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2007 Elections

Elections were held on Saturday, May 12, 2007 in the City of Spearman, City of Gruver, Spearman ISD, and Hansford County.

The unofficial results are as follows. (Winners are in bold.)

SPEARMAN CITY COUNCIL - (1) Ron Antalek - 184, (1) Kathy Boyd - 190, Mike Schnell - 228, Craig Schumann - 70

SPEARMAN ISD - (1) Bob Boxwell - 230, (1) Will Jarvis - 262, Dr. Mark Garnett - 337, Jimmy Kenney - 64, Travis Patterson - 221

CITY OF GRUVER - Mayor: (1) Mark Irwin - 124, Kevin McNett - 14; Commissioner: (1) Johnny Williams (Unopposed) - 129

The Constitutional Amendment (Proposition 11 - SJR 13) passed with a statewide count of 810,843 In Favor and 113,734 Against. Hansford County results were: 306 In Favor, 65 Against.

This proposition will amend the Constitution to authorize the legislature to adjust the public school ad valorem tax or tax rates for taxpayers who are aged 65 or older, or are disabled, and who are owners of an exempted homestead. The amendment would thereby allow the legislature to provide tax relief to such elderly or disabled taxpayers who did not receive tax relief as a result of the school tax rate reduction passed in the 79th Legislature, 3rd called session.

The amendment appeared on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes for the 2006 and 2007 tax years."

Baccalaureate Heralds Graduation

Baccalaureate services for the 2007 Spearman and Gruver Senior Classes will be at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 20, 2007. Spearman will hold the services in the High School Auditorium, while Gruver will conduct services in the Gruver United Methodist Church.

Graduation exercises for the SHS and GHS seniors will be held on Friday, May 25th. Spearman graduation will be held at 7 p.m., while Gruver will begin graduation at 8 p.m. Both ceremonies will be held in their respective auditoriums.

Spearman 8th grade graduation will be Thursday, May 24th at 8 p.m. in the SHS Auditorium. Gruver 8th grade graduation will also be held Thursday, May 24th at 8 p.m. in the GHS Auditorium. Pringle-Morse will hold 8th grade graduation on Tuesday, May 22nd at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some thunderstorms may produce heavy rainfall. Lows in the lower 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

FRIDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy. Highs around 70. South winds 15 to 25 mph. Gusts up to 40 mph in the afternoon.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy. Lows in the lower 50s. South winds 15 to 25 mph decreasing to 10 to 15 mph after midnight.

SATURDAY - Mostly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the upper 70s. South winds 10 to 20 mph increasing to 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the upper 50s.

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

SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.

MONDAY - Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning - then a chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 80s. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

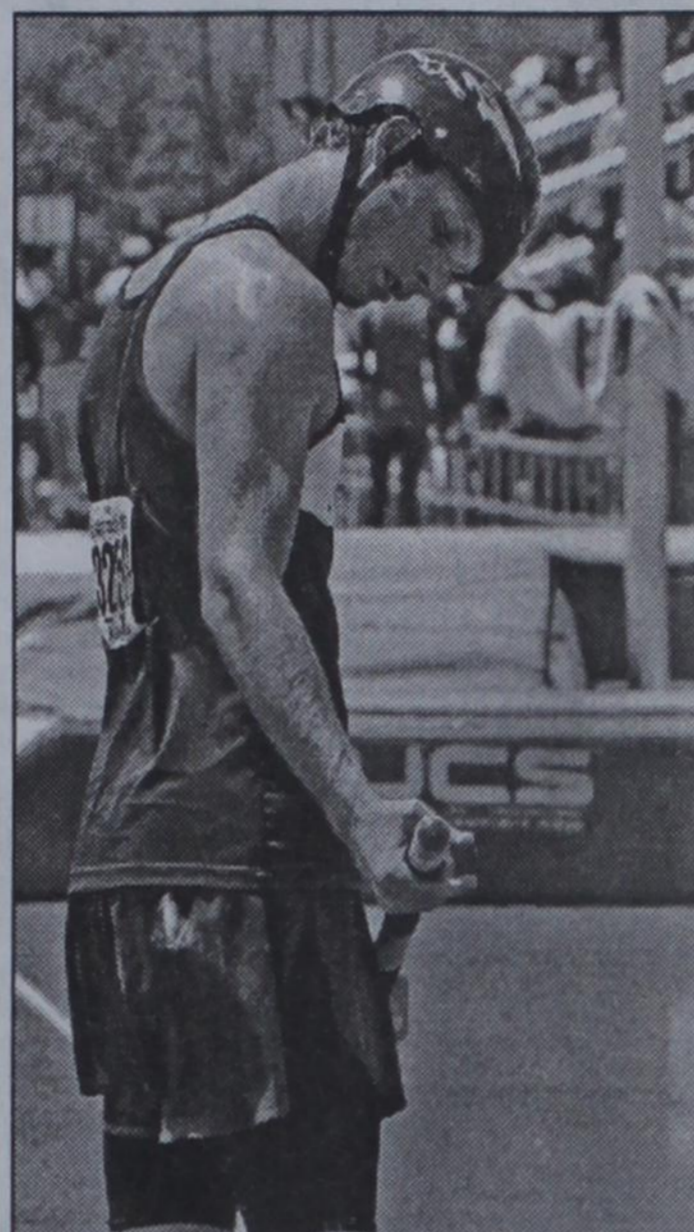
MONDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

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

TUESDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.

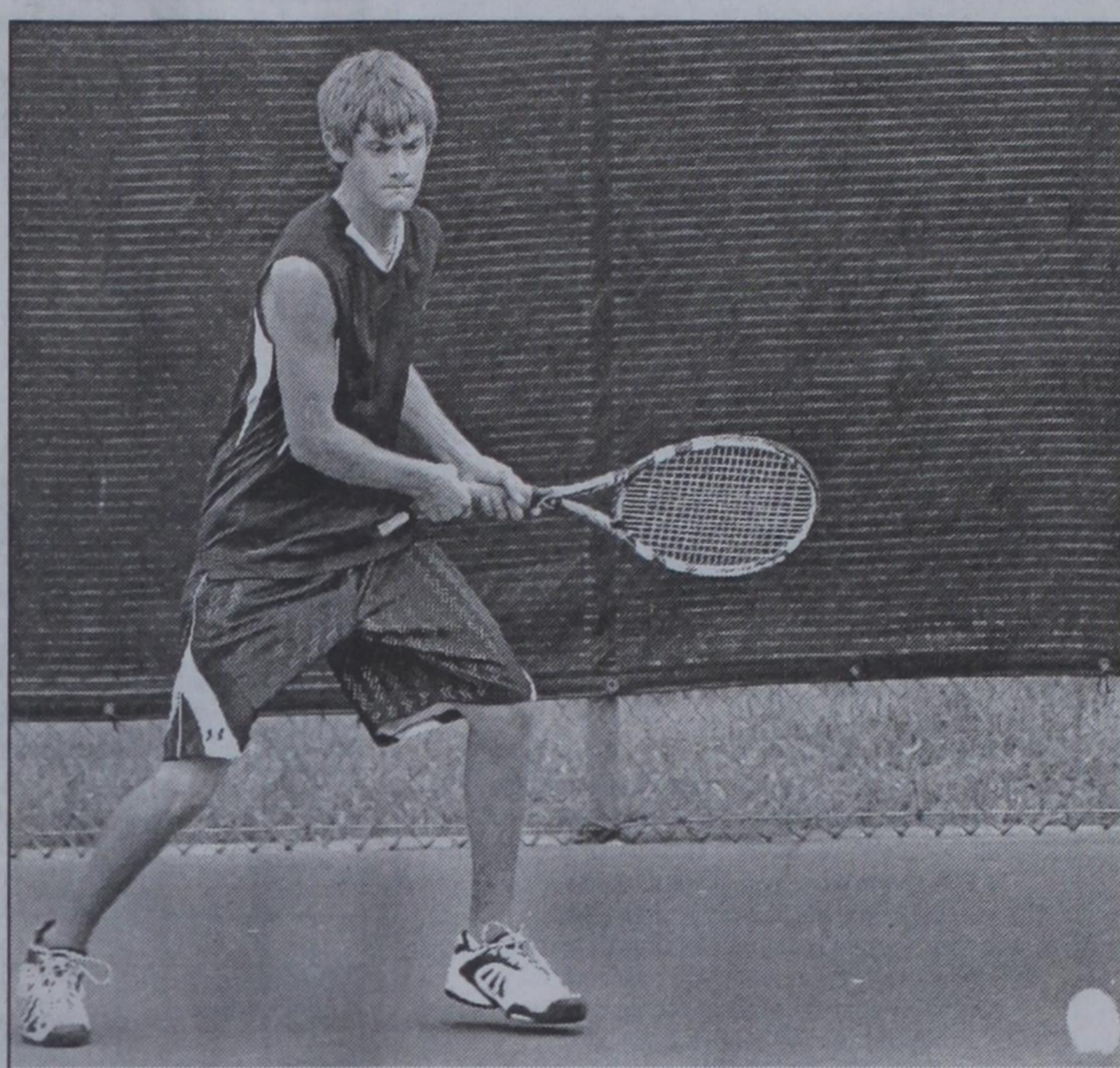
WEDNESDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s.

Hansford County State Competitors



Brynr Garnett catapulted 15 feet to clear the pole vault and take first place in the Regional Track meet in Abilene, earning him a trip to the State Track Meet, May 11 & 12 in Austin.

Garnett, a senior at Spearman High School, won 3rd place at state with a jump of 14-3. He is the son of Jon and Kelly Garnett of Spearman. (photo by Charlie Johnson)



With an outstanding performance, Tucker Williams finished as the state runner-up in boys singles tennis this year.

Williams, a senior at Gruver High School, was the runner-up in the Regional Tennis Tournament, earning him the trip to Austin for the state tournament on May 7th and 8th. He is the son of Ty and Paula Williams of Gruver. (photo by Charlie Johnson)

Hansford Livestock Team Heads to State

The Hansford County 4-H Livestock Judging Team has completed the spring portion of their season. The first contest was held at Clarendon on March 31. The senior team won cattle and placed 2nd in both sheep and reasons securing a 2nd place overall finish behind Calhoun County. Hansford was led by Charles Slough who earned the 4th high overall individual award.

Their second contest was the District competition held at West Texas A&M University on April 13. The junior team bounced back from a rough day at Clarendon and had an impressive outing. Team 1, consisting of Wil McCloy, Brenna Reid, Jacob Leib, and Callie Stedje, won the 1st place overall Junior Team award with a very consistent day. They were also recognized for 1st place team in cattle, 2nd place team in swine, and 7th place team in sheep. Team 2, consisting of Audrey Lieb, Jace Lane, Kyler Cator, and Bailey Stedje, placed 8th in cattle and 14th overall. Team 3, made up of Allison Brown, Jaci Burgin, Colton Cator, and Dustyn Kelley, placed 3rd in swine and 20th overall. Individually, several of the juniors received recognition. In the sheep division, Brenna Reid was 1st, Jace Lane and Allison Brown tied for 4th, Wil McCloy placed 10th, and Audrey Lieb placed 20th. In cattle, Jacob Lieb was 1st, Wil McCloy placed 6th, and Audrey Lieb was 8th. In swine, Jacob and Wil tied for 9th, Jaci Burgin placed 13th and Allison was 20th. When the points were totaled, the junior team had 5 contestants placing in the top 20 overall: Wil McCloy, 3rd; Audrey Lieb, 8th; Brenna Reid, 9th; Jacob Lieb, 13th; and Allison Brown, 19th.

The Hansford County Senior Team, consisting of Charles Slough, Casey Cator, Jimmilee McCloy, and Dakota Cator, had a tremendous day. They won every division as well as securing high point team overall. In doing so, the team earned a trip to compete in the State 4-H Livestock Contest in June at Texas A&M.

Individually, Hansford finished with 3 members in the top 4 spots overall. Charles Slough won the High Individual overall award with 1st place finishes in cattle, sheep, and reasons. He was also 2nd place in swine. Casey Cator was 2nd high overall individual and placed 1st in swine, 2nd in cattle, 3rd in reasons, and 6th in sheep. Jimmilee McCloy was the 4th high individual and brought in 4th place in sheep, 5th in reasons, 6th in swine, and 9th in cattle. The lone fresh-

man, Dakota Cator, placed 20th high overall.

In the 17 years that the Hansford livestock judging program has competed, this was the first time that both the Junior and Senior teams have swept the divisions at District.

Special thanks go to Margaret Reid and James Lieb for helping to drive the teams to the contests. The judging coaches are Burt Williams and Bret Burgin.



Pringle-Morse students sent several boxes of supplies to the Cactus victims of the tornado. The third graders wanted to do something to help so they did some investigating. They called the Amarillo Chapter of the Red Cross who gave them several ways to help. They chose to make comfort packs. These were individual zip-loc bags which held personal items such as a toothbrush, toothpaste, washcloth, a bar of soap, shampoo, and razors. Lotion and other items went into some bags. The third graders asked the other grades and staff members to help with this project. Response was great. They made about 100 comfort packs and also sent several boxes of other supplies. The supplies were delivered to Cactus City Hall. Thanks to the students and staff at Pringle-Morse for your generosity.

DEADLINE

The deadline to submit news and advertising to the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman is Monday at 5 p.m. Items submitted after the deadline will be published at a later date, as time and space permit. For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 659-3434, or e-mail reporter@spearmanreporter.com.

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Lullabies Legends and Lies

by Parson Smith, The Prime Minister of Laughter

I found this writing in one of my old files. I think that it was written for college aged kids. But, I think that it really speaks to us all.

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Life isn't about keeping score.
It's not about how many friends you have,
or how many people called you.
Or how accepted or unaccepted you are.
Not about if you have plans this weekend,
or if you're alone.
It isn't about who you're dating, who you used to date,
how many people you've dated,
or if you haven't been with anyone at all.
It isn't about who you have kissed. It is not about sex.
It isn't about who your family is,
or how much money they have.
Or what kind of car you drive.
Or where you are sent to school.
It's not about how beautiful or ugly you are.
Or what clothes you wear, what shoes you have on,
or what kind of music you listen to.
It's not about if your hair is blonde,
red, black, brown, or green.
Or if you skin is too light or too dark.
It's not about what grades you get, how smart you are,
how smart everybody else thinks you are,
or how smart standardized tests say you are.
Or if this teacher likes you, or if this guy likes you.
Or what clubs you're in,
or how good you are at "your" sport.
It's not about representing your whole being
on a piece of paper and
seeing who will "accept the written you."

But life IS about who you love and who you hurt.
It's about who you make happy or unhappy purposefully.
It's about keeping or betraying trust.
It's about friendship, used as a sanctity or a weapon.
It's about what you say and mean,
maybe hurtful, maybe heartening.
About starting rumors and contributing to petty gossip.
It's about what judgments you pass and why.
And who your judgments are spread to.
It's about who you've ignored
with full control and intention.
It's about jealousy, fear, ignorance, and revenge.
It's about carrying inner hate and love,
letting it grow, and spreading it.
But most of all, it's about using your life
to touch or poison other
people's hearts in such a way
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--Author unknown

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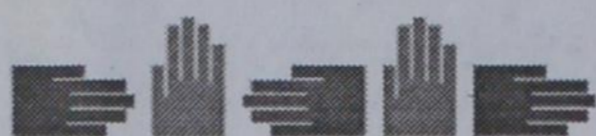
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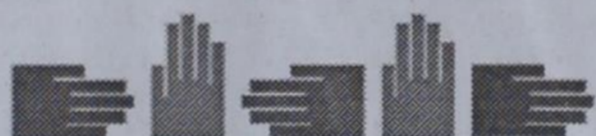
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Little _____
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- Small anchor
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- Keen on
- With the end forward
- U.N. Secretary-General
- Ancient governors in Turkey
- O in B.O., pl.
- Wander in search of pleasure
- Steinbocks
- The V.P. and 15 others
- Bo Derek in 1979
- Port in Denmark
- Andean people's chew
- Algorhythmic language
- Quaker Man's porridge grain
- Static picture
- Place in French
- Solidarity leader
- Short for Sally
- Recently deceased Russian
leader
- Degrees in right angle
- Loud, harsh noise
- Nobody
- Snap up
- Like a machine
- Pirates' plunder
- Was in debt
- Martin Sheen's Emilio and
Charlie
- Bay window
- Permission to leave
- He was sittin' on the dock of
the bay?
- Join by heating
- Center of hurricane
- "Tiny" Archibald

DOWN

- Block
- Hawaiian dance
- Oscar winner Arkin
- Arctic bovid
- Noted on driver's license
- Los _____, CA
- Vegas lights
- Head of Catholic Church
- Whirlpool
- Between ids and super-egos
- Mightier than sword
- Champagne and O.J.
- Shish _____
- Perfect
- Often measured in m.p.g.
- Mediterranean boot
- Contradict
- Angel in German
- "_____ as a button!"
- Often loud or white
- Ceremonial elegance
- Add together
- Multicolored horse
- The Shallow Jack Black
- No longer in use
- Depicted with a halo
- Come out ahead
- Ornamental hair nets
- Fortuneteller
- Anti-apartheid leader
- _____ out
- Excessively fat
- Oscar-winning politician
- Be agitated
- Lasso
- Smidgen
- To make with needles
- "Ich _____" for "I eat", German
- Front of a boat

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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling



VOTERS APPROVE TAX RELIEF

AMENDMENT FOR SENIORS, DISABLED

AUSTIN - Texas voters approved Senate Joint Resolution 13 in the May 12 election.

Unofficial results available May 13 revealed the statewide turnout was only 7 percent, with 88 percent of the voters casting ballots in favor of the resolution.

SJR 13 amends the state constitution to authorize the Legislature to adjust the public school ad valorem tax or tax rates for taxpayers who are aged 65 or older, or are disabled, and who are owners of an exempted homestead.

The change benefits older or disabled taxpayers who did not receive tax relief as a result of the school tax rate reduction passed a year ago in the 79th Legislature, 3rd called session.

Guv threatens special session
The bill the Texas House and Senate passed enacting a two-year moratorium on private toll road projects landed on Gov. Rick Perry's desk May 7.

The legislation, HB 1892 authored by Rep. Wayne Smith, R-Baytown, and sponsored by Sen. Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, puts Perry's Trans Texas Corridor on ice but grants powers to certain county and regional tollway authorities. Those entities would have first option in building projects within their jurisdictions.

Perry said the moratorium is not what bothers him the most about the bill.

The big issues, he said, are potential loss of federal funding and the wording of the bill, which he said would adversely affect the Texas Department of Transportation's contracting and oversight responsibilities. A letter from the Federal Highway Administration raises those questions.

Perry suggested lawmakers reconsider and rework the bill before the end of the current session. He hinted that the alternative to that would be a veto and then a special session.

House passes TYC reform bill
The House on May 7 tentatively approved legislation to overhaul the Texas Youth Commission, which earlier this year was put in conservatorship after reports surfaced of sexual abuse of inmates and fiscal mismanagement at the agency.

SB 103 by Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen, is crafted to enhance transparency of its operations, prosecute offenses committed within the agency, and improve the hiring practices of guards.

The bill's House sponsor, Rep. Jerry Madden, R-Richardson, said, "The abuse and poor performance identified at the TYC cannot be allowed to continue. This bill reforms the structure, management and oversight of the commission to provide true rehabilitation, not just the punitive warehousing that characterizes the system today."

In related news, Will Harrell, executive director of the Texas chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, was named ombudsman for the TYC, contingent on passage of SB 103. His job will be to evaluate and secure youths' rights.

Agency would send border funds
The House on May 7 passed its version of the border security bill. HB 13 by Rep. David Swinford, R-Dumas, creates a border security council to oversee distribution of more than \$100 million to border law enforcement agencies.

Swinford's bill encourages cities and counties to cooperate with federal agencies in immigration matters.

The bill also provides for a study to evaluate expedited deportation of illegal immigrants held in state jails and prisons for criminal offenses.

Speaker Tom Craddick said, "This is one of the most important pieces of legislation that we will pass this session as it affects the safety of every citizen of this state and country."

The bill moves to the Senate for further consideration.

Bill ties teacher raise to tax relief
Also moving to the Senate for further consideration is HB 2785, legislation reducing the school property tax rate to 91 cents per \$100 valuation in the 2008-2009 biennium.

An amendment to HB 2785 by Rep. Jim Dunning, D-Waco, prevents the state from reducing property taxes further without giving school districts and open-enrollment charter schools an amount equivalent to \$6,000 for every full-time teacher, librarian and counselor.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, said Dunning's amendment "tacks on \$4.4 billion in other costs which would likely gut tax relief that we promised Texans last year."

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

Spearhead AA Group
 The Spearhead AA Group meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Pittman-Shieldknight building. Alcoholics Anonymous* is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. For more information, call 662-1111.

Al-Anon
 If you are concerned with someone else's drinking or addiction, the Al-Anon program can help you. Each Al-Anon Family Group has but one purpose - to help families and friends of alcoholics and addicts. The Spearhead Al-Anon Group meets every Tuesday night at 8 p.m. in the Pittman-Shieldknight Building, 511 SW 11th Avenue, Spearman. For more information, call 806-330-0349.

Panhandle Crisis Center Outreach Office
 Panhandle Crisis Center (PCC) has an Outreach Office and Resale Store at 306 Hancock, in Spearman. In case of emergencies, please continue to call the hotline, 1-800-753-5308. To schedule an appointment with a worker in Hansford County, call 659-3391 to leave a message, or call the hotline number above. Panhandle Crisis Center serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Call for more information regarding PCC's services. Hours for the Resale Store in Spearman are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Project Graduation
 The parents of the Spearman High School Senior Class of 2007 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement exercises Friday, May 25th. Graduates will be provided with food, games, activities, and fun! In addition, to encourage the graduates to stay the entire night, door prizes are awarded throughout the evening. The graduation party will culminate with the distribution of grand prizes. Prizes, gift certificates, and cash are needed for the evening's gifts. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Teresa Maestas, 659-1025, or Lynna Renner, 659-3587. Contributions can be mailed to: Teresa Maestas, PO Box 337, Spearman, TX, 79081.

Tuesday Night Golf Scrambles
 The Spearman Golf Course has begun their Tuesday Night Scrambles. Tee-time will be at 6 p.m. sharp. For more information, or to sign up, call 270-0157 or 659-2233.

Gruver College Fund
 The Gruver Lion's Club is in charge of the Gruver College Fund, which raises money for scholarships for Gruver graduates. The gifts are tax-deductible and no amount is turned away. The committee will try to contact every potential donor by phone, but some will be missed. So don't wait if you would like to make a contribution send your check today to: Gruver Lion's Club, PO Box 566, Gruver, TX 79040 or a committee member: Benny Wilson, Terry Sherrill, Kermit McKee or Bob Gillispie.

Hansford County Library Spring Sale
 Hansford County Library staff has begun to clean the store room and is eager to share its many valuable finds with the public. For an indefinite time, paperback grab bags and individual surplus hardback books will be on sale at the library. Grab bags, sorted into Romance, Fiction and Western categories, are on sale for \$5 each. Each grab bag contains approximately 20 books. Hardback books are priced at \$1 each.

Attention Golfers:
 The annual Hospice Golf Tournament for guys and gals will be held on June 2nd at the Hansford Golf Club. Please call 659-5345, 659 3637, or 659 5811 to register your team. All proceeds to benefit Hansford Hospice.

ON THE AGENDA

- Spearman Fire Department meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department.
- Gruver Fire Department meets the first, second and fourth Tuesday of each month.
- American Legion and Auxiliary Post 254 meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Center in Perryton.
- Gruver Chamber of Commerce meets the first Tuesday of each month at 12 noon at the El Vaquero.
- Hansford County Commissioners Court meets the second and fourth Mondays at 10 a.m. at Hansford County Courthouse.
- Stationmaster's House Museum Board of Directors meets the second Monday at 2 p.m. at the Stationmaster's House Museum.
- Spearman ISD Board of Trustees meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Spearman High School Library.
- Hansford Hospice meets on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m.
- Palo Duro River Authority meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the P.D.R.A. office.
- Genealogy Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the home of Velma Sanders, 1015 Linn Drive, in Spearman.
- Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets the second Wednesday of each month at noon.
- Gruver City Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. in Gruver City Hall.
- Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets the second Thursday of each month at noon.
- Pringle-Morse CISD Board of Trustees meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.
- Spearman City Council meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 a.m. in the City Hall Chambers at City Hall.
- Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce meets the third Wednesday of each month at noon.
- Gruver ISD Board of Directors meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Board Room at Gruver High School.
- Hansford County Hospital District Board of Directors meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Hansford Hospital.
- Hansford County Historical Commission Board of Directors meets the first Monday of January, April, July and October at 2 p.m. in the Zulu Museum building.

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Pipkin, Taylor Wed

Kara Jewel Pipkin of Spearman, TX and Jonathan William Taylor of Harrison, AR were married Saturday, February 24, at Eagle Heights Baptist Church in Harrison. Doug Hutchcraft, son of Ron Hutchcraft, spoke and Rev., Dr. Tommy Turner officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Lisa Pipkin of Spearman. Grandparent of the bride, Leona Armstrong of Perryton, TX, also attended the wedding.

The groom's parents are Kim and Tom Gentry of Harrison. Grandparents of the groom are Bill Home of Ft. Walton Beach, FL, Laura Gentry of Harrison, Roger and Angie Young of Tuscon, AZ, all of whom attended the wedding!

Matron of honor was Candice Sutterfield, sister of the bride of College Station, TX. Bridal attendants were Jen Weiland of Branson, MO, Tania Hernandez of Houston, TX, Jamie Strack of Jacksonville, FL, and Angie Ipsen of Branson, MO. Hostesses were Jenn Schnell of Spearman, Leah Odum and Hannah Semrau both of Branson.

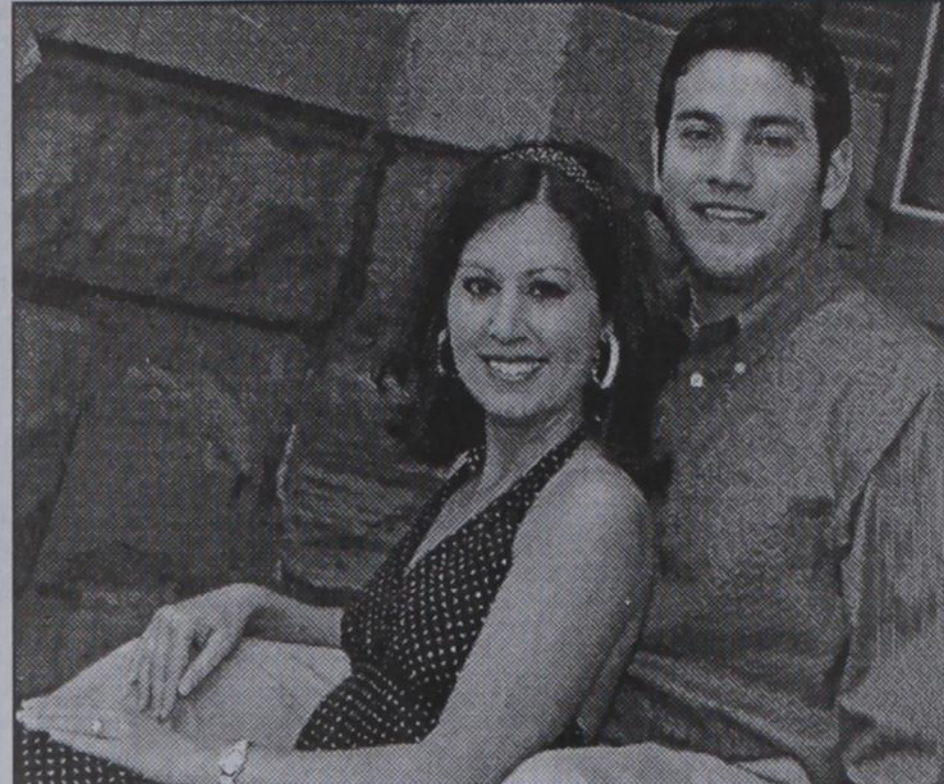
Best man was Ryan Gentry, brother of the groom of Harrison. Groom's attendants were Jason Martindale of Harrison, Thomas Yoyokie of Kykotsmovi, AZ, Joe Hewitt of Harrison, and Adam Taylor from Dallas, TX. Usher was David Pipkin, brother of the bride of Canyon, TX.

Cami Chaffin was the flower girl and Bill Hess, cousin of the groom, was the reluctant ring bearer.

Yvonda Stokes of Amarillo, TX played the piano for the service, and Betty Clifford of Ingersoll, Ontario Canada sang, both of who are aunts of the bride. The flowers were arranged by Koy Hess, aunt of the groom of Warner Robins, GA.

The wedding reception was held at the old Spanish Hotel Seville in Harrison where the bride and groom had their first swing dance as husband and wife to "Let's Fall in Love" by Ella Fitzgerald. After the reception the bride and groom spent their first week of the honeymoon at a resort in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, then another week backpacking in the Ouachita National Forest in Arkansas.

The bride is a 2005 graduate of Texas A&M University and now teaches pre-school in Nixa, MO. The groom is a 2003 graduate of Alaska Bible College and is employed with Ron Hutchcraft Ministries as the Creative Youth Media Assistant. The couple resides in Hollister, MO.



Engagement Announcement

Ted and Glenda Procter of Friona wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Charlotte Renae Procter, to Timothy Neal Bynum. Tim is the son of Kevin and Ronda Bynum of Spearman.

The couple plan a July 14, 2007 wedding at 4 p.m. the 5th Street Church of Christ in Friona.

Charlotte is a graduate of Friona High School and West Texas A&M University. She is currently employed by Muleshoe I.S.D.

Tim is a graduate of Spearman High School and West Texas A&M University. He is currently employed by Phi Delta Theta International Fraternity in Oxford, Ohio.

ENMU Graduate

Autumn Gruver of Gruver, Texas, is among the 368 graduation candidates at Eastern New Mexico University this spring. Seven students have applied for associate's degrees, 282 for bachelor's degrees, and 79 for master's degrees.

Students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.8 to 4.0 will graduate summa cum laude, while 3.7 to 3.79 will graduate magna cum laude. Cum laude graduates must have a 3.6 to 3.69 GPA. Students with a 3.5 to 3.59 GPA graduate with distinction.

Gruver is a candidate for a bachelor of science in anthropology with distinction.

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- Charlotte Procter & Tim Bynum - 6/23
- Bethany Harris & Nick Pwterson - T&A
- Laura Gomez & Richardo Plascencia - T&A
- Brooke Salmans & Michael Condry
- Jenni Beck & Josh Winegarner
- Staci Leonhard & Lee Jarvis
- Jesse & Brooke (Trantham) Allen
- Rowena May Apacible & Dustin Wade Parks
- Julie Gumfory & Gregory Sherrad
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Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

The power of Christ's resurrection is the study and meditation of this Easter season. We contemplate Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 97, Revelation 22:12-21, and John 17:20-26. After bringing the upper-class, merchant-woman, Lydia to the faith community, Paul and Silas are still evangelizing Philippi. They are followed by a slave-girl who is afflicted with a spirit of fortune-telling. She keeps proclaiming Paul and Silas as slaves of the Most High God in a disrupting fashion. Paul exorcises the spirit, freeing the slave-girl, and the slave-girl's owners are angered. Paul and Silas are dragged before the Roman magistrate, flogged and cast into prison. Despite their severe beating, Paul and Silas sing hymns and pray to God. In the night an earthquake opens the prison doors and breaks the chains restraining them. The jailer, a Roman, is about to kill himself, thinking that his prisoners had escaped. When Paul calls out that the prisoners are still there, the jailer is converted and he and his household are baptized. Through the power of Christ's resurrection, upper-class, middle-class and poor are welcomed to the faith community, the Kingdom of God.

The Psalmist sings of the awe-inspiring presence of God and the assurance thereby to the believer that God loves those who hate evil; He guards the lives of His faithful; and He rescues them from the wicked. Dear Christian, please leave the struggle of your life for a few minutes each day and bask in the presence of God's love.

In Revelation, Jesus states that He is the Alpha and Omega who is coming to repay each person according to their work. The title "Alpha and Omega" is sometimes translated beginning and end; it is a symbol of "completeness", of eternity. Another translation shows I AM the creator and I AM the goal of all creation. Jesus states that those who wash their robes (in the blood of the Lamb) are entitled to enter the City by the gates and to the tree of life. Jesus invites all to come, the Holy Spirit invites all to come, and the "bride", the Church, invites all to come. Salvation, citizenship in the Kingdom of God, the right to be called a "child of God" is available to all who will accept the salvation offered through the means of grace, faith, and baptism.

In John, Jesus asks God to grant his followers the ability to be one as Jesus and God are one. Jesus has given His glory to his followers to enable them to be one. Jesus then asks that his followers may be present with Him and the Father. Dear Christian, Jesus' glory was in the cross, God's glory given to Jesus was in the resurrection; we share in this glory through faith. God honored Jesus by giving Him the hardest task ever undertaken, can we then complain about our lesser tasks? This unity is not that of "organization", it is unity of the Spirit. We all serve One Lord in One Mission and therein we find our community, fellowship, mutual love and strength. May the Holy Spirit indwell in you this "unity".



Years of Summer Fun!

Spearman ISD Kids Kamp 2007

May 29-June 1: Spearman Lynx Basketball Camp- Lynx basketball coach Junior Ashmore will host Lynx basketball camp for boys of all ages. The camp will stress fundamentals of basketball and how to use the fundamentals in all different situations of the game. Price includes a basketball. 9 a.m.-Noon for all ages, Varsity Gym, \$50

June 4-7: LYNXETTE Basketball Camp- For grades 2-9 will teach fundamentals of basketball that include shooting, passing, and ball handling along with TEAMWORK. Sponsored by Coach Nan Cook and staff. T-shirts will be included in the fee. Camp will be held at Varsity Gym. Session I-grades 2 to 6, 9 a.m. - Noon, \$50; Session II-grades 7-9, 1-4 p.m., \$50

June 5: Sail Away With Books- Hansford County Library summer reading program. Note there is one time for all ages Age 5 to Grade 2, 10-11 a.m., no charge

June 12: Swim Into Reading- Hansford County Library summer reading program. Age 5 to Grade 2, 10-11 a.m., no charge

June 13: Meteorology Camp! This camp for children 8-12 yrs. Is an exciting introduction to the world of weather. During this camp, students will explore the how and why of weather systems, learn about different types of storms, and even how to create their own basic forecast. Steve Kersh, KVII meteorologist will present this camp. 9 a.m. - Noon, Spearman High School Cafeteria, \$10

June 14: Grandma and Me In The Kitchen- Come spend the morning cooking with your Grandmother making special treats. This camp is for boys/girls grades 3-6. Early registration required. 10-11:30a.m., Spearman High School, \$15

June 19: Fly Into Reading- Hansford County Library summer reading program. One session for all ages. Age 5 to Grade 2, 10-11 a.m., no charge

June 19 - 20: So Sew! This easy, step-by-step sewing class is designed for students in grades 4-8. Instructors Peggy Winegarner and Karen Babitzke will supervise two projects that will be completed in this two-day camp. Early registration is required for this camp. 9:30 a.m. - Noon, Spearman High School, \$10

June 25: Beginning Junior Golf- Students will be taught grip, stance, swing and the rules and etiquette of the game of golf. Get an early start on a hobby that can last a lifetime. Don Schroeder, Mikal Willimon and Travis Wolf along with other members of the Hansford County Golf Club will instruct boys and girls in grades 4 - 9. Golfers are to bring a sack lunch. 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Hansford County Golf Course, \$20

June 26: Sail Into Reading- Hansford County Library summer reading program Age 5 to Grade 2, 10-11 a.m., no charge

June 27: Breakfast With The Arts Tea Party- This breakfast is for girls and their moms (grandmothers, aunts or that special lady in their life). "Celebrity Cooks" will serve breakfast to them and then they will enjoy a project with high school art instructor Jolene Clement. This camp is limited to the first 12 who register. The camp will be held in the home of Judy Nelson, Nelson Addition, Gruver Hwy. It is for ages 4-8, 9:30-11:00. The cost is \$25.

July 2: Lyric Matinee will begin at 10:30am. The movie will be an age appropriate movie for \$6. This included admission, coke and popcorn for grades K-5.

July 10: Money Smart For Kids - This fun camp will introduce children to the way money works and how to manage money wisely. Students will learn principals of money management and begin to develop good financial habits for life. They'll learn about why saving is important and how interest works. Instructors will be First State Bank of Spearman employees. Grades 4-8, 10-11:30 a.m., Spearman High School, \$5

July 11 & 12- Jr. EMT- this camp is sponsored by Spearman EMS. Justin Boyd and other EMTs will instruct students in grades 2-5 on basic first aid and emergency procedures. A great class for kids who are "home-alone". 9:30-11: a.m., Spearman Ambulance Station \$5.00

July 16-17: It's Tool Time for Mom and Son(s) - Boys along with their Mom will rule in this construction camp. Contractor Chad Knowlton will supervise the boys to learn the basics of tool time. A hands-on project will be completed to take home. The second day of this camp, Gina Gillispie will instruct the students in painting their project at Zulu Art Academy. Completed grades 1-5, Spearman High School/Zulu Art Academy, 10-11:30 a.m., \$25 (supplies included)

July 19: Puppy Kindergarten- for puppies 4 months and up to 12 months. Give your puppy a good start by teaching the basic commands to make your puppy feel like a useful member of the family. Audra Thomas, owner of The Mutt Hut, will instruct kids how to care for their puppies. Dogs must be on a non-retractable leash. 10-11:30 a.m., Spearman High School, \$5.00

July 23-25: Art Camp- A fun and exciting introduction to drawing, painting, and use of color with the use of various art materials. Will give students the opportunity to use their natural imagination in new and creative ways while learning some basics about art. Students may also learn how to "see" in new ways. Camp taught by Jolene Clement who has been teaching art in G/T programs for several summers and is now the Spearman High School art teacher. Registration is limited. Grades 4 & 5, Spearman High School, 9-11 a.m., \$40

August 1-3: LYNX Football Camp is for incoming 4-9th graders. This 3-day camp focuses on the fundamentals of football. The camp is sponsored by Coach A.D. Ritchie Thornton and the Lynx coaching staff and will be held at the Lynx Stadium practice field. Early registration is required for t-shirts. The cost of camp is \$15. Grades 4-6, 9-10 a.m.; Grades 7-9, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

August 1-3: We've Got Spirit...Yes We Do! Spearman High School Cheerleaders Cheer Camp. Registration is the first day of camp at 8:30am, Spearman High School Cafeteria. The other two days camp will start at 9:00am. \$10 per day or \$25 for all three days

August 21: Lyric Matinee will start at 10:30am. The movie will be age appropriate for grades K-5. The price is \$6 and includes admission, coke and popcorn.

Thank you

I would like to thank everyone who attended and sent gifts to my baby shower. It was wonderful! The clothes, toys, blankets, etc. were greatly appreciated.
Thank you,
Dana Sharp

Thank you

The family of E.J. "Jake" Jacobs would like to thank all for the cards, flowers, calls, etc. It was really appreciated.

It's A Boy!

James and Michael Tiffen of Dimmitt wish to announce the birth of Stetson Blayne. Stetson was born on April 17, 2007 in Amarillo. He weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

He is the grandson of Bobby and Christy (Dossett) Campbell of Dimmitt. He is the Great-grandson of Bernard and Theresa Dosssett of Amarillo. He is the great-great-grandson of Sara Dosssett of Spearman.

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Mail registration form to: Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Coordinator, 403 E. 11th Street, Spearman, TX 79081; 806/659-3233
Or drop off at these locations: Hansford County Library or Gus Birdwell Elementary

Pringle-Morse CISD Receives Loss Prevention Grant

Pringle-Morse CISD has been awarded a loss prevention grant of \$3000 from the Texas Association of School Boards' Risk Management Fund. Grant monies will help implement loss prevention and safety initiatives to reduce the potential for property losses and on-the-job injuries and raise safety awareness. A total number of 214 public school districts and education entities received grants of \$565,000 from the Fund this year.

"The safety and well being of all employees and prevention of losses are crucial issues in the workplace. The Fund is dedicated to partnering with its members to save valuable resources and do everything we can to help educate staff to provide for a healthier work force and create a safer work environment," said Edwin Thompson, director of TASB Loss Prevention Services. "We are quite proud that the Fund has been able to award much-needed resources to our members over the years," he said.

The 2007 grants were awarded to 202 school districts, two regional education service centers, two county appraisal districts, four colleges, and four educational cooperatives. Workers' compensation grants focused on fall prevention,

personal lifting devices, and personal protective equipment. Facilities security initiatives, driver improvement, and vehicle safety were the primary areas receiving grants under the property casualty program area.

"This year there was a significant interest in grants for automated external defibrillators (AEDs). With the recent UIL mandate, pending Texas legislative activity, and the health of everyone on their campuses in mind, members sent in 60 applications for AEDs. The Fund recognized the life-saving importance of these devices and approved \$129,500 in grants to purchase 79 of them," Thompson said.

"We were extremely pleased to receive a record number of grant applications, and member response has increased each year since the program's inception. Applicants did a superb job of analyzing their hazardous exposures, loss prevention needs, and developing loss prevention initiatives to mitigate their impact on district resources," Thompson said. "The review and evaluation process covered almost two months and was extremely difficult given the wealth of well-adjusted applications submitted,"

he said.

"Raising awareness and reducing injuries and losses is a win-win situation and this highly successful program will continue to be an integral part of the Fund's overall focus," Thompson said. "We applaud participating districts and education organizations for their commitment to saving valuable local resources and increasing productivity. Safety in the workplace and loss reduction have been major objectives in the Fund's Loss Prevention Grant Program since its inception. The Fund remains steadfast in its pledge to provide continued support of our members' efforts to achieve their loss prevention and safety goals," he said.

The TASB Risk Management Fund is the largest risk sharing pool

for school districts and one of the largest public entity risk pools in the nation. Created in 1974, the Fund provides comprehensive risk management coverage and services in the areas of workers' compensation, property/casualty, and unemployment compensation. More than 1,100 school districts, education cooperatives, junior colleges, education service centers, and county appraisal districts participate in one or more of the Fund's programs.

TASB is a voluntary nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school districts. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve more than 4.5 million public school students.



Carla Mayberry of Spearman, Texas, was one of 22 associate degree nursing students who received their nursing pins recently at Seward County Community College in Liberal. Nursing instructor Sandy Brisendine places a pin on Mayberry. Twenty-seven practical nursing students received their caps during the same ceremony.

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The Reporter-Statesman has launched two new Internet websites. Spearmanreporter.com and spearmantexas.biz are up and running. Both of these websites are intended to be a support tool for the businesses and citizens of Hansford County.

Spearmanreporter.com will feature local, regional and national news, along with a local weather report, history, humor, comment and more. Spearmantexas.biz is a site dedicated to local businesses. It will feature a Hansford County Business Directory along with local business features.

Of course, the Reporter Statesman will continue with its print edition. We will also gladly share your information on the Internet, free of charge. If you have information for us to publish, you may call us at 806-659-3434 or email us at reporter@spearmanreporter.com.

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Plans Underway for Texas State Water Camp 2007

Even though summer may seem a long way off, Ward County Extension has announced the dates for the 2007 State Water Camp to be held in Monahans, Texas. North Plains Groundwater Conservation District will again pay the tuition and transportation fees for any high school student who lives within North Plains Groundwater Conservation District and who is interested in attending.

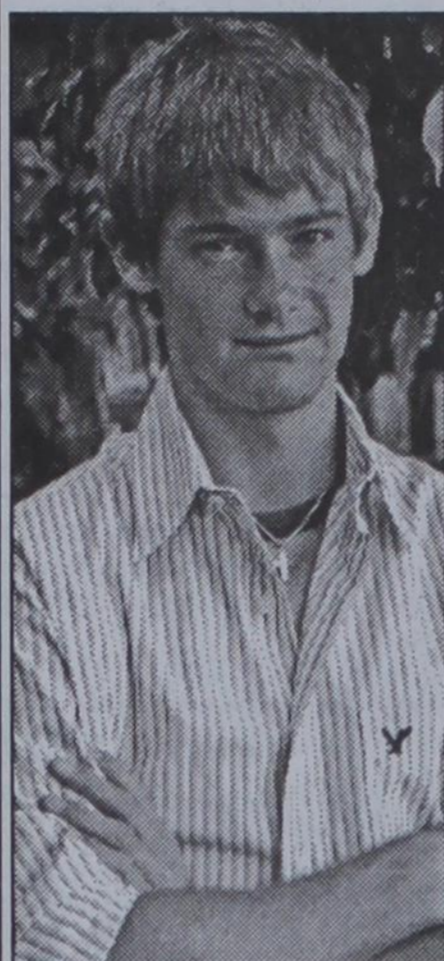
This year will mark the fifteenth year for the Water Camp, which is held on the 50 acre George and Opal Bentley 4-H Center in Monahans. The dates for the camp will be July 8-12, 2007. The camp is focused on high school youth and giving them a five day educational and fun learning experience about many aspects of water use and water conservation. Ward County Extension will be inviting fifteen boys and fifteen girls to attend camp from all across the state of Texas. Applicants must be of high school age and have an interest in water quality and conservation and be willing to participate as a team member during the 5-day long camp.

The camp will feature hands-on experiences, guest speakers and many field trips. Participants will see examples of how our water resources are used by industry, agriculture and municipalities and learn about topics such as water quality testing and drip irrigation from hands-on experiences. Field trips include sites where water plays a key role, as in the production of electrical energy and in the recovery of petroleum products. Campers visit farms where state-of-the-art water conservation technology is being used, and will also visit the Aquaculture Projects in Ward and Pecos counties.

The camp is complete without recreation, and of course Water Campers enjoy their recreation around water. Campers enjoy visits to the Balmorhea State Park and spring-fed, Olympic-size pool, as well as municipal swimming facilities in Odessa.

For more information about the camp, including a video of activities at past Water Camps, can be obtained at <http://ward-tx.tamu.edu> by clicking on the link for "Youth Water Camp". Application forms can also be downloaded from the website on the above mentioned web page. Deadline for application for this year is Friday, May 25, 2007. Students from North Plains Water District who apply and are accepted to the camp can contact Linda Artho at artho@npwd.org or 806-935-6401 to arrange to have camp tuition and travel costs paid for. North Plains Water District has sponsored youth to attend the camp for the past two years, and attendees always report that they had a great time and made new friends from across the state. While it may still be a little cool outside, it might be the perfect time to consider a fun educational camp experience during the warm summer months.

Tucker Williams named United States Achievement Award Winner in English



The United States Achievement Academy recently announced that Tucker Williams has been named a United States National Award Winner in English. This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Tucker Williams, a senior at Gruver High School, was nominated for this national award by Darlene Curry, a teacher at GHS. Tucker will appear in the United States Achievement Academy's Official Yearbook which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Founder of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a qualified sponsor.

Tucker is the son of Ty and Paula Williams of Gruver and the grandson of Jerry and Rita Williams of Gruver and Dudley and the late Rita Hargrove of Perryton.

MAY 2007

PRINGLE-MORSE CISD EVENTS -

- 18 - Pee Wee track meet, 1 p.m.
- 21 - Awards Assembly, 2:45 p.m.
- 22 - 8th Grade Graduation
- 24 - Early out at noon; parent conferences in afternoon
- 25 - Texas Day in the morning; School dismisses at 12 noon; Last day of school

SPEARMAN ISD EVENTS

- 20 - Graduation Practice, HS Auditorium, 4 p.m.; Graduation Pictures, HS Cafeteria, 5 p.m.; Baccalaureate, HS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- 22 - Final Exams, HS 4th & 5th Periods
- 23 - Final Exams, HS 1A, 2A, 3A
- 24 - Final Exams, HS 1B, 2B, 3B; Last Day of School, All Campuses; JH Graduation, HS Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
- 25 - Graduation Practice, HS Auditorium, 10 a.m.; Pizza Lunch for Seniors, Church of Christ, Noon; HS Graduation, HS Auditorium, 7 p.m.; Project Graduation, HS Cafeteria, 10 p.m.-5 a.m.

GRUVER ISD EVENTS

- 17 - Band Concert, 7-9 p.m.
- 18 - Weather Day- School Holiday
- 22 - HS 2nd Hour Final, 8:15-10 a.m.; HS 4th Hour Final, 10:05-11:55 a.m.; HS 7th Hour Final, 1-2:45 p.m.
- 23 - HS 1st Hour Final, 8:15-10 a.m.; HS 3rd Hour Final, 10:05-11:55 a.m.; HS 6th Hour Final, 1-2:45 p.m.
- 24 - 1/2 Day of School, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; HS 5th Hour Final, 8:15-10 a.m.; HS 8th Hour Final, 10:05-11:55 a.m.
- 25 - 1/2 Day of School, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- 26 - Teacher Work Day
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Professional Landcare Network Provides Tips to Improve Curb Appeal

--- Easy Ways to Improve Your Lawn & Landscape for Optimal Sales Value ---

Thinking about selling your home? The Professional Landcare Network (PLANET) provides easy ways to increase curb appeal and interest in your home.

"Curb appeal is extremely important," states PLANET President Jim Martin, CLP. "If they can't bring themselves to even stop, you have no chance of their ever seeing the inside of the house or the backyard."

Here are some inexpensive ways to improve your front lawn and landscape from professionals with the Professional Landcare Network:

Create clean bed lines and

mulch. Properly edged beds and new mulch will go a long way in improving the way your yard looks. To have this done professionally will cost approximately \$45 to \$70 per cubic yard of mulch, which covers about 10' x 12'.

Plant new trees and shrubs. Replace any dead or dying trees or shrubs. Plant new trees and shrubs to create focus areas, camouflage foundations and old fencing, or unsightly views. Cost to have this done professionally is \$100 and up, depending on shrub and tree sizes.

Have your trees and shrubs professionally pruned. Remember when your mom tried to cut your hair? Do-it-yourself pruning can result in disaster if you go shear happy. Professionals know what to cut and what time of the year is best to prune each plant. Cost is \$40 to \$60 per hour.

Add color. A well-designed container at the front entry will add a burst of energy and warmth at your front door. A flowering plant around a curbside mailbox will give your yard a finished look. And you can always pop some bright colorful annuals into your beds. Cost is \$20 to \$300 for a do-it-yourself container and plants.

Pay attention to your lawn. Mow, edge and trim your lawn and get rid of the weeds. Purchase and install sod in areas where there are bald spots. Cost to have this done

professionally is \$25 to \$60 to mow a 5,000 square foot lawn; \$50 to \$65 for fertilizing and weed control on a 5,000 sq. foot lawn. Sod costs \$12 to \$15 per square foot.

Power wash walkways, driveways, and front porches. Power wash those areas that have become tracked with dirt. Can be professionally done for \$500 or under, depending on amount of work needed.

Paint the house foundation. A neutral colored paint will cover up outdoor dirt and scuffs and provide an attractive backdrop for foundation plantings. It will cost approximately \$250 to \$500 to have this professionally done, depending on house size.

Be proactive. With more than 30 million acres of lawns across the United States, PLANET reminds homeowners to proactively care for their landscapes and lawns. Have a landscape professional and/or lawn care specialist inventory your property. Professionals will be able to diagnose and treat conditions before they start.

In addition to the aesthetics, healthy lawns and landscapes provide environmental benefits. Lawns filter rain water as well as dust and dirt in the air. Plants help to purify air.

And, a well-landscaped, well-cared for lawn can increase property values by as much as 15%.

Small Grains Field Day Scheduled for May 24

by Kay Ledbetter, 806-677-5608, skledbetter@ag.tamu.edu

Producers will have a chance to see how varieties of wheat, canola and triticale performed under this year's wet spring conditions at the Small Grains Field Day.

The field day is scheduled for May 24 at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station's North Plains Research Field north of Dumas. Field tours are scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon and will be followed by a lunch.

"This year's wheat crop is such a stark contrast to last year," said Dr. Jackie Rudd of Amarillo, state wheat breeder for the Experiment Station. "The crop looks good; prices are good * what could be better than getting out and looking at wheat?"

In addition to looking at variety trials for silage and grain production, participants will hear an update on the water-metering rules of the North Plains Water District and the latest information from the Texas High Plains/Texas Water Development Board studies.

Guest speaker Tim Snyder, with Agri-Energy Solutions, will talk on "Ethanol Future in the Panhandle."

Two general continuing education credits will be offered. For more information, contact Rudd or Dr. Brent Bean at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Amarillo at 806-677-5600.

May 12-20 Designated Texas Tourism Week, In Recognition of Travel and Tourism's Important Economic Impact

In recognition of the Texas travel industry and its important contribution to the economy of Texas, Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed May 12-20, 2007, Texas Tourism Week.

Texas Tourism Week coincides with National Tourism Week in which cities, states and travel-related businesses celebrate the value and economic impact of tourism. This year's theme is "Tourism: America's Front Door."

"This theme says 'You are welcome here' and that taps into the spirit of Texas perfectly," said Julie Chase, Tourism Director, Office of the Governor, Economic Development & Tourism. "Travelers to Texas enjoy the Lone Star State's world-famous hospitality and an unforgettable experience."

During Texas Tourism Week, residents are encouraged to visit their neighbors throughout the state, rediscovering all that Texas has to offer. From the top of the Panhandle Plains to the Gulf-washed beaches and from the piney woods of East Texas to the mountains of Big Bend Country, Texas travelers will find everything from unique historical and cultural attractions to scenic natural wonders.

Tourism has long been recognized as a powerful economic development tool in Texas, generating revenue and jobs. In 2005, travelers generated almost \$50 billion in direct travel spending and the travel industry employed 514,000 Texans. Texas is one of the most visited states in the United States.

Cities throughout the Lone Star State are taking this opportunity to recognize the importance of tourism in their communities by hosting celebratory activities and recognition ceremonies during Texas Tourism Week. For a complete list of these activities and to find out more about all the vacation destinations and travel events in Texas, visit www.TravelTex.com.



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Saturday is free fishing day for all ages, so no permits needed. The tournament ends at 2 p.m. with prizes awarded at 3 p.m. in three age groups: ages 1-5; ages 6-10; and ages 11-14. Additional all ages prizes will be awarded for First Fish Caught, Largest Fish, Smallest Fish, First Turtle; Most Unusual Thing Found in the Park, and the Contestant Who Traveled the Furthest.

For more information, please contact Kay Allison at Allegiance Communications, 806-435-3231, during business hours or Peggy Cudd at 806-435-5263.

Seat belt use urged 'Click It or Ticket' kicks off

Texas Department of Public Safety and Texas Department of Transportation officials announced the start of the beginning of a "Click It or Ticket" campaign on Monday at Childress High School.

The campaign aims to increase enforcement of seat belt laws in Texas from May 21 to June 3, according to the DPS.

The percentage of Texans who buckle up has gone up from 76 percent to 90 percent since the campaign began five years ago, according to TxDOT.

"That's a strong number and it shows that this campaign is working," said Terry Keener, Childress district engineer.

Teens, passengers and pickup drivers continue to be the least likely to buckle up.

More than half of those who died in rollover crashes in 2005 were not wearing seat belts, according to TxDOT.

State law requires drivers and front-seat passengers to wear safety belts and that children under 17 must be buckled up, whether they are in the front or back of a vehicle.

Child safety seats are also required for children under 4 years of age or if they are shorter than 36 inches tall, according to TxDOT.

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Out At The Lake

by Jim Derington

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Mother's Day Weekend is not usually a big holiday at the Lake. This one was no exception. There were 3 RVs on each side of the dam and several day visitors. Fishing was not good.

Jim was really intrigued by the Spearman first graders that visited the Park on May 4. He is looking forward to another group of students this week. The planning and advance preparation by the teachers made it not only fun but a real learning experience for the students.

The snows and late rains have brought an abundance of wildflowers this year. The colors seem more vivid than usual. They are well worth a drive around the Park just to view ones you can name and to watch for the ones you can't. Remember the loose leaf binder of wildflower photos that Margarete Evans has placed in the office. All were taken in the Park, and visitors are invited to use the book to help identify the plants they are not familiar with.

Jim said one of my favorites, the red wine cup, is just coming into bloom. On a good year, they make brilliant red splashes in Dedication Park. The wine cup, also known as the poppy mallow, is a member of the same family as the blossoms on cotton, okra, hibiscus, hollyhocks, and rose-of-sharon.

Another wildflower of this family, the globe mallow, is recommended for xeriscape plantings. It is unusually bright this year. Its red-orange blossom is found in profusion on both caliche and good prairie soil.

I was surprised to learn that the marshmallows we like to toast over an open fire got their name from an European cousin of our mallows. In the mid 1800's, marshmallows were a medicinal candy made with sugar and egg whites and a sap

from the root of the marsh mallow plant for thickening.

Eventually gelatin was substituted for the gooey root juice and the fluffy white sweet lost its healing properties as a cough suppressant and immune system booster.



A water gun fight was one stop in the rotation of activities recently, for Spearman first graders at Lake Palo Duro.

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