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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2012

COME TO THE GAME

SPEARMAN vs. **LYNX**
Panhandle
on 9/28 at 7:30 p.m.
at Panhandle

Gruver Greyhounds vs. **Highland Park**
on 9/28 at 7:30 p.m.
at Highland Park

Spearman Lynx
The 7th (5) & 8th (6) Grade and JV (7-30) Lynx will play Panhandle in Spearman on Thursday, September 27, 2012.

Gruver Greyhounds
The 7th & 8th Grade Greyhounds will play Highland Park in Gruver on Thursday, September 27, 2012.

CROSS COUNTRY

Gruver Greyhounds/Lady Hounds
The HS Gruver Greyhounds/Lady Hounds will compete in Lubbock on Saturday, September 29th. The JH Greyhounds/Lady Hounds will run in the Race for the Cure in Amarillo

Spearman Lynx/Lynxettes
The Spearman HS Lynx & Lynxettes Cross Country athletes will compete in Lubbock on Saturday, September 29th.

by GasBuddy.com TexasGasPrices.com

Weekly Update

Texas, September 24 - Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 5.9 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.58/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that has fallen 4.3 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.81/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 29.4 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 2.9 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 8.8 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 29.0 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"The national average has begun to drop nicely over the last week, and while it certainly doesn't feel like much, it is noteworthy," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "Oil prices were all over the map last week, closing in on \$100/bbl one day and dropping to \$92/bbl later in the week. I've probably had more double takes watching oil prices in the last week than I've had all summer. Watching oil prices last week was as wild as watching the Detroit Tigers try to take a division lead over the White Sox," 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.

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s. Northeast winds around 5 mph.

FRIDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s.

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

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

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

SUNDAY - Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 80.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.

MONDAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs around 80.

Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/forecast/w-spearman-texas.html#ixzz27XgRzCY5>

Hansford County Athletes Hospitalized After Unrelated Accidents

information taken from articles written by Trudy Hart, Guyton Daily Herald and Lance Lahnert, Amarillo Globe-News

Two Hansford County varsity athletes are in hospitals after two non-sports related accidents occurred in their hometowns yesterday. Both accidents were unrelated.

Gruver High School senior, Cole Wills, who sports the number 44 for the Gruver Greyhounds varsity football team, had an accident during his shop class and nearly cut off three of his toes.

The doctor was able to look at Wills Friday morning and is going to open up arteries and get more blood flowing.

"He's a little concerned about one of his toes because it's black," said Cole's brother, Jake Wills. "He's going to open up the arteries to get more blood flow."

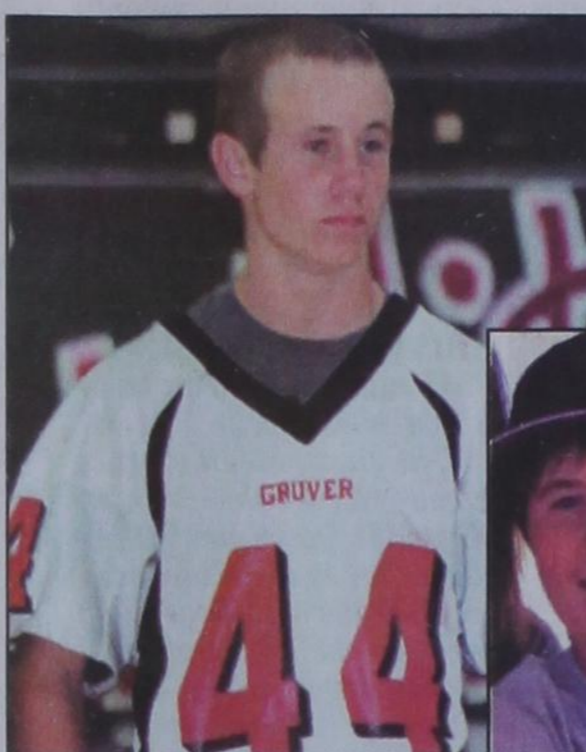
Jake also said the doctor thinks the big toe will heal on its own, and that is what they are hoping for. They are reporting that no surgery is needed for Wills' recovery.

"We had to ask about football and got the best news you could imagine," said Jake. "Best case scenario; he's out 3-4 weeks, then he will be back."

Jake asks everyone to please continue the prayers and that they are hoping for him to be back for district games.

"Cole is more happy than you could imagine from this news," said Jake.

On Tuesday evening, Cole's mother, Dana, posted the following on her Facebook page, "Cole is home, finally. Thank you all for the wonderful support and the prayers! What a wonderful community we are blessed to live in! Cole is in good spir-



Cole Wills



Cameron Wolf

its. We are so happy to be home. Thank you all!"

Cole, son of Randy Wills and Dana Wills, is listed on the Gruver roster as a 5-foot-10, 165 pound running back/linebacker.

In an unrelated accident, Spearman High School sophomore and varsity football player, number 11, Cameron Wolf, son of Travis Wolf and wife Kandi, was airlifted to Lubbock after suffering 2nd and 3rd degree burns on his head, arms, hands, legs and torso, when an unexpected explosion occurred while he was lighting a bonfire. He is in the UMC Burn Unit in Lubbock.

Spearman Independent School District Superintendent Clay Montgomery said he

could not release any information, or a name, involving a bonfire accident. But Montgomery did say, "We care about him. We're all concerned for him. We all love him and his family."

Kandi Wolf, Cameron's mother, sent an email Friday to friends thanking them for prayers and "to please continue praying." The email said doctors were waiting to check Cameron's lungs and "they think they will be clear." Kandi said Cameron has both arms wrapped and a face bandage. Cameron is sedated to help control the pain, but he does respond to requests.

"God is already at work," Kandi said in the email.

Kandi updated Cameron's status on the facebook page "Prayer Group for Cameron Wolf" on Monday, September 25, 2012 at 5 p.m. "Cameron is now out of his first surgery. They grafted his right arm today. All went as planned. Giving it a couple of days to heal then left arm is scheduled for Thursday. It is so hard to watch him have to endure this pain, but he is strong and I know your prayers are giving him strength. We appreciate you all so much!"

Brock Schroeder, son of Don and Kayla Schroeder, was also burned on his arm in the same explosion. He also had to go to Lubbock to the UMC Burn Unit for treatment.

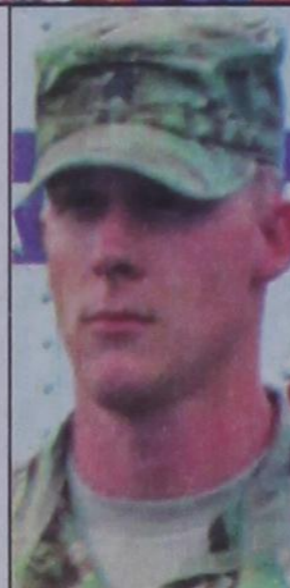
Cameron is listed on the Spearman roster as a 5-foot-9, 145-pound quarterback/defensive back.

All three families are thankful for all the thoughts and prayers being sent to the two young Hansford County athletes suffering from these injuries.



Hometown Hero Game Night

The Spearman Lynx will play the White Deer Bucks on Friday, October 5th at 7:30 p.m. at Lynx Stadium. This game has been declared "Hometown Hero Night" and we will be honoring Jeremy Frost, our hometown hero. The SHS Cheerleaders (L-R, Hannah Patterson, Gena Hargrove, Ashley Keim, Cynthia Mendoza, Kyla Walker, Jayme Pack, Slade Garnett, Brooke Walker and Paige Pearson) are selling raffle tickets for an iPad. All proceeds from the iPad sales will go to the Jeremy Frost Benefit Fund. Ticket prices are \$5 per ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets. Please see an SHS Cheerleader to purchase your tickets. Please wear either camouflage or your Jeremy Frost t-shirt that night to the game. If you do not have a t-shirt, one can be purchased at SportZone. Come support the Lynx as they play the White Deer Bucks and buy your raffle ticket for the iPad to support Jeremy Frost. The drawing for the iPad will take place at half time of the game.



Sgt. 1st Class
Jeremy Frost

Circle of Friends

The Hansford County Circle of Friends will host a membership party in support of The Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center on November 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The party will be held at the O'Loughlin Center at 502 South Brandt in Spearman, Texas. The cost is \$20/single and \$35/couple or you can help sponsor the event and become a host for \$100. The party will feature a catered rib eye dinner by Richard & Wanda Wagner. There will also be a raffle, silent and live auction featuring a pearl and diamond necklace designed and donated by Graham Brothers Jewelry and a Weekend Stay in Ruidoso, NM, along with some great items donated from Hansford County residents and businesses and surrounding community supporters.

The Circle of Friends is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping cancer patients and their families in times of need. Through its affiliation with Harrington Cancer Center, the Circle of Friends develops and implements fund raising activities to provide financial assistance and patient care and support programs

for those affected by cancer. The Circle of Friends also works with Harrington Cancer Center to provide cancer educational opportunities for people throughout the region. Examples of Circle of Friends support of Harrington Cancer Center patients includes:

Two furnished apartments for out-of-town patients to use when going through treatment

Pediatric Patient/Family Gatherings (a day at Wonderland Park, Camp Al- phie)

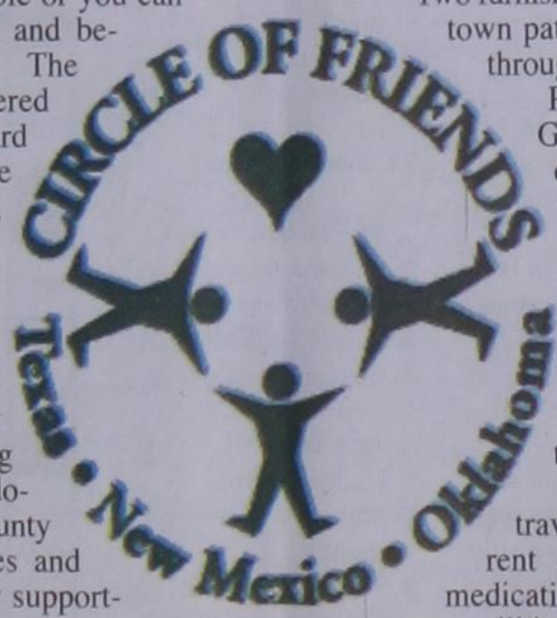
Supplies for weekly support groups

Materials for chemotherapy classes, new patient books

Refreshments for patients during treatment

Assistance with patients' travel, insurance premiums, rent or mortgage payments, medication, nutritional supplements, utilities and breast prosthesis

Last year locally in Hansford County this event raised over \$22,500 to help cancer patients in our area. For more information on the Hansford County Circle of Friends or if you are interested in attending and/or volunteering to help with the event please contact Holly McLain (806) 733-2268.



Lynx Winning Both Sides of Ground Game

by Mark Haslett

Spearman is 4-0, and the Lynx got there by doing it old school — establishing the run on offense and stopping the run on defense. The Lynx are averaging 326 yards rushing per game and holding opponents to an average of 51 yards on the ground.

"Our success running the ball has been due to depth," Spearman coach Steve Rodman said. "We've got a lot of good running backs, so we're able to switch them out, and when they're playing, they're playing fresh. That has helped us tremendously."

The main ball-carriers for the Lynx are quarterback Jake Willimon, who has 36 carries for 279 yards and five touchdowns, and Cameron Wolf, with 31 attempts for 249 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Four more Lynx — Beau Brown, Rene Pena, Alfredo Rosendo and Javier Rosendo — have more than 10 carries each.

Clearing the way for the Lynx backfield are tackles Jesus Lucero and Ruben Ponce and guard Josh Martinez, who have anchored Spearman's offensive front.

Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors for September 25, 2012: Temperatures were above average, with soil-moisture levels mostly very short to short. The corn harvest was ongoing. Cotton was in very poor to good condition, with most counties reporting fair. Producers continued planting winter wheat. Some earlier plantings were already emerged and under irrigation as producers hoped to use the resulting grazing for stocker cattle. Cattle were in fair to good condition. Insect activity was light except for fall armyworms in late-planted corn and grain sorghum.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott
MUSEUM HAPPENINGS
 It seems that every time Peg and Lovella think they have completed their inventory, they find more pictures, paintings, and photographs in our displays. One is the very large photograph we have in the military case of the WWII bomber that so many of our local veterans flew on. It was behind some of the uniforms on display. We are re-arranging the case so it shows up better and can be enjoyed. Stay tuned to see what else they uncover. Ann is still working on

the collection of books and organizing them in the archive room. She, too, is discovering items we have not examined in a while. We are very lucky to have been given the many treasures in our inventory. We all know our history is rich and now we can prove it. Dorothy has completed our first application for a subject marker from THC. They have changed the process and it now takes many steps to obtain the marker. This is step one and she has received word that the application has been accepted for review. It will

now be submitted to the review committee for approval. We have received memorials and donations for the building fund, so slowly but surely it is growing. We are seeking grants to complete the amount needed. Our next board meeting will be October 2, 2012. It is time for reappointments to the board by the County Commissioners who must submit the panel to the Texas Historical Commission. The state law requires each county to have a historical commission but only about half have active ones. We are lucky and thank each member for serving. If you are interested in serving, call the County Judge's office and submit your name.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS



by Ed Sterling

Texas receives clean water funds from EPA

AUSTIN — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency last week announced its award of \$57,041,000 to the Texas Water Development Board to support the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program. The funds are for loan assistance to eligible water systems for infrastructure improvements needed "to ensure safe drinking water is available to Texas residents."

The fund program was established under the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 authorizing the EPA to award capitalization grants to states, which in turn are authorized to provide low-cost loans and other types of assistance to public water systems to finance the costs of infrastructure projects needed to achieve or maintain compliance with the act's requirements. States are also authorized to use a portion of their capitalization grants to fund a range of set-aside activities including source water protection, capacity development and operator certification. The program helps to ensure that the nation's drinking water supplies remain safe and affordable and that public water systems that receive funding are properly operated and maintained, the EPA said.

In other news, President Obama appointed Ron Curry of New Mexico to head Dallas-based EPA Region 6, which includes Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas. Curry is the first non-Texan to serve as director of the region since the EPA was created in 1970.

Curry succeeds Al Armentariz who resigned six months ago.

Texas leads in job gain

Texas added 38,000 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs in August, leading the nation in number of jobs gained for the month, the Texas Workforce Commission and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week.

Closest to Texas in monthly gains were Florida with 23,200 jobs gained, and Missouri with 17,900 jobs gained.

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.1 percent in August, the same as for the month

of July. A year ago, Texas' unemployment rate was tabulated at 8.1 percent.

Texas' job growth rate has been positive for 28 consecutive months and has been at or above 2.0 percent since December 2011, Texas Workforce Commission reported Sept. 21.

Among the states, the largest over-the-year percentage gains in overall employment occurred in three states where oil and gas exploration are robust: North Dakota, 6.7 percent, followed by Oklahoma, 2.9 percent, and Texas, 2.5 percent.

'FAST' ratings released

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on Sept. 19 published the 2012 Financial Allocation Study for Texas ratings that chart academic progress and cost effectiveness in 1,136 public school districts and charter schools.

Ratings are from one to five stars, in half-star increments. A district that achieves the highest rating of five stars ranks among the top 20 percent of all Texas school districts in academic progress, while keeping expenditures among the lowest 20 percent of fiscally comparable districts.

Forty-five districts received the highest rating of five stars. Rating information for all Texas public school districts, campuses and charter schools, which is meant "to fairly compare the state's diverse school districts" is available at <http://www.FASTEXAS.org>

Federal funds up for grabs

Texas Department of Transportation on Sept. 14 announced that Texas communities may apply for federal aid for their transportation related projects

such as pedestrian and bicycle trails, roadway landscaping, water runoff abatements and historical preservation.

Up to \$70 million in funding through the federal Transportation Enhancement Program is earmarked for cities across Texas.

Selected projects are eligible for reimbursement of up to 80 percent of allowable costs, TxDOT said, and applications must be received by Nov. 16.

Radioactive cylinder missing

The Texas Department of State Health Services on Sept. 13 reported it is looking for a piece of equipment lost Sept. 11 by an oil and gas crew in a rural part of West Texas.

The stainless steel cylinder and attached plug about seven inches long and an inch across, contains Americium-241/Beryllium. The device is not considered highly radioactive but could expose someone who comes in close contact with it for an extended period of time to a harmful dose of radiation.

"A Halliburton crew was transporting it from a well outside of Pecos to another well south of Odessa. On arrival, the crew noticed the shielding was not locked and the device was missing," the health department reported.

High court justice resigns

Texas Supreme Court Justice Dale Wainwright earlier this month announced his intention to leave the high court at the end of September to join an Austin law firm and return to private practice.

Elected to the state Supreme Court in 2002, Wainwright earlier was a district court judge in Harris County.

Words from Faith & Grace



by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

In the eighteenth week of the Season of Pentecost, we learn something of our journey through the wilderness of this life and of our duty to others as Christians. We study Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, and 24-29, Psalm 19: 7-14, James 5: 13-20, and Mark 9: 38-50.

The people are in the wilderness and are complaining about the lack of meat in their diet. With their grumbling they wish the "Exodus" undone so that they can enjoy the food of Egypt again. The people are upset with Moses' leadership. Moses complains to God; he is overwhelmed with trying to satisfy the grumbling people. The Lord tells Moses that he will provide his Spirit to seventy of the elders so that they may aid Moses in his leadership. The Lord tells Moses that he will supply meat for the people until they are sated. Learn from this story that God puts us in the wilderness to form us, to build a 'community' of believers. Learn from this story that "God's arm is not too short; that whatever our problems, God can and will redeem those who call on his name."

The Psalmist sings a song in praise of God's Torah (law). This song, in its entirety, tells us that there is a God; who God is; and what God wills. God's law shows us how we should live. Those of us who minister in God's name often use the prayer which ends this section (remember Dear Christian that we are all ministers of God): "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and redeemer".

James calls upon the Church at Jerusalem and all believers to aid the suffering. The early church connected sin with illness; hence, the faithful are called upon to anoint the sick with oil and to pray for those afflicted. In the Roman tradition, this came to be the rite of extreme unction. Yet the idea of the passage is that if we confess our sin, to God and to those we have wronged, God will forgive us and we shall be made whole. Clement of Alexandria charged his early churches to "Heal the sick, raise up the weak, cheer the faint-hearted." One of my military instructors used to tell us when we were too tired to carry on, "It is all in the mind and the body." We as Christians through prayer can ease the mind and strengthen the body. God's arm is not too short!

Jesus is teaching his disciples when John reports that an unknown exorcist is casting out demons in Jesus' name. Jesus tells the disciples not to stop this exorcist because anyone who heals in Jesus' name cannot deny his person and power. Jesus then warns against placing 'stumbling blocks' before those who are young in the faith. As disciples we must be aware of the effect our own actions in our own lives have upon others. If we have those secret sins (and we all do), it is better for us to 'cut' these off than to be thrown into hell fire. The passage closes with seemingly unconnected warnings. We will all be salted with fire. This alludes to the practice of the priests in salting the meat offerings before they were sacrificed on the altar. Learn from this that we are all tested and refined in this life. If we are the salt of the earth, we must maintain our 'saltiness' Our faith 'seasons' those whom we meet.

May the Holy Spirit continue with you on your life journey that you may arrive at the Kingdom of God.

HISTORICAL MUSINGS

Continuing with the story of Dr. Newman.

The first place he practiced was in the town of Grand in Day County (I believe this is in Oklahoma). E.G. Rader and Sam Cupp owned the first general stores. Day County, at the time Dr. Newman was there, was a large county, and Grand served as his headquarters. Dr. Newman was not making enough money to pay his board bill and considered moving to Arkansas where he would be guaranteed a salary. When he discussed it with Mr. Walch, he told him not to worry about his bill, it was worth it just to have him in the community. He decided to stay.

He married Della Smith and about the same time he decided that he needed more medical schooling. There were a number of new diseases showing up and he knew that he needed more information in order to cope with them. He wanted to go back to Ohio to a medical school, but again he had no money. Friends in and around Grand raised enough money for him to go back to Ohio to get the schooling.

When he returned the times were changing and Dr. Newman and a young Dr. George W. Wallace from across the Canadian River formed a partnership and decided that Shattuck would be a good location for a hospital. They built the Northwest Sanitarium on a hill in the northeast part of Shattuck. Newman moved to Shattuck and set up his office in the Sears Building. He eventually bought the building and practiced in Shattuck for twenty years.

The Sanitarium became Newman Memorial Hospital and still provides health-care for the region today.

The source of this Dr. Newman history is from the "Prairie Dog" columns from the Higgins News, written Jewell LaGeal Dixon.

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 - Volcano in Sicily
 - Crossdresser's garb
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 - Tear violently
 - Medical group
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 - To live, as in "it _____ him up"
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 - "Michael Crichton's novel about nano-biotic threat to mankind"
 - In earnest
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September 28 Birthdays - Will Crane, Mike Grotegut, Beverly Hintergardt, Mike Yanke, Kim Brock, Teddie Whitefield, Judy Reed, Jimmie Vernon, Linda Lowenhagen, Julio Garcia, Sherry Moore, Jeff Gresset, Mone Borunda, Amanda Bain Anniversary - M/M Craig Vinson, M/M Andres Rodriguez

September 29 Birthdays - Dick Hintergardt, Kelly Vernon, Meguel Espinosa, Jeff Vandlingham, Vi Kjos, Charlie Salgado, Sue McCloy, Gabriel Rodriguez, Dave Laughlin, Ruben Olivarez, Christy Lang, Phillip Terry Moore, Travis Burgess, Tara Duke, Reyna Arreola Anniversary - M/M Aaron Brown, M/M A.D. Reed Jr., M/M Leon Wilson, M/M Charlie Salgado

September 30 Birthdays - Aaron Boyd, Chile Favala, Kyle Williams, Tanya Adkins, Cindi Nash, Stan Seagler, Naomi Fryrear, Jana Tindell, June Spencer, Roger Jones, F.W. Thomas, Sandy Cummings, Jean West, Dixie Williams, James Whitaker, Patrick Jerman, Sharon Bailey, Jade Shaver, Chris Cudd, Jenn Schnell, Justiin Parker, Glenn Robinson, Sable Ortiz Anniversary - M/M Aaron Brown, M/M A.D. Reed Jr., M/M Leon Wilson, M/M Charlie Salgado

October 1 Birthdays - Royce Mathews, Galen Slough, Merri Gale Sparks, Hector Nava, Beatrice Renteria, Brenda Pierson, Willie Clement, Sheila Watley, Colene Schaefer, Randall Schell, Angela Rodriguez, Laci Ortega, David Nash, Betty Perry, Robbie Dewberry, Jeff Shields, Maria Sibley, Lacey Decker Anniversary - M/M Elwyn Young

October 2 Birthdays - Royce Mathews, Wayne Garrett, Jeremy Tunnell, Richard Wagner, Della Reed, Kathi Gilley, Kelly Trout, Angelita Cruz, Pamela Ring, Robbi Dewberry, Jerry Jasper Anniversary - Glen Ray & Laura Mackie

October 3 Birthdays - Ruth Ann Jones, Lloyd Carroll, Doris Bateman, Eulalia Blankenship, Brian Watley, Teresa England, Timber Barkley, Chad Brown, Arlene Kennedy, Lynda Tunnell, Griffin George, Marsha Murphy Anniversary - M/M Scott Davis, Jim & Linda Beeson, M/M Jeff Hawkins, Mr. & Mrs Dan Desimone

October 4 Birthdays - Debbie Garrett, Jan Stedje, Pam Stork, Abbi Yanke, Theresa Johnson, Jeff Gresset, Monty Hawkins, Karl Smith, Kandy Martin, Adam Red

October 5 Birthdays - Ernestina Salgado, Richard Lesly, Sue Felder, Kelly Harper, Gladys McIntyre, Carl Kizar, Glenda Johnson, Kermit Boone, Kelly Cox Anniversary - M/M David Bergin

October 6 Birthdays - Regina Barkley, Nell Evans, Doug Ferguson, Theron Pack, Brooke Mayfield, Janet Williams, Donna Burk, Kenneth Brown, John Nichols, Adina Garza, Carrie McLain, Paulette Laxson, Haley Pletcher, Kylee Howard, Patty Butt Anniversary - M/M Rodney Dale Clawson

October 7 Birthdays - Rex Casdorff, Pat Dawson, David Miner, Juanita Herron, Kay Ivey, Juan Holgin, Julian David Rodriguez, Michael Cory Hendrick, Clara Gonzales, Wanda Arin, Kayla Carden, Donald Lane, Charles Bowers, Judson Sutterfield, Patty Butt Anniversary - M/M Rodney Dale Clawson

October 8 Birthdays - Harvey Atwood, Candice Casdorff, Gary Evans, Amber Gross, Wilma Holland, Tamba Seal, Letha Stewart, Kimberly Wagoner, Debbie Avila, William Jarvis, Paulina Nava, JoAnn Eaton, Bert Wofford, Maria Gonzales, Kathy Gillispie, Ella Raye Carter, Jill Hodge, Helen Sanders Anniversary - Mike & Pat Cudd

October 9 Birthdays - Angie Lopez, Tammie Osbourne, Rhonda Ward, Rosa Rojas, Shea Crawford, Jerry Hunt, Monty Black, Joe Archer Jr., Ronnie McCammond, Chris Cummings, Suellen Dahl, Liz Lopez, Joyce Johnson, Mark Matthews, Gary Flowers, Lee Brandon Anniversary - Steve & Sheri Benton, M/M David Armes

October 10 Birthdays - Matthew Brown, Jake Barkley, Kim Blevins, Steve Duncan, Jase Rudolph, Darrell Scroggs, Sherri Cook, Don McLain, Kortny Henton, Edwin Molina, Gary Flowers, Maribel Moreno, Mike Darnell, Jesse Tindell, Cason Finley, McCaully Jo Hart, Verlin Hagerman, Lyn Woolley, Toby Thomas, Kevin Kenney Anniversary - M/M Mario Molina, M/M Darrell Messer, M/M Randy Karlin

October 11 Birthdays - Marco Favala, Kadie Grotegut, Rod Holland, George C. Lowe, Jim Ratliff, Eleanor Davis, Steve Mathews, Sonny Nollner, Kathy Lou Biggs, Sara Williamson, Jimmie Harris, Jim Ladd, Eddie Largent, Daniel Gonzales, Dick Smith, Jimmie Harris, Rosa Blan, Jason Blan, Adam Ferguson

Our Sympathy

Clyde Leroy Hodge SPEARMAN - Clyde Leroy Hodge, 71, of Spearman died Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home with the Rev. Jim Medley officiating. Burial will be in Hansford Cemetery. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman. Mr. Hodge was born April 9, 1941, in Denver. He married Sylvia Alexander on Nov. 20, 1972, in Amarillo. Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Amanda G. Wells Earle of Spearman and Glenda Bee Liles of Houston; two sons, Clyde L. Hodge Jr. of Dallas and Turpin Hodge of Arkansas; a brother, Gary Hodge of Washington; and four grandchildren.

Bobbie Wilson STRATFORD - Bobbie Wilson, 68, of Stratford died Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2012. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Stratford Cemetery. Memorial services will follow at 3 p.m. in First United Methodist Church in Stratford with the Rev. Jim Smith officiating. Arrangements are by Morrison Funeral Directors of Stratford. Mrs. Wilson was born Oct. 23, 1943, in Dalhart. She married Oscar Wilson on Feb. 7, 1992. Survivors include her husband; a son, Joe Bob Corbitt of Sachse; a daughter, Cathy Vogler of Hereford; five grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; three stepdaughters; a brother, Rex Burgess of Spearman; and two sisters, Flo Smith of Joplin, Mo., and Ann Johnson of Stratford. The family suggests memorials be to Stratford Emergency Medical Technician Association, P.O. Box 106, Stratford, TX 79084; or Stratford Education Foundation, P.O. Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Stratford Cemetery. Memorial services will follow at 3 p.m. in First United Methodist Church in Stratford with the Rev. Jim Smith officiating. Arrangements are by Morrison Funeral Directors of Stratford.

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ORVILLE HUBERT FULLBRIGHT Orville Hubert Fullbright, age 91, of Quitman, Arkansas, passed away Monday, September 24, 2012, at the Baptist Health Medical Center in Heber Springs. Born in Mobeetie, Texas, on February 8, 1921, he was the son of the late Ralph and Myrtle (Files) Fullbright. Funeral services will be held Friday, September 28, at 11:00 a.m. in the Olmstead Chapel with Roland Depew officiating. Interment will follow in the Quitman Cemetery. Arrangements are by Olmstead Funeral Home. www.olmstead.cc Mr. Fullbright was a retired building contractor of homes and businesses. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, George Galen Fullbright. Mr. Fullbright is survived by his wife, Malolah Ruth (Pipkin) Fullbright; two daughters, Orlene Martin of Quitman and Cloetta Kay Shotts of Stamford, Texas; one brother, Wilbur Fullbright of Katy, Texas; two sisters, Edna Scroggs of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Ethel Depew of Perryton, Texas; eight grandchildren, Donna Harris, Diana Duncan, Shawn Martin, Heath Shotts, Britton Shotts, Martin Shotts, Claire Shotts, and Christian Shotts; sixteen great-grandchildren, Blaine Harris, Lacey Harris, Kelly Duncan, Hunter Martin, Hadley Martin, Holden Martin, Hayden Martin, Kimberly Stormes, Zachary Shotts, Jadelyn Shotts, Tylor Morris, Triston Shotts, Aiden Shotts, Peyton Shotts, Ryan Shotts, and Jeanette Cates; and one great-great-grandchild, Kason Harris. Mr. Fullbright is also survived by other relatives and his many friends.

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Medical Fund Established for Jeremy Frost
A fund has been set up at First National Bank for Kylee and Jeremy Frost. To donate you can either call the bank at 659-5544 or mail it to Box 337, Spearman.

John DeLaRosa
A medical account has been opened for John & Deborah DeLaRosa at First National Bank. John has been diagnosed with oral cancer. He will be going through radiation and chemo treatment.

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.

Farmer's Market
The local Farmer's Market is held every Wednesday afternoon. Anyone interested in participating is asked to contact Linda Venneman at 806-898-0969.

Dumas Lions Club Arts & Craft Festival
The Dumas Noon Lions will have our Arts & Craft Festival the weekend of Oct 6 & 7, in Dumas at the Community Bldg. All proceeds will benefit the Texas Lions Camp.

Boy Scout Popcorn Is Here
The Spearman Boy Scouts will be selling popcorn now through October 23rd. Please contact a local Scout or call Jennifer Lozano at 330-1090 for more information. Please support our local Scouts.

Gruver Community Blood Drive
A Gruver Community Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 from 2-7 pm in the La Casita Room at Gruver State Bank. Every eligible donor who presents to donate will receive a Fight Cancer t-shirt. Photo ID or Donor Card Required. Must be at least 17 years old to donate. WALK-INS WELCOME! For appointments, please call 331-8800 or 1-877-574-8800. Find us on facebook *Follow us on Twitter * www.thegiftoflife.org. ALL BLOOD TYPES ARE CURRENTLY NEEDED! The need is real. There is no substitute for blood. It can only come from volunteer blood donors. Please support the patients of the High Plains Region... Give the Gift of Life!

12 Annual Dalhart Rotary Roadkill & Rolands Cook-Off & Car Show
The 12th Annual Dalhart Rotary Roadkill & Rolands Cook-off & Car show will be held on Saturday, October 6th at Rita Blanca Coliseum in Dalhart. Doors open to the public at 3 p.m. Admission is \$5. CALLING ALL COOKS TO COME JOIN THE COMPETITION! Cooking Categories - CASI Red Chili, Green Chili, Pinto Beans and Salsa. NEW This year "Anything Goes" Ribs & Brisket Cook Off with top prize of \$200. Judging turn-in: CASI Red Chili - 4:30 p.m., Green Chili - 5 p.m., Beans - 5:30 p.m., Salsa - 5:30 p.m., Ribs - 6 p.m., Brisket - 6:30 p.m. Don't feel like cooking? Come sample some tasty choices and vote for your favorite. Other activities include Car Show, Live & Silent Auction, Chili Cheese Dog Eating Contest and FUN! Cooks should contact Kristine at 806-244-5646 for registration information, rules and fees, or visit www.dalhart.org.

SHS Class of 1981 Reunion/50th Birthday Party
SHS Class of 1981 Reunion/50th Birthday Party at the River Breaks Ranch, Amarillo, TX on Saturday, October 13, 2012. Evening schedule: 6:00 PM arrive and cash bar is open; 6:30 PM - horse races - they swear everyone loves them! We get to gamble with fake money! 7:00 Dinner - Grilled rib eye or chicken breast with all the fixings \$40 per person; 11:00 PM - they close the ranch gates...and the bar... RSVP by October 5th! Please send your RSVP with a check and your dining selection to Hunter Novak, P.O. Box 403, Guymon, OK 73942. Bonnie's cell- 580-651-9377 and H- 580-651-4273 or novakh@ptsi.net

High Plains Storm 17th Annual Fall Basketball Clinic
High Plains Storm 17th Annual Fall Basketball Clinic to teach the Fundamental Skills Basketball Clinic and League to Boys and Girls 1st grade through 6th grade and Junior High through High School boys and girls will be held at the Beaver Grade School Gymnasium at the following times: 1st through 6th grade boys - Starting Saturday 22 September 2012 and every following Saturday until 14 December 2012, from 12:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.; 1st through 6th grade girls - Starting Sunday 23 September 2012 and every following Sunday until 12 December 2012 from 1:30 P.M. until 3:30 P.M.; Junior High and High School boys and girls - Starting Sunday 23 September 2012 and every following Sunday until 13 December 2012 from 3:30 P.M. until 5:30 P.M. There is no charge for the clinic. Students should bring water. For more information, contact Lonnie Bailey at telephone 580 651-4379 or email cbailey@ptsi.net.

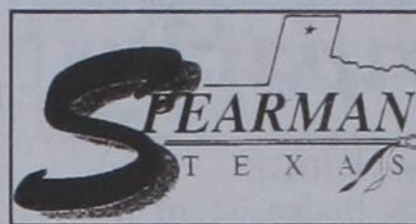
Panhandle Marathon Debuts in Lubbock as a 2013 Boston Marathon Qualifying Race
Mellow Productions is pleased to announce the debut of the Panhandle Marathon, half marathon and 5k to the City of Lubbock on Saturday, Sept. 23. The Panhandle Marathon is a 2013 Boston Marathon qualifying race. Starting and ending in downtown Lubbock, the proposed race route will exemplify the beauty of West Texas. Mellow Productions expects around 1,500 runners in attendance. "This unique course combined with the flat elevation will be a huge draw for runners from all over! There is something for everyone at this event," Lewis George, owner of Mellow Productions, said. "All marathon and half marathon runners will receive a medal upon completion as well as a technical tee." To register and get complete event details, go to www.panhandlemarathon.com. For more information please contact Lewis A. George, owner of Mellow Productions, at (972) 235-2513 or lewis.george@mellow.com.

4-H Smoked Meat Sale
4-H members across Hansford County (Spearman, Gruver & Morse) are selling smoked meats for their annual fund raising efforts. Products available include smoked & spiral hams, turkey, peppered turkey breasts, smoked or peppered bacon, beef or chicken fajitas, chicken tenders, tamales, pork patties, pork chub, sausage links, pecan cobbler, pulled pork bbq, little porkies Wraps, sausage gravy, Hunters Package (pork tenderloin, jalepeno cheese snack sticks, sliced ham, beef sausage, venison/pork summer sausage) and pumpkin roll. We would like to thank you in advance for helping raise funds to support projects, activities, contest registration, trips and events for the year. Orders must be received by October 18th, with a delivery date before Thanksgiving. Please contact a 4-H member or call the County Extension Office 659-4130 or 733-2901, fax 659-4133 to place your order. If email would be easier hansford-tx@tamu.edu.

Back in Control Parenting Workshop
Services-To-At-Risk Youth & Their Families brings you... "Back in Control" Parenting Workshop on Saturday, October 20, 2012 from 8:45 AM-4:00 PM at the Hereford ISD Administration Bldg., Board Room, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave., Hereford, Texas 79045. Must pre-register! Call 359-2005 (Amarillo Office) or 364-6111 (Hereford). Instructors will be Janice James, MA, QMHP and Ruth Sullivan, Caseworker III. CEUs available for LPCs & MSWs; General CEUs available, also. (Must attend full class for certificate.) NO CHARGE. Seating is limited. No Childcare is provided. STAR is a TDFPS funded program of TPC Texas Panhandle Centers.

Junk
Junk2Jewels will be Friday, Oct 5th, 5-8pm and Saturday, Oct 6th, 8am-1pm Commercial Building Texas County Fairgrounds, 5th and Sunset, Guymon, OK. Fundraisers, garage sales, home-based businesses, and non-profits are welcome to set up. If you have a business with old merchandise or overstock, you are welcome to set up as well. Each 10x10 space will be \$10 and tables will be \$5 each. You may bring your own tables and racks. Please let me know how many spaces/tables you will need. We will be able to start setup on Thursday after 5pm. For more information, call Shelley 580-338-1081 or email at shelleywartz@gmail.com.

Box Tops for Education
The Gruver Elementary School is participating in the Education Tapes for Education. Help our school earn credit for free educational equipment by saving your receipts from any Lowe's. Our collection boxes are located in the Elementary School Lobby or the South entrance. They are also located in the City Library, City Hall, Night & Day Beauty Salon and Shear Style. The collection boxes will be open from August 17th, 2012 - March 31st, 2013.



Chamber & Economic Development News



Fun, Fun, Fun! Now on to some fun and our first big competition of the fall holiday season! Our first holiday is Halloween, so that will be the first of our holiday business decorating contests. I'm not sure if this has been done before, so this should be very interesting to see which businesses get into the competitive spirit and participate. This competition is not limited to businesses on Main Street, so all of you banks, insurance agencies, CPA firms, hair salons, gas stations, doctor's offices, Hospital, Manor, Court House, City Hall, Post Office, implement dealers, cafes, car dealers and businesses at the mall, etc., we want you to show some civic pride and get involved as well.

Not to brag, but in order for other business to have a chance the Chamber office will not be judged in the competition. So all you business employees go talk to your bosses and get a group organized to start coming up with ideas on how to decorate the front of your building. Don't let your business be the only fuddy duddy in town not participating. Lets have some fun and give your customers something to talk about as they watch you decorate your business.

Customers if you see a business that you do business with just sitting there not doing anything, give them some encouragement to get with it and do something. Judging will be done by the Chamber Board on October 24 and board members will not be allowed to vote for their own business or for the Chamber office. I will be taking pictures, so let me know if your business is participating and you would like to

have a picture taken of your employees standing out in front of your decorated building. See if your business can beat your competition. Lets see which bank outdoes the others, which gas station is best, which cafe puts the others to shame, and so on. Go all out and make yours the best of its kind!

The winning business will be honored with a Grand Prize certificate, your picture on the front page of the paper and a \$100 donation made in your name to Hospice. Events like this are what can make living in a small town fun, so please show some community spirit and lets get every business participating.

I previously mentioned those serving on the Chamber Board, so now I also want to mention all the fine folks that I work with who take time out of their busy schedules to serve on the Economic Development Board. The newly elected president of the EDC is Toby Shields of the Hungry Cowboy Restaurant & Martin Entertainment Extreme. Toby is also on the City Council and is one of the Council representatives on the EDC Board. Our vice president is Bret Burgin of First National Bank and our secretary/treasurer is Johnathan Baily, our hospital administrator. Local farmer John Garnett is our second City Council representative. Also serving are Haley Shields of Agco, Justin Boyd of North Plains Insurance and Tim Cooper of First State Bank. And then of course also participating in meetings are Cheryl Gibson Salgado, city secretary/assistant city manager and Ed Hansen, city manager.

The EDC Board meets at City Hall on the first Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. in the morning. Meetings are of course open to the public, but items for discussion need to be given to Cheryl the week before the meeting to be included on the agenda which is posted publicly in advance of the meeting. Serving on these boards takes a lot of time and effort, so if you know

any of these civic minded volunteers who serve of this or any other civic board or committee please thank them for their service.

Last but not least, as they say, we want to thank Carolyn and the fine group down at Interstate Bank for their support of the Chamber Golf Tournament. Their check arrived just after the last update went to press so it didn't make the list, but we didn't want them to think we forgot them.

Speaking of Carolyn, we go way back to the good old days of toys, girdles and yo yos or many of you may remember it as TG&Y Carolyn & I both worked at TG&Y the last year it was on Main Street where Brock Insurance is now, and the first year after it moved to the mall where Alco is now. Back in those days they had all adults working there and I was the only young adult (kid) working there as stock boy. Carolyn ran the toy department as I recall.

When I called the bank about sponsoring the golf tournament I recognized her voice when she answered the phone and so when she asked if she could help me I asked her if they had any toys, girdles or yo yos and she knew exactly what I was talking about. So when you see her next time instead of asking her for cash you can ask her if she has any yo yos.

Carolyn also filled me in a little on the past goings on of the Spearman Beautification Committee of which she, Judy Tindell of B&B Sales and several others were members. Not to be picky, but I suggested that the Beautification Committee may have disbanded a little before the job was completed. I suggested we reform the group and put our heads together and think of a few more things to work on. So, I hope we can reform this group again this fall to start making

some great plans for next year and really get things going in the spring with a BIG spring clean up event.

One final note. Today I saw part of the La Familia Restaurant family hard at work doing a fall clean up on the property they own across the street to the north of their building. I stopped to thank the young boys and their dad for taking the time on a Sunday afternoon to do this hot and dirty work. I also wanted to let the boys know that what they were doing was important to the community and made a real difference in what visitors think of our town when they drive down this busy street. Next time you eat at La Familia, please let them know that you noticed how nice their property looks to the north across the street and thank them for their cleanup effort.

Hopefully their effort will encourage others to do the same - especially along the highways and commercial streets that visitors see as they pass through town.

Also, please remember to go back and remove your garage sale signs from the light poles after the sale is over. These signs can be a real eye sore when they are left for weeks and weeks on the posts.

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SHS Powder Puff Football Game

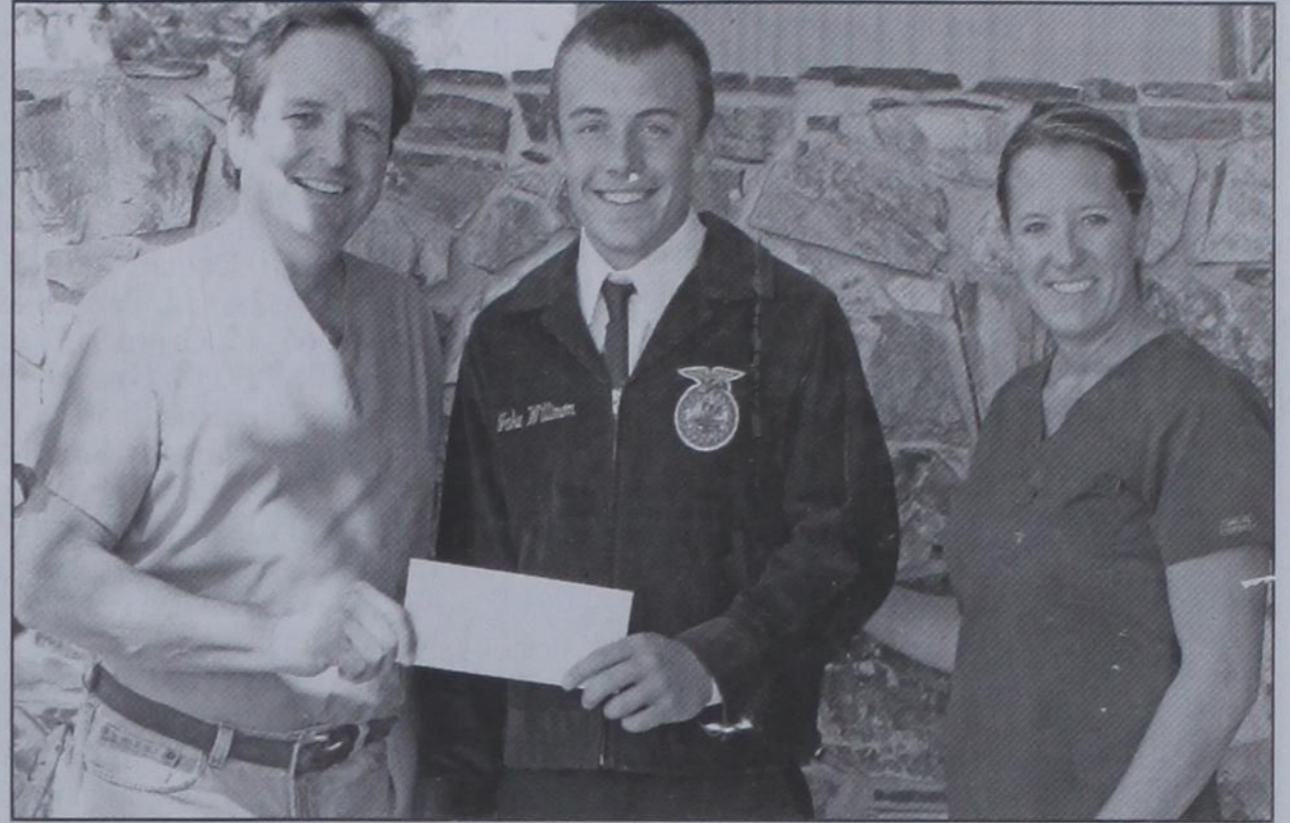
The annual Spearman High School Homecoming Powder Puff football game ended with a victory for the Senior/Sophomore team over the Junior/Freshman team with a score of 12-0. The evening was filled with exciting football action from players and coaches, and lots of spirit from our Powder Puff cheerleaders.

Student Council would like to thank everyone who was in attendance at the game, as well as Laura Anima and Ivy Soto for singing the National Anthem, Janet Scarborough for making the Powder Puff cheerleading uniforms, Tami Hargrove and Bonnie Bergan for taking pictures at the game, Denise Harbour, Leana Walker, and the HS cheerleaders for all of their assistance, Ember Keith for the pom poms, and Coach Baird, Coach Brandon, Coach Keith, Coach Mancini, Coach Rydman, and Coach White for helping run the clock, announce the game, officiate, and put up all of the equipment.

Spearman FFA Members Earn Scholarship at the Tri-State Fair Calf Scramble

This marks the second year the Tri-State Fair and Rodeo in Amarillo has held a calf scramble during its three main rodeo performances. The calf scramble consists of 20 participants each night for three nights in a row and ten of the twenty each night will earn a \$250 scholarship if fortunate enough to catch a calf.

Thursday night, September 20, 2012, out of the 20 calf scramblers, 6 of 10 that caught to receive their scholarship were Spearman FFA members. Congratulations to the following kids: Audy Reed - \$250 scholarship certificate, JD Reed - \$250 scholarship certificate, Richard Jarvis - \$250 scholarship certificate, Trayse Heater - \$250 scholarship certificate, Connor Willimon - \$250 scholarship certificate, Carson Pearson - \$250 scholarship certificate, and Ryan Schnell.



A ribbon cutting was held at Gus Birdwell Elementary at 11 a.m. on Friday, September 7, 2012 for Peyton Garnett's Eagle Scout project. (Peyton Garnett is pictured with the scissors and Principal Hanna is to the left of Peyton.)

FSA Guaranteed Loan Program Update

Ochiltree County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Farm Loan Manager James M. Heck, announced that guaranteed farm ownership loan funds for Fiscal Year 2012 have been exhausted. Farmers and ranchers in Texas received \$37.5 million in guaranteed farm ownership loans this fiscal year.

"Fiscal Year 2013 begins on October 1, 2012, and we anticipate that guaranteed farm ownership funds will be available in early October," said Heck.


FSA guaranteed loans allow lenders to provide agricultural credit to farmers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria. Farmers and ranchers apply for a guaranteed loan through a commercial lender, and the lender arranges for the guarantee. FSA can guarantee up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. Guaranteed loans can be used for both farm ownership and operating purposes.

According to Heck, the guaranteed loan limit will increase to \$1,302,000 starting on October 1, 2012. The current guaranteed loan limit is \$1,214,000.

"FSA is committed to providing credit through guaranteed and direct loans to eligible farmers and ranchers who need capital to continue or start their agricultural operation," said Heck.

For questions regarding guaranteed farm loans, please contact your lender or the Ochiltree County FSA Office at (806) 435-6597.

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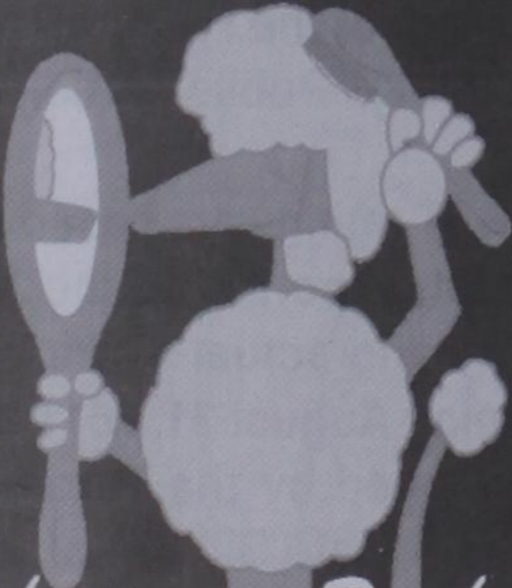
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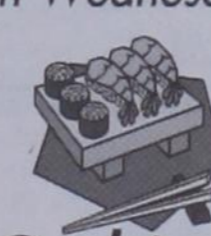

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Globe-News Honorable Mention

By - Lee Passmore, Amarillo Globe-News, 9/18/12
Jake Willimon caught a touchdown pass and returned a fumble 35 yards for another touchdown as Spearman routed West Texas High 28-0.

Spearman Lynx Football

Spearman 21, Sunray 15

Spearman spotted host Sunray a two-touchdown advantage in the first quarter before rallying for 21 unanswered points to remain unbeaten and ruin Sunray's homecoming at Bobcat Stadium.

Alexis Mendoza scored from 2 yards out and Christian Axelsen threw a 7-yard scoring pass to Omero Bonilla to give the Bobcats a 13-0 lead after one quarter.

Spearman (4-0) got on the scoreboard in the second period on a 49-yard run by Jake Willimon that made it 13-7.

The Lynx took the lead on Kagen Breeden's 11-yard pass to Alex Mendoza in the third period and added another TD on Breeden's 28-yard pass to Tanner Baird in the final quarter.

Breeden completed 6 of 8 passes for 92 yards while Willimon ran for 87 yards on 12 carries. Axelsen accounted for 204 yards total offense for Sunray as he carried 16 times for 86 yards and completed 7 of 20 passes for 118 yards.

Score by Quarters

Spearman 0 7 7 7 - 21, Sunray 13 0 0 2 - 15

Scorers

Sun—Alexis Mendoza 2 run (Alex Zapata kick).
 Sun—Omero Bonilla 7 pass from Christian Axelsen (kick failed).

Sp—Jake Willimon 49 run (Alfredo Rosendo kick).
 Sp—Alex Mendoza 11 pass from Kagen Breeden (Rosendo kick).

Sp—Tanner Baird 28 pass from Breeden (Rosendo kick).

Sun—Safety.

Statistics

	Spearman	Sunray
First Downs	11	19
Rushing Yards	148	194
Passing Yards	105	118
Total Yards	253	312
C-A-I	7-13-0	7-22-1
Punts-Avg.	5-31	3-33
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	10-102	8-75

Gruver Greyhound Football

Clarendon 33, Gruver 19

Clarendon improved to 3-1 with a 14-point victory over Gruver (2-2).

Clarendon's Charles Mason was a workhorse on the ground, running the ball 21 times for 190 yards and four touchdowns. Gruver's Beau Blankenship caught seven passes for 147 yards and two touchdowns.

Score by Quarters

Gruver 6 7 0 6 - 19, Clarendon 13 0 14 6 - 33

Scorers

G—Beau Blankenship 43 pass from Korbin Irwin (Johny Terraces kick)
 C—Charles Mason 1 run (Ryan Isbell kick)
 C—Mason 36 run (kick failed)
 G—Irwin 1 run (kick failed)
 C—Mason 13 run (Isbell kick)
 C—Jonah Sell 43 pass from Diego Santos (Isbell kick)
 C—Mason 86 run (kick failed)
 G—Blankenship 13 pass from Irwin (kick failed)

Statistics

	Gruver	Clarendon
First Downs	18	24
Rushing Yards	56	242
Passing Yards	291	195
Total Yards	347	437
C-A-I	17-32-2	16-22-0
Punts-Avg.	1-29	2-35
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	2-1
Penalties-Yards	5-52	6-45

Cross Country

Rebel Run Cross Country Meet

The Gruver Greyhounds and Lady Hounds and the Spearman Lynx and Lynxettes competed in the Rebel Run in Amarillo on Saturday, September 22nd.

Below are the results.

Varsity Boys (1A-5A)

Team Results: 1. Tascosa 35 (large school champion); 2. Plainview 98; 3. Midland High 122; 4. Amarillo High 129; 5. Frenship 196; 6. Randall 224; 7. Boys Ranch 230 (Small school champion); 8. Hereford 293; 9. Lubbock High 298; 10 Dalhart 307; 11. Sunray 314 (second place team in 1A-2A); 12. Perryton 335; 13. Bushland 339; 14. Borger 365; 15. Caprock 377; 16. Highland Park 474; 17. Panhandle 499; 18. **Gruver 508**; 19. Ascension Academy 552; 20. River Road 656.

Varsity Small-School Girls

Teams: 1. Dalhart 56; 2. Pampa 107; 3. Borger 116; 4. **Gruver 119**; 5. Perryton 120; 6. Sunray 147; 7. Bushland 150; 8. Clarendon 197; 9. Boys Ranch 233; 10. Panhandle 267; 11. Tulia 311; 12. Farwell 327; 13. Claude 387; 14. Groom 464.

Individuals (104 finishers): 1. Sara Smith, Dalhart, 12:16; 2. Terra Truitt, Pampa 12:30; 3. Abby Blansett, Borger, 12:45; 4. Audrey Shelton, Clarendon, 12:46; 5. J'Ce Holmes, Pampa, 12:55; 6. **Lariat Lerner, Gruver, 12:47**; 7. Kayla Banks, Dalhart, 13:02; 8. Lindsey Williams, Sunray, 13:14; 9. Esmeralda Medina, Perryton, 13:14.4; 10. Macy Hubbard, Perryton, 13:18; 11. **Itzel Meza, Spearman, 13:23**; 12. Katelyn Starks, Dalhart, 13:27; 13. Morgan Lackey, Bushland, 13:28; 14. Jasmine Rodriguez, Borger 13:29; 15. Ariel Warrior, Boys Ranch, 13:30; 16. Samantha Corbin, Sunray, 13:31; 17. Robyn Banks, Dalhart, 13:31.5; 18. **Emilynn Robinson, Gruver, 13:31.9**; 19. Allison Dejong, Dalhart, 13:32.2; 20. Jordon Molnar, Panhandle, 13:32.7.

High School Football Standings

By Lee Passmore, Amarillo Globe-News, 9/22/12

District 1-2A Division II

Team	Dist.	Pts.	Opp.	All	Pts.	Opp.
Spearman	0-0	0	0	4-0	114	35
Canadian	0-0	0	0	3-1	127	77
Boys Ranch	0-0	0	0	1-3	60	95
Highland Park	0-0	0	0	1-3	54	91
Sanford-Fritch	0-0	0	0	1-3	58	84

Last week: River Road 41, Boys Ranch 12; Canadian 36, Abernathy 29; Highland Park 22, Wheeler 14; Sanford-Fritch 44, West Texas High 0; Spearman 21, Sunray 15.

This week: Gruver at Highland Park, Boys Ranch vs. Winters in Lubbock, Canadian at Bushland, Abernathy at Sanford-Fritch, Spearman at Panhandle.

District 2-1A Division II

Team	Dist.	Pts.	Opp.	All	Pts.	Opp.
Claude	0-0	0	0	3-1	101	71
Gruver	0-0	0	0	2-2	97	108
Vega	0-0	0	0	1-3	74	97
White Deer	0-0	0	0	0-4	53	146

Last week: Booker 51, Claude 14; Clarendon 33, Gruver 19; Wellington 39, Vega 21; Memphis 39, White Deer 8.

This week: Claude at Shamrock, Gruver at Highland Park, Sunray at Vega, River Road at White Deer.

High School Football Statistics

By Lance Lahnert and Lee Passmore

Class 3A-2A

Team Offense: Spearman: Rushing - 978, Passing - 109, Total Yards - 1,087, Average - 362.3

Team Defense: Spearman: Rushing - 153, Passing - 421, Total Yards - 574, Average - 191.3

Individual Rushing: Willimon, Spearman - No. 36, 279 Yards, 5 Touchdowns

Individual Scoring: Willimon, Spearman - 6 Touchdowns, 2 Points After Touchdown, 0 Field Goals, 38 Points

Class 1A

Team Offense: Gruver: Rushing - 472, Passing - 476, Total - 948, Average - 316.0

Team Defense: Gruver: Rushing - 610, Passing - 361, Total - 971, Average - 323.6

Individual Rushing: Serrano, Gruver - No. 42, 143 Yards, 0 Touchdowns

Individual Passing: Irwin, Gruver - 34 Completions, 64 Attempts, 2 Interceptions, 476 Yards, 3 Touchdowns

Individual Receiving: Blankenship, Gruver - No. 14, 248 Yards, 2 Touchdowns; Williams, Gruver - No. 8, 105 Yards, 0 Touchdowns

Individual Scoring: Blankenship, Gruver - 3 Touchdowns, 2 Points After Touchdown, 0 Field Goals, 20 Points

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The FIRST ratings are based upon analysis of staff and student data reported for the 2010-2011 school year, and budgetary and actual financial data for the 2011 fiscal year (ending August 31, 2011). The FIRST rating system was developed by the Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999. The primary goal of the FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of the school district's financial resources.

PUBLIC HEARING

Date: October 15, 2012

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Spearman High School Library
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Subject: Financial Accountability Rating

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These Gayfeathers are near the big boat ramp near the office, at Lake Palo Duro.

Lake Level--September 25, 2012--24.87 feet (-0.22)

This is a good season to visit the Park. Last week 10 RVs were camped out at the Lake. They were equally divided with 5 on each side.

My daughter Nancy, who was visiting from Iowa, and I were able to pay a visit on Friday morning. As we approached the dam we had fun watching 15 or so buzzards soar on the thermals over the dam. We checked the bois d'arc tree and found fallen fruit. This old tree may be the only one of its kind in the Park. It is found east of the creek and almost up against the common fence with Buschmans. Next we saw a flock of turkey hens. Ducks are returning, and soon we should be seeing some of the white pelicans that come through at odd times.

Jim is not hearing of any big catches of fish, but the fishermen are catching some.

Pair of Bald Eagles

At last we have confirmation that Lake Palo Duro has a nesting pair of Bald Eagles. The two fledglings have made their way to the Lake for a visit. Jim has

seen them, but at this report had been unable to get a picture of them. However, at one point he did see all four eagles and the osprey in different trees at one time. Ramon Cantu, who has also seen the young ones, said they were whitish and streaked.

In the July 16 column this summer, Jim wrote of seeing two Bald Eagles eating something at the edge of the Lake. He speculated we might have a nesting pair of Bald Eagles. Our next hint was Ramon seeing a Bald Eagle carrying a fish away from the Lake as if to a nest.

Now we suspicion that this may be the fourth year the pair has nested near Lake Palo Duro. In October of 2010,

Jim had speculated that since this was the second year he had seen a lone eagle spending the summer at the Lake we might have a pair.

The Department of Interior took the Bald Eagle off the Endangered Species list in 2007. Internet sources say there are now nearly 10,000 nesting pairs in the United States and Canada. The largest numbers are in

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