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Panhandle-Plains Land Bank Stockholder Participates in Farm Credit Young Leaders Program



Carson and Shelley Womble

J. Carson Womble of Spearman was one of 15 young Farm Credit borrowers who recently had an opportunity to interact with decision-makers and Farm Credit System leaders in Washington, D.C., as part of the third annual Farm Credit Young Leaders Program.

The four-day event, sponsored by the Tenth District Farm Credit Council, was designed to give young Farm Credit stockholders an up-close look at the Farm Credit System. Participants traveled to Washington, D.C., Newark, N.J., and New York City for tours, special briefings and meetings with government, System and financial leaders. Each lending co-op in the district was invited to select a participant for the program.

"This event was a great opportunity for these young people, who are the future leaders of the agriculture industry and their respective communities throughout our five-state territory. It gave them a firsthand look at the Farm Credit System and provided insight into our nation's financial network and legislative process," said Jimmy Dodson, chairman of the district council.

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Lynxettes Claim State 2A Cross Country Title



Spearman Lynxettes Varsity Cross Country Team

(Front Row, L-R) Sarah Snider, Preslee Baker, Suttan Garnett, Leanna Espinosa, Bond Pittman; (Back Row, L-R) Coach Nan Cook, Shelby Hanna, Gately Garnett, Tylo Farrar, Malory Martin, Joselyn Terrazas, Ashley Close, Coach Starla Whiteley. (Photo by Tami Hargrove, http://spearmansports.smugmug.com)

By Greg Jaklewicz, Amarillo Globe-News

Spearman finally climbed over that Wall.

The Lynxettes, who finished second to the Wall Lady Hawks at the regional and state cross country meets last year, outran Wall and rest of the Class 2A girls field to take first place Saturday at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock.

"We got it. Our girls did a great job. They're still crying," coach Nan Cook said. Brock was second and Wall, which took a 59-90 win over Spearman last year, was third.

Spearman last won a state cross country title in 1988. Junior Suttan Garnett was third overall (11:55.58), improving from seventh in 2007, to lead Spearman.

"It's awesome. I can believe it because we worked hard all year," Garnett said. She finished behind Elena Gumbs of Universal City Randolph (11:42.45) and Wall's Colleen Adams (11:43.75). Garnett and Adams had split wins in two previous meetings this season.

Two Lynxettes freshmen, Tylo Farrar and Gately Garnett, were sixth and 10th.

"Once we won the Perryton and Amarillo meets, I knew the kids had it in them," Cook said.

Class 1A girls

Gruver's Shelley Gibson was the area's top individual runner in class 1A, taking 12th place (12:16.09). Shelley led the Lady Hounds to a regional birth, and followed that up with a great run in Round Rock.

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 20s. Northeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

FRIDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

SATURDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

TUESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s.

Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Temperatures were above normal. Soil moisture ranged from very short to surplus with most areas reporting adequate. Corn was still being harvested in some fields. Cotton ranged from very poor to good with most areas reporting poor to fair. The soybean harvest continued, with areas reporting sorghum in the mature stage. The sorghum and sunflower harvest continued. Wheat varied from very poor to excellent with most areas reporting fair to good. Range conditions were very poor to fair with most areas reporting fair. Cattle were in good condition.

Gladiola Flower Club Home Tour



MR. AND MRS. TIM COOPER
801 WALTER WILMETH

Tim and Paula invite you to their home on December 7, 2008 from 2-5 p.m.

This recently completed home with 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, an upstairs "bonus" room and 3 car garage was constructed by Charles Elliott.

The kitchen was complemented with Cherry wood cabinets and granite counter tops. The stairs to the "bonus" room were custom painted by Gina Gillispie.

Going through a covered patio to an enclosed backyard you find a swimming pool and a quiet place to relax and enjoy.

The Gladiola Flower Club sponsors the Home Tour each December. Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased from any Flower Club member, or at the door.

The Cooper home is one of the homes featured in this year's Gladiola Flower Club Home Tour, which will be held on December 7th from 2-5 p.m. Other homes on the tour include: Mr. & Mrs. Joey Woolley, 1021 Cotter Dr.; Mr. & Mrs. Chad Knowlton, 501 S. Barkley; and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Howell, 620 S. Endicott.

CORRECTION

I apologize to Mrs. Tim (Paula) Cooper for putting the wrong name in the Home Tour write-up in last week's paper.
Margarette Evans, Publicity Chair
Gladiola Flower Club

PROCLAMATION

"Spearman Lynxettes Cross Country State 2A Champions Day" to the Citizens of Spearman, Texas:

WHEREAS, the Spearman Lynxettes Cross Country Team have had many months of early, pre-dawn practices, running through the city streets and park trails; and

WHEREAS, this group of young ladies have set an example of pure dedication, fortitude and been positive role models to the youth of this community; and

WHEREAS, these girls, with a superior display of talent and coaching by Nan Cook and Starla Whiteley, captured the State 2A Cross Country Title on Saturday, November 15, 2008; and

WHEREAS, such title brought recognition to our community and the citizens of Spearman want to honor the team for their outstanding accomplishment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN GILLISPIE, Mayor of the City of Spearman, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim November 17, 2008 as

"LYNXETTES CROSS COUNTRY STATE CHAMPIONS DAY" in and for the City of Spearman, and encourage all citizens to congratulate the team for a job "Well Done."

Suttan Garnett, Tylo Farrar, Gately Garnett, LeAnna Espinosa, Shelby Hanna, Malory Martin, Sarah Snider, Joselyn Terrazas, Preslee Baker, Bond Pittman, Ashley Close

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the City of Spearman, Texas.

DATED the Seventeenth day of November, Two Thousand and Eight.

MAYOR BRIAN GILLISPIE



Prairie Garden Flowers has a new home and new owners. Kyla Ortiz, Carla Puentes and Brooke Greene purchased the business from Mary Mayfield. After purchasing the business, they moved into the former Zulu Art Gallery, located at Main Street. Prairie Garden Flowers will include a flower shop, a gift shop specializing in western motifs, an art gallery, and a coffee shop, known as "Steerbucks." A ribbon cutting was held on Tuesday, November 11, 2008. Pictured are the new owners, along with family and friends, as well as numerous Chamber of Commerce members. Kyla Ortiz is married to Orlando and they have two children, Matthew and Maddox. Carla Puentes is married to Benny and they have four children, Allison, Beau, Carey and Drew. Brooke Greene is married to Dean and they have four children, Sydney, Averi, Brennan and Jace.

COME TO THE GAME

Spearman Lynx/Lynxettes

11/20-22 JVG at Canadian JV Girls Tourney

11/20 7thG(5), 8thG(6), 9thG(6) vs Highland Park; 7thB(5), 8thB(6), 9thB(7:30) at H. Park

11/21 JVG (6:30), VB (8), JVB (5) at Memphis

11/22 VG (TBA), JVG (TBA), VB (8) JVB (5) at Childress

11/24 VG (6), VB (7:30) vs Lubbock Roosevelt

Tourney at West Texas A&M Event Center, Canyon

11/24 9thG(6), 8thG(6), 7thG(5) vs Bushland;

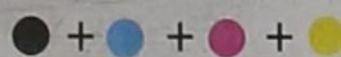
9thB(6), 8thB(6), 7thB(5) @ Bushland

Gruver Greyhounds/Lady Hounds

11/21 JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8) VS BOOKER

11/24 7thG(5), 8thB(6) @ West Texas; 7thG(5), 8thG(6) vs West Texas

11/25 JVG(5), JVB(5), VG(6:30), VB(8) @ Panhandle



Lullabies, Legends & Lies

by Parson Smith, the Prime Minister of Laughter

While there are some true scum bags, there are some really nice people in this world.

One of those people is Si Li Tang, aka Joanne.

Whenever I see Si Li, she is smiling.

She makes days brighter for everyone she meets.

She behaves courteously and with dignity.

She is charming and intelligent.

She makes me proud to be an American and a citizen of the world.

Si Li is currently working at Tong's Chinese Restaurant in Spearman with her Mother, Hui Zhu and her brother, Jerry. Mr Tang passed away earlier this year.

In January, Si Li heads back down to Austin, where she is a sophomore at the University of Texas.

I have been a Texas Tech fan since shortly after birth. My first words were, "Go, Red Raiders." As far as sports are concerned, I thought that the coaches from UT

were all the Anti-Christ and that burnt orange was only good for burning.

I have changed my mind.

Any school that has enough wisdom to accept Si Li Tang as one of its students has to be OK.

It is painful for me to say, but... "HOOK 'EM HORNS."

*Until the next time,
May God Bless.*

State Capital HIGHLIGHTS

AUSTIN — Lawmakers filed more than 500 bills Nov. 10-14 in advance of the 81st session of the Texas Legislature, which convenes Jan. 13.

With dynamic national and world economic conditions on the table, lawmakers' big jobs, to appropriate funding and to pass a state budget, are likely to demand more time and effort than in previous sessions.

Those issues aside, here are examples of a few early bills:

HB 60 by Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, would require tax collectors to accept partial payment of ad valorem taxes.

HB 72 by Ryan Guillen, D-San Diego, would repeal the 60-day waiting period for issuing a divorce decree, if one spouse was convicted of assaulting or threatening the other.

HB 220 by Rep. Jose Menendez, D-San Antonio, would make it illegal to use a cell phone while driving, except if making a call for emergency services.

RUSH TO FILE LEGISLATION FOR UPCOMING SESSION BEGINS

TEXAS Attorney General Greg Abbott said one defendant was indicted for conducting an unlawful marriage ceremony involving a minor, a third-degree felony. A second defendant was indicted on three counts of third-degree bigamy. A third defendant was indicted on three felony charges of bigamy and a felony charge of tampering with physical evidence.

The fourth defendant, sect leader Warren Jeffs, was indicted on a first-degree felony count of aggravated sexual assault. Jeffs also was indicted in July for sexually assaulting a child.

To date, Abbott said, 12 people associated with the compound have been indicted as part of an ongoing criminal investigation.

Federal, state and local governmental officers entered the compound last spring and took into custody more than 300 children who



by Ed Sterling

resided there. The children were placed in temporary foster care for about two months.

Program for veterans announced

Gov. Rick Perry on Nov. 10 announced the creation of the Texas Veterans Leadership Program to help those returning from Iraq and Afghanistan to re-enter civilian life.

The program, headed by Texas Workforce Commissioner Tom Pauken, will help veterans with job training services, resources and employment referrals.

In August, Perry called on the Texas Legislature to provide in-state tuition to all qualified veterans, their spouses and dependents. The tuition waiver could save veterans and their families up to \$8,100 a year if they take 30 semester credit hours at a Texas public university, Perry said.

Open Letter

Dear Editor,

I see it is time to pay my dues to the Hansford Reporter. I sure do enjoy the paper every week. I also enjoy the Church of Christ newsletter from Gruver and the Baptist Bulletin from the church at Gruver.

I was born in Montague County in 1921. After the War, I came to Hansford County in 1946 and lived

in Gruver until 1995.

I remember many old friends in Spearman and Gruver - Johnny Lee, R.L. McClellan, J.B. Cook, Gary Evans, Cecil Biggers, J.L. Brock, Doug Connelly, Dr. Hasky, Dr. Kleeburger, and from Gruver, Mr. Gruver, the fine folks at Gruver State Bank, Kenneth Irwin and Mr. Bort. They were all good to me and I appreciated their help.

I had a small dirt contracting business from 1954 until 1984. One of my employees was Vernon Edens and his wife Norma. He was a faithful dozer operator for about 20 years.

I lost my wife Rubye Lea in 1995 after 53 years. I now live five miles East of Nocona.

I hope you are not bored. If you have room, you may print this.

Thanks,
Lee Roy Mitchell

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

Happy Anniversary to me! This is my fifth year writing this column for the museum. I can not believe it. Time really flies when you are having fun and getting older. I truly appreciate all of the newspapers who print our column and all of you who actually read the column and enjoy it. We will continue to try to keep you informed about our activities and to offer you a piece of local and state history each week.

Work Wednesday was like a bee hive with our core team taking down the Parnell exhibit, painting the alcove, and hanging more holiday quilts, table runners, wall hangings, and tablecloths. The colors, themes, and artistic talent will delight you and definitely put you in the holiday mood. The Ladies as always have done a great job.

At this time of year we start evaluating the year and our activities and accomplishments and start planning the new year. If you are a local artist or know one that wants to have a show, program, book signing, exhibit, or musical program have them give us a call. As a member or visitor to our museum, if you have a suggestion or a request for a specific person or topic, call, write, or email us.

Next week when this column is read, it will be Thanksgiving. The museum will be closed Thanksgiving, Christmas eve, Christmas, and New Years are the only holidays that we are closed. We hope you are enjoying the day with family and a traditional Turkey dinner (a domestic one and not a Lipscomb county bird).

HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

There are two historical events that happened in November, that give a different meaning to familiar words "Twins, Sister, Big, Little, and Inch."

The first occurred in 1835, when the citizens of Cincinnati, Ohio raised funds to buy two cannons for the Texas Army to win our freedom from Mexico. The two cannons called "hollow ware" were taken to Galveston by the family of Dr. Charles Rice. Dr. Rice with his twin daughters, Elizabeth and Eleanor, presented the guns to representatives of Texas. Someone in the crowd referred to the fact that there were two sets of twins in the presentation, the girls and the guns, and the cannons became the Twin Sisters. The guns supported the infantry assault on April 21 at the battle of San Jacinto. Along with the Gonzales "Come and Take it" cannon, the Twin Sisters are among the most famous weapons of the Texas Revolution.

The second event occurred on Nov. 14, 1947, when the U.S. government sold the two strategic pipelines laid during the WWII from East Texas to the Northeast to a private company. In 1941, oil industry executives began to plan the building of the two pipelines, one, 24 inches in diameter was named Big Inch, transported crude oil. The other, 20 inches in diameter, called the Little Big Inch, transported refined products. The Big Inch ran from Longview to Southern Illinois then to Phoenixville, Pennsylvania. The little Big Inch began in the refinery

complex between Houston and Port Arthur and ended in Linden, New Jersey. Together the pipelines carried over 350 million barrels of crude oil and refined products to the East Coast before the war in Europe ended in August, 1945. Why did the build the pipelines? Shipment of petroleum to the Northeast by tankers would be impossible in time of war because of German submarines. (Source of these facts is the Texas State Historical Association online Day by Day articles).

Put these names Twin Sisters, Big Inch, and Little Big Inch in your Texas History vocabulary and remember what we can do when we have to. Count your many blessings this week and enjoy this great fall weather.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum

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

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

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 - "Harry Potter and the ___ Hallows"
 - *Ginger's competition
 - Rush along
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 - *Jason Lee on TV
 - **Where everybody knows your name"
 - Conform
 - It was red on the British
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 - Popular Italian given name
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- Power system
 - *Perry Mason's loyal secretary
 - Operatic solo
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 - *Edith sometimes drove him crazy
 - Pale gray
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- Young child
- Inhales through nose
- Appraisal
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- *Kermit's friend, ___ Piggy
- Used in measuring
- Kind of breed
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Medical Fund for Krystal Puentes

An emergency medical fund has been established for Krystal (Burkhammer) Puentes at First National Bank, Spearman. If you would like to make a contribution you may make a deposit with any teller or mail a donation to First National Bank, Krystal Puentes Medical Fund, PO Box 337, Spearman TX 79081.

Medical Fund for Rene Griffin

A medical fund has been established for Rene Griffin at First State Bank, Spearman. If you would like to make a contribution you may make a deposit with any teller or mail a donation to First State Bank, Rene Griffin Medical Fund, PO Box 247, Spearman TX 79081.

Medical Fund for Bruce Duncan

An emergency medical fund has been established for Bruce Duncan at First National Bank, Spearman. If you would like to make a donation you may make a deposit with any teller or mail a donation to First National Bank, Bruce Duncan Medical Fund, PO Box 337, Spearman TX 79081.

Hansford County Courthouse Thanksgiving Hours

The offices in the Hansford County Courthouse will be closed from noon Wednesday, November 26th through Friday, November 28th. They will open at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, December 1 for regular business hours.

Holiday Home Tour

The Gladiola Flower Club will host their Holiday Home Tour on Sunday, December 7, 2008 from 2-5 p.m. All proceeds from the Home Tour go to scholarships for local graduates.

HC Library Harvest Craft Raffle

The Hansford County Library is announcing a Harvest Craft Raffle as the result of an idea spun from its mid-winter arts and crafts showcase. A number of participants in the showcase have generously donated items to be raffled to benefit the library's DVD collection. The drawing for the items will be on Monday, November 24, just in time to assist with your Christmas gift giving. Items are on view now with tickets selling for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Come by the library to see the items & purchase tickets.

Region 16 ESC offers Free GED Preparation Software

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

Spearman Lynx Basketball Fundraiser

The Spearman Lynx Varsity basketball players are painting paws on driveways (\$15 each or 2 for \$25) to raise money for tournament expenses this year. If you are interested in purchasing paws, please contact Coach Jr. Ashmore or any member of the Lynx basketball team.

SHS Band Selling Discount Cards

Spearman HS Band is selling the discount band cards for \$10 ea. Good for 1 yr. The Band has a trip in the spring and needs your support. Contact Jerry at 659-2563 ext. 3005 or Sherne at 659-2584 ext. 2202.

GISD Offering Reward for Information

Gruver Independent School District is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who burglarized two Gruver teachers homes between October 17-19 2008. If you have any information, contact: Troy Seagler at 806-733-2477, Micah Davis at 806-733-2081, David Teal at 806-733-2001 or the Hansford County Sheriff's Office at 806-733-2901.

Web Page Development - Level 1 Class

There have been some inquiries expressing an interest in a "Web Page Development" class. If you are interested in taking this class, contact Cindy Blackman, Community 659-3233 or cindy.blackman@region16.net.

FSB Aims Sunday Morning Worship on PTCI

Sunday morning worship services from Spearman's First Baptist Church are being telecast on PTCI's Channel 2 Wednesdays at 7 AM, 4 PM and 11 PM and on Sundays at 6 AM, 11 AM, 4 PM and 9 PM.

Annual Festival of Arts & Crafts

Wesley United Methodist Church will be holding its 28th Annual Festival of Arts & Crafts on December 6, 2008, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the community center in Hereford. Only a limited number of booths are available, with applications being screened. The booth fee is \$10. Applications may be obtained by writing or calling any of the following names or numbers: Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St, Hereford TX 79045, 806-364-0774; Jane Eggen, 126 Aspen, Hereford TX 79045, 806-364-5789; or Wesley United Methodist Church, PO Box 1743, Hereford TX 79045, 806-364-4419.

Child Find

Your school district is looking for children ages 3-21 years who may be slow in developing communication skills, social interactions, walking skills and/or have major physical disabilities. We want to give your child the chance to receive the extra help he/she needs, if the disability interferes with his/her education. Please call your elementary campus to get more information or call Perryton SSA, 435-4412. Our staff will answer your questions about early intervention.

Gruver Elementary Collects Register Tapes for Education

Gruver Elementary is participating in the Lowe's Marketplace Register Tapes for Education. Gruver Elementary is also collecting the pink Box Tops for Education and the yellow UPC bar code Labels for Education from Campbell and Swanson products. You can deposit your register tapes, pink Box Tops and UPC Bar Codes in the Elementary School Lobby, City Library, City Hall, Night & Day Beauty Salon or Hitchin' Nails Salon. Jo Clawson will also collect them at 711 Womble. Please help us earn free education equipment by collecting these items.

Don't Wait to Find Help for Someone Who is Addicted

Trying to help someone who's having a problem with drugs or alcohol? Substance abuse all too often leads to accidents, arrest, illness, financial hardship and even homelessness and death. Don't wait to find help for someone you love. Call Narconon Arrowhead drug rehabilitation and education center for a free addiction consultation or referral to treatment in your area. Call 1-800-468-6933 or visit www.stopaddiction.com.

Thriftshop Policy

Hansford County Library has a policy barring children under 12 from the Thriftshop and the surrounding area outside. No strollers or buggies of any type are allowed in the Thriftshop. This policy is due to overcrowding in a small area and continuing discipline problems. Shoppers are asked to be considerate of the volunteers as well as other shoppers, and leave children under 12 at home.

Beware of FAFSA Web Scam

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

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You're Never Alone - Narcotics Anonymous Group

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

Spearhead AA Group

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

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Gladiola Flower Club

October 2, 2008

The Gladiola Flower Club met in the home of Dorothy Buzzard on October 2, 2008.

Chairman Dorothy Buzzard presided. Roll Call was answered with "The hardest thing for me to throw away."

Project Chairman Report - Estelle Jackson reported that the Home Tour will be held on December 7th from 2-5 p.m.

A resignation letter was read from Dickie Allen.

The Nominating Committee Report was given: Chairman - Dorothy Buzzard, Vice-Chairman - Betty Jean Davis, Secretary - Margarette Evans, Treasurer - Kathleen Sutton, Historian - Pam Schnell, Flower Chair - Ann Flowers, Project Chair - Estelle Jackson

June Jackson reminded each one to turn their nut orders on October 16th.

Homegrown Flower was won by Judy Yarbrough; Plant was won by Dorothy Buzzard.

Dorothy Buzzard presented the program on how to make pumpkin decorations.

Those present were: Muriel Boyd, Dorothy Buzzard, Betty Jean Davis, Ann Flowers, June Jackson, Eloise Renner, Pam Schnell, Kathleen Sutton, Virginia Trindle and Judy Yarbrough.

October 16, 2008

The Gladiola Flower Club met in the home of Dorothy Buzzard on October 16, 2008, with Betty Jean Davis and June Jackson serving as co-hostesses.

Chairman Dorothy Buzzard presided. Roll Call was answered with "My favorite holiday."

Chairman Dorothy Buzzard appointed the Home Tour Committees: Publicity - Margarette Evans and Pam Schnell; Hostess Gifts - Kathleen Sutton and Ann Flowers; Tickets - Betty Jean Davis, Ann Allen and Judy Yarbrough.

Thanksgiving dinner will be held on November 6, 2008 at 6 p.m. in the First State Bank Hospitality Room. Judy Yarbrough and Eloise Renner asked for food sign-up for Turkey and all the trimmings.

Kathleen Sutton extended a "thank you" from Ruby Jo Wilbanks for the donation to the Museum.

The list of officers for 2009 was approved. Names were drawn for the Christmas gift exchange with members giving wish lists.

Those present were: Dorothy Buzzard, Muriel Boyd, Betty Jean Davis, Margarette Evans, Estelle Jackson, June Jackson, Sabrina Landrum, Eloise Renner, Gwen Smith, Kathleen Sutton, Virginia Trindle and Judy Yarbrough.

You are invited to a
Bridal Shower
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HANSFORD COUNTY

Lloyd Stavlo

Lloyd M. Stavlo was born in Alcester, South Dakota on May 20, 1913. He moved to a farm in Hansford County, Texas with his parents, Ed and Betsy Stavlo, and his 5 brothers in 1917. Two more sons were born in Texas. Soon the town of Gruver was platted 4 miles east of the farm. Most of Lloyd's schooling was in Gruver, but he spent one year of high school at Clifton Junior College at Clifton, Texas.

After finishing school, he was doing farm work in the area when he became the first Hansford County man to be drafted in World War II. In January of 1941, he was inducted in the 142nd Infantry of the 36th Division, better known as the T Patch or Texas Division. For over 2 years the Division underwent combat training. In April of 1943, they made an eleven-day boat trip from New York to Oran, Algeria. From there they went to a training ground at Magenta, where as they trained, they were held in reserve until Rommel's Afrika Korps was decisively whipped in North Africa.

On September 5 they embarked by boat to cross the Mediterranean to take part in an amphibious landing on the European mainland. While on the way they learned that Italy had surrendered to the Allies. The news caused many of the men to hope that the invasion would be called off or that there would be no fighting. They had not realized it would be German troops they would soon be facing.

In the pre-dawn hours of September 9, 1943, the T-

Patchers were loaded into small boats bobbing in the Bay of Salerno. Operation Avalanche under General Mark Clark began as they landed on the beach. Paths were made through the minefields, and barbed wire was cut. The Germans set up cross fires and shelled them from the ridges. To make an awful situation worse, they saw German Tiger tanks approaching. Destroyers in the Bay were able to knock out enough of the tanks to make the others turn back, and our planes flew over and helped. Most of the beachheads held. In 5 days the landing was secure, but the advancement into Italy was also to be costly in men and material.

In heavy fighting one week after the landing, the Scout next to Lloyd was killed, and Lloyd, also a Scout, was seriously wounded by exploding shrapnel. He was taken to several evacuation hospitals in Italy and Africa, before being transferred to a New York hospital on Dec. 5, 1943. He was discharged on March 5, 1944 from Torney General Hospital in Palm Springs, California, where he had been sent to recuperate. This hospital came into being when the Army purchased El Mirador Hotel in 1942 and made it into a 1600 bed hospital. By this time the doctors had determined that it was too dangerous to try to remove the shrapnel in Lloyd's brain.

His discharge paper said his condition was "Poor."

As Lloyd came back through Amarillo, he was interviewed by the Amarillo Daily News and received the headline, Gruver Hero of Salerno Is Home. "Stavlo said there were no words to describe the battle of the now famed beachhead which was taken by the Texans and Oklahomans taken from this area. He was with the Canyon Company and had nothing but praise for the bravery of the Panhandle men, despite his reluctance to elaborate on the battle. 'It was just plain hell.' And 'the greatest sight of all was when I came back into Amarillo,' he said. 'I figure I'm back home now.'

"He said friends of Sergeants Hiller and Haines, fellow inductees that day in Hansford County, would welcome knowing the boys 'are doing fine' and are still ready for action."

Lloyd returned to Gruver, lived with his mother, and farmed the home place west of Gruver. Later he bought a house in Gruver where they lived the remaining years of his mother's life. A niece told that they liked to have the grandchildren come visit and play the domino game, "Freeze Out." After Mrs. Stavlo's death on New Year's Day in 1968, Lloyd seemed more restless and traveled about, but he always picked a place that had a Veteran's Hospital and let his brother



PFC. Lloyd Stavlo

Joel and a nephew Robert Stavlo know where he was. In December of 1999, he died in Chicago at 86 years of age.

He had served his country 3 years, 1 month, and 27 days and received a wound that would affect the rest of his life. The 36th Division had captured 175,806 enemy soldiers and in doing so, had the third highest casualty list in the European Theater with 3,974 killed, 19,024 wounded and 4,317 missing in action.

57th Annual Beef Bull Performance Test Update

Submitted by Gwen Martin

The 100 head of beef bulls consigned to the 57th Annual OPSU Bull Test were weighed Saturday, November 8, 2008 after 28 days of the 112 day test. Compensatory gains were evident over this period with an average daily gain (ADG) of 5.5 lbs. At the end of the test, measurements will be made on the frame size, scrotal circumference, semen characteristics, fat thickness, rib eye area, and marbling in the rib eye. Expected progeny differences (EPD) will be computed on most of the bulls for calving ease, weaning weight, yearling weight and milk production on their heifer offspring. This performance data is available for the producer's evaluation of their cattle and for use by prospective buyers in their bull selection.

The top end of these bulls will be consigned to the 57th Annual OPSU Performance Tested Bull Sale. This sale is set for Monday, February 23, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. (CST) in the England Activity Building, University Farm, Goodwell, Okla. The bulls are being cared for by OPSU student employees Jami Eder, Sharon Springs, Kansas; Shane Lyons, Enid, Okla.; Mick Bogenhagen, Cheyenne Wells, Colo.; Ryan Irvin, Mutual, Okla.; and Alecia Havens, Greenfield, Iowa.

In the junior age division, the top pen of bulls with an ADG of 5.81 lbs., is consigned by B&M Angus of Edmond, Okla. Larry Wilson of Manchester, Okla. has the second place pen at 5.62 lbs. These three Angus bulls are sired by Rutledge Direction 563. In third place at 5.50 lbs. is Phil Light's pen of four Angus of Turpin, Okla. with three sires represented Morgan Direction III 9901, Mytty In Focus, and GAR 1407 New Design 5022.

In the senior age division, a Rutledge Angus pen of Stillwater, Okla. leads the way with an ADG of 7.19 lbs. Sires represented are GAR Solution and GAR Retail Product. Another Rutledge pen of three Angus, sons of GAR Retail Product, is in third place with an ADG of 6.94 lbs. In second place, with an ADG of 6.98 lbs., is a pen of three Angus consigned by M&S Cattle Co. of Dover, Okla. Sires represented are SA Neutron 377 and Rito 616 of 4B20 6807.

Those interested in following the performance of the bulls through the test can contact Gwen Martin, Animal Science Department, OPSU (580) 349-1500 to be placed on the mailing list to receive the performance reports.

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Cargill to Award 350 Scholarships for Class of 2009

Cargill, in collaboration with the National FFA Organization, will award \$350,000 in scholarships to high-school seniors who plan to enroll in post-secondary education next fall and currently live in communities where Cargill has operations.

The national program will award 350 scholarships of \$1,000 each. In addition, each recipient's high school will receive a \$200 grant from Cargill. FFA will process the applications and select the scholarship recipients, although students do not need to be FFA members to be eligible. Students are chosen based on academic achievement and leadership in extracurricular and civic activities.

"We are pleased to join FFA in recognizing outstanding students and supporting their educational goals," said Felipe Dominguez, facility manager for Cargill. "Cargill has a long-standing commitment to invest in programs that

benefit young people in communities where we live and work."

"FFA prepares young people to lead, grow and achieve future success in more than 300 diverse careers through agricultural education," said Dr. Larry D. Case, chief executive officer of the National FFA Organization. "FFA scholarships are paving the way for future industry leaders to get the education they deserve."

Scholarship guidelines and the application are available at www.cargill.com and www.ffa.org. The application requires the signature of a Cargill employee from the local community. Applications are due Feb. 15, 2009. Scholarships will be awarded in May 2009.

About FFA: The National FFA Organization is a national youth organization of 507,763 student members - all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture - as part of 7,439 local FFA chapters in

all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Founded as Future Farmers of America in 1928, the National FFA Organization changed to its present name in 1988, in recognition of the growth and diversity of agriculture and agricultural education. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Visit www.ffa.org for more information.

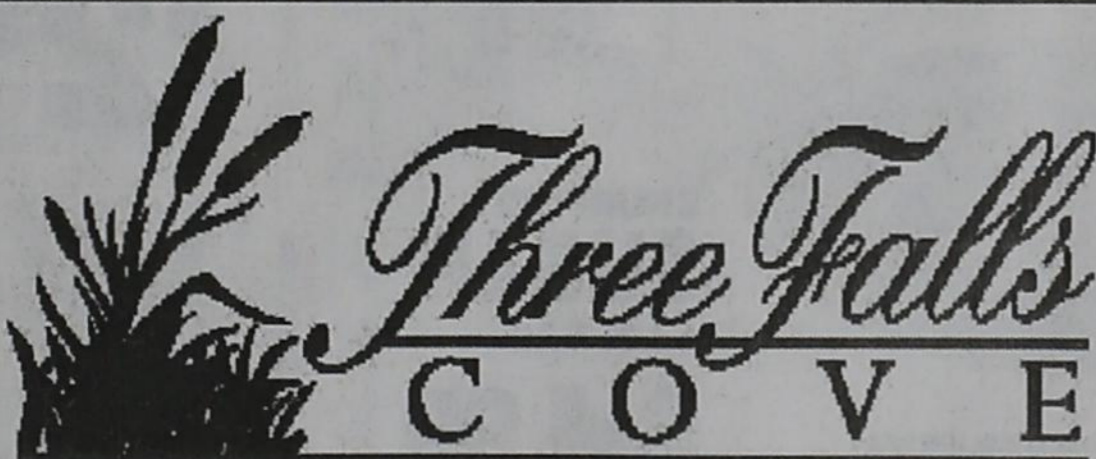
About Cargill: Cargill is an international provider of food, agricultural and risk management products and services. With 160,000 employees in 67 countries, the company is committed to using its knowledge and experience to collaborate with customers to help them succeed. Cargill contributes more than \$44 million a year globally to civic and charitable organizations that help nourish the people and possibilities in communities where its employees live and work. For more information, visit <http://www.cargill.com>.

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

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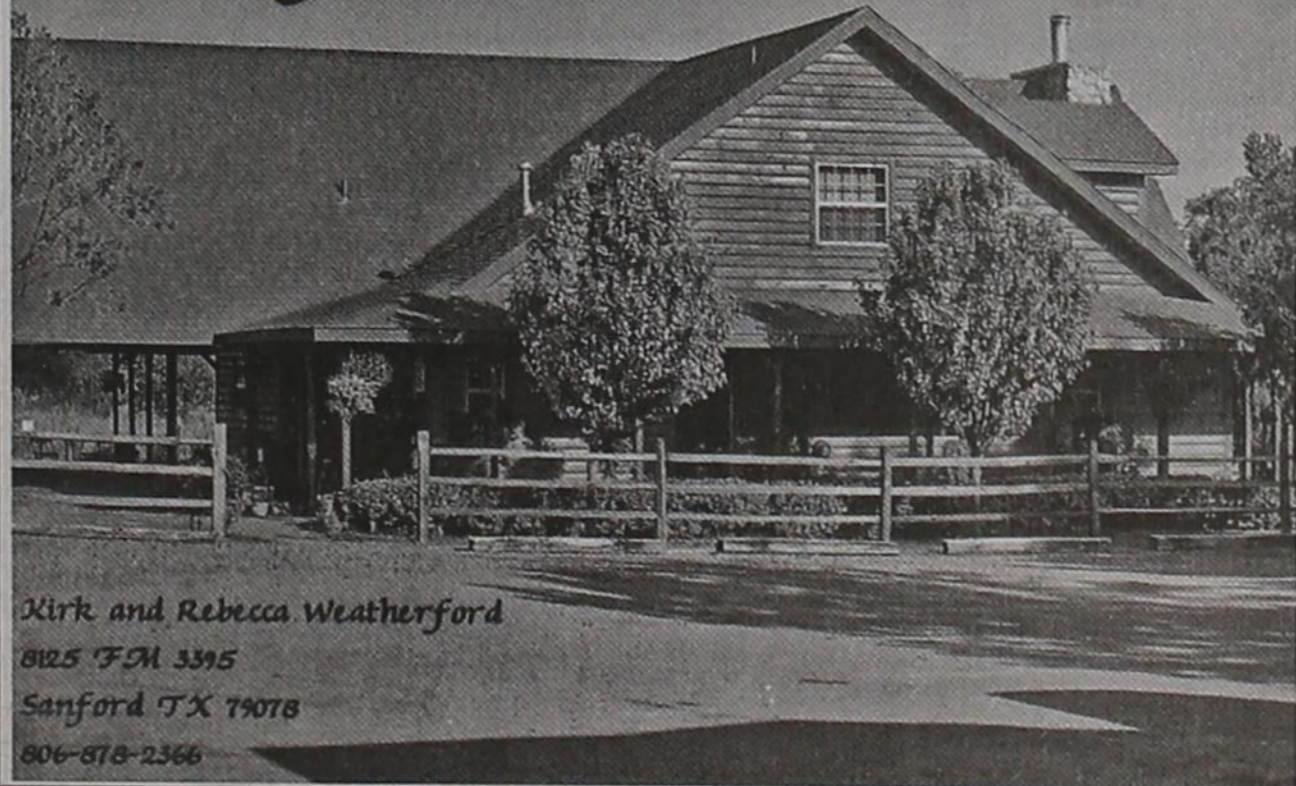
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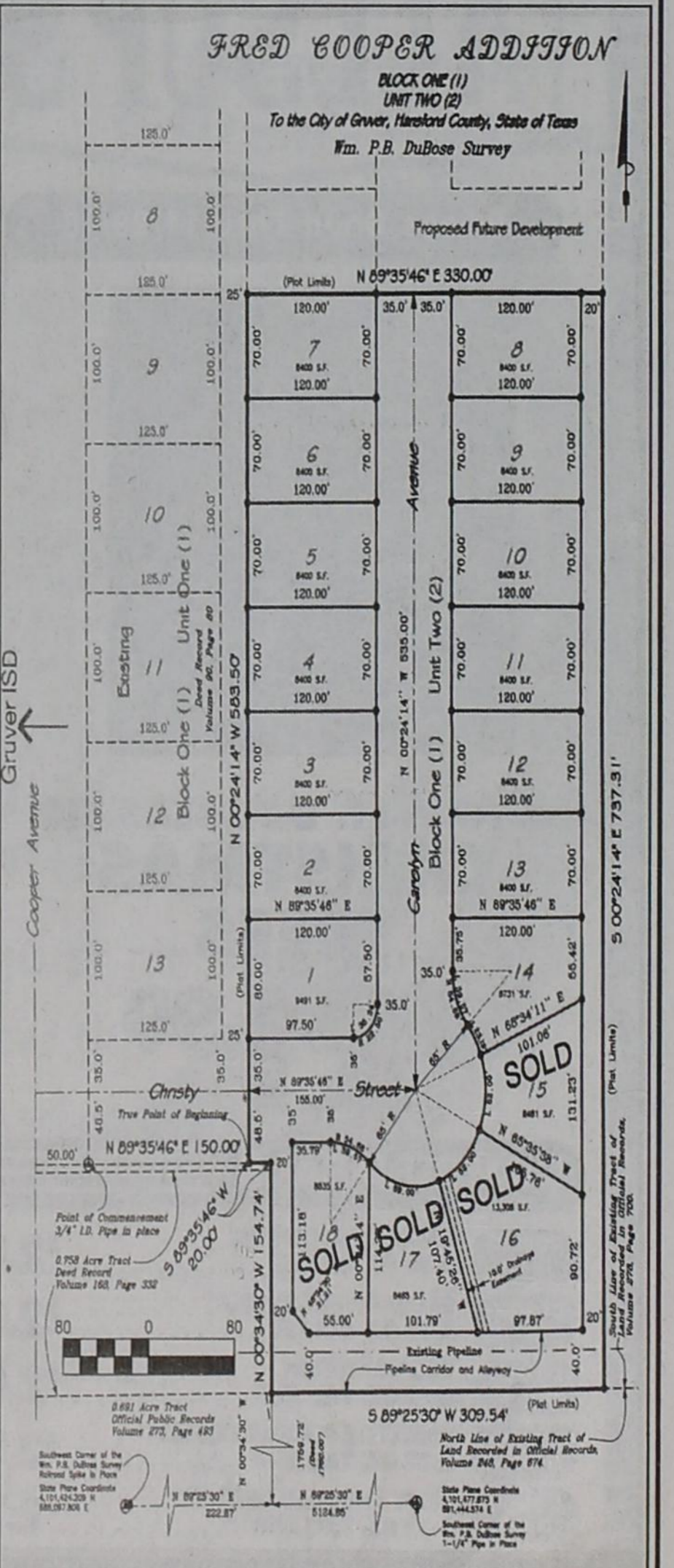
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Sports Updates

Spearman Basketball
 Lynxettes defeated the Wheeler Lady Mustangs, November 11, 2008 at Spearman.
 High and Freshmen boys teams played in Highland Park on Tuesday, November 17th. All three teams won. The 7th grade won 24-23 and the 9th grade won 37-27.

Medical Fund
 An emergency medical fund was established for the 2008-2009 school year. The fund is for the purpose of covering medical expenses for students who are unable to pay for medical services. The fund is managed by the school district. A donation to First National Bank, Branch 337, Spearman TX 79083, would be appreciated. The fund is open at 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

Gruver Basketball
 Varsity boys defeated Sanford-Fritch 70-35 on Tuesday, November 18th. Scorers were: SF-Jesse Ellis 14, Lane Blackwell 7; G-17, Tyler Wills 12, Taylor Williams 11; Records: Gruver 1-17, Sanford-Fritch 0-1. The Gruver JV boys defeated Sanford-Fritch 34-15. Scorers were: Wil McCloy - 12 pts, Zach Logsdon - 9 pts, Forest Lopez - 8 pts. Records: Gruver 1-17, Sanford-Fritch 0-3.

Pringle-Morse Basketball
 Girls won 50-16. Scorers were: Jaronski 7, Darcy Burkhammer 7, Shelby Jameson 7, G-Leighinger 11, Lynn Bela 21. Records: Gruver 3-0, Sanford-Fritch 0-3.

Pringle-Morse Basketball
 3 - Girls 20, Hartley 34; Boys 28, Hartley 40
 6 - Girls 19, Hartley 30; Boys 22, Hartley 36
 8 - Girls 30, Texline 26; Boys 38, Texline 27
 11/8 - Girls 27, Channing 14; Boys 31, Channing 21
 11/10 - Girls 26, Moscow 19; Boys 23, Moscow 35

The Cougar Girls placed third at the Hardesty Tournament and the Cougar Boys won consolation. Congratulations!

ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Spearman Lynxettes
 Senior - Bond Pittman; Juniors - Preslee Baker, Leanna Espinosa, Suttan Gamett; Sophomores - Joselyn Terrazas; Freshmen - Tylo Farrar, Gately Gamett, Shelby Hannah, Malory Martin and Sarah Snider
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 Senior - TJ Worley; Junior - Jesus Mendoza; Sophomores - Uriel Aguilera, Jesus Carrasco, Max Kopp

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ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT FOOTBALL

Spearman Lynx
 Seniors - Pedro Anaya, Cullie Cooper, Chase Farrar, Kegan Gamett; Juniors - Carlos Erives, Zack Hughes, Jose Ibarra, Gus Lopez, Jesus Mendoza, Chance Pack, Skyler Sumner; Sophomores - Cameron Meddock, Jose Mendoza, Blayne Schroed

1-2A ALL-DISTRICT FOOTBALL

Spearman Lynx
 Cullie Cooper - 2nd Team Offensive Line, 2nd Team Defensive Line
 Kegan Gamett - 1st Team Running Back, 1st Team Punter, 2nd Team

Linebacker
 Andres Mendez - 2nd Team Linebacker
 Chase Farrar - 2nd Team Running Back, 1st Team Secondary
 Fernando Flores - 2nd Team Secondary
 Josue Hernandez - 2nd Team Receiver
 Cameron Meddock - Honorable Mention Linebacker
 Ruben Carbajal - Honorable Mention Offensive Line
 Blayne Schroeder - Honorable Mention Quarterback

November School Calendars

SISD Calendar of Events
 21 - Elementary/Jr. High Academic UIL Meet, Frank Phillips College, Borger
 25 - Early Release for Thanksgiving Holiday, 1 p.m.
 26-28 - Thanksgiving Holiday

GISD Calendar of Events
 22 - FFA Event (Area 1-Leadership Development Event, WTAMU)
 24 - FFA Event (State Swine Validation, Gruver County Barn)
 26 - 1/2 Day of School
 27-28 - Thanksgiving Holiday
 30 - FFA Event (Last Day to Validate Barrows)
 December 2008
 1 - FFA Event (Major Show Entry Deadline, Jr. FFA Roster Due, District Banquet, Officer Elections, Talent Contest, Pampa)

Pringle-Morse CISD
 24 - School Board Meeting
 25 - Pre-K & K Thanksgiving Feast
 26-28 - Thanksgiving Holiday

Pringle-Morse CISD School News

5-States Honor Band
 Sixteen Pringle-Morse students went to Guymon, OK, on Sat. Nov. 15, to participate in the 5-States Honor Band auditions. Participants come from towns in the five state (Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, New Mexico, and Colorado) area. Fourteen Pringle-Morse students won a place in the honor band. Flute: Gena Gillispie 9th chair, and alternates Katie Miesner and Molly Lieb; clarinet: Hannah Speck 4th, Kaysha Allen 6th, Jennifer Crowl 9th, Emilyynn Robinson 11th and Kylee Porter 19th; Alto Sax: Jace Lane 2nd, Alec Cenicerros 3rd, and Audrey Lieb 4th; Trumpet: Nathan Forrest 6th; French Horn: Zach Sandefur 6th. Please congratulate these students for their hard work.

Spearman ISD School News

SHS Presents The Odd Couple
 Spearman High School presented *The Odd Couple*, a comedy in three acts, by Neil Simon on Thursday, November 13, 2008 in the Spearman High School Auditorium.
 The play was under the direction of Glenn Robinson and Jeannie Robinson. Cast members were: Dylan Sumner - Oscar Madison, Brett Winegarner - Felix Unger, Dale Wilson - Speed, Raul Pena - Murray, Ni Huffman - Roy, Tori Sheets - Vinnie, Chasity Thomas - Gwendolyn Pigeon and Kayla Martinez - Cecily Pigeon. Crew members were Blaze Wilson, Kaitlyn Poole, Donielle Creed and Sabrina Cantu.
 The cast, crew and directors would like to thank the following: Parents, Spearman ISD Board of Trustees, SISD administration, teachers and staff, Simple Simon's Pizza, High Plains Observer, Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, KXDJ Radio, PTCL, Missy Bates, Ashley DeGraw and Jesse Browning.

Gruver ISD School News

Gruver Jr. High Class Elections
 Gruver Jr. High recently held their Class Elections. The results are as follows.
 8th Grade: Secretary/Treasurer - Nikki Beasley, Vice-President - Cole Wills, President - Dallas Reynolds
 7th Grade: Secretary/Treasurer - Cesar Mendoza, Vice-President - Eddie Borunda, President - Travis Stedje
 6th Grade: Secretary/Treasurer - Bailey Stedje, Vice-President - Reagan Haynes, President - Noemy Guerera
 5th Grade: Secretary/Treasurer - Kennedy King, Vice-President - Trenton Finley, President - Karsten Irwin

PTO Angel Tree Ornaments

The PTO Angel Tree ornaments are now available at The Amazing Vase flower shop. Please stop by & get an angel to brighten someone's Christmas. Wrapped gifts need to be returned to City Hall no later than December 10th! If you have questions, contact Lori Sparks. Thanks for your support.

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Nov. 20
 Universal Children's Day
 Great American Smoke-Out
Nov. 21
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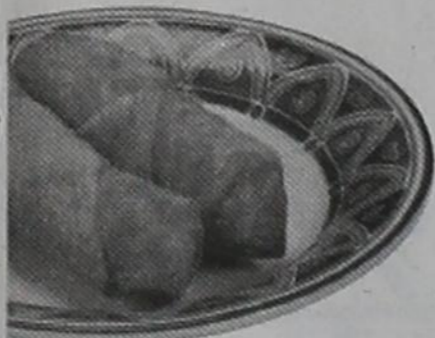
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FFA News

It is that time of year again to validate your sheep and swine for the county stock show and major stock shows. If your child has swine or sheep and want to participate in the Hansford County Stock Show, Pampa, Ft. Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Austin, or Houston you must validate your animal on Monday, November 24th at 3PM in the county barn in Gruver. Morse 4-H can validate either in Gruver on Monday or Spearman on Tuesday beginning at 1PM. It is also time for you to enter the major stock shows and if you want to enter under Gruver FFA you will need to speak to me immediately. Please contact me at the numbers below if you have any questions about the upcoming show season.

The Gruver FFA Leadership Development teams competed November 12th at the Top O Texas district meet. The teams that competed were Jr. Creed, Jr. Quiz, Sr. Creed, Sr. Quiz, Sr. Chapter Conducting, and Radio Broadcasting. The students each performed well and 3 teams advanced to area competition which will be held at WTAMU next Saturday, November 22nd. I will list each competition and give a run down of exactly how the teams performed.

- Jr. Creed- Tadeo Mendoza 9th
 - Jr. Quiz- Jerrod Collier, Jacque Mayfield, and Tadeo Mendoza 6th
 - Sr. Creed- Lynn Vela 2nd Area Qualifier
 - Sr. Quiz Team 1- Haden Hart, Jacob Lieb, Wil McCloy, and Shelby Williams 2nd Area Qualifier
 - Sr. Quiz Team 2- Jordan Hicks, Reagan Karlin, Caleb Miller, Justin Bass 3rd
 - Sr. Quiz Team 3- Makenzie Crane, Mary Hart, Jesus Lopez, and Shelby Wagner 4th
 - Sr. Chapter Conducting- Justin Bass, Haden Hart, Jacob Lieb, Wil McCloy, Brenna Reid, Shelby Wagner, and Shelby Williams- 1st Area Qualifier
 - Radio- Jordan Hicks, Reagan Karlin, and Caleb Miller 14th
- These students were close to winning the overall district sweepstakes award.
- The teams in the competition and their overall sweepstakes scores were: Wheeler- 47, Gruver- 46, Perryton- 41, Miami- 38, Booker- 37, Follett- 36, Ft. Elliott- 29, White Deer- 24, Darrouzett- 23, Canadian- 19, Lefors- 15, Pampa- 14, Spearman- 13, Higgins- 10, Sunray- 10
- Please congratulate these students on a job well done.

Basketball Pep Rally

I just want to take a moment to thank you all for all of the spirit and enthusiasm you showed during our football pep rallies.

I would also like to invite you to our pep rally to kick off our basketball season Friday, November 21.

The pep rally will be in the gym at 3:00 p.m. Please join us and bring that same excitement you have shown over the past few weeks. Again thank you for your support, I know our teams really appreciate it. Have a great week!

5-States Honor Band

Congratulations to these Gruver 5-state honor band members and alternates on a great tryout!

Members include: Fatima Barrera, Jake Beasley, Zack Saylor, Juliana Trejo, Wil McCloy, Serena Diaz, Vanessa Garcia, Bailey Stedje, Ashley Williams, Zoe Cantrell, Michaela Davis, Madi Teal, Reagan Haynes, Nikki Beasley, Damian Pierce, Oziel Ray, Beau Blankenship, Brett Wills, Gabriel Mundo, Cole Wills, Marco Ayala, Valentine Trejo, Paula Terrazas, Niki Brown, Rachel Teal, Noemy Guerrero, Cassie McKay, Maggie Gaspar, Travis Stedje, Macy McLennan

Alternates include: Riki Jines, Yesenia Monroy, Leigh Anne Winger, Rocio Terrazas, Madison Williams, Patty Garcia, Iresema Soto

GT Students Hunt Buffalo

On October 28th, the Gruver High School Gifted and Talented class went to the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum's Archeology Fair.

While learning about the panhandle's past, some of our students took aim at bison targets and threw atlatl (spears) using the "technology" of the panhandle archaic people. Miles Messer downed one bison right through the lungs!

We also learned about soil and discussed the Black Blizzards of the panhandles dust bowl. Our guide was actually in the documentary that aired on the History Channel a few weeks ago.

The class then separated to go to different exhibits that interested them. They included military history, medicines carried on chuck wagons to keep cowboys healthy, pottery, flint knapping techniques and early Texas

Panhandle stone and bone tools.

Elementary Cleans Up

In an effort to keep the grounds clean, elementary classes are adopting a week to spend some community service time patrolling the grounds and picking up trash. This will certainly be a benefit to all. This first week, Mrs. Maupin's class is busy beginning the process. Each class will be signing up for their week of service.

GT Myth Busters

The GT class will be doing a series of Myth Busting this year. We will go over some common "urban legends" and experimenting with some "Do Try This at Home" projects from the famous TV show. Be sure to ask a GT student which gets you wetter, running in the rain or walking!

Along with our science theme, we will also be taking a few pages from CSI. Our students will be learning about fingerprints, DNA and crime scene investigation tactics.

Mighty Milers Club

2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders have been challenged to become a member of the "Mighty Milers Club." To become a member, they have to run 1 mile without walking! These students are the first members of the club: Miguel Perez, Creed Spivey, Tate Tyler, Juan Perez, Jeadon Seagler, Braxton Crane, Connor Haynes, Ramiro Hernandez, Tyler Stedje, Gustavo Lora, Abigail Trejo, Wyatt Poer, Amber Johnson, Sarah Jackson, Christina Ayala, Macy Haight, Dusty Fraiser, Kevin Cortinas, Klaire Irwin, J.T. Borunda, Kaycee Anderson, Ginny Barker, Meny Terrazas, Cristal Alvarez

Gruver Elementary 1st and 2nd Grade Students Perform

Everyone is invited to attend the following two plays on November 25th in the auditorium at the following times:

- 2nd Grade will be performing "Stone Soup" at- 9:30 A.M. Dress Rehearsal and the school is invited at this time
- 11:30 A.M. Parent and Community Performance
- 1st Grade will be performing "A Turkey for Thanksgiving" at- 2:00 P.M. & 2:30 P.M.

We Hope you will mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Counselor's Corner

Thirty (30) Gruver Seniors attended the college fair at Frank Phillips College where they were able to gather information and ask questions of college recruiters from all over the state of Texas. The seniors also had the opportunity to register as Texas workers with the Workforce Commission which is located adjacent to the FPC campus. The seniors are now aware of how to job hunt using the Texas Workforce Commission Job Bank. The seniors were good ambassadors of Gruver at the college fair, workforce commission, and restaurant.

The Texas Engineering Foundation Scholarship is now available for those students planning to attend an ABET Accredited Engineering Program in Texas (see the counselor), and have an ACT score of 29 in math and a 25 in English. The deadline for the application is January 16.

MASH Camp Applications are still available for those high school students interested in exploring the medical field. Camp will be held at WTAMU June 1-4 and June 8-11. Please see the counselor for an application.

The LITE Scholarship is also available for students with a disability. Please see the counselor for an application.

Please be reminded that it is best to apply for college admission by December 1 (right around the corner!) in order to qualify for the best scholarships. Additional scholarship money is available for later admission but the best scholarships are for those who apply early! Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions about the process.

AXA Achievement Community Scholarship is now available @ www.axa-achievement.com The deadline is February 15, 2009.

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The Golden Spread Electric Cooperative Directors' Memorial Scholarship is now available—please see the the counselor. (Deadline March 15, 2009)

Texas Rural Electric Women's Association (TREWA Scholarship) is now available for current members and their children. Applicants must be a current member of a Texas Electric Cooperative. Please see the counselor. (Deadline April 1, 2009)

West Texas A & M scholarship deadlines: Early Action—Application for admission by December 1st—notification by Feb. 1st; Priority Date—Application for admission by February 1st—notification by May 1st. After the Priority Date students will be considered for awards until funds are exhausted. Please encourage your senior to apply EARLY

Angelo State University's Carr Academic Scholarship is now available for those students interested in Angelo State.

The National Co-Op Scholarship Program (www.co-op.edu) is available for those students who plan to attend one of the following institutions: Drexel University, Johnson & Wales University, Kettering University, Northeastern University, Pace University, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Cincinnati, University of Toledo, Wentworth Institute of Technology.

University of Connecticut's Academic Excellence Award is for a student graduating in the top 10% and an ACT score of 32. This scholarship pays for one-half of tuition expenses. Application for admission must be made by December 1.

Baylor Scholarship Deadline is December 1st. Wayland Baptist University "Gold Rush" Preview, Saturday, Nov. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. See the counselor for details.

Aggie Preview Day (OPSU) on November 8, 2008 @ 2:00 p.m. \$450 scholarship will be awarded to those in attendance. Please see the counselor for more details.

College Fair Day at FPC and a tour of the Workforce Commission on November 12 for seniors.

The Goss-Michael Foundation Texas State Scholarship is a merit based scholarship in the amount of \$5,000, to be applied toward tuition at the student's chosen college or university upon acceptance. In addition to the funding, the recipient will have one piece of art framed and displayed in the director's office at the Goss-Michael Foundation. To be eligible students must pursue a degree in visual arts upon graduation. Please see the counselor for an application.

"My Future in Cotton" Essay Scholarship is available on @ MyFutureInCotton.com.

KFC's Colonel's Scholars Program will be available from December 1 through February 10 @ www.kfcscholars.org

A representative from UTI (Universal Technical Institute) will be here Thursday, Nov. 6 from 9:30-11:30 in Mr. Born's classes. Seniors need to see the counselor if they would like to attend.

Panhandle District Dental Society Scholarship Committee is now taking applications for the Panhandle District Dental Society Memorial Scholarship. Interest in the dental profession would be a consideration but it is only a secondary criterion. Four \$1000 scholarships will be distributed to graduating seniors in the Panhandle. Please see the counselor for an application.

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North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors Holds Meeting in Spearman

The North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors met on November 10, 2008 in Spearman, Texas to consider possible future changes to the District's rules. District staff had prepared possible new or amended rules for the Board's review and the Board may propose all or part of these changes to the rules at the next meeting. The proposed rules will be presented to the public to allow interested parties to make comment for Board consideration before any changes are finally adopted.

The Board also conducted a formal hearing for an individual requesting an exception to the rules of the District. The decision on granting or denying the request will be considered at the December Board meeting.

Two well owners signed compliance agreements with the District and paid settlements for failing to install water well flow meters on new wells. The settlements required that the owners place meters on the entire system that the wells served. One well owner signed a compliance agreement and paid a settlement for failing to report their 2007 production of groundwater. Well-owners are reminded that the 2008 production reporting forms have gone out in the mail, and can be turned in at any time between now and March 1, 2008.

The Board authorized Les Taylor Drilling to construct Ogallala aquifer and Dockum aquifer monitor wells within the District. These wells will be located in areas where the District staff has determined that additional groundwater information is needed to get a more accurate picture of the aquifers' changing water levels.

Board member Gene Bom requested that an addition be made to the District's legislative initiatives for the coming year. Rig supply wells are currently exempt from the District's rules because they are regulated by the Texas Railroad Commission. Since these wells are often turned over to land owners when the drilling is completed, the District is contemplating requirements for these type of exempt wells to be drilled to the same specifications as the District uses for its own monitor wells to prevent groundwater contamination. The Board agreed with this suggestion and the recommendation will be added to the District's legislative initiatives and future rules.

The District's Education & Public Relations Coordinator presented the ongoing educational outreach programs of the District, as well as plans for new programs in the coming year. One new project for the upcoming year is the "Test Your Well" program where the District will perform free water quality testing for residents of the District that bring well water samples to the events.

The District is also planning a Safe Prescription Disposal Program to raise awareness about the dangers of pharmaceuticals that get into surface water and potentially into the groundwater due to improper disposal. The District will provide information on safe disposal of unused pharmaceuticals, as well as locations where the District's residents can drop off unused or expired prescription drugs for safe disposal.

Steve Walthour, General Manager for the District, reported on various meetings that the District had been involved in recently. The District was represented at the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts in Austin, and also at the Dockum Aquifer Groundwater Availability Workshop in Lubbock.

Mr. Walthour also reported that the Municipal and Public Water Supply Workgroup met at the District offices on November 6. The workgroup met with District staff to discuss the issues surrounding the ability of municipalities and other public water suppliers to meet the current groundwater production rules of the District while addressing public health and safety. The Workgroup will forward recommendations to the District's Board of Directors regarding any proposed rule changes to address their public health and safety issues.

The next Board meeting will be held on December 12, 2008 at 1:00 PM at the District offices at 603 East 1st Street in Dumas. The public is invited to attend.



Garnett Named Top Winner in Panhandle 4-H District Roundup

Panhandle 4-H members from 22 counties qualified on November 1st to compete in the Texas 4-H Roundup at College Station, June 9-12.

4-H Roundup is a public speaking and talent event providing 4-H members the opportunity to share their knowledge and skills learned through 4-H projects, said Wendy Scott, Texas AgriLife Extension Service 4-H and youth specialist.

Hansford 4-H Member Maren Garnett won the gold in the Share-the-Fun Musical Band (junior) competition, playing a violin solo.

Over 200 boys and girls competed in the 24 activities, including speaking events, illustrated talks, method demonstrations and performing arts.

Goals of the project include:

- Learning about organization of materials to present in a speech or performance.
- Acquiring the ability to speak convincingly in public.
- Becoming aware of one's relationship to others - family, peers, state, nation and world.
- Acquiring life skills that are essential for an individual to become an active, responsible citizen.
- Learning about vocational choices and career opportunities and preparation related to the focus of a project.

Maren is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Mark Garnett.

Hansford County 4-H Livestock Judging Team Competes

The Hansford County 4-H Livestock Judging team has completed the fall portion of their schedule. They competed in contests at Liberal, KS; Guyton, OK; and Amarillo, TX.

In Liberal, the senior team, comprised of Brenna Reid, Dakota Cator, and Jacob Lieb, placed second behind the Kansas state champions. Brenna received 3rd high individual overall. In the junior contest, Audrey Lieb received the High Individual Overall award.

Next they travelled to Guyton where the senior team consisting of Brenna, Jacob, and Audrey, won High Team overall honors. Jacob was 1st high individual, Brenna placed 2nd, and Audrey placed 4th. The junior team was made up of Callie Stedje, Bailey Stedje, Travis Stedje, Jaci Burgin, and Tyler Stedje. Callie was the High Individual Overall while Travis and Bailey both placed in the top ten.

The final contest this fall was at Amarillo. The senior team, this time Dakota, Brenna, and Jacob, placed 2nd behind the Texas state champions from Floyd County. Individually, Dakota placed 3rd and Brenna placed 7th. Hansford County had twelve judges compete in the junior division. Getting recognized for individual accomplishments were: Jace Lane-1st, Callie Stedje-2nd, Audrey Lieb-4th, Jennifer Crowl-6th, and Bailey Stedje-26th. Other participants were: Blaise Davis, Rayel Anderson, Kaycee Anderson, Dustyn Kelley, Tate Tyler, Jaci Burgin, and Tyler Stedje. In the junior team competition, Hansford County won by a wide margin.

The coaches are excited about the future with the juniors being so dominant. Each of the three seniors stepped up and had a strong contest, which bodes well for them also. The senior team is still looking for a fourth team member. If you know any student who would have an interest in livestock judging, contact the Extension office. The next practice will be held this month.

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Hansford County Hospital staff pose with the simulation mannequin following a simulation drill on Tuesday, November 11th. Pictured are (L-R) Tammy Murry, RN; Julie Stedje, LVN; Carmen L'Esperance, RN; Kim Lehr, RN; Joann Schneider, DON; Pam Fairfield, LVN; Jerry Jasper, CEO; Glenda Close, RT; Dr. Hasham, MD; and Cecelia Randall, RTA

HCHD Holds Simulation Training

Hansford County hospital held a simulated emergency training exercise on Tuesday, November 11, 2008. The simulation exercise was under the direction of Martha Howell, Director for the Regional Simulation Center for Texas Tech University School of Medicine in Amarillo, West Texas A&M University and Amarillo College. The new Regional Simulation Center will be a 30,000 sq. ft. building that will promote the importance of simulation to train health professionals. The center is currently operating in an abbreviated version, with the full center to open in late 2010.

Center was created as a teaching facility to train in a controlled, limitless environment," commented Howell. "It is a much more engaging atmosphere, and the possibilities are limitless."

Hansford County Hospital C.E.O. Jerry Jasper recently attended the Coalition of Health Services, where Martha Howell gave a presentation. After the meeting, Jasper approached Howell and asked her if she would consider bringing the simulation training to Spearman.

"He is very forward thinking," commented Howell.

Lisa Robinson of West Texas A&M University was the simulation lab coordinator for Hansford

County Hospital. The mannequin was programmed to train the doctors, nurses and staff in the emergency delivery and post-delivery care.

The simulation was performed with a high fidelity, tetherless simulator capable of imitating labor & delivery, respiratory distress and many other real-life scenarios. Noel, the mannequin, was manufactured in Miami by Gaumard Scientific. It has a pulse, heart and lung sounds, is able to talk and respond, and can even be "shocked" with a defibrillator if it goes into cardiac failure. This particular simulator is the only one programmed to deliver a baby.

Spearman Lynxette Cross Country



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Womble Participates in Farm Credit Young Leaders Program

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Womble is a borrower of Panhandle-Plains Land Bank, one of 19 rural financing cooperatives that make up the district. He is the fourth generation to participate in his family's farming and ranching operation in Hutchinson, Hansford and Moore counties, and is also employed as a livestock representative for Superior Livestock Auction.

Womble is a 1993 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in business finance. He and his wife, Shelley, have two children, Wyatt and Tatum. Womble is a member of the Texas Farm Bureau, the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and the National Rifle Association. The trip included meetings with legislators, officials of the Farm Credit Council and congressional leaders in Washington, D.C. The group also had a briefing at the Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation in Newark and toured a Wall Street brokerage firm in New York City.

The Tenth District Farm Credit Council is the trade association that represents the legislative and regulatory interests of the Tenth Farm Credit District.

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Lake Level--November 17, 2008--23.34 feet (-.35)

Jim said it was rather quiet at the Lake this week. There were no campers. The restrooms have been closed for the season. A few fishermen were out, but there were no notable catches.

Although the geese and ducks are favoring the playa lakes south of Spearman now, we will probably see them later in the fall. We think we may have a pair of bald eagles with one mature and the other immature.

Two roadrunners are being seen south of the office.

We want to congratulate the Lynxettes on winning state in the cross country last Saturday. Since they have practiced in the Park and held their district meet out at the lake we feel an extra pride in their achievement.

Cougar Sightings

Justin and Shannon Lane with son Jase have joined the "I Have Seen the Mountain Lion Club". Not long ago Justin saw one of the big cats sitting on the box on top of the third tower of a sprinkler system on land belonging to Clay Reid south of Morse. This gave the cougar a view over the uncut corn.

The Lane home is not far from the Reid land, so Justin was able to go home and bring his wife and son



Jim Derington took this picture of a buck at Palo Duro Lake.

back with binoculars for a look. The lion cooperated and was still enjoying his perch when they returned. Soon though the animal jumped down, and they were able to get a good look at its long tail.

Justin called Clay Reid to tell him the story. Clay replied that men working for him had seen a

cougar the week before by the McCloy Feedlot in the same vicinity. The Middle Branch of the Palo Duro runs near the Feedlot, and that seemed to be the cat's destination. The men thought it might be an old lion. It didn't give them more than a look and then padded on.

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