office at the CVM at 979-845-9043.

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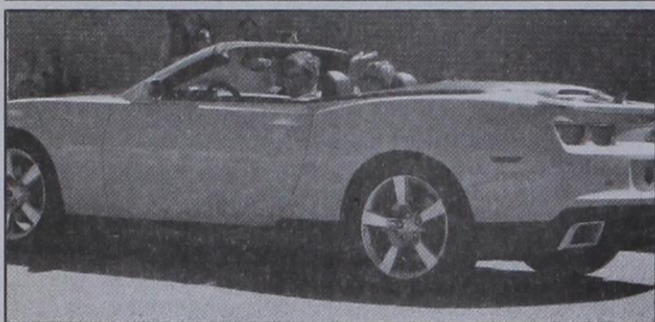
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TFN(3/31/11)B

**HELP WANTED:** Deakin Electric is currently for someone dependable to clean the offices weekly. Please apply in person at 321 Main Street, Spearman TX 79081.  
TFN(3/31/11)B

**HELP WANTED:** Dean Cluck Feedyard, Inc. has immediate openings for the following positions: Shop Foreman/Mechanic; Mill Manager and Weekend Night Watchman. Benefits include health insurance, retirement plan and paid vacation. Please apply in person or fax resume to 806-733-2244 Attention: Chad Grimes. TFN(6/2/11)B

**HELP WANTED:** First State Bank, Spearman, has a full time positions open for a Teller and positions open in Book-keeping. Applicant must have a high school diploma or equivalent, typing and some ten-key skills required, customer relation and telephone skills are very important. Background in accounting, word processing and spreadsheets is helpful but not required. Benefit program includes group hospitalization insurance, retirement, vacation pay, sick leave pay and holiday pay. Apply with Ginger Turner at First State Bank, PO Box 247, Spearman, TX 79081, telephone #(806) 659-5565. An Equal Opportunity Employer.  
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**HELP WANTED:** Apply at West Texas Gas Office, 204 Main St, Spearman. (Will be in and out. If not there, please check back.) To make an appointment, call 806-570-8857 between 8 a.m-5 p.m.  
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1(9/16/11)P

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS** Sealed Proposals addressed to Ed Hansen, City Manager, City of Spearman, P.O. Box 37, Spearman, Texas, 79018-0037 for the reconstruction of approximately 9,000 square feet of sidewalk and all associated appurtenances entitled: Downtown Sidewalk Improvements; East Side of Main Street; From NW Court to Davis Street and Davis Street to Hancock Street will be received in the office of the City Manager, City of Spearman, at City Hall, 30 Southwest Court, Spearman, Texas, until:  
July 12, 2011  
4:00 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, 79018.  
2(6/16/11)B

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 seventy five dollars (\$75.00), non-refundable, for each set of plans and specifications.

Performance and Payment bonds shall be set forth in the Contract documents.

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(6/16/11)B

**ENGINEERING SERVICES PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City of Spearman has recently received notice of a Contract award from the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA) for an Urgent Need Program Grant. Accordingly, the City of Spearman is seeking to contract with a qualified engineer/engineering firm registered to practice in the State of Texas, to prepare all preliminary and final design plans and specifications, and to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections.

A copy of the Request for Proposal for Services may be obtained from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, Texas 79105, ATTN: Kyler Estes, (806) 372-3381. A statement of qualifications for these proposed services will be required.

Please submit your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for these proposed services to the address below:  
Ed Hansen, City Manager  
City of Spearman  
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Proposals must be received by the City no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 27th day of June, 2011 to be considered. The

City will hold a Council meeting at 7:00 a.m. on the 28th day of June, 2011 at City Hall and may award the contract at that time. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals, engineers or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. The City of Spearman is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.  
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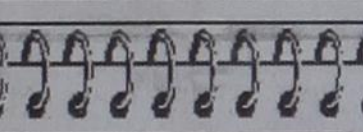
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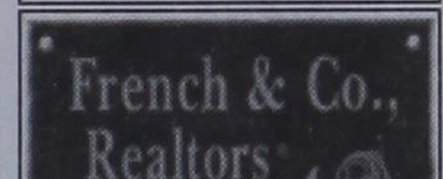
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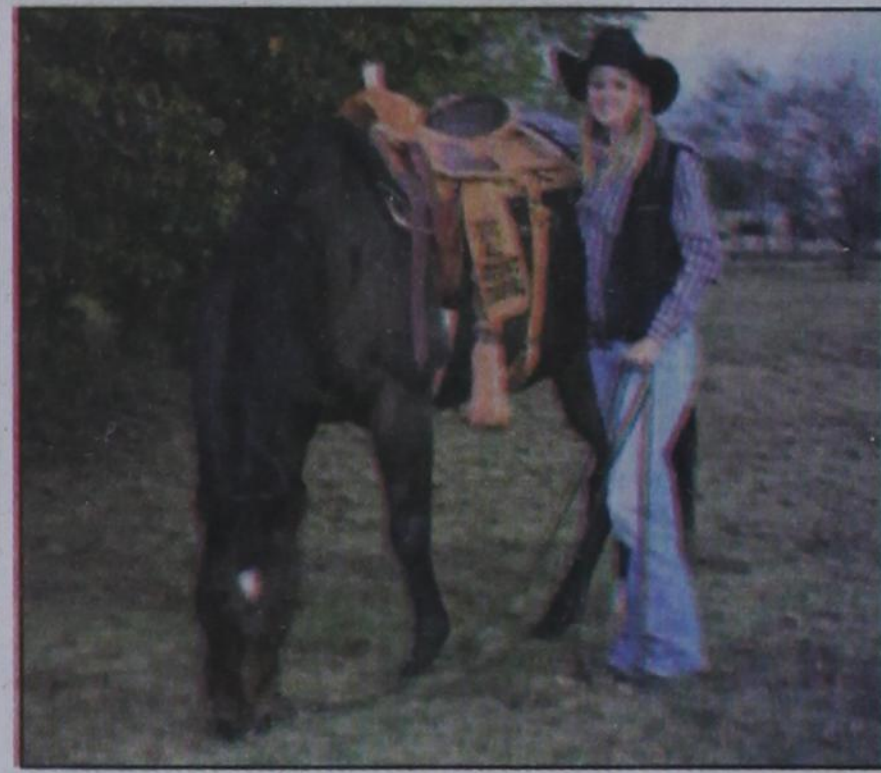
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### Local Resident Qualifies to Compete in the Collegiate National Finals Rodeo



Rachelle Holt

her senior year; scary times. It takes a tough girl to accomplish all she has on campus, in the rodeo arena and in life. We couldn't be more proud of her."

The daughter of Kevin and Ronda Holt of Gruver, Texas, Leslie Rachelle Holt has been around horses as long as she can remember and began competing in rodeos at 8 years of age.

"Rodeo was a chance for my family to take 'vacations' and compete in different locations, mostly in Kansas and Colorado when I was growing up," she said. "I learned to rope calves when I was 9 years old and enjoyed that more than running barrels."

Though now one of the nation's most accomplished collegiate barrel racers, Holt learned the craft mostly by riding roping horses.

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Rachelle Holt, an Oklahoma State University agricultural communications alumna and current graduate student pursuing a master's degree in agricultural business, will be representing Cowboy nation at the Collegiate National Finals Rodeo in June.

Holt, who just finished her final season as a member of the OSU Rodeo Team, beat out more than 125 other rodeo athletes to qualify for the barrel racing competition at the national contest, which will take place June 10-19 in Casper, Wyo.

"Only the top three performing rodeo athletes from each region in any event can make the Collegiate National Finals Rodeo," said Cathryn Christensen, OSU Rodeo Team adviser. "It's an outstanding accomplishment."

A challenging ride to the top in a physically and mentally demanding sport, but it is a trail previously traveled by the talented

Holt. She qualified for the national competition two years ago as well.

"Quitting is not in her vocabulary," said Shelly Peper Sitton, OSU professor of agricultural communications. "She suffered a head injury from being kicked by a horse during

#### College National Finals Rodeo

This is the 63rd Annual CNFR and the 13th anniversary of the event's home in Casper. The CNFR features nine rodeo events, bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, tie-down roping and steer wrestling for the men, barrel racing, goat tying and breakaway roping for the women. In addition, team roping is held which can feature male and female competitors. Along with individual titles, many of the competitors are hoping to be part of the men's or women's team that takes the team championship back to their college or university.

Each contestant has three preliminary rounds of competition prior to the final round on Saturday night, June 18th. Scores and times from those three rounds will be added up and the 12 contestants with the fastest total times or highest total scores will advance to the finals.

At the conclusion of the final round national event champions along with men's and women's all-around and team champions will be crowned. In addition several special awards will be presented throughout the competition. Complete results will be available at [www.cnfr.com](http://www.cnfr.com).

### Out at the Lake

by Jim Derington



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This is a whitetail doe and fawn, spotted in the emergency spillway, near the dam.

Lake Level--June 13, 2011--39.69 feet (-0.41)

The Lake only received sprinkles last Saturday when Spearman received a light shower with some quarter-size hail. Gruver people watched the towering cumulus clouds form and go east. I viewed them with mixed emotions, because we need rain in the worst way, but harvest has begun, and it is so tragic when you get your wheat threshed by a hailstorm.

There were 6 RVs at the north side of the dam this weekend.

For the second time Jim has seen a bald eagle circling with 2 buzzards. He was near the intake when he

noticed the strange group. This time he checked it with his binoculars. There was no doubt it was a bald eagle in strange company.

Mandy has seen a red bird with a black head at the Derington bird feeder. Jim is still trying to identify the bird.

#### Archaeologist at Work

Three very hot and windy days last week Dr. Scott Brosowske, his assistants, and a team of men with metal detectors worked on sites of the Palo Duro Creek. Joel Lee Lackey gave them a survey of his ranch, and I gave a quick survey of the Tyler ranch. Kirby Beckwith of Hardesty, Charles Broadhurst of Amarillo, Cleon Roberts of

Hereford, and Elizabeth Holt were also interested on lookers. Scott identified some of the artifacts Elizabeth had found on the Holt ranch. The men worked on three places in the middle of this area. They did not find where Charley Newell had his dugout and adobe home. It seemed to me they were more interested in the prehistoric Indian campsites they found than the more recent history. However, they worked some along the old Dodge City--Tascosa Trail where the Kenneth Harris family live. They also identified a dugout on that place that I had never noticed.

Each site they worked was carefully mapped at the end as to the numbered finds in plastic sacks pinned by a flag. The items will go to the Courson Archaeological Research Lab for cleaning and classifying. Later the owner of that site gets to look and decide if they want to keep the items or put them in a Museum. Some items of note were a brass arrow point, a medalion, Indian tweezers, and decorations hung on bridle bits.

They were an interesting group. I hope we find them back on the Palo Duro again.

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