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Weekly Update

Texas, June 18 - Texas, June 18- Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 4.8 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.27/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that has fallen 3.2 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.53/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 25.2 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 24.0 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 17.6 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 12.6 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"I have a sneaking suspicion that the election in Greece may stir up oil prices this week, and we could see oil prices gain as markets feel more upbeat about the economic situation," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "While any gains in oil prices won't likely be immediately felt, the debt situation in Europe bears keeping a close eye on as it has far reaching global implications. Outside of that situation, West Coast wholesale gasoline prices are now among the lowest in the nation with California, Oregon, and Washington seeing their averages drop back under \$4/gallon, while the nation's midsection may see prices rising in the week ahead," DeHaan said.

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

Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors for June 19, 2012: Most of the region received some rain, from a trace to 2.5 inches. More rain was needed as soil moisture continued to be mostly short. Corn and sorghum were mostly in good condition. Cotton was mostly in fair to good condition. Producers welcomed the opportunity to pause irrigation before the heavy-demand season came. Deaf Smith County lost more cotton acres to hail. The rain put the wheat harvest on hold in most counties. Rangeland and pastures continued to slowly green up with the recent moisture. However, grazing conditions remained mostly poor. The condition of cattle continued to improve.

Spearman Police Department News

by Chief Robert G. Baker

During the early morning hours of June 10, 2012, three Spearman businesses were burglarized. Several thousand dollars worth of tires and associated tools were



stolen from these businesses. Farm Supply & Service, Golden Spread Sales, and the Spearman Police Dept. are asking for the community's help in solving these crimes.

At this time a two thousand five hundred dollar (\$2,500.00) reward has been offered for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for these burglaries.

Tips and information can be sent to the Spearman Police Department by e-mail to rbaker601@spearmanpd.com, or by calling 806-659-3708. All information can remain anonymous, but when calling you may have to leave a message, so a return contact number will have to be supplied.

These businesses are locally owned and operated by your friends and neighbors, who need your help to solve this crime or any other crime that occurs in Spearman.

Please keep vigilant and be aware of your surroundings. Complacency of the law abiding public is what criminals rely upon to be profitable.

Please contact the Spearman Police Dept. or the Hansford County Sheriff's Office with any information regarding any criminal offense. The person you help just may be yourself!

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Stationmaster's House Museum Acquires Homebuilt Airplane

The Rue Sanders' Estate has donated his Stitz "Flutterbug" airplane to the Stationmaster's House Museum. It was moved to the museum on May 31 by J.D. Wilbanks, and Tobe Shields and other volunteers.

Rue built the airplane during the early 1960s and flew it many hours and miles in his farming operations. He flew it for pleasure as well.

"The museum is very fortunate to have obtained this airplane to keep it here in Hansford County rather than having it sold and flown away somewhere," said Wilbanks.

The airplane is in the Museum Annex just across the alley from the Stationmaster's House. The museum is open from 1-5 PM Tuesday through Saturday.



Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Texas Panhandle Named "Gold Standard"

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Texas Panhandle has received Big Brothers Big Sisters of America's 2012 Gold Standard Award. The agency is one of 13 of the national mentoring organization's 355 affiliates to receive the honor, which recognizes agencies for being at the top of their class for successfully providing quality services and increasing revenue. The agency receives their award at Big Brothers Big Sisters 2012 National Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, June 12.

"It is an honor to be recognized as the gold standard within the nation's premier mentoring organization," said Lynda Underwood, Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters Wheatheart Satellite. "We are proud to have a dedicated team of supporters—donors, volunteers, partners, families and staff members—working tirelessly to help create better futures for children in Texas Panhandle."

Selection for the Gold Standard Award is based on specific criteria that demonstrate excellence in quality mentoring services, including sustained long-term mentoring relationships and increased revenues. This year the Wheatheart Satellite served 152 matches in the towns of Gruver, Perryton, and Spearman bringing our combined agency match total with Amarillo to well over 200 matches. Those



Big Brothers Big Sisters

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matches, along with the large Walk for Kids Sake Perryton fundraiser breaking records locally and the Amarillo Agency's wonderful Denim & Diamonds fundraiser, are the reason we qualified and won the Gold Standard Award! It was truly a joint effort between our Satellite and the Amarillo Agency.

"Through quality one-to-one mentoring programs, Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies like Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Texas Panhandle are helping children facing adversity achieve positive outcomes, including educational success; greater confidence and higher aspirations; and avoidance of risky behaviors," said Cindy Mesko, Senior Vice President of Agency and Program Development for Big Brothers Big Sisters of America.

Big Brothers Big Sisters provides children with strong and enduring, professionally supported mentoring relationships that lead to positive out-

comes for children in its programs. Independent research by Public/Private Ventures found that after 18 months of spending time with their volunteer mentors, youths being served by Big Brothers Big Sisters are more likely than their peers to perform better in school, make healthier and safer choices, and have positive interactions with parents. Big Brothers Big Sisters' first-ever Youth Outcomes Survey Report, released earlier this year, substantiated that its programs have proven, positive academic, socio-emotional and behavioral outcomes for youth, areas linked to high school graduation, avoidance of juvenile delinquency and college or job readiness.

For more information about the Gold Standard Award or Big Brothers Big Sisters program, please contact Underwood at 434-0016 or on our website at www.bbbstxpan.org.

PTCI Implements New Email Platform

PTCI is adding Google Apps™ suite of tools to its Internet service effective June 6. Google Apps brings simple, powerful communication applications, such as Gmail, Google Calendar, and integrated IM, to users so they can stay connected and work together with friends and co-workers with ease. Using Google Docs and Google Sites, which include word processing, spreadsheet, presentation and website creation tools, will also allow users to share files and pool resources in real-time, keeping versions organized and available wherever and whenever you work.

While users may already be familiar with using features Google offers for free, integrating Google Apps into PTCI's email platform will come with the following benefits:

Single location for all applications: Access email, chat, collaboration, calendaring, and file management from one location.

Storage: Gmail offers increased mail thresholds and more business management controls.

Improved Spam Control: Postini is one of the leading spam and virus solutions



available on the market.

Calendar: Customize sharing options to meet your individual needs

Increased Access Controls: Puts you in control of how information is managed and what features are shared with other users.

Support: Direct, local support online and via our tech support.

No Advertising: Free Gmail is ad-driven. Our version is AD-FREE.

Best in Class product: Google's platform is the best in class messaging service and you get several new, tightly integrated products.

Innovation and New Product Develop-

ment: Take full advantage of Google's commitment to R & D for new product development.

PTCI will be implementing these changes between June 1 and June 6. Current PTCI email customers are asked to not make any changes to email account settings, (Contacts, Allowed Senders, folder structure, etc) during this time as changes may not be saved. Users can however, continue to send and receive email as always during this time.

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. East winds 5 to 10 mph.

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 5 to 10 mph.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s.

SATURDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s.

SUNDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs around 102.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s.

MONDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s.

TUESDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s.

Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/forecast/w-Spearman-Texas.html#ixzz1yIOoyOBi>

Gruver Sophomore Wins Graphic Media Contest

Rochester Institute of Technology's National Technical Institute for the Deaf has announced the winners of the annual national Digital Arts, Film and Animation Competition for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Students.

Cinthia Dominguez, a sophomore at Perryton High School, formerly of Gruver High School, won in graphic media for "Ornaments."

The contest, in its sixth year, resulted in dozens of entries in film/animation, graphic media, photo imaging and Web design.

The winner of each category receives \$250, a plaque, plus transportation and lodging for two to the awards ceremony in Rochester, N.Y.

Students who earned an honorable mention will receive plaques in the mail.

The winning works will be exhibited in the Joseph F. and Helen C. Dyer Arts Center on the RIT campus.

Happy Birthday!

June 21
Birthdays - Lynn Boyd, Rod Karlin, April Hall, Patrick Meek, Harry Stumpf, Rosa Baker, Rhonda Valdez, Steve Slater, Josh Kunsleman, Robert Breedon, Christi Black, Linda Town, Anita Sumner, Clint Lilly, Cody Mike Ivey, Amanda Thompson, Britani Vasquez, Clayton Acker, Jennifer Nollner
Anniversary - M/M Jim Kuykendall

June 22
Birthdays - Tim Tunnell, Melissa Stewart, Ricky Jones, Benny Puentes Jr., Paul Lopez Jr., Tom Haden Hart, Presley Baker
Anniversary - M/M Stanley Gruver, M/M Norman Brack

June 23
Birthdays - Myriam Alvarez, Robert Blevins, Rob Murrell, Brad Spivey, Andres Benavides, Joan Brown, Shannon Groves, Kali Shields, Amanda Apodaca
Anniversary - M/M Mitch Fedrick, M/M T.J. Been, M/M Mike McLain

June 24
Birthdays - Patricia Miner, Ellen Graham, Denise Holliday, Allen Davis, Lee Bob Harper, C.T. Collier, Ed West, Margie Davis, David Pipkin, Nathan Kirk, Patricia Miner
Anniversary - Mary & Julio Vasquez, M/M Bobbie Archer

June 25
Birthdays - Betty Womble, Nita Bynum, Pete Stafford, Vickie Stewart, Jennifer Umphress, Joey Woolley, Curtis Wayne Porter, Candice Janzen, Lisa LaFarr, Billie Jo Moore Pierson, Oneida Bynum
Anniversary - M/M B.J. Renner, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Williams, M/M Dennis Quimby, Terry & Sherry Moore, M/M Richard Marrs

June 26
Birthdays - Paula Kelly, Mike Blanton, Bill McClellan, Omar Sutton, Carla Harper, Doris Pinkerton, Teresa Bennett, Ann Vela, Ronnie Ring, Ashley Baker, Vanessa Cease, Paul Bynum, Joe Ruthlin, Chelsea Nollner, Trevor Shields
Anniversary - Will & Tiffany Crane, M/M Garry Hathaway, M/M Joe Lopez, M/M Verlin Beck

June 27
Birthdays - Max Frick, Clint Irwin, Steve Baggerly, Elden Allen, Allen Cook, Tyler Scott, Charlie Lopez, Karen Johnson
Anniversary - M/M Bill Turner, M/M Randy Coombs, Judy & Darl Hergert

June 28
Birthdays - Carson Womble, Linda Rowland, Don Allen, Ernie Vanderberg, Terril Brummet, Helen Hand, Mrs. A.F. Loftin, Trent England, Meghan Jade Snider
Anniversary - Harvey &

Our Sympathy

HARRY HAROLD CROOKS JR.
SPEARMAN - Harry Harold Crooks Jr., 88, Spearman, died June 19, 2012. Mr. Crooks was born January 4, 1924, Ellis County, Oklahoma, to Harry H. Crooks and Flossie V. Smith Crooks. They moved to Hansford County, Texas, in 1931. Except for time in West Texas State College and in the United States Navy serving aboard a destroyer, he has lived on the family farm at Spearman, Texas.

He married Joyce Aileene Bagley in 1948. Their children are Leslie Anne Needham of Shallowater, Texas, Stephen Harold Crooks of Holland, Michigan, Robert Vernon Crooks of Spearman, Texas, and Melinda Sasser of Robert Lee, Texas.

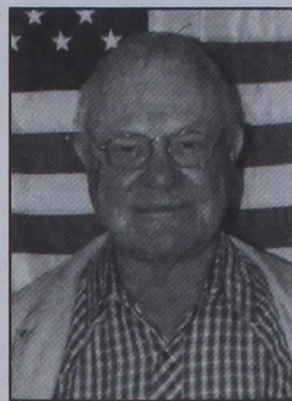
Being an early developer of irrigated farming in this area, he was always interested in all improvements in crop production or farm equipment. His favorite part of farming was raising cattle in Hansford County and his Union County, New Mexico, ranch.

Survivors include ten grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren and family friend Richard Sasser. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Spearman, Texas.

Mr. Crooks was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, and two brothers.

The family suggests memorial donations to a favorite charity.

Services will be held Friday, June 22, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Spearman.



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He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

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Medical Fund for Francis Scroggs Pond

A Medical Fund that has been set up at FNB for Francis (Scroggs) Pond, she has been Diagnosed with cancer and will begin chemotherapy in Amarillo (and possibly surgery in Dallas in the near future).

Spearman Food Bank 1st Thursday

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

Craft Round-Up June 23rd

We are having a Craft Round-Up June 23rd at River Ranch Stockyards in Fort Worth. We have over \$1000 worth of donated product from our vendors which we will be selling raffle tickets to help Adeline Camille Prewitt, daughter of Scott and Camille (Smith) Prewitt with her open heart surgeries. Camille is the daughter of Bobby and Dixie Smith of Spearman. Tickets can be purchased from Brenda Vera at the Hansford County Sheriff's Department until 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 19th or you can pay with paypal until June 22nd. If you want to pay by paypal please be sure to give Brenda your paypal address so we can send you the invoice. You can also help out by going to <https://dynammoore.scentsy.us/Scentsy/Home> and placing your Scentsy Fundraiser order. Just click on Camille Smith Prewitt Party. You can also contact Taleigh Smith at First National Bank in Spearman, or call her at 806-470-0333 to place your order.

TNSNE!? (Tennis Anyone?)

Summer Tennis will be held on Thursday, June 21st and 28th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for beginners and younger players and 7:35-8:35 p.m. for experienced and advanced players at the Spearman High School Tennis Courts. Shawn McWhorter, Amarillo Tennis Professional, and assistants, will lead the seasons. The cost is \$10 per session. Please bring your tennis racquet. If you have any questions please email Carlos Borunda at carlos.borunda@gruverisd.net.

Golden Spread Senior Center Radio Auction

Donations are now being accepted for the Golden Spread Senior Center Radio Auction. The Radio Auction will be held: July 14, 2012 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on KXDJ 98.3. Remember to join us the week of July 10th for pre-bidding and tune in on July 14th for the GSC Auction! Pre-bidding and viewing will be: July 10th, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; July 11th, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; July 12th, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; July 13th, 9 a.m.-12 Noon. Call The O'Loughin Center at 806-659-3300 for more information.

Throw Down Show Down

The Throw Down Show Down will be held at the Lake Palo Duro Camp Ground on June 22nd & 23rd. Friday Night Kid Q, 10-14-age group and 15-18 age group, Hamburgers \$10. For more information call Randy Davis at 806.659.3818 or 806.681.8607. For camping reservations call 806-882-8607. Hookups, restrooms and showers are available. Sanctioned & Rules by International BBQ Cookers Association.

Willy Lopez Memorial 5K

The Willy Lopez Memorial 5K will be held on Saturday, July 7th at 8:30 a.m. at Perryton High School. All proceeds benefit the Willy Lopez Memorial Scholarship at Perryton High School. Entry Fee: Everyone welcome to walk, run, bike, cheer or just donate!! 5K Fun Run - \$20 (if registered before June 27th); 5K Fun Run - \$25 (if registered after June 27th or on race day); Family Fun Run Package: \$70 (only eligible for family package if registered by June 27th) (Includes 4 t-shirts). A donation of \$15 or more qualifies you for an additional t-shirt. Make checks payable to: Willy Lopez Memorial Scholarship. Mail payment and registration form to: Allan or Debbie Herbert, 1402 S. Drake, Perryton TX 79070. Call (806) 435-3453 or (806) 228-0157 for more information.

Gruver Gym Hours

The Gruver Gym will be open in June and July for the following hours: Monday - Girls Night (JH-HS Girls) 7-9 p.m.; Tuesday - Boys Night (JH-HS Boys) 7-9 p.m.; Wednesday - Adult Night (HS-"Old") 7-9 p.m. (closed July 4th); Thursday - Elementary Night 6-8 p.m. (closed July 5th). 3-on-3 Tournaments, \$30/team (4 players max/team) will also be held on the following dates: June 22nd-23rd - Men & Women Divisions; July 13-14 - Elementary-JH Tourney Boys & Girls. Email entries to wade.callaway@region16.net with "3-on-3 Tourney" in the subject line. There will be 1 adult supervisor and 1-3 student workers each night (3 for elementary nights). All participants will need a signed release (students 17 or under will need parent/guardian signature). Out of town guests are welcome with signed release.

Second (Indianhead) Division Association, Inc.

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who ever served in the 2nd Infantry Division at any time. For information about the national association and our annual reunion in Reno, Nevada from August 23-26, 2012, visit our website at www.2ida.org or contact the association's secretary-treasurer. Bob Haynes, at 2idahq@comcast.net or (224) 225-1202.

Hansford Co. Library Thrift Shop Accepting Donations

Alley Katz (Library Thrift Shop) is accepting donations of quality items. You may ask for the key to the Thrift Shop at the library desk during regular hours (9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday). Alley Katz is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. each Wednesday.

Firefighters Wanted

The Spearman Volunteer Fire Department is actively recruiting new members. Both men and women age 18 and over are welcome. The number of volunteers has dropped to dangerously low levels and the roster needs to be increased. If you have an interest in helping to keep your community safe, the SVFD would like to talk to you. All new candidates will have access to the best training available. All interested parties should either come to the fire station located at 513 S Hazelwood or call Kimmi Rivera at 806-202-6374. The SVFD meets every Thursday night at 7 PM. Bring a friend and come join the team.

Hansford Hospice

Volunteering for Hospice is very flexible and easy to work into your schedule. Our volunteers provide important services to the people we serve, whether it is: providing companionship to patients and their families; helping with clerical duties in the office; helping with special projects such as cooking food, baking, running or helping with community outreach. If you are interested in being a Hansford Hospice Volunteer, please contact us at 806-659-5811.

Texas SNAP Benefits Assistance

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

Don't Text and Drive Decals

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

Help Available for Breast Cancer Survivors

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

Friendship Quilter Quilt Guild

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

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister



In the fourth week of the Season of Pentecost, we learn something of the power of God over chaos, the power of God to save, the power of Christ over the elements, and the danger of accepting the grace of God in vain. We study Job 38: 1-11, Psalm 107: 1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13, and Mark 4: 35-41.

In Job, we see the start of God's response to Job's laments. God challenges Job to tell him where he was when God set the foundation of the earth, determined its measurements, laid its cornerstone? God asks Job who shut in the sea with doors. Understand that in Jewish tradition, the sea is a symbol of Chaos, the state of the world without God. God is shown to be the one who created all and mastered Chaos (whether with a capital 'C' or a lower case 'c'). Human suffering exists, but it is not God's purpose. The faith that we have through God's grace sustains us through the suffering and difficulty that we face.

The Psalmist sings a song of praise in a series of four examples of God's deliverance. In each he describes the distress of the believer, the prayer of the believer to the Lord, the details of the Lord's delivery, and the believer's expression of thanks. Learn from this Psalm an approach to your sufferings and difficulties.

Paul warns the Church at Corinth not to accept the grace of God in vain. There are many divisions in the Church at Corinth and factions which are hostile to Paul. Paul rates his ministry as successful if the Churches he helped to establish are faithful to his teachings. Paul was proud of the Church at Thessalonica and concerned over the Church at Corinth. Paul notes that he has 'commended' himself through great endurance, afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, and hunger. Similar to God's response to Job, "Where were you?" Paul has endured by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech and the power of God. Paul declares his heart to be wide open to the Corinthians and asks them to open their hearts to him. Consider that today's Church faces the same problem of failing to love one another. Failure to love is a sign of accepting the grace of God in "vain". Faithfulness dear Christian is exhibited in action!

The first eight chapters of Mark show us Jesus walking beside the sea, crossing the sea, or approaching the sea. This week's lesson shows us Jesus who after teaching the crowd desires to cross to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. As the disciples and Jesus embark on this journey a storm whips up the sea, and the little boat is threatened with destruction. Jesus, sleeping at the stern of the boat, is awakened by his frightened disciples (most experienced boat men), "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" Jesus rebukes the wind, "Peace!" Jesus orders the sea, "Be still!" And, it was so. Learn from this that 'crossing over' with Jesus may be a risky, unpredictable situation; yet, we as believers can be assured that Jesus is master over 'Chaos'.

May the Holy Spirit allow you to accept God's grace through faith in Jesus The Christ which is sufficient in all of life's storms.

A Heartfelt Appreciation to the Family and Committee Members of the Lloyd Lynn Buzzard Memorial Scholarship



As a graduate from Spearman High School- Class of 2008, I was very much honored to receive the Lloyd Lynn Buzzard Memorial Scholarship. Since 2008, each and every fall as I prepared for a new year of college, the Buzzard family and scholarship committee members were there to support me. Their belief in me, as well as their generosity, gave me the confidence and financial support I needed throughout my college career. I am pleased to announce, I graduated May 12th, 2012 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. I contribute a great deal of my college success to receiving this continuing scholarship from the Buzzard family.

Thank You, Christy Lang

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Bridal Registry

Couples Currently Registered

- Haley Lombard & Justin Amaro - 6/23
- Jill Hall & Clayton Smith - 8/25 (Wedding 6/5)
- Melissa Holloway & Tony Ortiz - TBA
- Lindsey Mireles & Daniel Gale
- Charity Burton & James Diaz
- Jena (Cherry) & Charles Davis
- Mandie Hunter & Josh Duggan
- Jennifer Baldrige & Dustin Beck
- Christy Lang & Chuck Salisbury
- Xylie Knight & Tatum Rice
- Shelby Begnaud & Chase Farrar
- Shelbi Roberts & TJ Vasquez
- Melissa Lesly & Kyle Harshbarger
- Tawnya (Riney) & Brady Tidwell
- Amy Brown & Jon D'Zamko
- Mattie Davis & Cody Been
- Chrisie Reeves & Weston Pendergrass
- Laci Fitzgerald & Chris Sutton
- Sara Cooper & Craig McCloy
- Erika Offer & Ryan Ramon
- Clara Kern & Caleb Smith
- DeeDee Vaquera & Justin Roberts

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Quinn, Pipkin Wed

Jessica Kaye Quinn, of Arlington and Nathaniel Woods Pipkin, of Spearman, were united in marriage March 10, 2012 at five o'clock in the evening at Grace Lutheran Church. Pastor Kevin Hintze officiated. Music was provided by Elizabeth Hilsabeck, pianist; Lori Turner, soloist; and Kaitlin Quinn, soloist. A reception followed at the Diamond Club located inside of Rangers Ballpark in Arlington. The groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner on Friday, March 9th at Joe T Garcia's in Fort Worth.



The bride is the daughter of Neil and Penny Quinn of Arlington. She is the granddaughter of Joseph and Anne Quinn of Smithtown, New York and Gerald and Pepper Davis of Granbury. The bridegroom is the son of Roy Pipkin of Spearman and Frances Pool of Amarillo. He is the grandson of Doris Jean Pipkin of Spearman, and the late J.W. Pipkin, Dorothy Pool of Amarillo, and the late J.R. Pool.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore a charming side-drape gown with a sweetheart neckline and adorned with a lapis

sash and precious stones. A classic ivory veil with corded edge and lapis shoes completed the look. Her bouquet was a hand-tied design of white casa blanca lilies, mini cala lilies and touches of green hydrangea and purple statice.

Maids of Honor were Kaitlin Quinn and Madeline Quinn of Arlington, sisters of the bride. Bridesmaids were Katie Bredehoff, April McCoy, Kathryn O'Brien, Cheri Williams. Junior Bridesmaids were Abigail Turner, Kathryn Joan Turner, and Ashlyn Turner. Best man was Jason Pool, of Amarillo, cousin of the groom. Groomsmen

were Jason Banks, Brian Black, Paul O'Brien, Garret Pool, and Chase Ryan. Ushers included Jack Turner and Kevin Zimmermann.

The bride and groom are both graduates of the University of Texas at Arlington. The bride received a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and is a teacher with Arlington Independent School District. The bridegroom received a Bachelor in Marketing and is employed with the City of Arlington.

After a honeymoon in Cabo San Lucas, the couple will reside in Arlington.

Plant Health Tour Set for June 22 in Amarillo

A "Plant Health Tour" is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. June 22 at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Amarillo 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd.

The program will cost \$15 and offer three continuing education units, according to Brandon Boughen, Texas AgriLife Extension Service agriculture and natural resources agent for Potter County.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by June 20 to the AgriLife Extension office in Potter County at 806-373-0713. Checks should be made payable to the Potter Horticulture Committee, he said.

From 8:30-10 a.m., Dr. Ron French, AgriLife Extension plant pathologist, will discuss diseases, pests and other plant material, followed by a discussion on the diagnostic lab, "What we do, how we process

samples and submitting samples."

At 10 a.m., the group will go to Cimarron Organics Farm and learn how to treat thrips, whiteflies and leafhoppers, and then move at 11 a.m. to the Carver Elementary Greenhouse to talk about hydroponic vegetable production.

The tour will conclude at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Noon, Boughen said.

For more information,

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A Thank You from Gordon's Drug



Thank-you for giving me this opportunity to express my deepest thoughts and prayers as I reflect on the past two years and embark on a forward journey for me and my children.

First and foremost to the entire staff at Gordon's Drug:

Words can not be written to show my appreciation to every one of you. At the time of extreme tragedy, you, by your own choice showed up everyday after David's death and kept working through your own fear, grief, and uncertainty. To continue to do this and deal with problems, complaints and thank you for your strength, your goodness and I honor you as a person and my friend.

Each one of you deserves a special heartfelt thank-you, encouraging words, and a big hug for the commitment you made to this community. Gordon's Drug would not have stayed open if it wasn't for each one of you. All of you played an unbelievable role the past two years in sacrificing time from your own families, home and offering help to this community and my family.

Esmeralda Bernal, Lucy Jimenez, Gabby Ruiz, Kaitlyn Poole (Thank you girls for staying and working everyday.)

Jennifer Whitefield, (Through your own shock and grief, thank you for all you did in the pharmacy.)

Sara Vela- employed at Gordon's 33 years!! Virginia Young- employed at Gordon's 48 years!!!! (The two of you represent what true commitment and loyalty is)

Kristina Howell, Robert Howell, Susan Poole, Stephen Poole (Time and scarifies your entire family have made for this business, community, and my family--Thank you isn't enough.)

Also, I am very thankful for Don and Paula Wilson. As you all know, we had several pharmacists coming just trying to keep the store open. They have been here since September and keeping the pharmacy open would have been difficult if it wasn't for them.

To all the customers who continued business, thank you... you supporting this business allowed my children and I needed time to work through our grief within the place that we love and David loved so much. The support you gave the kids and I was far more than business. Your kindness and care will be something that will benefit and impact my children, and they will remember it for the rest of their lives. I pray you will be blessed for what you did for them.

Gordon's Drug is a privately owned tax paying business which I feel the community NEEDS to support. Many families and children in Hansford County rely on Gordon's Drug. Out of respect to Jim and Laquita Evans and David Johnson, I hope you will continue to make this a great business in the area.

For those customers who left, although we were not able to keep your business over the past two years, I hope you would consider giving the store a second chance for the support it will NEED to keep serving the area. Please try to keep in mind as you make this very important decision, everyone involved was doing the best they could do to work through a very difficult time.

David loved Gordon's Drug, Hansford County and serving the people of Spearman and Gruver. Keeping this love alive has been a big desire for the employees and for my family. Our prayer is for this business to continue to serve and be a great help, service and supporter of Hansford County.

My view of life and how I can choose to react to it has changed because walking through grief, suffering, sorrow and tragedy shapes and makes us different then we were before. But one truth remains the same. A truth of this life is: God created me at this very particular time and at this very place to fulfill his plans and his purposes. Only by walking in a relationship with his Son, our Savior, can we accomplish this and be in his plan.

And "having faith" is not enough for me, BUT, the object of our faith, belief in Jesus and His Word is what lends to us the grace needed. The grace that becomes sufficient for us and it is the TRUTH that sets us free. The focus is not on "faith" but on the finished work of Christ and REST we can receive through it. Christ already borne away completely for us and this helps us see the MIRACLES manifest. Thank God, through Jesus, I can have this assurance. And thank God the "saving grace is through this faith and not of ourselves, but it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2:8

The kids and I are holding on for miracles we long to see, but we realize walking even to this day is a miracle in itself. We hold on to the promise that "ALL things work together for good to those who love God to those who are called according to his purpose". Romans 8:28

To the people that have reached out as friends and customers, there has been a tragedy, death, sorrow, much hurt, pain, rejection, fear, abandonment.....your LOVE, CARE, PEACE, GOODNESS, AND GIVING that you have shown will be engraved on our hearts for our lifetime. We are "salt and light"!!! The kids and I are beyond grateful to you.

We try to keep striving to "accept the things we cannot change; Courage to change the things we can." "Trusting that God will make all things right."

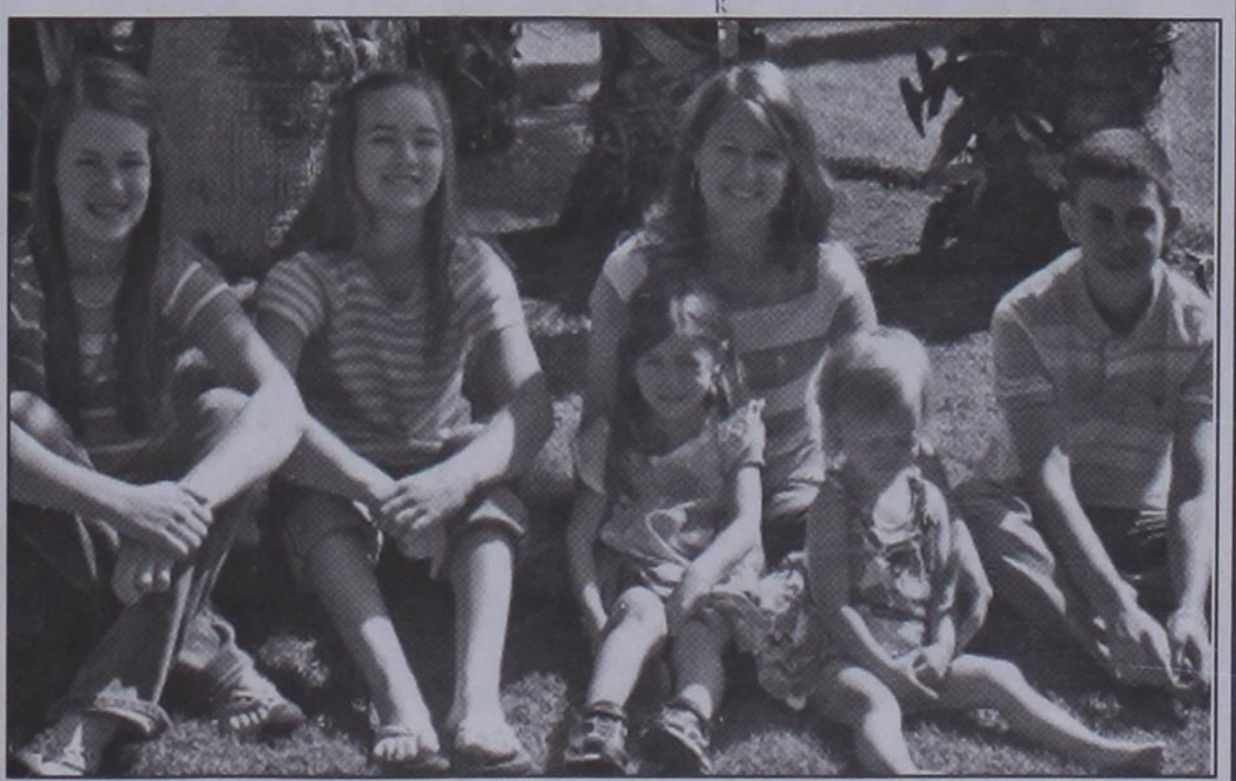
Thank-you for being apart of my children's and my life at this particular time.

As the children and I continue to move forward and looking to what lies ahead, our hope is ALL the goodness, laughter, care, love, giving, kindness, intelligence, wisdom, friendship, and service that David rendered to so many will continue throughout the years in this community and the store.

I proudly announce the sale of Gordon's Drug to a new owner. Please watch for upcoming announcements as to his future plans for the store.

THANK YOU AND "KESSHITE AKIRAMENAI"

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Spearman Lions Club Presents Awards



Spearman Lions Club President Britt Jarvis presents Richey Thompson with a 25 year certificate for his dedication.

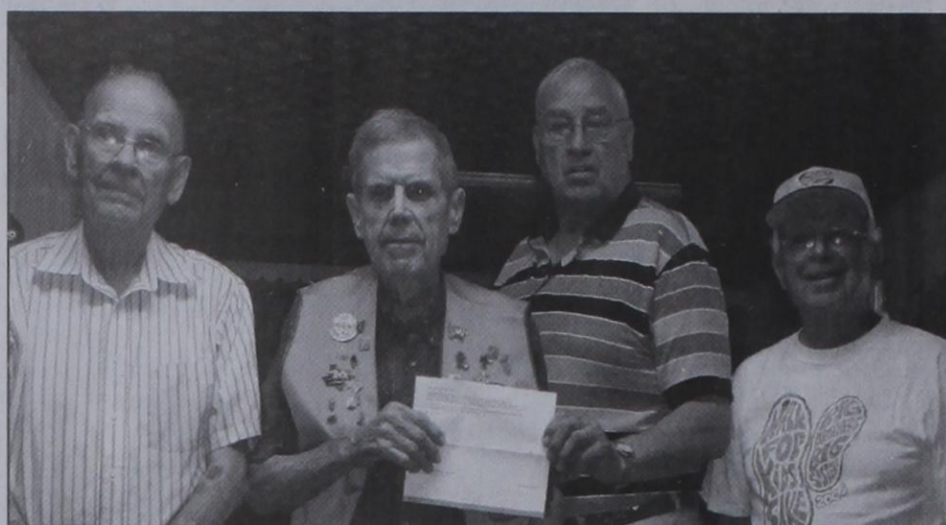
On Tuesday, June 5th, Spearman Lions Club presented awards to some of the members. Presenting the awards were Britt Jarvis, President and James Cunningham and Harry Stumpf.

Billy Miller received the 65 year certificate for his dedication.

Richey Thompson received the 25 year certificate for his dedication.

James Cunningham has served for 58 years and Harry Stumpf has served for more than 30 years.

We appreciate everyone's dedication to the Spearman Lions Club.



Spearman Lions Club President Britt Jarvis (second from right) present Billy Miller (second from left) with a 65 year certificate for his dedication. James Cunningham (right) received a 58 year certificate and Harry Stumpf (left) received a certificate for more than 30 years of service.

State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest Held

State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest was held in Lubbock, TX on June 13, 2012. 38 teams competed in the contest. Hansford County Livestock Judging team of Jennifer Crowl, Audrey Lieb, Callie Stedje and Travis Stedje placed 3rd high team overall. The team was 3rd high team in beef, 2nd high team in sheep & goats, 5th high team in reasons, and 4th high team in placing. Callie Stedje was 7th high individual in beef and 5th high individual in reasons. Jennifer Crowl was 7th high individual in placing. The team will represent Texas at the American Royal Livestock Judging contest in November at Kansas City. Coaches are Bret Burgin and Burt Williams. Please tell these 4-H members congratulations on a job well done and bring home the National Title.



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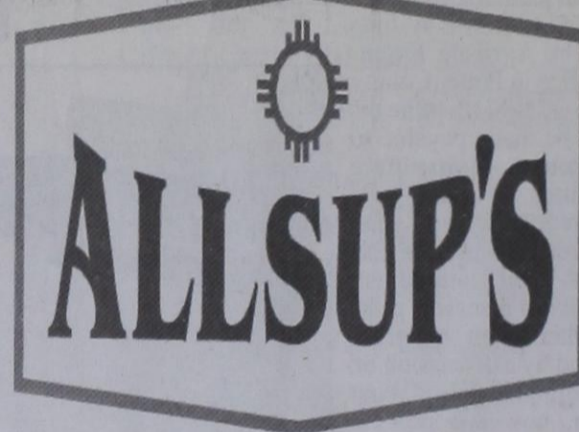
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The Texas Girls Coaches Association selects All-State teams in conferences 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A and 5A each year. Athletes are nominated by member coaches. The head varsity track and field coach of each school must be a member of TGCA by November 1st to nominate their athletes. Athletes are selected by the TGCA Track and Field All-State Committee at their annual meeting. Athletes do not have to be seniors to be selected.

Selected to the 2011-12 Texas Girls Coaches Association Track and Field 1A All-State Team was Shelley Gibson of Gruver.

The Texas Girls Coaches Association awards athletes for academic honors by selecting Academic All-State teams in conferences 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, and 5A. Athletes must be seniors and must have a GPA of 94 or above for grades 9-11 to qualify. Athletes are nominated by their member coaches, and member coaches must be a member before November 1st of each membership year to nominate athletes.

Selected to the 2011-2012 Texas Girls Coaches Association Track & Field Academic 1A All-State Team were Shelley Gibson and Madison McLain of Gruver.

by Dorothy Hudson

Out at the Lake

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Lake Level--June 18, 2012--28.88 feet (-0.20)

The showers last Thursday left a third of an inch of rain in the office gauge but only left a quarter inch in Ramon's gauge north of the dam.

The Lake report is brief today as Jim and Mandy are off on a vacation near the Grand Tetons in Wyoming. Perhaps he will give us a report when he gets back.

Injured Fawn

The Ken Harris family were cutting wheat on a field not far from Hanna Draw on June 12. It was late afternoon, and they were hoping to finish the field that night. One of the combines was being run by Caleb Harris, who had come down from Greeley, Colorado. He is an assistant professor of music at the University of Northern Colorado, but he still likes to help at harvest. Caleb had made a turn and as he came

cut, he saw a tiny fawn trying to run with a broken leg. He realized that he must have run over it shortly before.

A doe had chosen this wheat field as a spot to leave her fawn. As fawns average just under 5 pounds at birth, this one was tiny and very young. Young fawns have what is known as a freezing instinct until they are 3 or 4 weeks old. The fawn had kept his cover. If he had been just a little older he would have broken and run.

Caleb's sister Anna was notified of the fawn's plight. She came with a box and with sister Angela's help caught and put the fawn in it. A hind leg was fractured up near the pelvis, and the little legs were lacerated.

When they got back to their home on the Palo Duro Creek north of Morse, Anna called Mike Wheat at Perryton. He is our game warden and is always helpful with problems with the

animals and birds. He said it was the third fawn he had been called about during this current wheat harvest. With a fawn that young, a broken leg meant death. He suggested they either kill the fawn or have a veterinarian do it.

The next morning Caleb and Anna took the fawn to a veterinarian in Spearman. She agreed with Mike Wheat. As Caleb and Anna had bonded with the fawn, they had the veterinarian

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