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# 3 Charged in Perryton Toys for Tots Theft

by Joe Gamm, Amarillo Globe-News A Crime Stoppers tip about a burglary at Imo's Country Store in Perryton led authorities to charge three people in the theft of thousands of dollars worth of Christmas gifts meant for needy children, police said Monday. Police made the arrests Friday.

Perryton Police Chief Tony Hill said several people broke into an unoccupied residence Dec. 7 in the 500 block of Southwest Seventh Avenue and stole items donated to Toys for Tots.

Police later received a tip about a January burglary at Imo's, 2202 S. Main St. The tip identified suspects, including the three who were charged in the Toys for Tots burglary, Hill said.

"We were working the Toys for Tots one real hard," Hill said. "Then we got a Crime Stoppers tip on the Imo's."

Hill said the investigation identified suspects in 21 crimes, including burglaries at restaurants, churches, homes, a club and a school in a six-month period.

Authorities have charged three Perryton residents - Tony Herndon, 18; Carlos Gutierrez, 20; and Katherine Cain, 17 and one juvenile with burglary.

Authorities are holding the juvenile in the Youth Center of the High Plains. The juvenile, Herndon, and Gutierrez are charged with burglary in the Toys for Tots thefts, Hill said.

Police booked the adults into the Ochiltree County jail, where Herndon remained Monday on \$150,000 bond on three burglary counts. Cain posted \$20,000 bond on a burglary charge, and Gutierrez posted \$60,000 bond on two burglary charges Sunday.

Hill said police are still seeking one juvenile and a Perryton man suspected in the



Photo by Don Rice, Borger News-Herald

## **Burn Ban**

Wildfires have swept across the Panhandle over the past couple of weeks due to dry conditions and high winds. On Monday, March 7, 2011, Hansford County Judge, Benny Wilson issued a Burn Ban, effective for 7 days.

The Hansford County Commissioners Court will act on the extension of the Burn Ban on Monday, March 14, during their regular Commissioners Court meeting. The extension would last an additional ninety days, unless rescinded.

## Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. South winds 10 to 15

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the mid 70s. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph. FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the upper 20s. North winds 15 to 25

SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the

SATURDAY NIGHT - Increasing clouds. Lows in the lower 30s.

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Highs in the mid 60s. SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a

20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 30s.

MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. TUESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the

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in the mid 30s.

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 region remained extremely dry and under high threat of wildfire. There were of 25,000 acres lost to wildfires in Hutchinson County, and 15,000 acres lost in Potter and Randall Counties. From 25 to 30 homes were completely destroyed. There were reports livestock losses, but not major ones. Soil moisture was very short. Wheat and rangeland was mostly in poor condition. Some farmers were preparing land for spring planting. Cattle were in fair condition, with continued supplemental feeding.

# Spearman ISD Superintendent Resigns

Rodney Sumner, Superintendent of Spearman Independent School District, submitted his resignation to the Spearman ISD Board of Trustees on Monday, March 7, 2011. Mr. Sumner is completing his twelfth year with Spearman ISD as Superintendent of Schools, and has 35 total years in the field of education.

Mr. Sumner began his tenure at SISD in 1999, and said that important accomplishments that have been achieved under his watch, including the facility project at the elementary and junior high school, something of which gives pride to the community. He gives credit for his success at Spearman to an outstanding staff and a great school board.

Mr. Sumner stated that he knows that the Spearman schools are not perfect; however, his goal has been to provide the children of the community with the very best educational opportunities available. He said that the challenges the district has faced gave him the energy and reason to continue to strive to make the district better. He further stated that facilities and technology are just one component of a successful school, with the most important being the teacher in the classroom. He added that he is pleased to have worked with such a great bunch of educators at Spearman ISD.

While the average tenure for superintendents across the State is three years, Mr. Sumner has broken the mold. He once stated that his goal was to retire from Spearman, and that goal will come to fruition on December 31, 2011. He plans to work with the School Board in finding a replacement, and hopes to help make this a smooth transition.

"I am leaving with many fond memories and some great friendships," commented Mr. Sumner. "I feel that it is time for me to open another chapter in my life. God is not through with me and I feel He will point me in the right direction and lead me to where I need to serve next.

"You may have heard the quote, 'If who you are is what you do, who are you when you don't do that anymore.' I feel that it is time to find out who I am."



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## Gruver High School Band

The Gruver High School Band competed in the UIL Concert/Sightreading contest on Tuesday, March 8, 2011. The band received superior ratings in both parts of the contest. The band received a Sweepstakes for the second year in a row! In order to receive sweepstakes, the band had to receive superior ratings at every contest they competed in throughout the year. It is a huge accomplishment and very few bands can accomplish earning this award! Each of these students has put in an endless amount of hard work and dedication before, during and after school all year long! The band has stuck together during hard times, stressful times and joyous times. Even when they felt as if they had given all they had and wanted to quit, they pulled together and showed everyone what it means to be the best band in the area! One Band. One Dream. One Goal. Gruver High School Band Back to Back Sweepstakes Winners!

## **SHS Students Advance to State** Texas Assoc. of Community Schools Academic Challenge



Back Row: Josue Briseno, Jake Willimon, Colton Close, Jace Lang, Cameron Meddock; Front row: Crystal Cantu, Tori Sheets, Samantha Ward (Photo submitted by Mandy Derington)

Spearman students competed in the Texas Association of Community Schools Academic Challenge at the Area Contest in Dalhart on, Thursday, February 24, 2011. Two Spearman teams competed and both teams qualified for the State Meet in Bel-

ton, TX on the Mary Hardin-Baylor Campus on April 20, 2011. These students have worked very hard to prepare for this competition and we are very proud of them. Members of the teams are: Jake Willimon, Colton Close, Josue Briseno, Tori Sheets, Cameron Meddock, Jace Lang, Crystal Cantu, and Samantha Ward. Their sponsor is Mrs. Derington.

## Spearman High School Basketball Honors

The Spearman Lynxette Basketball Team ended a great season as a Regional Semi-Finalist and a 27-3 record.

Several members of the Lynxettes received individual honors from District 1-2A, including: MVP - Morgan Ashmore; Defensive Player of the Year - Shelby Hanna; All District - Kyla Walker and Malory Martin; Honorable Mention - Gately Garnett, Lexi Batton and Tylo Farrar.

The Spearman Lynx received All-District recognition as well. Defensive MVP Tristan Wilborn: All-District - Blayne Schroeder and Tristan Wilborn; Honorable Mention - Sawyer Sutterfield and Blaine Pack.

Please congratulation these students on their accomplishments.



## **Weekly Update**

Texas, March 7 Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 15.1 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.39/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that has increased 12.6 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.47/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 78.9 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 45.5 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 36.0 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 73.6 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

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## Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

we are trying to keep our April. 'open' sign up. We do not tells you we are here.

Jerry Helmuth and Gary port of our program. Steinberger are exhibiting their artistic endeavors. Jerry is showing his beautiwildlife, weather, and land- state legislature proclaimed scapes. His personal per- the bluebonnet the state

unique rustic furniture. The flower's range. The flower of Panhandle Huck Finns." exhibit is one-of-a-kind and (called in some Indian lore Thanks, Mr. Phillips for you will enjoy it. A lot of a gift from the Great Spirit) your great stories...

we have not had them out. nual membership is our the month). So when passing, look for main fundraising event that cars and the open sign that gives us our operating weather, and soon children Our new exhibits are up, look for your renewal in the ming. In our new history and you will enjoy this one. mail and continue your sup-book, Wade and E.J.

HISTORICAL MUSINGS

Circle of Friends Makes Donation to

**Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center** 

The Hansford County Circle of Friends chapter recently presented a donation of

\$23,000 to the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center of Amarillo, Texas. This

money was raised at their annual Circle of Friends party held at O'Loughlin Center

in Spearman, TX. This generous gift goes to support patient care at the Harrington

Cancer Center. Charlotte Hefley, president of the Circle of Friends Board said, "We

had great participation this year in our annual membership parties. We anticipate ex-

The Circle of Friends, a nonprofit membership organization, is dedicated to help-

ing cancer patients and their families in times of need. Through its affiliation with the

Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, the Circle of Friends develops and imple-

ments fund raising activities primarily to provide financial assistance and patient care

and support programs for those affected by cancer as well as cancer educational op-

portunities for people throughout the region. There are seven active community chap-

ters throughout the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles. In September, 2010, Harrington Cancer Center went public with a \$25 million expansion campaign to raise funds for

an expansion of the cancer center. Dr. Paul Hancock, CEO of Harrington Cancer Cen-

ter said, "The support of the Circle of Friends makes it possible for us to fulfill our

mission of providing the very best in medical and supportive care for our patients. We

The Circle of Friends has announced their support of this project with a pledge of

For more information or to find out how you can get involved with your local Cir-

cle of Friends chapter please contact Sarah Murphy, Development Specialist with

Harrington Cancer Center at 806-212-3205 or visit our website www.harring-

are grateful for their constant and unwavering support of our patients.

\$150,000 to name the new Supportive Care Conference Room.

panding our circle to include additional communities in the coming year."

the pieces are for sale, so is the subject of countless come in and browse. The photographs and paintings. March has blown in and exhibit will be up through. It usually blooms in March and April down south. We We will be sending out have a patch in our museum fly our flags on days when membership renewals and flower bed, and they are the wind is over 15 announcements during getting ready for spring miles/hour, so these days March and April. Our an- bloom (probably the end of

With spring comes warm budget for the year. Please start thinking about swim-Phillips provided us with a description of the fun kids have had at a local "Old Spring is approaching Swimmin' Hole." The folful photographs of our and on March 7, 1901, the lowing is the ending to that great story:

"The Plummer Creek spective of these subjects is flower. In the 1930's, the wasn't the mighty Missisrefreshing and enjoyable. state began a highway sippi, but me and my To complement the pho- beautification program that friends, we sure enjoyed tographs, Gary offers his included scattering blue- those hot summer days that beautiful wildlife paintings bonnet seed beside road- we spent on the banks of on old blades and his ways, thus extending the that old creek. Just a bunch



## STATE CAPITAL **HIGHLIGHTS**



by Ed Sterling

### Comptroller lays out options for budget writing panel

AUSTIN — Tough questions over how the Legislature will address a \$4.3 billion state revenue short-\$27 billion projected revenue shortfall in Texas' 2012-2013 budget cycle continued last week.

On March 3, Jim Pitts, Rpropriations Committee, in- March 3. vited Comptroller Susan Combs to come forward and present "a clear description of how we arrived at this point, what our current challenges are and how we should address them."

pay for expenditures proaccepted on short notice. deficit, has three options: deeper budget cuts, delaying spending, and tapping other resources such as the state's \$9 billion Rainy Day of those options.

until the deficit is ad- woman. dressed." So, it could be incrisis is solved or abated, the survival of any legislation that would add to current state fiscal obligations is in doubt.

Now, before Combs testified, Pitts said he filed legislation that proposes to transfer \$4.3 billion from the Rainy Day Fund into the General Revenue Fund. But even so, he said, deeper cuts to already-cut budgets will have to be considered.

Pitts pointed out that many fellow lawmakers on the present Appropriations committee also served on the committee in 2009 when the 2010-2011 budget was drawn up. "In hindsight, it's worth asking if we all should have anticipated a decline much sooner," Pitts said.

For the record, Pitts said, Texas' budget troubles stem from a nationwide economic recession and a long series of monthly doubledigit declines in sales tax revenue.

However, Rep. Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio, interjected that the state's \$27 billion projected revenue shortfall for 2012-2013 is attributable not only to a nationwide recession, but also to the state's \$11 billion "structural deficit."

The structural deficit is a

systemic shortfall grown out of the state's 2006 opposition on the final vote. than-expected tax the Legislature passed ment in our personal lives. to pay for the property tax ... Although I fully support fall in fiscal year 2011 and a cut, has widened and deep- informed consent, I do not ened the budget hole.

Waxahachie, chair of the Miller, R-Stephenville, was ment, and I remain true to budget-writing House Ap- adopted by the House on that principle."

many requirements is that a 16, in mid-February. woman who wishes to terminate her pregnancy must choose whether to view a makers eye RRC sonogram and hear the Combs, part of whose job a sedative or anesthesia is Michael Williams anis to ascertain whether the administered and before the nounced his resignation to

posed by the Legislature, bill analysis, the sonogram ment. Williams announced must be performed 72 to 24 his bid for the Senate when She testified that the Legis- hours before termination, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison lature, in facing the current except in cases where the said she would not seek anwoman's life is endangered. other term in office. The physician must describe the results in easy-to- ren Chisum. R-Pampa, filed understand language.

Fund, or some combination quires the physician to pro- and so did former state Sen. vide a list of agencies Kim Brimer, R-Fort Worth. But, she said, "I cannot offering ultrasounds at no The Fort Worth Starcertify new appropriations cost to the pregnant lelegram reported Brimer

ferred, that until the budget on proposed amendments sioner to replace Mike to the bill closely followed Geeslin who has asked to party lines. The final vote not be reappointed. on the bill was 103-46.

One Republican voted in school finance reform plan Freshman state Rep. Sarah that cut property taxes by Davis of Houston published billions of dollars. That, a news release explaining, coupled with years of less- "To me, the issue at stake revenue was not about abortion, but from a business-margins about the role of govern-

support the Legislature practicing medicine. Con-House passes sonogram servative legislators have been united against the ex-HB 15 by Rep. Sid panding role of govern-

The state Senate passed a Among the legislation's similar sonogram bill, SB

## Current, former law-

In January, when Texas heartbeat of the fetus before Railroad Commissioner state has enough funds to termination may continue. run for the U.S. Senate, the According to the official door opened for a replace-

Current state Rep. Waras an applicant to fill The legislation also re- Williams' unexpired term,

also is seeking appointment House floor votes taken as state insurance commis-

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## AT THE MOVIES

## ACROSS

- 1. A street of small shops
- 6. \*Part of Rocky's arse-
- 9. \*Object of Frodo's obsession
- 13. Apart
- 15. It's plucked to fore- 55. Long time tell love
- 16. Move very quickly 17. \*"Apocalypse Now"
- Vietnam one 18. City in Belgium
- 19. \*"The \_\_\_\_\_," star- but not by humans ring Peter Falk and 69. \*"17\_
- Alan Arkin 21. \*It starred Hoffman
- and Cruise 23. "To and
- 24. Ancient Greeks' harp 72. Go from solid to liq-25. Munchhausen's
- 28. \*The first Bond movie
- 30. \*He went against
- Kramer

- 35. At the top
- 37. Male children 39. Richard Nixon's VP
- 40. Level or dismantle 41. One of 10 on humans
- 43. "Layla" performer
- 44. \*It starred Denzel Washington and is set during Civil War

- 46. Generic name for dog 7. Turkish military 47. \*" the Halls," starring DeVito and
- Broderick 48. "The world is your
- 50. Salamander
- 52. Timid or unsure 14. \*"Ice \_\_" 53. Slang for heroin
  - 57. \*Cult film involving repossessing cars
- 61. Type of wool takes place during the 64. AKA dropsy
  - 65. "\_\_ and feather" 67. Used for breathing,
  - Efron and Perry
  - 70. Egyptian god of air 71. Relating to uvea of the eye
  - uid 73. Type of sweet potato 74. Chatty or full of news

### DOWN 1. As opposed to Bache-

- lor of Science degrees
- 2. Reproductive structures
- 4. WWII villain 5. Slow the growth of

3. Land of Israel

6. \*It featured the line, You're gonna need a bigger boat."

- leader 8. Rocker Chuck 9. Seabiscuit control
- 10. One on a list 11. Indian ethnic group 12. Mountain valley 15. Tool used for grip-

ping

- 20. "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad 22. \*Indiana Jones saved it from raiders
- 24. \*"Gas Food 25. \*It featured the line, "And I guess that was your accomplice in the wood chipper.
- 26. \*"Eat Pray Love" locale 27. Goofballs 29. Another spelling for
- #56 Down 31. Imitated 32. Bogs down or gets stuck
- 33. Another spelling for Eric 34. \*He famously called
- out to Adrian Plus shampoo 38. \*"Boys on the with Goldberg, Barry-
- more and Parker 42. Thrown to give up 45. Stooge
- 49. Consumer electronics maker
- 51. \*It featured the line.

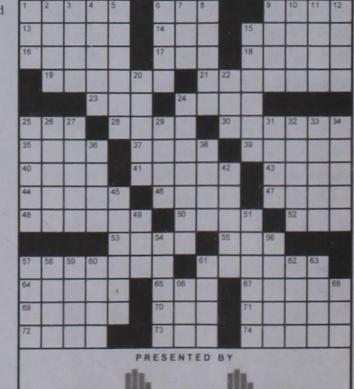
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## "I feel the need....the 60. Leave out

- need for speed!" 54. Antonym of calm or experience
- 56. Showing lack of guile 62. Ball of yarn

or laughter

- 57. Paper unit 58. \*"The Razor's
- 61. Starch from cuckoopint root
  - 63. Exclamation for unfortunately
- 66. American Heart As-59. Loud ringing of bells sociation 68. \*Stallone's nickname



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Anniversary - M/M Bobby Mosier

March 11

Nina Hendricks, Dorothy Breedson, Sandi Holt, David Ortega, Willie Jones, Felipe Dominguez

Anniversary - Buddy & Curtney Chambers Amber Newman, M/M Anniversary -Orville Brummett March 12

Birthday - Loree Hart, Jason TeBeest, Lindy Tolleson, Judy Martin, Loraine Davidson, Sherry Bullard, son, Makenzie Katie Hintergardt

Anniversary - M/M Andy Matthew Bain Hoel, M/M Tommy Henson, Kristal & Ernesto Puentes March 13

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rest Acker, M/M Jim Dick King, Marion Upchurch, Goodall

March 14 Birthday - Sue Gerardy, cia Chris Johnson, Brandy Shelton, Buck Cook, Brown, Reagan Renner, James Ray Barimus, David Terry, Kelly Mills, Curtis Kelly Hart, Nancy Alvarez, Dudley, Mike Wilhelm, Rhonda Riley, Judy Herg-Madison Williams, Caylin ert, Chelsey Clark, Pepe

Brown, Mason Turner Anniversary - M/M Bill Robertson, Charles & Betty West, M/M Jimmy Bishard

March 15 Mona Krista Dement, Araceli Doug Briones, Trenton Finley

Roberston, M/M Bynum, M/M Joe T. Venne- J.J. Gallegos

March 16

Birthday - Ted Harbour, Tonya Woodington, Janice Williams, Roy Uptergrove, Mayfield, Gary Davis, Ricky Reger, Reba Ooley, Missie Bates, Dan McCloy, Pam Hart, Shane Pearce, Michael Gruver, Payton Thoreson, Suzanne Schad, Felipe Lozano, Michael Hadley Spivey, Jessica Lozano, Melinda Taylor, Brown, Christina Bently

Anniversary - Carey & Bridges, M/M Denice March 17

Birthday - Dala Cathey, J.P. TeBeest, Elvana Davis, Kathy Slater, Carrol Van-Birthday - Daniel Rojas, Buskirk, Tony Barrera Jr., Tony Miller III, Jamie Buzzard, Monty Dixon, Bob Thomas, Terry Latham, Jason Genn, Anna Soto, Kathy Brown, Makayla Wheelock, Rachel Cook,

M/M Richard Ooley, M/M Chris Christy

March 18

Birthday - Danny Henson, Tony Harper, Charles Cody McLeod, Friday, J.L. Griffin, Sammi John- Kenny Virden, Laura Gar-Crane, cia, Tobe Shields, Connie Hobbs, Kelsey Henton,

Anniversary - M/M Edwin Pearcy, M/M Ken Bullard March 19

Birthday Barry Gene Haenisch, Melinda McCul-Leatherman, Brady Tidwell, lough, Kerri Minter, Ron Gary Gibson, Altha Groves, Pete Pracher, Roy Flowers, Garcia Jr., Jesse Ruth Ger-Shannon (Holton) Stein- rard, Rose Marie Bruning,

March 20 Birthday - Mack Bevill, Florencio Martinez, Angela Anniversary - M/M For- Sinta, Jane Henton, Kim Kay Christian, Garry Hathaway, Lisa Tice, Rocio Gar-

> Anniversary - M/M R. M. Tidwell, Crawford, M/M Benny Mc-Barbara Cullough, M/M Rod Barkley

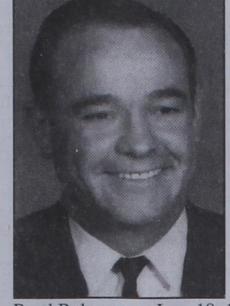
March 21 Birthday - Kathy Duncan, Tarrango, Jose Tarango Anniversary - Bill and Jo

Ann Weaver March 22

Birthday - Veta Allaway, Birthday - Trina Horton, Charmaine Gross, Maggie Jerry Bowling, Randy Key, Bob Miller, Payton Stafford, Darlene Schick, Mitchell, Marty McCloy, Parrish Larson, Gary Os- Kelly Rauscher, Randie Rivera, (Renner) Baumann, Roy Richard Varnon, Trent Sea- Garrard, Rosalinda Vela, gler, Ora Fay Watkins, Tim Kizzar, Michael Burke, Gumfory, Borunda, Jorge Soto, Carla Anniversary - M/M Bill Jones, Debbie Clement, Joe Andy Lindsey, Reid Wilson,

## Our Sympathy

HERSHEL LEE JONES



SHALLOWATER, TX -Hershel Lee Jones, age 82. of Shallowater, Texas, formerly of Spearman, passed away on Thursday, March 3, 2011. Services were held Monday, March 7 at 11 am at First Baptist Church in Spearman.

Hershel was born December 8, 1928 in Canadian, Texas to Lee and May Jones. He was a 1946 graduate of Spearman High School and attended Texas A&M University. Hershel married Wanda

Pearl Robason on June 18, 1954 in Friona. Hershel and Wanda began their life together in Spearman where Hershel worked for Excel Chevrolet. Hershel served on the Spearman School Board, coached Little League, supported Boy Scouts and attended First Baptist Church. Hershel's greatest joy was his family. He loved family

outings and being involved in all the activities of his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by Wanda, his wife of 56 years; daughter, Rhonda Wheeler and her husband, Brent of Dalhart; son, Roger Jones and his wife, Dianne of West Des Moines, IA; and son Jim Jones and his wife, Martha of Shallowater; and ten grandchildren, Kailee and Damian Maguire, Justin and Sarah Jones, Clint Wheeler, Jill Jones, Jacob Jones, Savannah Jones, Rebekah Jones, Grant Wheeler, Don Jones, Cy Jones; and great grandson, Baby Maguire.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Hershel Jones Memorial Fund for the Benefit of Grant Wheeler Autism Support at First State Bank, PO Box 160

Shallowater, TX 79363.

BETTY JO RILEY PERRY

SPEARMAN - Betty Jo Riley Perry, 77, died Saturday, March 5, 2011.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 10, 2011 in Church of Christ in Spearman with Larry Mc-Collum, minister, officiating. Arrangements are by Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mrs. Perry was born Oct. 1, 1933, in Gilliland, and had been a Spearman resident for 45 years. She was a secretary for a bank.

Survivors include two sons, Paul Dean Comegys of Wichita, KS, and Jay Glenn Comegys of Amarillo; three daughters, JoNell Comegys of Birmingham, AL, Alisia Ann Langston of Canyon and Jesica Dawn Reeves of Fort Worth; a brother, Jim Rile of Spokane, WA; three sisters, Charlene Flanagan of Borger, Christine Hymer of Stephenville and Pat McQuary of Borger; and six grand-

## Thank you!

We would like to say a heart-felt Thank You to the firemen who fought the fire in Waka. Because of your quick response, you saved our house and barn. Thank you for a job well done!

Dennis and Linda Rodgers

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LEZLIE LYNN VISOSKI

RICHMOND, TX - Lezlie Lynn Visoski, 57, of Richmond, passed away Monday, February 14, at Memorial Hermann Sugar Land.

Funeral services were at 5 p.m. Sunday, February 20, 2011 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Rosenberg. A funeral mass was held at 11 a.m. Monday, February 21, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bryan. Entombment followed at Msgr. Gleissner Mausoleum.

Lezlie was born December 30, 1953 in Spearman, to Lee Roy "Sonny" and Mary Faith (Oakes) Nollner. She and Greg were married November 21, 1986 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Richmond. Lezlie loved to go saltwater fishing, working outdoors and just staying home with Greg. She was a huge Bon Jovi fan. Lezlie was a wonderful wife, daughter, mother and grandmother and will be greatly missed.

Lezlie was preceded in death by her father-in-law,

Henry "Hank" Visoski.

She is survived by her husband of 25 years, Gregory Visoski of Richmond; daughter, Ginger Essex of Colorado; father, Sonny Nollner of Spearman; mother, Mary Faith Brown of Borger; sisters, Frances Jackson of Amarillo and Tammy Kay Batton of Speraman; grandchildren, Andrea and Amee Essex; mother-in-law, Hattie Visoski of Bryan; brother-in-law, Michael Visoski of Rosenberg; and numerous other relatives and friends.

D'LANA KAY BRILLHART

SLATON - D'Lana Kay Brillhart, 58, died Sunday, March 6, 2011, in Guymon, OK.

Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 9, 2011 in Brillhart Ranch Cemetery in Spearman, on the Palo Duro Creek. Memorial services were at 2 p.m. Saturday in Southside Church of Christ in Lubbock. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

D'Lana was born Dec. 24, 1952, in Lubbock to the late Tom and Bernice Ansley. She graduated from Lubbock High School. She attended Texas Tech University. On March 9, 1979, she married Mart Brillhart in Slaton. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Tom and Bernice Ansley

Survivors include her husband, Mart Brillhart of Slaton; and a daughter, Melissa Brillhart of Spearman.

The family suggests memorials be to Texas Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 5665, Lubbock, TX 79408; Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX, 79174-0001; or Make-A-Wish Foundation, 4413 82nd St. No. 203, Lubbock, TX 79424-3366.

## **MONUMENTS Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home**

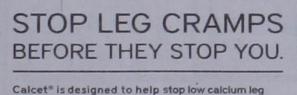
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First Baptist Church 402 E.Broadway · 733-2411 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:50 a.m. Disciple Training: 6 p.m.. Sunday Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Pastor - Scott Curry

> Church of Christ 209 King • 733-2760 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:20 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Worship: 7:00 p.m. Minister - Gaylord Cook

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**Gruver United Methodist** Broadway & Garrett 733-2651 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m. Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m. Pastor - George Price

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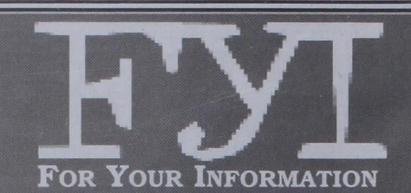
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Panhandle Professional Writers has announced its 2011 Youth Writing Contest. The competition is open to any student in grades three through twelve. There are three age groups grades three through five, six through eight, and nine through twelve. Students may enter as many times as they like in three different categories: short story, poetry, and memoir. All entries will be judged by published authors. Entries must be postmarked no later than April 16, 2011. Complete rules and entry forms can be requested at ppwriters@gmail.com First, sec ond, and third place winners in each category will be an-nounced in July. Panhandle Professional Writers, located in Amarillo, Texas, is the second oldest continually functioning writers group in the nation. It is open to writers at all levels and of all genres.

Project Graduation

The parents of the Spearman High School Senior Class of 2011 are hosting a "Project Graduation Party" following com-mencement exercises Friday, May 27th. This event is spon-sored 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. Al students staying the entire night will be awarded a \$100 gif 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 either Sharon Kern at 659-2017; Sherry Boyd at 659-3844; or Tammy Benton at 659-3071. Contributions or donations can be mailed to: Project Graduation, Tammy Benton, P.O. Box 415, 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.

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**GHS Academic UIL** 

Gruver High School students will be spending some extra time in the next few weeks preparing for the District Academic UIL Meet slated for Friday, March 25, at West Texas A & M University in Canyon. Forty-three students will competing in 19 contests. The students have been working with their coaches since November, but will be stepping up their effort on the following three Mondays: February 28, March 7 and March 21. There will be extra practice time scheduled during each of these mornings and they will also have a working tutorial and lunch. Lunch will be provided by the FCS Department, but each student needs to bring \$8 to help pay for the food.

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet Saturday, March 12, at 6 p.m. at the Waka Christian Center. A potluck meal will be served followed by sponsors training and a praise and worship service. A nursery will be provided. Family and friends

Samantha Hart 7th Memorial Scholarship Golf Tourney On January 19, 2005 we lost our 14 year old daughter Samantha to a car accident. The following June we started the Samantha Hart Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament. The purpose of the tournament is to provide scholarships to graduating seniors from Stratford ISD. The tournament has continued to grow and this will be our 7th tournament. This year, the Ryan Palmer Foundation has been gracious enough to spensor our family tournament by offering personalized. to sponsor our family tournament by offering personalized items from Ryan Palmer to be auctioned. 3-Man Scramble - June 11th & 12th, Stratford Country Club. \$180 per team (carts available, but limited), Dinner Saturday night, Team Auction Saturday night. Hole in One prizes. Tee times 8:30am & 2:00 and day (afternoon too times limited). Contact information 2:00 each day (afternoon tee times limited). Contact info: Brandi Pearce 806-270-0457, Jim Pearce 806-753-6004, Jon Hart 806-676-2931, Roger Allen 806-753-7833.

Perryton Area Parkinson's Disease Support Group
The Perryton Area Parkinson's Disease Support group will
meet Friday, March 11, 2011 at the Perryton Mennonite
Church. The program will be a report about Dr. Lajara's presentation in Amarillo last month. Lunch will be provided for the
12 noon meeting. Anyone who has Parkinson's Disease or
has a family member with it, is welcome to join us. Contact
Bev Burger for more information at 435-3437 or 435-0579.

Breakfast With The Band

In honor of the exceptional performance @ the Gruver ISD Band competion, the PTO is hosting a city wide "Breakfast With The Band" Friday March 11, 2011 @ the elementary cafeteria 7:30-8:15. Please come and show your support to the band for making "1's" in their latest competion. PTO will pay for everyone's breakfast... please spread the word and come join us in this celebration of our talented youth!

GHS One Act Play
The Gruver High School One Act Play will NOT perform for the public on March 13th, but will perform for the public on

Sunday, March 27th at 4:30 in the afternoon.

NOTICE

The District Clerk's Office for Hansford County is no longer issuing applications for passports. The public can have an application issued from the District Clerk's Office at the Courthouse in Stinnett or the Post Office in Perryton.

BILLY "BILL" EUGENE HARRIS DUMAS - Billy "Bill" Eugene Harris, 78, died Thursday, March 3, 2011.

Services were at 2 p.m. Monday, March 7, 2011 in Calvary Baptist Church with Brad Foster, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Dumas Cemetery with a flag detail pro-

vided by American Legion Post 224 of Dumas. Arrangements were by Morrison Funeral Directors. Bill was born Aug. 28, 1932, in Etter to Irwin Linzy

and Leona Mae Harris. He married DeVonna Wilson on Sept. 29, 1956, in Clayton, N.M. He served his country in the U.S. Navy for four years including the Korean War. He was very patriotic and proud of his military career. He in Spearman. She taught Sunday school and training was later employed as a cement contractor. Bill was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in

Dumas. He loved listening to music, especially gospel. He loved God and his church, and was very devoted to

Bill had a great sense of humor and enjoyed life. He was a beloved husband, father and grandfather, and he especially enjoyed playing with his grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Carroll Harris and Jerrell Harris; and a son-in-law, Brian Hunt.

Survivors include his wife, DeVonna; two daughters, Cheryl Gross and husband Phil of Mustang, OK, and Bonnie Hunt of Dumas; a son, Billy Harris and wife Renee of Borger; three brothers, Irwin L. Harris of Franktown, CO, Jim Harris of Dumas and Curtis Harris of Kennett Square, Pa.; two sisters, Marie Gould of McKinney and Alice Davis of Spearman; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105; or Calvary Baptist Church, P.O. Box 633, Dumas, TX 79029.

The family will be at 1005 Mills Ave. in Dumas.

Sign the online guest book at www.morrisonfuneraldirectors.com.

MARY "CHARLEEN" PATTERSON BRANUM DALHART - Mary "Charleen" Patterson Branum, 86, died Thursday, March 3, 2011.

Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2011 in Memory Gardens Mausoleum Chapel in Amarillo with the Rev. Barry Walker of First Christian Church in Dalhart officiating. Burial was in Memory Gardens Cemetery by LaGrone-Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors Coulter Road Chapel, 8310 S. Coulter St.

Mary was born March 30, 1924, in Armithwaite, Tenn., to Joe and Effie Patton. She moved with her family from Tennessee to Gruver before moving to the Dalhart area.

Mary loved being a rancher's wife. She enjoyed cooking for the harvest and branding crews and also helping with harvest. She loved to be with her family especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mary loved to sew and crochet. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi and First Christian Church of Dalhart.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Effie Amner Thompkins; her father, Joe S. Patton; her first husband, W.R. Patterson; a granddaughter, Marlo Patterson; her second husband, Doris Clifford Branum; a son, Joe Martin Patterson; five brothers; and seven sisters.

Survivors include a son, W.R. Patterson Jr. of Amarillo; a daughter, Pat Wilson of Dalhart; a sister, Bertha Johnson of Amarillo; six grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Sign the online guest book at www.lagroneblackburn-

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you are invited to a Baby Boy Shower honoring Linzi McCubbin Sunday, March 20, 2010 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the Hansford Abstract Office 16 Haney St Spearman TX

### CLOIE NAVORN SETLIFF WALKER STEPHENS

Cloie Walker Stephens, 101, of Amarillo, died Friday, March 4, 2011.

Services were at noon Saturday, March 5, 2011 in Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel. Graveside services were at 4 p.m. in Hansford Cemetery near Spearman. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount Blvd.

Mrs. Stephens was born Nov. 24, 1909, in Chapel Hill, AR, to Minnie May and George Washington Setliff, the fourth of nine children. She married Marshall W. Walker on July 18, 1927, in Eldorado, OK. He died in Spearman on Oct. 8, 1976. She and Mr. Walker operated Walker's Upholstery there.

She was an active member of the First Baptist Church union and participated in many Women's Missionary Union projects. She sang in the church choir.

She moved to Amarillo in 1978. She married Frank L. Stephens on March 15, 1986, in Amarillo. He died March

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Amarillo, singing in the Heritage Choir for several years.

She was a resident of Craig Methodist Retirement community for 13 years. The family wishes to thank the staff for their devoted care all these years. The family also would like to thank Bobbie and Katrisa of BSA Hospice for their care and support.

Survivors include two sons, Marshall L. Walker and wife Beth of Murfreesboro, TN, and James R. Walker and wife Patricia of San Antonio; two daughters, Angie Walker Barker and Lueise Walker Tyson and husband Milt of Amarillo; three grandsons, Nick Tyson of Amarillo, Matt Sheets of Owasso, OK, and Lee Walker of Marshall, NC; seven granddaughters, Cindy Tyson Brodie of Houston, Cathleen Tyson and Annette Sheets Cross of Amarillo, Nena Walker Egli of Murfreesboro, TN, Jimmie Lynn Walker of San Antonio, Bobbie Jo Walker Nelson of Atlanta and Megan Zumwald of San Antonio; two stepgranddaughters, Chris Creek of Amarillo and Beth Bagwell of Pampa; 17 great-grandchildren; eight greatgreat-grandchildren; and a sister, Dorris Babb of North Miami Beach, FL.

The family suggests memorials to the Craig Retirement Home Benevolent Fund.





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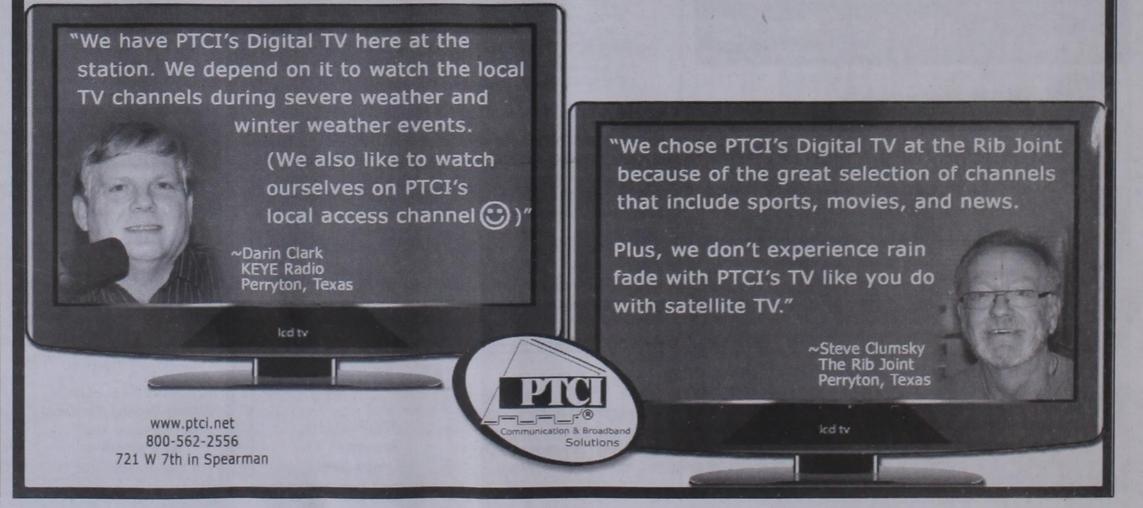
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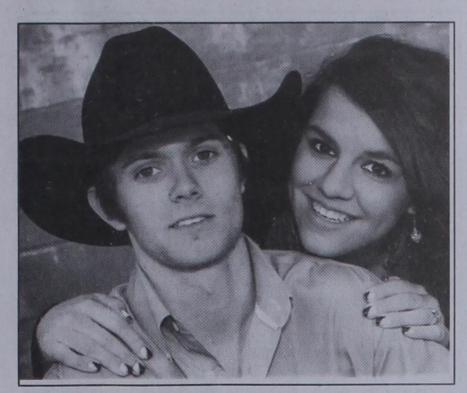
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## O'Dell, Harbour Wed

Kamryn O'Dell and Dane Harbour, both of Stephenville, Texas, were married Saturday, February 26th, 2011 at the Safari Texas Ranch in

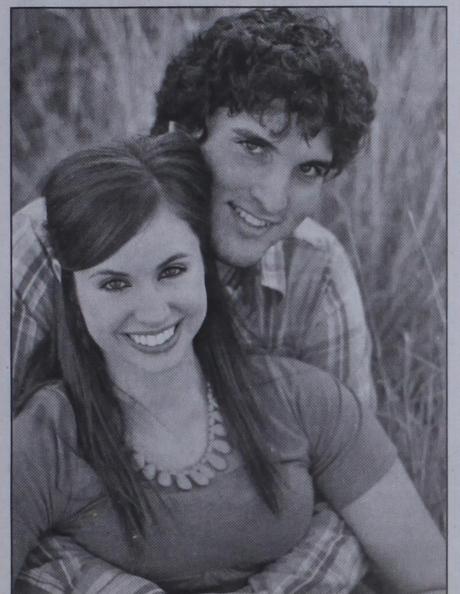
Sugar Land, Texas. Pastor Stacey Whitt of Kingwood, Texas officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Bradley and Christina

O'Dell of Houston, Texas
The groom's parents are Roy and Denise Harbour of

Spearman, Texas.

After a honeymoon to Charleston, South Carolina, the couple will be residing in Stephenville, Texas.



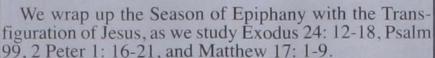
## Engagement Announcement

Marty and Sandy Haney of Spearman wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon, to Aaron Anderson, the son of Tommy and Susan Anderson of Tulia. Sharon is a senior at Wayland Baptist University, majoring in Business Education. Aaron is a recent Wayland graduate and Geology major. The wedding is set for July 2, 2011 at Three Falls Cove by Lake Meredith.



## Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister



The Lord commands Moses to ascend the mountain where he will receive from God the tablets of the Law. As we read this story, we see the indicators of a "Theophany" (a revelation of God) which are glory, fire and the cloud. Notice that the mountain is covered with cloud for six days and on the seventh day (a Holy day), God calls out to Moses from the cloud. Moses enters the cloud. Moses enters into God's presence. We see in this story God, the Father, the Almighty who chooses to dwell with us.

The Psalmist sings a song of the Glory of the Lord. God is Almighty. God loves justice. God establishes equity. The Psalmist sings of God's priests, Moses and Aaron and of God's prophet, Samuel. These great men heard God from a pillar of cloud, were in God's presence. God forgave their iniquity and they followed God's decrees. Worship God for he is holy.

The epistle answers those who say that Christianity is a cleverly designed myth. Not so, says the writer of Second Peter, for we were witnesses of the transfiguration events. He tells them to heed the prophetic message as a "lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts." For no prophetic scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation. No prophecy comes from human will, but from the Holy Spirit. Read the gospel diligently, pray for guidance, and the Holy Spirit will open your heart to its truth.

Jesus ascends a high mountain with Peter, James and John. When they reach the summit, Jesus is transfigured before them and his face shines as the sun, and his clothes become dazzlingly white. Moses, the greatest of the law-bringers and Elijah, the greatest of the prophets appear, talking with Jesus. It is near the time of the Feast of Booths and Peter, overwhelmed, starts offering to build a shelter for Moses, Elijah and Jesus, but as Peter is speaking, the voice of God comes from a cloud that suddenly overshadows them, says, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him! When we are struck by awe, we do and say strange things, Peter was no exception and he and the others became afraid. Jesus tells them, "Get up and do not be afraid." The disciples listen to him, but in the coming weeks they sometimes fail to hear him. Jesus, reassured of the will of God, begins his exodus by descending the mountain towards the cross.

May the Holy Spirit reveal God's prophecy to you that you may hear the hope of the gospel.

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## **GHS Band SOM**

Fatima Lizette Barrera, a Junior at Gruver High School, was named the Gruver Band Student of the Month. The 16-year-old clarinet player is the daughter of Abelardo and Ana Barrera. She has two siblings, Lalo and Odalys Barrera.

Fatima's favorite subject is math. "Although Pre-Calculus can be challenging sometimes, solving and learning something new every day is essential!"

She received a directors award in 2010 for being an outstanding and valuable member in the Gruver band. Fatima is involved in her church, serving as a lector and

an alter server. In school, she is

involved in UIL, competing in Feature Writing and WOW Writing. She is also an FCCLA officer and serves as V.P of Correspondence/Records.

After High School, she plans on attending college, starting a career with success, having a loving family, but most importantly, following the path God chose for her.

Her favorite thing about band is the feeling of earning straight one's in marching and concert contests, and being a member of the first band in Gruver to receive a Sweepstakes in several years.

"I've been involved in band for 7 years and some of the best memories I have are spending a wonderful time with Ms. Cross and all my friends on our band trips."

Fatima was selected as the Band Student of the Month for January for her outstanding leadership and musicianship. Not a day goes by when she walks into the room without a smile on her face. Fatima has nothing but words of encouragement for her other peers and teachers both.

Fatima has taken pride in being a musician outside of the regular concert band by being a member of the 5-States Honor Band, playing in a small group ensemble for Christmas and currently preparing to compete with a clarinet quartet at the UIL Ensemble contest.

During field marching, when the clarinet soloist hurt her wrist the day of a ballgame, Fatima stepped up and learned an entire solo to perform at the football game that night! No matter what is asked of Fatima, she puts her whole heart into doing the best she can do!



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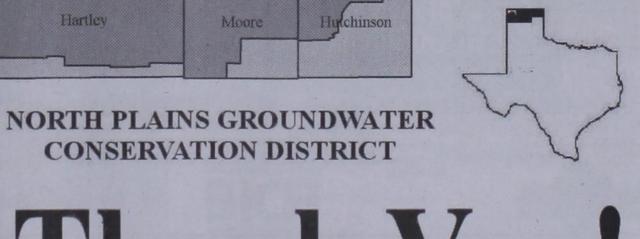
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Approximately 97-percent of the 2500-plus reports were turned-in on time. Timely reporting allows taxpayer resources to be used to provide service to the District's stakeholders, rather than following-up on delinquent reports.

For more information about the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, log on to <a href="https://www.npwd.org">www.npwd.org</a> or call 806-935-6401.

### 2011 Track Schedule **Gruver Greyhounds & Lady Hounds**

March 4 & 5	Sunray	JH/HS
March 10	Gruver	JH
March 11	Gruver	HS
March 16 or 17	TBA (Spring Break)	HS
March 24	West Texas	HS
March 26	West Texas	JH
March 31	Spearman	JH
April 2	Spearman	HS
April 6 & 7	Panhandle (District)	HS
April 8 & 9	Gruver (District)	JH
April 12	Panhandle (Area)	HS
April 21 or 22	TBA (Qualifier Meet)	HS
May 2 & 3	Levelland (Regional)	HS
May 13 & 14	Austin (State)	HS

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Spearman Lynx & Lynxettes		
Date	Place	Division
2/25	Panhandle Relays	JH
2/26	Pampa Relays	HS
3/5 & 6	Sunray Relays	JH/HS
3/11	Gruver Relays	JH
3/12	Gruver Relays	HS
3/18	Shamrock Relays	HS
3/26	Stinnett Relays	JH
3/27	Canadian Relays	HS JV
3/26 & 27	Amarillo Relays	<b>HS Varsity</b>
4/2 & 3	Hereford Relays	HS
4/9	Spearman Relays	HS
4/10	District - Bushland	JH
4/13	District - Panhandle	HS
4/23	Regional Qualifier - Elk City	HS
5/3 & 4	Odessa - Regionals	HS
5/14-15	Austin - State	HS

### 2011 Golf Schedule Spearman Lyny & Lynyettes

	Spearman Lynx o	Lynkettes
Date	Meet	Teams
3/1	Wellington	Girls 9:30AM
3/4	Wellington	Boys 9:30 AM
3/8	Dumas	Girls 10AM
3/9	Dumas	Boys 10AM
3/22	Gruver (Borger)	Girls 9:30 AM
3/23	Gruver (Borger)	Boys 9:30 AM
3/29	Canadian	Girls 9:30AM
3/31	Canadian	Boys 9:30 AM
4/5	District - Borger	Girls/Boys 9AM
4/7	District - Borger	Girls/Boys 9AM
4/19-20	Regional - Abilene	Girls/Boys
5/10-11	State - Austin	Girls/Boys

### 2011 Golf Schedule

Gruver Greyhounds & Lady Hounds			
Date	Meet	Teams	
3/7	Booker	Girls	
3/8	Booker	Boys	
3/21	Gruver @ Borger (Phillips)	Girls	
3/22	WT @ Borger (Phillips)	Boys	
3/28	Canadian	Girls	
3/29	Canadian	Boys	i.
4/5	District @ Borger (Phillips)	Girls	
	District & Borger (Huber)	Boys	
4/11	District @ Borger (Phillips)	Girls	
	District & Borger (Huber)	Boys	
4/18, 19	Regional @ Lubbock (Reese)	Girls	-
	Regional @ Lubbock (Lake Ridge)	Boys	

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State @ Austin (Morris Williams)

## 2011 Tennis Schedule **Gruver Greyhounds & Lady Hounds**

Date	Meet	Teams
2/23 (Wed.)	Canadian	GS, GD, MD
2/24 (Thurs.)	Canadian	BS, BD
3/7 (Mon.)	Panhandle @ Borger	BS, BD, MD
3/8 (Tues.)	Panhandle @ Borger	GS, GD
3/22 (Tues.)	Borger	GS, GD, MD
3/23 (Wed.)	Borger	BS, BD
3/30 (Wed.)	Spearman	BS, BD, MD
3/31 (Thurs.)	Spearman	GS, GD
4/13 (Wed.)	District @ Amarillo Tennis Center	All
4/14 (Thurs.)	District @ Amarillo Tennis Center	All
4/20 (Wed.)	Regional @ Levelland (SPC)	All
4/21 (Thurs.)	Regional @ Levelland (SPC)	All
5/9 (Mon.)	State @ Austin	All
5/10 (Tues.)	State @ Austin	All

### 2011 Tennis Schedule Spearman Lynx & Lynxettes

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Date	Meet	Teams
2/24-25	Canadian Tournament	HS VG/V
3/8-9	Panhandle Tournament	TBA VG/
3/12	Dumas JV Tournament	JVG/JVB
3/23-24	Borger Small School Tournament	HS VG/V
3/27	Amarillo Small School Tournament	VG/VB
3/31 & 4/1	Spearman Tournament	ALL
TBA	JV District Tournament	JVG/JVB
4/8-9	Varsity District Tournament	VG/VB
	Amarillo Tennis Center	
4/19-22	Regional Tournament	TBA
5/10-11	State Tournament	TBA



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## Spearman Police Blotter

by Chief Robert G. Baker

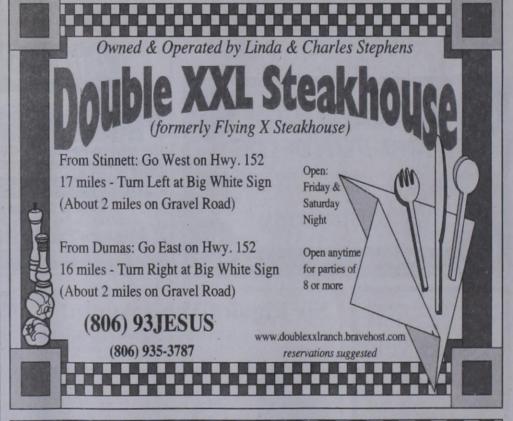
This February marks one year since I was selected to be Chief of Police for the city of Spearman. I have met many of you, and look forward to meeting many more of you in the future. This past year I have become involved with several organizations; serving as board member with the Cub Scouts, Chamber of Commerce, and as a member of the Lion's Club. This last year also presented me with some challenges which my officers and I have confronted on a continual basis. Due to the recurrence of several issues, I will be writing a monthly article addressing problems and concerns as well as positive things that occur in our community.

Recently I received a phone call from a Texas Ranger who informed me that a complaint had been submitted to the Texas Attorney General from a citizen of Spearman stating that the Spearman Police Department had failed to investigate a serious incident. The subject of the incident is irrelevant, since the crime never occurred in the first place. That's why there was not an investi-gation. The problem and challenge for us in law enforcement is wide spread speculation, rumors, and gossip. Misinformation spread among the community, either intentionally or unintentionally, creates an at-mosphere of mistrust, hurt, and injury. Rumors and gossip cause animosity between groups of people, or cause those who were once friends to become enemies. In regard to law enforcement specifically, rumors and gossip within the community create mistrust of law enforcement, compromised investigations, and a general lack of support for the police department.

In order to prevent misinformation like that which is currently circulating around our community and to improve communication in the future regarding the police department, I have decided to be proactive. The first way I will be addressing issues as they arise, is through this monthly article submitted to our local media sources. I will address items that need clarification, attempt to dispel rumors and gossip, and provide other information that might be of interest to the community in

Secondly, I encourage you to call me, come by the police department and talk with me, or ask me to come talk to you at your home. Should you have a concern with action (or non-action) taken by one of my officers or myself, an investigation, or any other question regarding what we do, please feel free to ask. I will do my best to answer your questions and solve the problem to the best of my knowledge, experience, and legal ability. You may not like or agree with my answer or explanation, but please give me the opportunity to talk with you. If I am legally able to answer your question, I will answer you to the best of my ability, or I will find someone who can. In the example above, if the person who made contact with the Attorney General's office had called me first, that person's worry and concern would have been eliminated by the simple knowledge that the incident never occurred

I am proud to have been chosen as the Spearman Chief of Police and to be a part of this community. I am proud and confident in my officer's abilities. We will work to retain and increase Spearman's confidence in us. Please stop by. I look forward to talking with you.





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Bids will be opened on Mon-day, March 14, 2011 at the regular Commissioners' Court meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Law Library of the Hansford County Courthouse. Call 806-736-0162 or 806-659-3144 to make appointment to see the 1991 - 140 G series motor grader.

The Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all

Benny Wilson Hansford County Judge 3(2/24/11)B

**LEGAL NOTICE** In accordance with Section

116, 117, and 262 of the Local Government Code, the Commissioner's Court of Hansford County will select an official

depository for County funds handled by the County for 2011-2013 at their regular meeting on April 25, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Law Library in the Hansford County Courthouse, Spearman, Texas.

Applications will be received until 10:00 a.m. on April 20, 2011, for review prior to April 2011 Commissioner's Court meeting.

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## **Spearman High School Dominates Regional Art Competition**

February 25th and 26th, 33 Spearman High school students participated in the Visual Art Scholastic Event or V.A.S.E, which is the largest art competition in Texas as well as the nation. Students are judged on a piece of their artwork, as well as a personal interview by a professional judge on the theory and techniques behind their artwork. Scores are given on a scale of I- IV with IV being the

highest, and hardest to achieve.

Spearman High School had 33 students receive a perfect score of IV, and receive a gold medal for their artwork. A record breaking, 9 students will advance to the state level. Spearman High School has more students advancing to State than any other high school in the Panhandle area, including the large, high schools in Amarillo and Canyon.

Spearman, a small 2A school with roughly 220 students has more state representatives in art than division IV and V schools with over 2,000 students. That says a lot for the level of talent and interest of our students in art." says Elizabeth White, art teacher.

"This is a huge victory for our school. The students have worked very hard on their artwork. For many of the students, this is only their first or second year taking art." The state competition is on April 8 & 9th, and will be

held at Clearlake High School near Houston, TX. More information about VASE can be found at: http://www.taea.org/VASE/state\_info.asp

Students Advancing to State: William Boyer, Elsa Adkins (Elsa is a double winner with 2 pieces), Martin Jurado, Margarita Ibarra, Faith Smith, Sam Ward, Janneth Terrazas and Jinny Lee.

Gold Medal Winners: Laura Hernandez, Adrianna Corralejo, Paloma Mendez, Adrian Erives, Iris Villa, Devin Wells, Jessica Pinon, Gena Gillipsie, Roy Moreno, Chistian Ortiz, Ramon Garcia, Alfredo Rosendo, Vicky Almanza, Tristian Hughes, Teanna Lively, Connor Wolf, Tylo Farrar, William Boyer, Blanca Rosendo, Jeffrey Thomas, Sarah Snider, Rubi Garcia, Alamarosa Briseno, Araceli Lujan and Octavia Villareal.



Sam Ward



William Boyer





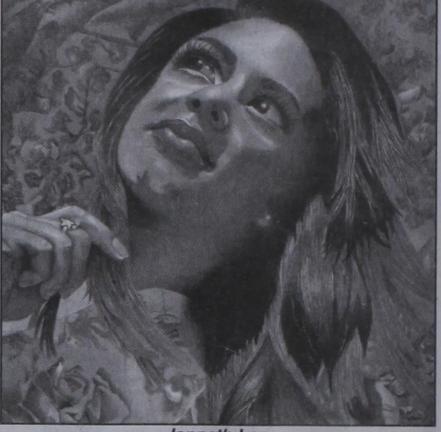
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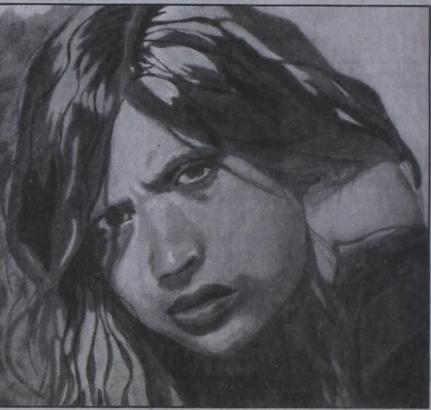
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