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Hansford and Hutchinson County

Crime Stoppers Seek Information
The Hansford and Hutchinson County Crime Stoppers is seeking information in a string of recent car burglaries that have occurred in Spearman and Hansford County.Unknown person(s) have broken windows to gain entry into the vehicle and have removed different types of stereo equipment. One of the victims has offered an additional \$200 reward above that of what Crime Stoppers will pay. Anyone with information about these auto burglaries is asked to contact Chief Deputy Gary Garrett of the Hansford County Sheriff's Office or Corporal Jessica Rasmussen of the Spearman Police Department. If callers wish to remain anonymous, they can call the Hansford and Hutchinson County Crime Stoppers Hotline at (806) 274-6371. All callers are kept confi-dential and your tips could make you eligible for a

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 16. West winds around 10 mph.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Warmer. Highs in the upper 50s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.
FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in

SATURDAY - Mostly sunny. Windy. Highs

in the lower 60s. SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows

in the mid 20s.

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the mid 40s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Lows around 18.

MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs around

MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s.

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

Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Extremely dry conditions forced authorities to initiate burn bans for many counties. Dryland winter wheat struggled for survival, and when possible many producers irrigated to salvage the crop. Wide temperature swings from highs in the 70s to lows in the 20s stressed cattle. Most ranges and pastures were in poor or very poor condition.

THE GAME

Spearman Lynx/Lynxettes

1/30 JVB (5), JVG (5), VG (6), VB (7:30) at Bushland*

2/2 7th B (5), 8th B (6), 9th B (7:30) vs Fritch 2/2 7th G (5), 8th G (6), 9th G (7:30) at Fritch 2/3 JVB (5), JVG (5), VG (6), VB (7:30) vs. River

2/5-7 & 24 7th B, 7th G, 8th B, 8th G @ Gruver JH

Tournament 2/6 JVB (5), JVG (5), VG (6), VB (7:30) at Fritch* 2/9 7th B (5), 8th B (6), 9th B (7:30) at Panhandle 2/9 7th G (5), 8th G (6), 9th G (7:30) vs Panhandle

Panhandle* 2/13 JVB (6), VB (7:30) vs Highland Park* 2/17 JVB (6), VB (7:30) vs. Bushland*

2/10 JVB (5), JVG (5), VG (6), VB (7:30) vs.

Gruver Greyhounds/Lady Hounds

1/30 JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8) vs

2/2 7th G (4), 8th G (5), 7th B (5), 8th B (7) at Boys Ranch

2/3 JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8) vs Beaver'

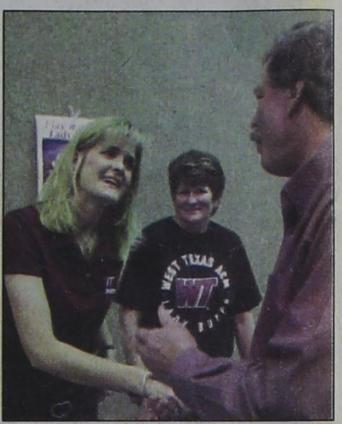
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2/6 JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8) at Boys Ranch*

2/9 8th G (5), 8th B (6) vs. Morse 2/10 JVG (5), JVB (5), VG (6:30), VB (8) vs West

2/13 JVB (5), VB (6:30) vs Stratford* *District Game

Spearman Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet Held



Krista Kirkland Gerlich shakes hands with Arlan Winegarner during the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet.

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership Banquet was held on Thursday, January

Alvin Byers, Chamber President, welcomed everyone to the event being held at the O'Loughlin Center.

Cheryl Gibson-Salgado, the Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce President, introduced the Miss Hansford 2008 winners - Miss Hansford - Clara Kern, 1st Runner Up - Amy Boyd, 2nd Runner Up - Lynn Vela, Miss Congeniality - Brittany Barnes; Miss Teen - Dee Dee DeLaRosa, 1st Runner Up -Morgan Ashmore; Miss Pre-Teen - Tyann Hight, 1st Runner Up - Callie Yarbrough; Junior Miss - Ariha Vaquera, 1st Runner Up - Kayla Servantez; Little Miss - Jolee Jasper, 1st Runner Up - Laney Harper.

Don Reed gave an update on the Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association. The SWPWA was organized in 1997 when the J.B. Buchanan windmill collection was moved to the Windmill Park from his farm in Hutchinson County. There are now 29 mills in the Krista. park, and a total of 60 windmills in the collection.

John Kunselman, representing the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department, recognized Ron Antalek as the Fire Department's Fireman of the Year. Roger Close then recognized Hansford County, Hospital District as the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department's Employer of the Year.

Ron Antalek gave an Emergency Management Report. He announced that Cindy Blackman has been

Rod Sumner, Spearman ISD Superintendent, recognized Bob Hill as the Rotary Club Employee of the

Betty Jean Davis was named the 2008 Citizen of the Year, and the High Plains Observer was named the

Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year. The Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors include: Ed Hanson, Cindy Blackman, Cass Lasater, Jim West, Tammy Murray, Alvin Byers, Teresa Barkley, Mike Pearson, Landon Jackson, Kyla Ortiz and Kristina Howell.

The speaker for this year's event was Krista Kirkland Gerlich. Now in her third season as head coach of the West Texas A&M Lady Buffs.

Krista moved to Spearman in 1987, between her sophomore and junior year in high school. Throughout her speech, Krista emphasized the major and lasting impact these two years had on her. She further stated how she often thinks about the lessons learned during

Krista was a member of the 1988 2A Girls State Cross Country Team. One of the things that made such an impression on her was how the previous state competitors and winners encouraged the team. She further stated that she was contact by Coach Nan Cook to peak to this year's 2A Girls State Cross Country Team prior to the state competition.

She also stated how the compassion shown to her by

teachers and the community helped mold her into who she is today. She added that the town of Spearman continues to show her support with season tickets to her

"I have continued to be overwhelmed by the generosity and love expressed to me from this community,"

Krista ended her speech with a challenge to the youth of Spearman. "I challenge you to give back to this community and embrace what it has to offer."

"I feel fortunate to call Spearman home," concluded



2008 Citizen of the Year

Betty Jean Davis was named the 2008 Citizen of the Year during the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Banquet held on Thursday, January 22nd.

Related story on page 4.

Rotary Club "Employee of the Year"

Employee of the Year.

Bob was nominated and introduced by Spearman SD Superintendent Rod Sumner. Following is the speech he read at the Chamber Banquet on Thursday

It is with great pleasure and pride that I have been asked to introduce this year's recipient of the Spearman Rotary Club's Employee of the Year.

As an employer of over 130 employees, it is very easy to appreciate the work ethic of an employee that goes beyond the call of duty. In fact, in today's day and time that exemplary employee is not the norm, but rather is the exception.

The individual I have been asked to introduce tonight is indeed one of those exemplary employees. This person is not someone in the limelight and does his work behind the scene with very little or no recognition for For many years, he was a one man show and was the only person in his department. His job is often taken for granted, but carries with it an awesome responsibility that touches the lives of every student in the Spearman Independent School District.

I can honestly say that this person is the most beloved and respected individual in the Spearman School District. In my 33-years in the education business, it is easy to say that I have never met an individual who is as a hard worker and dedicated as this person. In my opinion, he is the BEST of the BEST, and it is with great pride that I introduce BOB HILL as the recipient of this year's award.

Bob is a quite man that many might not even know hat he works for the school managing the District's ransportation department. He has worked in this capacity since 1986. His main responsibility is to make sure that all of the District's vehicles are maintained in order to ensure that all students are transported safely whether it is on one of the bus routes or on

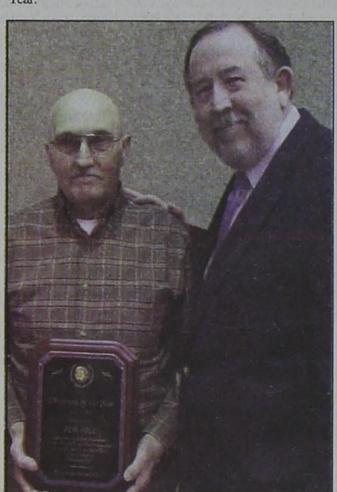
Bob Hill was named the Rotary Club 2008 one of the hundreds of extracurricular trips made each gratulate Bob Hill on being named Employee of the year all across the State of Texas! Most of us take this Year. for granted, but Bob understands that the trust given to him by the school district and the parents of the children he serves is in his mind the most important endeavor done by the Spearman Independent School

But what makes Bob unique is his willingness to go the extra mile. It is not uncommon to see Bob at the bus barn at midnight waiting for a bus or district vehicle to come back from an out-of-town trip in order for him to clean and service the bus for it to go out on another trip that next morning. Bob believes that employees and students both deserve safe and clean vehicles when they go on the road representing the school district. This is something that both employees and students have come to appreciate from Bob

Bob's worth as an employee goes beyond his work ethic; it is bound in his character and tells you who he is as a person! This has been more than evident in watching Bob deal with some personal tragedies that has impacted his own life and watching this man remain positive and upbeat when many of us would have given up and quit! Bob is a unique man who believes that he has been given this opportunity in life and who gives everything he has to fulfilling that purpose with never any regrets.

It is with great pride and honor that I say that Spearman ISD has the best Transportation Director in the State of Texas. It is also with great honor and pride that I am able to tell this story of a humble man who continues to INSPIRE and give HOPE to all those who know him!

Ladies and gentlemen would you please join me in applause for this year's recipient of the Spearman Rotary Club's Employee of the Year -- Bob Hill. The Rotary Club of Spearman would like to con-



ISD Superintendent Spearman Sumner (right) congratulates Bob Hill (left) on being named the Spearman Rotary Club 2008 Employee of the Year.



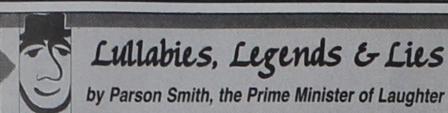
Spearman Business of the Year

The High Plains Observer was named the 2008 Spearman Business of the Year during the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet on Thursday, January 22nd. Pictured are Brian and Gina Gillispie and Ron and Beverly Antalek. (Related story on page 4.)



Spearman Volunteer Fire Department Employer of the Year, Firefighter of the Year

Jerry Jasper accepted the award for Spearman Volunteer Fire Department Employer of the Year on behalf of Hansford County Hospital District during the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet on Thursday, January 22nd. Ron Antalek was named the 2008 Spearman Volunteer Fireman of the Year.



was very, very pleased this week when I found out that the chamber of commerce chose Betty Jean Davis to be the person of the year. I think this is one of the best choices they have ever made.

At the chamber banquet, some very nice things were said about her, but there is so much more to this lady that was left unsaid. I had the privilege and honor of serving as her pastor for almost eight years. I have watched her selflessly serve others for as long as I have known her. She doesn't seek praise and is a very humble lady.

It would be wrong of me not to mention her wonderful, loving husband, Irvin. Irvin is always with her when she is serving others. He is a WWII combat veteran and has

given much of himself to his country, his community and his church. The members of First Christian

Church in Spearman and their family recognize how wonderful Betty Jean and Irvin are.

The town of Spearman is a much better place because of Betty Jean and Irvin Davis.

> Until the next time, May God Bless.

Gary's Quote of the Month

Is it that you hate this president or that you hate America?

Sean Hannity

OPINION

Bonus Quote

Build a man a fire and he will stay warm for a day. Set a man on fire and he will stay warm for the rest of his life. Anonymous

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

You are reading this on Thursday or Friday and I am writing it on Monday, so I can't report on the Board meeting until next week. (I hope some of you attended the meeting and that the weather was nice.) On this Monday it is cold, icy, gray and actually acting like winter. I truly hope we receive some moisture.

We continue to catch up on our archival accessions and Lovella and Fern are busy with obituaries. Georgia is busy with refining and designing exhibit areas or new items for the exhibits.

I hope to finish the annual report this week and it will contain all our numbers for the year. One interesting set of statistics that we get at the end of the year concerns our website. We had 2802 unique visitors to our site this year, approximately 700 more than last year. This is good since more and more people are using the web to select their vacation sites, weekend trips, etc. Our highest month was March. People visit mostly in the evening, they visited our site mostly on Tuesday evenings. People have visited our website from over 17 countries (I only counted the ones with

Housing and Community Affairs

today announced the release of

\$123.9 million in energy assistance

funds designed to help qualifying

households pay their energy bills

while providing the consumer edu-

cation needed to reduce their depend-

ence on future government assis-

Energy Assistance Program

(CEAP), a utility assistance pro-

gram that helps eligible households

better manage their energy con-

sumption for a safe, affordable

money was Panhandle Community

Services, who received\$4,173,945.

The money will be used to help

low income Texans in the follow-

One of the entities receiving

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Singapore, Japan, Germany, India, Australia, Philippines and France. I hope they visit in person.

I need to add some of our western scenes to show the Japanese, especially, that the "cowboy" is alive and well. If you have pictures of events, branding, etc. and would like to contribute, please email them to wolfcrk@amaonline.com.

We are now placing the column on our website, so please spread the word that you can stay connected with us through our website.

HISTORICAL MUSINGS

I mention fairly often, our obituary project and how it is used by individuals searching for information on their family. If you examine today's obits, there are sometimes birth and death dates. However, cause of death, demographic information, and even biographical information is not included. If you are unfortunate enough to have to work with a funeral home to publish an obituary, include information that historians and genealogists 100 years from now will want to know. If you are preplanning, give us your story for future generations.

Some will think I am being more than 5 visits). These included unkind and gruesome. I apologize if less philosophical next week. I offend, but I want to point out

Funds To Help Low Income Texans

that our newspaper, and for some, our obits, will be the only written documents remaining after our generations are no longer here. Lets document our stories of who we

I offer one of our obits from 1917 and let you meet Claude Earl Bellah. Compare his obit with one in today's newspaper and let me know your thoughts (musings).

Claude Earl Bellah Claude Earl Bellah, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Bellah, died Wednesday evening, April 25, 1917 at his home at 8:08 p.m. Age 13 years, 4 months, and 2 days, of measles and its after effects. He was bom December 23, 1903 in the town of Lipscomb.

After a few years, he moved to Higgins with his parents and a short time later moved to Laverne, OK. Two years ago they returned to Lipscomb to make their home. The school children formed a line at the home and escorted the casket to the

Funeral services were held today at 2 p.m. at the Union Church, H.A. Hill giving consoling words to the bereaved ones after which the remains were followed to the IOOF Cemetery. A father, mother, and three brothers are left to mourn his loss.

Have a good week and I will be

State Capital HIGHLIGHTS

GOVERNOR ASKS LAWMAKERS TO SUPPORT PROPERTY **RIGHTS**



by Ed Sterling

Jan. 22 urged lawmakers to add an "Trans-Texas Corridor"

Policy Foundation, a conservative railroad tracks and utility lines. think tank based in Austin, Perry mentioned legislation already in the private firm Cintra Zachry is from the state business tax. Current effect that protects landowners.

ment or giving it to a private devel- needs change." oper. Unless we take action on rights in Texas will begin to erode based in San Antonio. and undermine the very character of

Texas lawmakers passed SB 7 in 2005 after a U.S. Supreme Court voted unanimously Jan. 23 on sci- Congress passes a proposed \$825 (Conn.) ruled that government enti-schools. ties could use eminent domain acquisition of land for non-public with "analyzing and evaluating." use, such as commercial development or private purposes.

The governor was joined by state scientific community as a soft Sen. Robert Duncan and Rep. Rob Orr who will propose legislation to fortify property rights, and Susette Kelo, plaintiff in the Kelo v. New London case.

Duncan plans to propose a constitutional amendment to prevent private property from being taken for economic or private development purposes. If passed by the Legislature, Texas voters would vote for or against the measure in a constitutional amendment election in November. A constitutional amendment is much harder to undo than a regular statute.

"Government shouldn't use eminent domain to take someone's land without trying to buy it from them first," Perry said. "It is wrong for any government to make a lowball offer, then respond to an owner's righteous refusal by taking the land. The government owes land owners a genuine good-faith negotiation, not a land grab.'

In other matters, the governor is scheduled to deliver his State of the State Address to a joint session of the Legislature in the House Chamber on Jan. 27

The Texas State Constitution compels the governor to "give to the Legislature information, by message, of the condition of the State" as well as to "recommend to the Legislature such measures as he may deem expedient" at the commencement of each session of the Texas Legislature.

Revised 'corridor' plan unveiled

At an annual transportation forum in early January, Amadeo Saenz, director of the Texas Department of Transportation, unveiled a report, "Innovative Connectivity in Texas / Vision

The report is available online at www.dot.state.tx.us. It lists revised

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry on guidelines for development of the point for creationist views to be amendment to the state constitution describes the transformation of the to fortify property owners' rights original proposed project, a 4,000- bills against abuses of eminent domain. mile network of nearly quarter-mile-In a speech to the Texas Public wide corridors combining toll roads,

"Through Senate Bill 7, we made opment plan that is "a living docu-enue under \$300,000 and gives disit clear that Texans will not tolerate ment that will be updated over the counts to those who make up to taking land for economic develop- next 50 years as transportation \$900,000. Under Creighton's bill

these protections, private property in Madrid, Spain, and Zachry is from the tax.

SBOE amends curriculum cism words

The State Board of Education decision in Kelo v. New London ence curriculum changes for public billion stimulus package backed by

As a result of the vote, the curauthority for economic develop- rent language "strengths and weakment projects rather than traditional nesses" pertaining to scientific the- it bad policy. public uses. The bill prohibits ories of evolution will be replaced

nesses" has been criticized by the state budget for 2010-2011.

worked into the curriculum. Samples of recently filed

Rep. Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe, filed HB 720 on Jan. 22, legislation he said would give more An excerpt from the report says small businesses an exemption helping TxDOT on a master devel- law exempts businesses with revbusinesses that have under \$1 mil-Cintra is a global company based lion in revenue would be exempt

Stimulus idea evokes criti-

Texas stands to receive in the neighborhood of \$30 billion if President Barack Obama.

But Gov. Perry and other officials have criticized the proposal, calling

However, if Texas gets the money, it would more than make The term "strengths and weak- up current projected shortfalls in the



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- after visiting dentist 52. Author of "The Star-Spangled

Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Swisher, Wheeler. "Helping low income house-

holds with their energy needs is a key component of the Department's mission of ensuring that all Texans cities, counties, and nonprofit have an affordable, healthy place to call home," according to Michael TDHCA Executive Gerber, Director. "The cost of heating or cooling a home significantly impacts the household's ability to afford their home. Our goal is to help these households with their utility bills in the short-term while

more than 68,000 low income Texans through CEAP services, helping low income households ing counties - Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, meet their immediate energy needs

The Texas Department of Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf and to encourage consumers to con-Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, trol future energy costs through case management and consumer education. In addition, some house-Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, holds may qualify for the repair or Randall, Roberts, Sherman, replacement of inefficient heating and cooling equipment. Gerber explained that services are

provided at the local level by 51 contract organizations serving all 254 counties in Texas and target households earning an annual income of less than \$26,500 for a family of four. CEAP service providers include Community Action Agencies or other qualifying nonprofit organizations, Councils of Government, and local city or county governments.

Local service providers accept helping them to achieve self-suffi-ciency for the long term." applications for assistance and determine eligibility, placing a pri-The Department annually assists ority on households with elderly persons, very young children, persons with disabilities, and the greatest energy burden.

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January 29 Birthday - Bill Hadley, Erin Derington, Linda Diaz, Johnnie Gaither, Andy Graham, Richard Larson, Estella Gilmore, Andi Hager, Tanner Beedy, Gerry Davis, Nancy Mitchell, Dustin Hodge, Delphia Duke, Brad Hicks, Travis Reiswig, Jackson Davis, Ryan McElhany Anniversary - M/M Harold Anderson

January 30 Birthday - Vicki Crawford, Terry Jackson, Timothy Schultz, Charolette Bynum Anniversary - M/M Eusebio Vela Sr., Richard & Arlene Paschel, M/M Jose Perez

January 31

Birthday - Breanna Dearin, Brian Stewart, Austin Zimmer, James Schnell, L.C. Owens, Cory Schneider, Charles Lilley, Hudson Williams, Jim Younger, Karen Ferguson

Anniversary - M/M Manuel Ruiz, M/M John Shields, M/M Dick Hintergardt, M/M Royce Mathews

February 1 Birthday - Mary Fern Terry, Lynn Whitefield, Kenneth Lee McClellan, Ann White, JoeBob Breedon, Terri Goodknight, Lacie Baker, Clint Linde, Anthony Renteria, Brian Johnson, Cherlynn Thompson, T.J. Vasquez, Charles Davis, Skylar Tidwell

Anniversary - M/M George C.

February 2 Birthday - Sergio Favela Jr., Margie Boone, Michael T. Davis, Sheila Brand, Grace McDade, Nadine Bishard, Connie Garcia, Cayla Simon, Toby Thompson

Anniversary - Jeff & Chris Spencer, Bill & Dalene Baker, Louis & Mary Miesner

February 3 Birthday - Jerry Kiser, Joanne Hays, Kelly Davis, Jr. Hart, Pip Craig, Glenna Dibbern, Todd Ware, Donna Roberts, Beth Baker, Jerry Laird, Roy Dee Martin, Evelyn Burch, Traci Clift Anniversary - M/M Shawn Cook, Bob & Candy Boxwell, M/M Jose Salgado

February 4 Birthday - Mary Dawn Henson, Bill Logsdon, Argelia Rodriquez, Heath Tolleson, Misty Barnes, Roy Lee Uptergrove, Linda Davis, Dale Hendrick, Tina Marie Jenkins, Andres Ortiz, Chris Evans, Cynthia Goodman, Ted Widener, Joan Farr, Bonnie Ball, Landri Burnam, Samantha

Anniversary - M/M Nick Jordan, Lenis & Holly Simpson February 5

Birthday - Rose Lopez, Jerry Tipps, Kym Williams, Dorothy Cator, Reba Phillips, Cody Theron Spencer, Zachary McCammond, Matt Watlington, Matison Jones, George DeSantiago, Larue Mayo, Julie Richter, Larry Murphy, Vance Snider II February 6

Birthday - Erica Blount, Mrs. Nell Patterson, Carlos Carlos Espinosa, Cora Lesly, Ruben Vera, Bradly Laxton, Ofelia

Zamora, Courtney Jo Myers, Betty Allen, Kimberly LaFarr, Becky Brown, Moses Lomeli, Tammie Purvines, Gary Moss Anniversary - M/M Jeff Hohertz, Patsy & Jerry Hunt,

M/M Curt Fitzgearld

February 7 Birthday - Alicia Barkley, Chris Johnson, Buddy Lowe, Mike Stedje, Monique Yancy, Virginia Poole, Tracy Taylor, Calvin Pearson, Jill Havens, Kay Atkinson, Michelle Bass, Janice Noble, Dustin Mackie,

Sara Eisfeld February 8 Birthday - Louise Etter, Bobby Mosier, Ben Vaughn, Domingo Salazar III, Verlin Beck, Dorothy Karns, Jesse Briseno, Verlene Bass. Zachary Logsdon, Sue Watts

Anniversary - M/M Tony Herndon

February 9 Birthday - Loren Dahl, Andy Hoel, Elena Salazar, Carole Hall, Sara Avila, Paula Garza, Breedon, Jackie Doris Pearson, Linda Rodriguez, Lori Williams, Rossetta Barrera, Michelle Laughlin, Armando Borunda, Drew Mireles,

Anniversary - M/M Martin Ochoa, M/M Dwayne TeBeest February 10

Birthday - Karen Cotter, Mark Irwin, Tammy White, Robbie Cator, Mary Ann Lasater, J. Evelina Travis Garnett, Martinez, Gregory Brand, Jimmy McLeod, Charles West, Fanetta Pierce, Josie Holt, Debbie Eslick, Karen Schnell Anniversary - M/M Perry

February 11 Birthday - Angle Clawson, Craig Schuman, Kari Lou Russell, Joan McClellan, Denise Harbour, Lillian Cooksey, Roy Harbour, Leigh Anne Winger, Addie Williams, Dominguez, Sloan

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February 12
Rod Bee Birthday - Rod Been, Lynn Burk, Louise Evans, Brian McClenagan, Brandon Reagon, Kaci Renteria, Sister Criselda Vela, Mae Hargis, Kelly Goodman, Anselmo Vela, Mary Dixon, Glynn & Lynn Pattison, Jennie Lou Connely, Jana Hawkins, Roy Sutton, Mary Virden, Derrick Burnett, Clayton Vanderberg, Walter Postoak

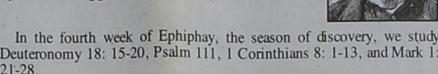
Anniversary - M/M Buck Tidwell, M/M Gary Evans, M/M Roy Lee Uptergrove, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ross

February 13 Birthday - Rick Barkley, Rosi Chisum, Kristi Williams, Sherry Lee, Richard Ooley, Bill Watson, Catalina Espinosa, Esther Vargas, Mari Ann Bartimos, Maura Gaspar, Lexi Farmer, Kelly Pecha Anniversary - M/M Eddy

February 14 Birthday - Alice Goodman, Nick Nelson, Janice Holt, C.W. Kirk, Tommy Thomas, Bubba Smith, Donna Ball, Lena Kathryn Harbour, Betsy Sutterfield, Kenneth Baker, Josiah Lee Vasquez, Courtney

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister



In Deuteronomy, Moses promises the people that God will continue to raise up prophets to guide them. The people wanted someone to stand between them and God. Hence, we see that the prophetic tradition began with Moses. Yet, since all the later prophets were not esteemed as highly as Moses; the people expected a greater Prophet to come. Moses closes with a warning about and to false prophets, those who say things that God did not give them.

The Psalmist sings of the mighty works of God and praises the Lord for them. He ends his song with, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever"

Paul told the Corinthians that "all things are lawful, but not all are beneficial". In this passage he addresses the eating of food offered to idols He begins by affirming that idols are not God; therefore there is no harm to the Christian eating of such food. However, he notes that some who have recently converted from idol worship may not be able to accept this So, nothing should be judged solely from the point of view of knowl edge. The Christian must judge what is right from the point of view of love. Therefore, if indulging in a pleasure which is lawful for us would harm or cause a crisis of faith in a weaker Christian, then we should refrain from such indulgence.

In the first century, "synagogues" were places of teaching and instruction. In any town or village where there were at least ten Jewish families there would be a synagogue. In a synagogue service there was prayer, the reading of scripture, followed by an explanation of the scripture. The head of the synagogue could designate any one present to read the scripture and provide an explanation. This is what Jesus was doing in this passage from Mark. While Jesus was in the synagogue there was a man present with an unclean spirit. Note that Jesus forbade the evil spirit from testifying either for Him or against Him. This was to avoid the idea that Jesus was somehow connected to the evil spirit. [The Pharisees would later accuse Jesus of having this 'evil' connection]. Jesus cast out the spirit to the amazement of the congregation.

Note that there is no profession of faith by the possessed man in this healing. Jesus heals the man out of love.

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'Generation Me' is Focus of 2009 Willson Lecture Series

Today's colleges, churches and workplaces are being flooded by a new generation that brings with it a different work ethic, moral compass and world view.

Dr. Jean Twenge, author of the best selling book Generation Me will offer an inside look at this new generation, often labeled as "The Entitlement Generation," "Gen Y" and "Millennials," at the 2009 Willson Lecture Series at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2 in the Alumni Banquet Hall at West Texas A&M University. The lecture is designed to help parents, grandparents, teachers, clergy, employers or anyone who wants to gain a better understanding of "Generation Me."

"The subtitle of Dr. Twenge's book may say a great deal about the situation," Dr. James Hallmark, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said. "The complete title is Generation Me: Why Today's Young Americans are More Confident, Assertive, Entitled-and More Miserable Than Ever Before. There are many great qualities of Generation Me, but there also are some challenging qualities. Our goal is not to judge, but to understand so we can improve how we work together in tackling today's challenges."

Twenge, an associate professor of psychology at San Diego State University, is a member of Generation Me. She blends humor and anecdotes with findings from the largest intergenerational research study ever conducted with data from 1.3 million respondents spanning six decades. The research reveals differences in how today's young adults perceive work, sex, school and social responsibility. Her research has appeared in Time, USA Today, The New York Times and The Washington Post, and she has been featured on Today, Dateline and National Public Radio's All Things Considered.

The Willson Lecture Series was established in 1947 by the J.M. Willson family of Floydada. The series, sponsored by the Willson Foundation, is free and open to the public. For more information, call 806-651-2044.

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Our Sympathy

LARRY PORTER

Larry Porter, 73, died on January 28, 2009 in Canyon, TX.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 31, 2009 at Dreamland Cemetery. Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, January 31 at the First Baptist Church with Dr. David L. Lowrie, Jr., pastor, and Doug Moore, officiating. The family will receive friends from 6-7:30 p.m. on Friday, January 30 at Brooks Chapel. Burial will be a Dreamland Cemetery under the direction of Brooks Funeral Directors of Canyon, TX.

Larry Porter was born September 3, 1935 to Ervin and Leola House Porter in Canyon. Larry's career included 10 years of farming with his father-in-law, Ray Moore at

Spearman, Texas. He was a claims adjuster for 15 years and office manager for 15 years in Amarillo and Ft. Worth, Texas. Larry was a member of the First Baptist Church of Canyon. Survivors include his wife, Gayle Porter of Canyon; a daughter, Pamela

Kay Porter of Amarillo; a son, Curt Porter and wife Teresa of Amarillo; and two grandchildren, Ashley and Kaylee Porter of Amarillo.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church, 1717 4th Avenue, Canyon, TX 79015, or Hospice of the Southwest, 1301 S. Coulter, Ste. 404, Amarillo, TX 79106. Please sign our online guest registry at www.brooksfuneral.com

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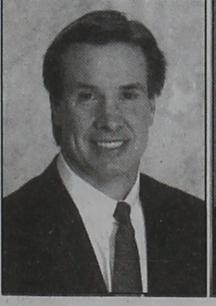
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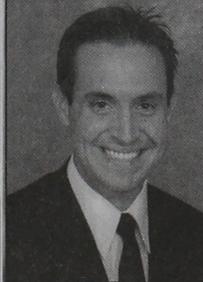
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First United Methodist 407 S. Haney • 659-5503 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m. Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday High School: 6 p.m.. Sunday Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed. Pastor - Neely Landrum

Grace Presbyterian Church (Worships with Faith Lutheran Church) 1101 Bernice • 659-2033 Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1101 Bernice • 659-2252 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. (Worships with

Grace Presbyterian Church) Pastor - Cecil Biggers, PLM **Union Church** 31 S. Endicott • 659-2644 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed. Youth Service: 6 p.m. Wed. Pastor - Don Baltazor

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

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

First Christian Church 510 King • 733-2960 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Youth: 7:30, Sunday Adult Bible Study: 7:30, Sun. Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m. Pastor - Gary Gumfory

Gruver United Methodist Broadway & Garrett 733-2651 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m. Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m.

Pastor - George Price

Spanish Cristo Redentor Church Sunday Mass: 1:30 p.m. Friday Evening Mass Summer - 8:00 p.m. Fall/Winter - 7:30 p.m

Oslo

Oslo Lutheran Church (ELCA) 6 Miles West & 12 Miles North of Gruver Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Pastor - Arlen Lloyd

> Morse Morse Baptist Church

Pastor - Mike Martin Waka

Church of Christ 300 Rogers Ave. 202-7126 Sunday Worship: 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

Preacher - James Gordon

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Medical Fund for Nancy DeLuna Jernberg

An emergency medical fund has been established for Nancy DeLuna Jernberg of Stinnett. Nancy was recently diagnosed with a rare malignant brain tumor and will be undergoing treatment. If you would like to make a contribution you may make a deposit with any teller or mail a donation to H&H Federal Credit Union, 104 Main Street, Stinnett TX 79083.

Project Graduation 2009

The parents of the Spearman High School Class of 2009 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement exercises Friday May 29th. 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, the community, who supported and encouraged these seniors these past 13 years of school, would be willing to share in the final "class of 2009" memory, making this project special, please contact Patti Schnell at 659-2919, Paula Cooper at 659-3133, Shannon Barnes at 659-2164 or Maria Sibley at 659-1037 Contributions can be mailed to: Project Graduation - Maria Sibley, P.O. Box 74, Spearman, TX. 79081.

Fund Established for Cross Country Lynxette Championship Rings A fund has been established at First National Bank, Spearman for the Spearman Lynxettes Cross Country 2008 State Championship Team. The fund has been established to purchase a ring for each team member and their coach in honor of their achievement. If you would like to give money to support this endeavor, please contact Stephanie Brock at 659-1774, or take your check by First National Bank.

Timeless Treasures

Timeless Treasures will hold a quilt meeting on January 31, 2009 at the Disciple Center at the First Christian Church in Guymon OK. Chery Feese from Liberal will have a program and trunk show about "Panels and what to do with them." This will be the morning program. She will be selling kits for the afternoon program using valentine panels. Please RSVP to Cheryl at Quilted Treasures in Liberal so they will know how many kits to cut. nanas.treasures@sbcglobal.net. New members are welcome. Bring a friend. Breakfast brunch at 9:30. Bring a salad for meal.

Cotton Meeting Scheduled
A Cotton Meeting will be held in the Moore County Community Building (16th & Maddox) in Dumas on Thursday, February 5, 2009 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Suggested presenters and topics are: Randy Boman - Early Season Management (Seed bed preparation, seed to soil contact, getting a good stand, starter fertilizers); David Kerns - Insect Management (Thrips are the major problem for most producers, seed treatment effectiveness, use of Boll Guard II varieties); Jason Woodward - Disease Management (Seed treatments, early season plant survival); Jay Yates - Profitability (Picker versus Stripper economics); Nich Kenny - Cotton Irrigation (Efficient water use in cotton); David Reinart - Fertility and Irrigation Profitability Management; Roxanne Fegley - Thrips management in Moore County; Marcel Fischbacher - Moore/Scherman County Demonstrations Highlights (Seeding Rate and Varieties); Seed Company Highlights; Andy Neeb - AFD/Fibermax; Jerry Montgomery - Americot/NexGen; T.K. Baker - Delta Pine. For more information, contact the Hansford County Extension Office at 806-659-4130.

Heart Catheterizations To Be Topic of February Senior Seminar With coronary heart disease as the number one cause of death in the U.S., heart catheterizations are a relatively common place diagnostic procedure. "To learn more about this life-saving procedure, individuals are encouraged to attend the February Senior Seminar presented by Dr. Walter Allison, chief of cardiology at the Thomas E. Creek VA Medical Center," says Sue Church, Texas AgriLife Extension Service family and consumer science agent for Potter County. The seminar is scheduled for 10 a.m. Feb. 12 at the Amarillo Senior Citizen Center, 1220 S. Polk, Room 115. The seminar, "Straight from the Heart," will provide information on the terminology of heart catheterization, what one can learn from the heart with the procedure, how it is administered and what tools are used. The Senior Seminars are open to the public free of charge. For more information, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Potter County at 373-0713. Door prizes will be donated by Scott's Flowers and the Potter Coalition on Aging. Senior Seminars are sponsored by the Potter Coalition on Aging, Panhandle Area Health Education Center and Amarillo Senior Citizens' Association.

WTAMU Offers Two Discover WT Preview Events
West Texas A&M University will host two Discover WT preview events

this semester. I'd like to invite you to encourage your juniors and seniors interested in our university to register for one of these events. They are a great opportunity to get a taste of college life, learn about the majors they are interested in studying, tour the dorms, meet current students and faculty and much more. Discover WT is free and students will receive t-shirts and free tickets to an athletic or arts event held on campus that evening. This semester's events will be: held on February 21 and April 3. More information, a sample schedule and the registration form can be found at http://www.wtamu.edu/admissions/discover_wt.aspx.

GHS Baccalaureate Scheduled

wanted to inform you as soon as possible that due to several issues Baccalaureate will be held on Wednesday, May 13, at 7:30 at the Gruver United Methodist Church. (The way that the school calendar is set for this year, our usual day to have Baccalaureate, May 24, falls on the weekend of a national holiday; May 17, the band and seniors will be returning from trips; May 10 is Mother's Day with the Prom being held on May 9.) We have checked with all the churches and the Pastors who participate in the Baccalaureate service, and they all agree that May 13 would be an excellent time to have it. Commencement will be on Friday, May 29, at 8:00. Hopefully this early notification will be helpful when making plans. If you have any questions, please contact Gruver High School principal Troy Seagler at 733-2477.

Miss Irish Rose Pageant

Once again, Shamrock, Texas will be hosting their annual Saint Patrick's Celebration on March 13-15, 2009. One of the many highlights of this celebration is the crowning of Miss Irish Rose. This Scholarship Pageant is open to all young ladies that are between the ages of 14 through 19 and enrolled in High School. None of the contestants need to live in the neither Shamrock or Texas area nor do they need to be currently holding a title or reign. The 2009 Miss Irish Rose, along with her three runner-ups and Miss Congeniality, will be receiving a scholarship to the college of her choice. For further information, please send a S.A.S.E. to Miss Irish Rose, Attention Dana Hosack, PO Box 453, Shamrock, Texas 79079, or call Betty Lee at 806-334-0929, Dana Hosack at 806-662-5405 or the Chamber of Commerce Office at 806-256-2501. The deadline for entry orms to be received is February 27, 2009

Hansford, Hutchinson County Crime Stoppers Seek Information The Hansford and Hutchinson County Crime Stoppers is seeking information in a string of recent car burglaries that have occurred in Spearman and Hansford County. Unknown person(s) have broken windows to gain entry into the vehicle and have removed different types of stereo equipment. One of the victims has offered an additional \$200 reward above that of what Crime Stoppers will pay. Anyone with information about these auto burglaries is asked to contact Chief Deputy Gary Garrett of the Hansford County Sheriff's Office or Corporal Jessica Rasmussen of the Spearman Police Department. If callers wish to remain anonymous, they can call the Hansford and Hutchinson County Crime Stoppers Hotline at (806) 274-6371. All callers are kept confidential and your tips could make you eligible for a cash reward. your tips could make you eligible for a cash reward.

Lunch & Learn - "Thai Cooking"

"Thai Cooking", will be the topic for Lunch & Learn, Thursday, February 12, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Spearman Church of Christ. Frank and Lucy Pittman will present the program. Participants will learn food preparation tips, take home recipes, and enjoy Thai cuisine. This free program is sponsored by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Extension Education clubs. Donations for lunch will be accepted. Call Peggy Winegarner at 659-4131 or 733-2901 for more information. Extension programs are open to all regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, or disability.



Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Talbott of Bedford, TX are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kristie Angela to Reagan Reese Renner, Reagan is the son of Phillip and Lynna Renner of Spearman.

Kristie is the granddaughter of Arthur and Jean Talbott of Hurst, TX. Reagan is the grandson of Norma Jean Mackie and Glen Mackie, and Eloise Renner and the late C.J. Renner, all of Spearman.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Texas A&M University and is employed by TD Ameritrade in For Worth.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Texas A&M University and is employed by AC Lordi Consulting in Dallas.

The couple are planning a May 9, 2009 wedding in Grapevine, TX.

Business of the Year

The 2008 Spearman Chamber involved in several communityof Commerce Business of the Year driving and innovative businesses is the High Plains Observer.

hardworking and innovative people entrepreneur and business owner, .. and the click of a mouse!

The High Plains Observer began in July 2006. The spirit of the business was rooted in the owners' heartfelt conviction of two different items: Community and munity is worth telling and writ-Communication.

These two partners are both lifeong residents of Hansford County. They grew up in Gruver and pictures worth sharing, and that Spearman, respectively.

Growing up in a small town gave Ron Antalek a sense of service. He has spent his life serving the public, working for the City of Spearman, the EMS, the Volunteer Fire Department, serving on the Spearman City Council, entrepreneur and business owner, founder of the SOS Campaign as well as currently serving as the Hansford County Emergency Management Coordinator. Early hours, late hours and just plain hour after hour of service are well known to

Growing up in a small town gave Gina Gillispie a sense of celebration of community. From being the daughter of a couple

to a cheerleader involved in the cel-It all began with an idea, two ebration of her State team, as as cheerleader of business and community serving as Chamber of Commerce Executive Director for seven years.

Both partners feel that our coming about. They believe that the citizens of Spearman and Hansford County have news and stories and the families and friends, as well as former residents of Spearman, care about the news, stories and pictures which provide the seasoning to a sometimes bland world. And because of the success of this venture, their business has now extended to two additional communities - Perryton and Dumas.

Ron and Gina combined their entrepreneurial spirits: his sense of service and her promotion of community to give the citizens of Spearman a forum to share those things which make us a special and unique community and the reason we all choose to live and raise our families here.

2008 Citizen of the Year

Betty Jean Davis Citizen of the Year

Spearman by Superintendent Sumner

Betty Jean Davis was named the 2008 Spearman Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

Betty Jean was introduced by last recipient, Cunningham. Following is the speech he read at the Chamber Banquet on Thursday night. It was written by Betty Jean's son, Jerry Pat Davis, and her daughter, Phyllis Collins, and her grandchildren.

When I first heard that Mother had been named the Citizen of the Year, my first thought was, "she won't like this.' Her reason for not wanting the award would be, "there must e someone who is more deserving than me, why don't you give it to them.

Not many people choose to fly under the limelight radar as much as my Mother does. I know she will accept the award and be grateful that others appreciate her dedication, but notoriety is not #1 on her list.

ings that request our deeds go unnoticed by the human eye, knowing that they are being observed by the only One that matters. I can honestly say that as far back as I can remember, Mother was always there attending to our Motherly needs.

Once all of the kids were gone, she then became a caregiver for others. I would wager a guess that there are not many people at this event who have not in some way or another been a part of a kind deed at the hands of Mother.

There is a character in the Bible that might best describe the actions of Mother, it's the one of Mary. Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany. He was prepared a people's needs above her own. supper by Martha, sister of Mary. ting perfume on their feet and wiping it off with her hair, but she always strives to make the lives of others better. If I had a dollar for reflection of the person she is. every meal she has prepared for loved one), and the list could go on, long as you ever can. I would be a very wealthy person.

I would like to say that even though she hasn't redone the Little League Park or the City Pool, she **ISD** has made the lives of many, many Rod people more pleasant. Speaking for everyone in the room, I would like to say we love you and appreciate your undying devotion to others.

If anyone truly lives by the Golden Rule, it is my Mom. She is the kindest, most generous, caring person in the world. She wants no recognition for all the good things she does. She does them because she truly cares about people. She goes above and beyond the call of

Not only does she care for and help the elderly in our community, she also supports the youth. She is still attending high school basketball and football games, even though she has no grandchildren participating in these activities. She contributes to their college education through the scholarship funds at high school.

She cares about this community and the people in it. People in the community know they can depend on her for anything. When children My Mother adheres to the teach- of elderly people have all moved away and there are no relatives here to take care of their parent or parents, many of them have to depend on Mom to take care of and check on their loved ones, which Mom has done because this is the kind of person she is. She has always and will always be there for anyone who needs her.

> When I think about Betty Jean, I think about all the time she has graciously given to the hospital and hospice. She is one of the most caring, unselfish people I know. I also think about all of the people she has prepared meals for and invited into her home for holiday celebrations. She has always put other

Throughout my life Betty Jean Mary anointed the feet of Jesus and has been an example of what people wiped His feet with her hair. If you should aspire to be. She puts others take this story and apply it the life needs before her own and does not that Mother lives, you see that she do so for recognition or because she is a servant, and in her own quiet feels that she is obligated to. She way, she continues to anoint the does it because she wants to and lives of others. It may n not be put- truly cares about others. Over the years I have witnessed countless acts of kindness and charity from her. Her community service is a

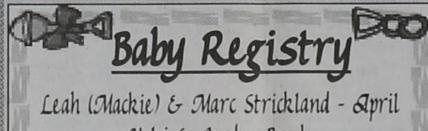
If any one person has actually someone else, every pie she had carried this life motto out, it is taken to Hansford Manor, every trip Betty Jean. 'Do all the good you she has taken to Amarillo to take can, by all the means you can, in someone to a doctor's appointment, all the ways you can, in all the every visit to the Manor to care for places you can, at all the times you a loved one (or maybe not even a can, to all the people you can, as

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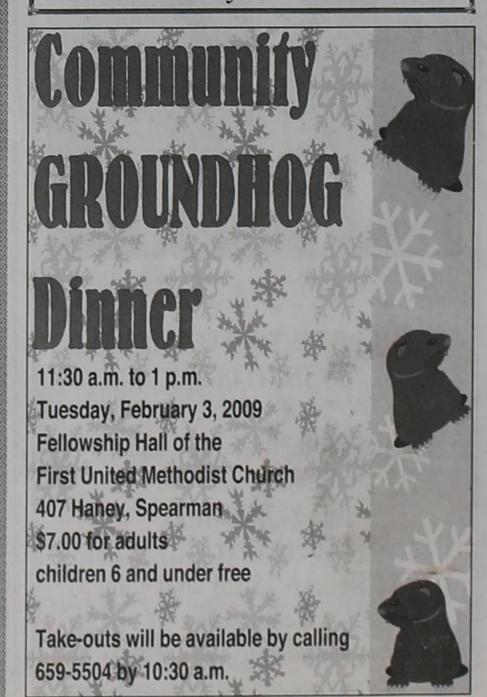
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Sgt. Sullivan Ross Walker

Sullivan Ross Walker was born June 13, 1919 at the old Spivey home place 10 miles west of Gruver. He was the second of the three sons born to Orville and Alice Spivey Walker. He was named for an uncle, Sullivan Ross Spivey, who had been killed in World War I. The uncle had been named for Sul Ross, governor of Texas. Ross' grandfather had fought under Sul Ross' brother on the side of the Confederacy in the Civil War.

Ross started school at Texhoma. He skipped second grade and was put in the class with his older brother, O. V. They later attended grade schools in Goodwell and Hitchland before the family moved to Gruver in 1930. Both boys graduated from Gruver High School in 1936. Ross became a farmer although he spent two years prospecting for gold in Arizona

with his friend, J. W. Chesser. In May of 1940, the War in

Europe took a new turn when the British were pushed back from France to their island. American support of the British increased, and by September a draft of young men in the United States was expected. Orville Walker, Sr. took his sons, Ross and O.V., to Childress to take a qualifying test for Army Air Force volunteers. Of the eleven young men who took the test, only four passed, but the brothers both made the cut. On September 11, 1940, Ross and O. V. were inducted into the Army Air Force at Lubbock, Texas. They were both sent to Brooks Field in San Antonio, Texas for basic training and then moved over to Randolph Field for a twelve-week course to become Airplane Maintenance Technicians. Next the brothers were sent to Ellington Field in Houston. From there, their military paths never joined again. Ross moved to a new base between Midland and Odessa. While there he met Cleo Allsup, who became his wife on November 25, 1942. His last base before being sent overseas was at Sloan Field in Big Spring, Texas. Ross was hangar chief in charge of 60 mechanics who made repairs and inspections on engines and planes.

After the war ended in Europe in May of 1945, a point system was developed to determine who could be released from the service and who needed to stay to help win the war with Japan. An enlisted man with an ASR (Adjusted Service Rating) of 85, if not considered essential, could be discharged. The worthwhile

first of August, Ross had a score of 83, and someone decided to send him to the Philippines. On his way to California, he heard of the second bomb being dropped in Japan. Ross expected to be sent back for discharge, but instead he was shipped out to Leyte in the Philippines on August 30, 1945.

Ross was in the Philippines from September 20 to October 10 before he had enough points for a discharge. The first available ship back to the States was a Dutch troop ship that had escaped from Holland before Hitler had taken the country. Ross remembers the 3-day storm with 60-foot waves that they encountered in transit. Whenever Ross and others would slip up to the middle of the ship, they would see the Captain on his knees praying. There were 7 different religions aboard and prayer in several forms was constant. Ross arrived back in California on November 21, 1945, and he traveled to El Paso for his discharge on November 28.

He and Cleo returned to Hansford County where Ross returned to farming. They had three daughters, Sandra Kay Preston of Owasso, Oklahoma, Martha Anspach of Gruver, and Judy Clemans of Guymon, Oklahoma. Cleo died in 1985. Later Ross and Edna Marie Williams of Gruver were married. The two of them enjoyed many winters at Buchanan Dam in their RV. Edna Marie died Dec. 31, 2008. Ross continues living at the family home west of Gruver. His daughter Martha and her husband David live with him and help to make life

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

Evaluation of Alternative Water Conservation Strategies for the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District to be Conducted By Texas AgriLife Extension Economist

Conservation District is facing eters for each crop will include crop er income and saturated thickness of some critical decisions regarding potential water conservation policies. It has been projected in the Senate Bill 1 and Senate Bill 2 planning efforts that the four Western Counties of the District will fall well short of the goal of having 50% of the groundwater remaining in 50 years. Dr. Steve Amosson, Texas AgriLife economist, will lead a study to evaluate the short term and long term economic implications of alternative water conservation strategies being considered by the District.

The goal of the study will be to develop and update economic optimization and socio-economic models for each the eight counties in the District. Economic optimization models, which consist of individual models for each of the 8 counties in the study area, will estimate changes in the aquifer and farm net income over a 60 year planning period. The parameters for refined or updated to accurately poreach county will include the num- tray the counties in the District. ber of acres planted in each major Three or four different water consercrop, the number of irrigated acres, and the percentage of the county overlying the Ogallala Aquifer. The aquifer characteristics for each county include the average saturated vation strategy will be estimated.

The North Plains Groundwater yield, and recharge. The crop param- insight into the changes in producprice, cost of production, and crop yield. The crop yield will be deter- regional economic activity, income mined by a production function and employment from each conserwhich estimates yield as a response vation strategy evaluated. to applied water.

Socio-economic models evaluate North impacts on the regional economy. For this study, models to evaluate Producers Board, Texas Farm the socio-economic impacts on the Bureau, Texas Cattle Feeders overall study area and selected county impacts of the alternative scenarios will be analyzed. The analysis information gleaned from the study will use the input-output model and will aid the District's Board of Impact analysis for PLANning (IMPLAN). Input-output modeling is a method used to understand the linkages between elements of an economy and estimate the impacts of changes in the economy. To measure impacts, the IMPLAN model produces multipliers which attempt to estimate the total economic impact of expenditures within an economy.

These models will be developed, vation strategies will be evaluated using the economic models, and the impacts of both short (10 years) and long term (60 years) of each conserthickness, depth to water, specific Results of the study will provide

the aquifer, as well as impacts on

Sponsors of the study include Groundwater Plains Conservation District, Texas Corn Association, and the Texas Association of Dairymen. The Directors as they make decisions about the management of the groundwater within the District for the future.

Data

2009 Hansford County Stock Show



Junior Livestock Show and Premium Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, January 30th and 31st in Spearman.

Friday's show will begin at 7 a.m. with the weighing in of all steers and lambs. The grand opening of the show will be held at 9 a.m..

The lamb show will begin at 9 a.m., with the steer show following at 1 p.m.. The weighing of pigs will be held after the steer show.

Saturday's schedule is as follows: 9 a.m. - Swine show; 1 p.m. - judging contest; 6:30 p.m. - floor prices will be auctioned, with the presentation of Showmanship and Commercial Steer Awards. Immediately following the presentation of awards, the auction will begin. The sell order will be - lamb, swine

Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the 4-H and FFA members of Hansford County.

A concession stand with lots of great food will be open both days, barbecue brisket plates will be available at 5 p.m. on Saturday before the sale prepared by Richard and Wanda Wagner with proceeds going to 4-H

Members of the Hansford County Junior Livestock Show Board of Directors are: Dakota Cator, President, Spearman FFA; Lynn Vela, President, Gruver FFA; Brenna Reid, President, Morse 4-H; Dani Wheelock, President, Gruver 4-H; Dakota Cator, President, Spearman 4-H; Kevin Holt, Board President, Hansford County Stock Show.

Scheduled Participants Gruver 4-H Entries (51): Kaycee Anderson, Market Swine; Rayel Anderson, Market Lambs; Rayel Anderson, Market Swine; Taos Anderson, Market Lambs; Taos Anderson, Market Steers; Taos Anderson, Market Swine; Gabi Boyd, Market Swine; Sabrina Butman, Market Steers; Sabrina Butman, Market Lambs; Sabrina Butman, Market Swine; Braxton Crane, Market Swine; Braxton Crane, Market Lambs; Makenzie Crane, Market Lambs; Anthony Deluna, Market Swine; Anthony Deluna, Market Lambs; Kelsey Deluna, Market Lambs; Kelsey Deluna, Market Swine; Trenton Finley, Market Lambs; Trenton Finley, Market Swine; KD Mccloy Market, Lambs; Katy Mclennan, Market Swine; Macy Mclennan, Market Swine; Kaitlyn Stedje, Commercial Carcass St: Kaitlyn Stedje, Market Lambs; Kaitlyn Stedje, Market Steers; Megan Stedje, Market Swine; Megan Stedje, Market Lambs; Megan Stedje, Commercial Carcass St; Travis Stedje, Market Swine; Travis Stedje, Commercial Carcass St; Travis Stedje, Market Lambs; Travis Stedje, Market Steers Bailey Stedje, Commercial Carcass St; Bailey Stedje, Market Lambs; Bailey Stedje, Market Steers; Bailey Stedje, Market Stedje, Market Swine; Callie Stedje, Market Steers; Callie Stedje, Market Lambs; Tyler Stedje, Market. Swine; Tyler Stedje, Market Steers; Tyler Stedje, Market Lambs; Tyler Stedje, Commercial Carcass St; Payton Thoreson, Market Swine; Dani Wheelock, Market Lambs; Makayla Wheelock, Market Lambs; Addie Williams, Market Swine; Hudson Williams, Market Swine; Taylor Williams, Market Steers; Laurcen Williams, Market Swine Gruver FFA Entries (15): Travis Boyd, Market

Swine; Makenzie Crane, Market Swine; Blake Fitzgearld, Market Swine; Cory Graves, Market Swine; Cory Graves, Market Lambs; Parker Grotegut, Market Swine; Haden Hart, Market Swine; Jordan Hicks, Market Swine; Jack Karlin, Market Swine; Reagan Karlin, Market Swine; Miles Messer, Market Lambs; Miles Messer, Market Swine; Rily Urban, Market Swine; Shelby Williams, Market Swine; Taylor Williams, Market Swine;

Gruver Jr. FFA Entries (20): Blaise Davis, Market Swine; Michaela Davis, Market Swine; Dax Haight, Market Swine; Macy Haight, Market Swine; Karsten Irwin, Market Swine; Klaire Irwin, Market Swine; Greyson Karlin, Market Swine; Kennedy King, Market Swine; Mason Mclain, Market Swine; Bailey

The annual Hansford County Rae Poer, Market Lambs; Bailey Rae Poer, Market Swine; Wyatt Poer, Market Lambs; Wyatt Poer, Market Swine; Creed Spivey, Market Swine; Hadlee Spivey, Market Swine; Hadlee Spivey, Kennedy Market Lambs; Venneman, Market Swine; Market Madison Williams, Swine; Ashley Williams, Market



Swine; Carson Williams, Market Swine Morse 4-H Entries (44): Reese Clark, Market Swine; Reese Clark, Market Steers; Reese Clark, Market Lambs; Ry Clark, Market Lambs; Ry Clark, Market Steers; Ry Clark, Market Swine; Jennifer Crowl, Market Swine; Jennifer Crowl, Market Lambs; Jonathan Crowl, Market Swine; Jonathan Crowl, Market Lambs; Shakota Field, Market Lambs; Shakota Field, Market Swine; Sheldon Field, Market Swine: Sheldon Field, Market Lambs; Gena Gillispie, Market Lambs; Carlee Johnson, Market Swine; Steven Johnson, Market Swine; Jace Lane, Market Lambs; Jace Lane, Market Steers; Jace Lane, Market Swine; Molly Lieb, Market Swine; Audrey Lieb, Commercial Carcass St; Audrey Lieb, Market Steers; Audrey Lieb, Market Swine; Jacob Lieb, Commercial Carcass St; Jacob Lieb, Market Swine; Jacob Lieb, Market Steers; Wil McCloy, Market Steers; Wil McCloy, Commercial Carcass St; Haylee Miesner, Market Lambs: Katie Miesner, Market Lambs; Brenna Reid, Market Swine; Brenna Reid, Commercial Carcass St; Brenna Reid, Market Lambs; Brenna Reid, Market Steers; Ramiro Rivera, Market Lambs; Ramiro Rivera, Market Swine; Saira Rivera, Market Lambs; Saira Rivera, Market Swine; Emilynn Robinson, Market Lambs; Emilynn Robinson, Market Swine; William Robinson, Market Swine; William Robinson,

Market Lambs; Lupe Trejo, Market Swine

Spearman 4-H Entries (54): Tanner Baird, Market Swine; Trenton Baird, Market Swine; Lexi Batton, Market Swine; Lexi Batton, Market Lambs; Tate Batton, Market Steers; Tate Batton, Market Lambs; Tate Batton, Market Swine; Tammy Benton, Market Steers; Tammy Benton, Market Lambs; Allison Brown, Market Lambs; Allison Brown, Market Swine; Beau Brown, Market Swine; Beau Brown, Market Lambs; Jaci Burgin, Commercial Carcass St; Jaci Burgin, Market Swine; Colton Cator, Market Lambs; Colton Cator, Market Swine; Dakota Cator, Market Lambs; Kyler Cator, Market Lambs; Cooper DeArmond, Market Swine; Cooper DeArmond, Market Lambs; Lane Farrar, Market Lambs; Addam Ferguson, Market Lambs; Lauren Ferguson, Market Lambs; Tyann Hight, Market Swine; Tyann Hight, Market Lambs; Bryce Jarvis, Market Swine; Daniel Jarvis, Market Lambs; Daniel Jarvis, Market Swine; Matthew Jarvis, Market Lambs; Swine; Callie Stedje, Commercial Carcass St; Callie Richard Jarvis, Market Lambs; Richard Jarvis, Market Swine; Dustyn Kelley, Market Lambs; Dustyn Kelley, Market Swine; Halston Kenney, Market Lambs; Halston Kenney, Market Swine; Hunter Kenney, Market Lambs; Hunter Kenney, Market Swine; Malory Martin, Market Swine; Joshus Martinez, Market Swine; Trace Patterson, Market Swine; Zane Patterson, Market Swine; Zane Patterson, Market Steers; Lilly Patterson, Market Swine; Calli Pearson, Market Swine; Carson Pearson, Market Swine; Maggie Pipkin, Market Swine; Kevin Ruiz, Market Lambs; Kevin Ruiz, Market Swine; Ryan Schnell, Market Swine; Tyler Schnell, Market Swine; Brantly Shields, Market Swine; Brantly Shields, Market Lambs; Mabry Sutterifield, Market Swine

Spearman FFA Entries (14): Nikki Boyd, Market Swine Francisco Camacho, Market Swine; Dakota Cator, Market Swine; Kyler Cator, Market Swine; Seth Coates, Market Swine; Tylo Farrar, Market Lambs; Addam Ferguson, Market Swine; Matthew Jarvis, Market Swine; Jake Leicht, Market Swine; Joe Martinez, Market Swine; Blaine Pack, Market Swine; Lauren Patterson, Market Swine; Jordon Snider, Market Swine; Sawyer Sutterfield,

Total

Market Swine

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PRINGLE-MORSE CONSOLIDATED ISD STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE **GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS** FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2008

Contro		General Fund	Other Funds	Governmental Funds	
5700	REVENUES: Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,910,120	\$ 28,768	\$ 1,938,888	
5800 5900	State Program Revenues Federal Program Revenues	677,331	6,306 110,333	683,637 110,333	
5020	Total Revenues	2,587,451	145,407	2,732,858	
	EXPENDITURES:				
C	urrent:				
0011	Instruction	877,248	49,952	927,200	
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	43,227		43,227	
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	7,764	8,294	16,058	
0023	School Leadership	76,620	-	76,620	
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	874		874	
0033	Health Services	11,241		11,241	
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	115,050	- 4	115,050	
0035	Food Services		108,601	108,601	
0036	Extracurricular Activities	22,540		22,540	
0041	General Administration	143,930		143,930	
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	217,726		217,726	
0053	Data Processing Services	77,494	-	77,494	
0061	Community Services	994		994	
In	tergovernmental:				
0091	Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	919,764	-	919,764	
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	9,799	12,677	22,476	
6030	Total Expenditures	2,524,271	179,524	2,703,795	
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	63,180	(34,117)	29,063	
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7915	Transfers In		34,117	34,117	
8911	Transfers Out (Use)	(34,117)	-	(34,117)	
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(34,117)	34,117		
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	29,063	-	29,063	
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,802,256		1,802,256	
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 1,831,319	\$ -	\$ 1,831,319	

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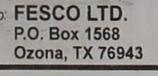
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Hansford County Sports

Basketball Rankings

High school basketball rankings as compiled by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches and Tex Preps Basketball magazine for this week:

Class 2A Boys: 1 New Waverley (20-3), 2 Ponder (25-1), 3 Whitewright (22-1), 4 Gladewater Sabine (26-3), 5 Krum (22-4), 6 Floydada (21-1), 7 Edgewood (20-5), 8 Spearman (20-2), 9 Shallowater (17-4), 10 Newton (12-6), 11 Brock (20-6), 12 Little River Academy (20-4), 13 Hitchcock (16-10), 14 Jarrell (17-7), 15 San Antonio Cole (20-5), 16 Universal City Randolph (20-2), 17 Hearne (16-6), 18 Wall (22-3), 19 Maypearl (20-3), 20 Kermit (17-4)

Class 1A Division I Boys: 1 Cayuga (8-3), 2 Plains (18-1), 3 Clarendon (15-4), 4 Wheeler (18-2), 5 Big Sandy (15-9), 6 Avery (21-2), 7 Detroit (20-5), 8 Petrolia (18-4), 9 Bronte (21-2), 10 Roscoe (16-3), 11 Eula (19-6), 12 Itasca (15-7), 13 Bartlett (16-7), 14 Normangee (11-4), 15 Mumford (22-2), 16 Tenaha (17-5), 17 New Deal (16-4), 18 Anton (20-4), 19 San Antonio Stacy (14-5), 20 Mt. Enterprise

Class 2A Girls: 1 Winnsboro 26-0, 2 Bowie 26-2, 3 Wall 23-2 4 Peaster 22-1, 5 Shallowater 21-2, 6 Poth 15-5, 7 Kountze 19-5, 8 Brock 16-8, 9 Krum 22-4, 10 Abernathy 16-4, 11 Jim Ned 17-8, 12 San Saba 23-1, 13 New Waverly 15-4, 14 Halletsville 20-4, 15 Hempstead 19-5, 16 Ponder 24-4, 17 Melissa 18-3, 18 Woodville 20-4, 19 Industrial 20-3, 20 Godley 23-2

(14-7)

Class 1A Division I Girls: 1 Winnsboro 28-0, 2 Bowie 28-2, 3 Wall 25-2, 4 Shallowater 23-2, 5 Poth 17-5, 6 Kountze 21-5, 7 Brock 20-8, 8 Peaster 23-2, 9 Abernathy 18-4, 10 Jim Ned 19-8, 11 San Saba 26-1, 12 Ponder 26-4, 13 Krum 24-5, 14 New Waverly 17-4, 15 Halletsville 21-4, 16 Hempstead 21-5, 17 Melissa 20-3, 18 Woodville 22-4, 19 Industrial 22-3, 20 Godley 25-2

Globe-News HS **Basketball Rankings**

(1/28/09)Boys 3A-2A-1A - 1. Floydada (22-1, 2-0), **2. Spearman** (19-2, 2-0), 3. Vega (20-2, 3-0), 4. Wheeler (16-1, 3-0), 5. Clarendon (14-4, 3-0)

Girls 3A-2A-1A . 1. Canadian (19-2, 3-0), 2. Wellington (23-1, 3-0), 3. Gruver (19-6, 3-0), 4. Spearman (19-3, 3-0), 5. McLean (17-10, 3-0)

Basketball Standings (1/28/09)

District 1-2A - Girls							
Team	Dist.	Overall					
Panhandle	6-0	17-10					
Spearman	5-1	20-4					
River Road	3-3	13-17					
Bushland	3-3	9-14					
Highland Park	1-5	10-17					
Sanford-Fritch	0-6	4-19					
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Tuesday's Games: Bushland, 56 .at Sanford-Fritch, 38, Spearman, 59 at Highland Park, 38, River Road, 41 at Panhandle,

Friday's Games (6 p.m.): Spearman at Bushland, Panhandle at Sanford-Fritch, Highland Park at River Road.

District 1-2A - Boys							
Team		Overall					
Spearman	4-0	21-2					
Panhandle	3-1	13-9					
Bushland	3-1	12-8					
Highland Park	1-3	17-8					
River Road	1-3	11-15					
Conford Eritch	0.4	5 15					

Tuesday's Games: Bushland, 70 at Sanford-Fritch, 42, Spearman, 79 at Highland Park, 54, River Road, 53 at Panhandle,

Friday's Games (7:30 p.m.): Spearman at Bushland, Panhandle at Sanford-Fritch, Highland Park at River Road.

Basketball Statistics

(1/23/09)Classes 3A-2A-1A Boys Team Offense

Team Avg. Spearman 65.7 Clarendon 63.5 Kress 61.5 Vega 61.3 Highland Park 58.2 Stratford 54.3 Follett 49.2

Team Defense

Team Avg. Follett 35.3 Vega 39.8 Spearman 42.5 Clarendon 43.8 Stratford 44.2 Kress 44.8 Highland Park 47.9

Individual Scoring Player, Team Points Avg. Ashmore, Spearman 548

Flemons, Childress 468 18.7 Wood, Childress 380 15.2 Galbraith, Vega 314 14.3 J. Gaines, Clarendon 255 14.2 K. Williams, Highland Park 322

Wilson, Memphis 268 13.4 Wilson, Clarendon 242 13.4 Hernandez, Follett 133 13.3 Harwell, Vega 245 12.3 Hernandez, Highland Park 282

Gruhlkey, Vega 250 11.4 Alexander, Memphis 228 11.4 Cummings, Stratford 103 11.4 Blau, Follett 113 11.3 Wright, Stratford 102 11.3 Morris, Vega 244 11.1 Horsford, Stratford 95 10.5 J. Williams, Highland Park 235

Individual Rebounding Player, Team Reb. Avg. Wilson, Memphis 209 10.4 Alexander, Memphis 208 10.4 Ashmore, Spearman 203

Hernandez, Follett 90 9.0 Wilson, Clarendon 140 7.8 Shelton, Clarendon 137 7.6 Kyle Horsford, Stratford 67 7.4 Wright, Stratford 66 7.3 Ponder, Highland Park 157 7.1 Morris, Vega 154 7.0 Hicks, Childress 174 6.9 K. Williams, Highland Park 155

Harwell, Vega 133 6.7 Franks, Follett 64 6.4 Galbraith, Vega 137 6.2

Classes 3A-2A-1A Girls Team Offense

Team Avg Canadian 72.5 Spearman 55.7 Wellington 51.7 Follett 51.6 Dalhart 50.3 Vega 45.3 Boys Ranch 43.2 River Road 41.8

Team Defense

Team Avg. Wellington 29.2 Vega 35.2 Spearman 38.1 Canadian 40.8 River Road 45.7 Boys Ranch 47.5 Dalhart 48.0 Follett 49.0

Individual Scoring Player, Team Points Avg. Johnson, Muleshoe 384 16.7 Saul, Canadian 371 16.1 Jones, Boys Ranch NA 15.9 Schneiderjan, Dalhart 379 15.8 Ashmore, Spearman 347 15.8

Ross, Memphis 290 15.2 Davis, Memphis 286 15.0 Velasquez, River Road 343 14.9 Matthews, Vega 344 14.3 Warrick, Wellington 335 13.9 Woods, Follett 219 12.9 Rinker, Perryton 287 12.5 Clark, Memphis 213 11.8 Pittman, Spearman 237 10.8

Woods, River Road 273 10.1 Individual Rebounding Player, Team Reb. Avg. Warrick, Wellington 295 12.3 Ross, Memphis 218 11.5 Davis, Memphis 193 10.1 Velasquez, River Road 202 8.8 Woods, Follett 129 7.6 Steele, Dalhart 177 7.4 Chintsanya, Boys Ranch NA 7.4 Rinker, Perryton 166 7.2 Matthews, Vega 167 7.0 McNeely, Follett 118 6.9 Jeffers, Dalhart 147 6.1 Hanna, Spearman NA 6.1 Saul, Canadian 139 6.0 Smith, Boys Ranch NA 6.0

SPEARMAN ISD

3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)

1/23/09 Varsity Lynx Spearman Lynx 66 Panhandle Panthers 43

Varsity Lynxettes Spearman Lynxettes 47 Panhandle Pantherettes 52

1/27/09 Varsity Lynx Spearman 79 Highland Park 54

Calendar of Events

Spearman ISD Jan. 29 - Early Dismissal for Hansford County Livestock Show, 1:00

Jan. 29 - District CX Debate Contest - WTA&MU

Jan. 30 - NO School - Hansford County Livestock Show Jan. 30 - JV/V Lynx & Lynxettes at Bushland, 6 & 7:30 p.m. Jan. 31 - JH Choir Solo & Ensemble Contest - WTA&MU

Gruver ISD

Jan. 29 - Early Dismissal for Hansford County Livestock Show, 12

Jan. 30 - NO School - Hansford County Livestock Show Jan. 30 - GHS vs. Sunray, 4-9:30 p.m.

Pringle-Morse CISD Jan. 29 - Early Dismissal for Hansford County Livestock Show Jan. 30 - NO School - Hansford Co Stock Show

Records: Spearman 21-2 overall, 4-0 in District 1-2A. Highland Park

Top Scorers: S-Jordan Ashmore 30, Tyler Schnell 18. HP-Joseph Williams 16, Bryan Ponder 14.

What Happened: The Lynx remained undefeated in District 1-2A as Jordan Ashmore scored 30 points and Tyler Schnell added 18. Spearman took control early by outscoring the Hornets 22-8 in the opening period and building a 45-20 lead at halftime.

> Varsity Lynxettes Spearman 59

Highland Park 38 Records: Spearman 20-4 overall, 5-1 in District 1-2A. Highland Park

Top Scorers: S-Leanna Espinosa 16, Shelby Hanna 14. HP-Ashley Wolfe 6, Gabby Hernandez 6.

What Happened: The Lynxettes broke open a close game at halftime by outscoring host Highland Park 20-9 in the third quarter. Spearman remained in sole possession of second place in 1-2A.

7th Grade Lynx Lynx 12, Bushland 39

8th Grade Lynx Lynx 49, Bushland 23

9th Grade Lynx Lynx 26, Bushland 36

JV White Lynx JV White Lynx 32, Bushland 45

1/20/09 Varsity Lynxettes Sanford-Fritch 13 24 40 51

Spearman 19 38 55 80 SF-Jameson 14, Jaronski 10; S-Morgan Ashmore 26, Shelby Hanna 17, Bond Pittman 12; Records: Spearman 19-3, 4-0; Sanford-Fritch 4-16, 0-4, JV: Sanford-Fritch 13, Spearman 36.

Varsity Lynx Sanford-Fritch 9 9 11 29 Spearman 22 45 59 75 F-Cunningham 15, Wood 5; S-Jordan Ashmore 25, Tate Batton 13, Brett Winegarner 10. Records: Sanford-Fritch 5-13, 0-2; Spearman

JV Lynx JV Lynx 39, Sanford-Fritch 27

19-2, 2-0.

JV Lynxettes JV Lynxettes 26, Sanford-Fritch

GRUVER ISD

1/23/09 Varsity Hounds Gruver 16 27 42 55 West Texas 3 15 22 36

SG-Riley Urban 15, Tyler Wills 10. WT-Brian Kelly 11, A.J. Haynes 10. Records: West Texas 9-12, 1-2; Gruver 15-7, 3-0.

Jr. Varsity Hounds Gruver 32, West Texas 30 (2 OT)

Varsity Lady Hounds Gruver 18 35 54 69 West Texas 12 17 31 40 G-Lynn Vela 22, Mattie Yanke 14. WT-Jenna Wilson 15, Amber Christman 8. Records: Gruver, West Texas 3-20, 0-4.

Jr. Varsity Lady Hounds Gruver 31, West Texas 29.

1/27/09 Varsity Hounds Stratford 11 22 41 51

Gruver 9 18 31 41 S-Tyler Wright 13, Kyle Horsford 10; G- Riley Urban 12, Taylor Williams 11. Records: Stratford 8-3, 4-0; Gruver 15-8, 3-

Varsity Lady Hounds Stratford 1 3 6 18 Gruver 11 24 38 5 S-Sinead Everett 7, G-Madison McLain 15, Lynn Vela 13. Records: Stratford 8-15, 2-3; Gruver 21-6, 5-

JV Hounds Stratford 34, Gruver 37.

SPEARMAN JR. HIGH TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Saturday's Scores 7th Grade Girls - Stratford defeated Panhandle B 37-20 7th Grade Boys - Stratford defeated Panhandle B 44-16 8th Grade Girls - Stratford defeated Shamrock 24-20

8th Grade Boys - Stratford defeated Panhandle B 40-22 7th Grade Girls - Gruver defeated Panhandle B 36-18 7th Grade Boys - Gruver defeated Panhandle B 47-5 8th Grade Girls - Gruver defeated Shamrock 28-18 8th Grade Boys - Gruver

Spearman Scores 7 Grade Girls Gruver defeated Spearman 27-20 7 Grade Girls Spearman defeated

defeated Panhandle B 31-27

Stratford 25-20 7 Grade Boys Gruver defeated Spearman 33-29 7 Grade Boys Stratford defeated Spearman 29-26 8 Grade Girls Spearman defeated

Gruver 19-18 8 Grade Girls Spearman defeated Stratford 36-4 8 Grade Boys Spearman defeated 8 Grade Boys Spearman defeated

Stratford 41-37 overtime **Tournament Champions** 7th Grade Girls Spearman 7th Grade Boys Stratford 8th Grade Girls Spearman

8th Grade Boys Spearman

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Lady Aggies Fall to **Texas-Permian Basin**

By Scott Puryear of OPSU Sports on 01/23/2009 It was women's basketball in the OPSU gym on Thursday night with the Lady Aggies of Oklahoma Panhandle State University going up against the Falcons from the University of Texas-Permian Basin. The Falcons picked up the win 58-49.

It began as a low scoring contest and with 13:00 left to play in the first half, the Lady Aggies trailed 8-7 and with ten minutes left they trailed 14-12. The game stayed close and with 6:20 to play OPSU's Kariz Bioni nailed a pair of free throws to tie the game at 16-16. However, the Falcons went on a 10-2 run to close the half and went to the lockers ahead 26-16.

In the second half and with 15:00 to play in the game, the Falcons had increased their advantage to 33-21 and at the 11:00 mark the Falcons led 39-29. With four minutes on the clock, the Falcons still held a ten point advantage (48-38) and they closed it out for their 58-49 over the Lady Aggies.

Bioni, a 5'9 junior guard, had a great night with a "double-double" (23 points and ten rebounds). Christy Lang chipped in nine points and six rebounds while Lauren Cherry added six points, nine rebounds, and a pair

Both teams are part of the Heartland Conference and with the win the Falcons raised their record to 4-12 on the year and 2-3 in the league.

The Lady Aggies, now 2-15 on the year (1-4 in the conference) will be in Denver, Colorado this Saturday for a non-conference matchup with Johnson and Wales University. There will not be a radio broadcast available for that contest...

Lady Aggies Earn Big **Overtime Victory in Denver**

By Scott Puryear of OPSU Sports on 01/26/2009 Nicole Candelaria and Kariz Bioni combined for 49 points to lead the Oklahoma Panhandle State Lady Aggies to a thrilling 84-80 overtime victory over Johnson & Wales on Saturday afternoon in Denver, Colorado. The contest was dead even at the end of regulation at 71-71, but the Lady Aggies outscored their opponents 13-9 in the extra period to pick up their third win of the season.

The Lady Aggies held the advantage at halftime, 30-25. For the game, Candelaria scored 26 points while Bioni knocked down 23. Halee Edwards and Lauren Cherry each scored eight for OPSU while

Bioni and Candelaria pulled down six and five rebounds, respectively. A very key statistic in the Lady Aggie victory was their 15 steals compared to just four for J&W. Cherry and Bioni each had four swipes. Both Edwards and Rachel Beck had two steals for OPSU while Cherry was the assist leader with three.

It was a non-conference game for the Lady Aggies (now 3-15 on the

OPSU will be back on their home court this week for a pair of Heartland Conference games. On Thursday, a good team representing St. Edward's will be in town, and on Saturday, they will match-up with league leading St. Mary's.

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SPEARMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

	FOR T	HE YEAR END				200	8			The state of
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C	Current:									
0011	Instruction	4,524,083							401,695	4,925,778
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	142,641						1,125	22	143,788
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	51,485							1,355	52,840
0021	Instructional Leadership	2,500								2,500
0023	School Leadership	384,370		7000				3000		384,370
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	189,783		1500						189,783
0033	Health Services	81,351								81,351
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	346,827							3	346,827
0035	Food Services							9 00 13.	402,881	402,881
0036	Extracurricular Activities	311,179					2 / -		1,475	312,654
0041	General Administration	485,949								485,949
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	841,723								841,723
0053	Data Processing Services	94,363								94,363
0061	Community Services	39,066								39,066
	Debt Service:									
0071	Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt								305,000	305,000
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0073	Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees Capital Outlay:							1000	451	451
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0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	61,146							pre-	61,146
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	4,610			The same					4,610
6030	Total Expenditures	7,561,076		6.	24	,430	1,189,520	2,558,260	1,606,060	12,939,346
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REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE: Trailer house in Morse with lot. 2BR, 1B. For more information call 806-733-2227 or 806-736-0566 or 806-736-0567. TFN(1-22-09)B

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED: Gigot Agra Products, Valley Center Pivot Dealer, is seeking additional serv-Dealer, is seeking additional service technicians at our Spearman location. Experience desired, but not required. Benefit package is available. Send resume to PO Box 1413, Guymon OK 73942, or call 580-338-2536 or 806-659-3121. TFN(9-18-08)B
HELP WANTED: Experienced Tractor Operator needed in Sunray, GS2 RTK knowledge a plus. Must

GS2 RTK knowledge a plus. Must be self-motivated and mechanically inclined. Contact 806-922-6119.

2(1-29-09)B
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PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Commission of the City of Spearman, Texas, the Honorable Mayor and City Commission of the City of Gruver, Texas, and the General Manager of the Palo Duro River Authority and the Board of Directors for the sealcoating of approximately. 117,550, square

approximately 117,550 square yards of streets and alleys entitled: SEALCOATING – 2009 will be received at the office of the City Manager of the City of Gruver at City Hall, 201 E. Broadway, P.O. Box 947, Gruver, Texas, 79040 until

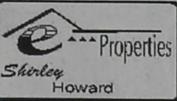
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or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the Owner an amount an amount equal to not less than equal to not less than five percent of the bid submitted, of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as guar-pany each bid as guarantee that, if awarded the contract, awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen days after receipt of Contract Documents, enter into a contract with the Owner and will execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. Any bid received after the time and date listed above will be returned unopened and will not be consid-

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of the City Manager, City of Gruver, 201 E. Broadway, P.O. Box 947, Gruver, Texas 79040, phone (806) 733-2424, the office of the City 733-2424, the offices of the City Manager, City of Spearman, 30 Southwest Court, P.O. Box 37, Spearman, Texas 79081, phone (806) 659-2524, the office of Palo Duro River Authority 14320 River Authority Rd., Spearman, Texas 79081, phone (806) 882-4401, and the office of Brandt Engineers, Consulting Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, telephone (806) 353-7233.

Plans and Specifications may be obtained from the Engineers, Brandt Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, phone (806) 353-7233 in the following manner:

Cost: Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), non-refundable, for each set of plans and specifications.

Performance and Payment bonds shall be set forth in the

Contract documents. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. In case of ambiguity or lack of clear-ness, the Owner reserves the right to adopt such interpretations as may be most advantageous or to reject the bid as informal. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 30 days from the bid opening

CITY OF SPEARMAN CITY OF GRUVER PALO DURO RIVER AUTHORITY 2(1-22-08)B

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed Proposals addressed to Ed Hansen, City Manager, City of Spearman, P.O. Box 37, Spearman, Texas, 79018-0037 for the reconstruction of approximately 4,000 square feet of sidewalk and all associated appurtenances enti-

DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK **IMPROVEMENTS** WEST SIDE OF MAIN STREET FROM DAVIS STREET

TO HANCOCK STREET will be received in the office of the City Manager, City of Spearman, at City Hall, 30 Southwest Court, Spearman, Texas, until:

FEBRUARY 12, 2009 2:00 P.M. At this time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read 0

Any bid received after closing time

will be returned unopened. February 12, 2009 A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the City of Spearman in the Bidder will, within fifteen days after receipt of Contract

execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

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2(12-25-08)B

The Zoning Board of Adjustment of The City of Gruver, Texas will hold a public hearing to discuss a variance at 301 Womble Ave., East Addition, Block 1, Lots 30-32. The variance in guestion is a short in the

Addition, Block 1, Lots 30-32. The variance in question is a shop in the back yard with the front five feet extending on City of Gruver Road Easement Right of Way.

The public meeting will be held by and before the City Council and Zoning Board of Adjustments on the 4th day of February 2009 at 6:00pm in the City Council Chamber of the City Hall of the City of Gruver, 201 East Broadway, Gruver, Texas. At this time and place all such persons shall have the right to appear and be heard. the right to appear and be heard. Of all said matters and things, all persons interested in the things and matters herein mentioned, will take

Dated this 29th day of January

City of Gruver
By Kayla McLennon
City Manager
I, the undersigned authority, do
hereby certify the above Notice of
Meeting of the governing body of
the above named City of Gruver is
a true and correct copy of said a true and correct copy of said Notice and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board, in the City Hall of coild City of Correct Toyon a place said City of Gruver, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times,

and said Notice was posted on January 29, 2009 at 1:00pm, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the

scheduled time of said meeting. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids of services such, as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, large print or Braille, are requested to contact Steve McKay at 806-733-2424 prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated this 29th day of January

City of Gruver By Kayla McLennon City Manager 1(1-29-08)B

PUBLIC NOTICE

Texas Department of Transportation will host an Informational Meeting on March 5, 2009 concerning the planning of

future projects.

This informational meeting is held to explain how the department plans transportation projects. We would like to receive the public's input regarding the current Transportation Improvement Plan for the district.

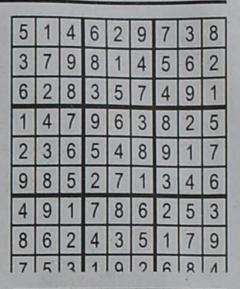
The meeting will be Thursday, March 5, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. It will be located at the Borger Chamber of Commerce, 613 Main Street, Borger Texas.

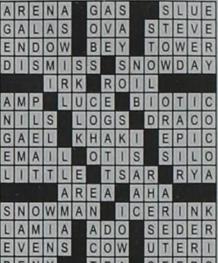
The meeting will cover trans-portation plans for all areas of the Panhandle and the city of Amarillo. An overall view of the planning process will be presented, as well as the criteria used for selecting individual projects. Draft versions of current transportation plans will be presented at the meeting for public

The public is invited to speak regarding projects currently planned or any additional projects that might be proposed. Speakers will be limited to five minutes. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding any project may be submitted at the meeting. Written statements and other exhibits may be submitted to the District Office at 5715 Canyon Drive (P.O. Box 7368) Amarillo, Texas 79114-7368. Comments must be received no later than March 15,

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Persons interested in attending the meeting whom have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Cheryl Luther at 806.356.3249. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

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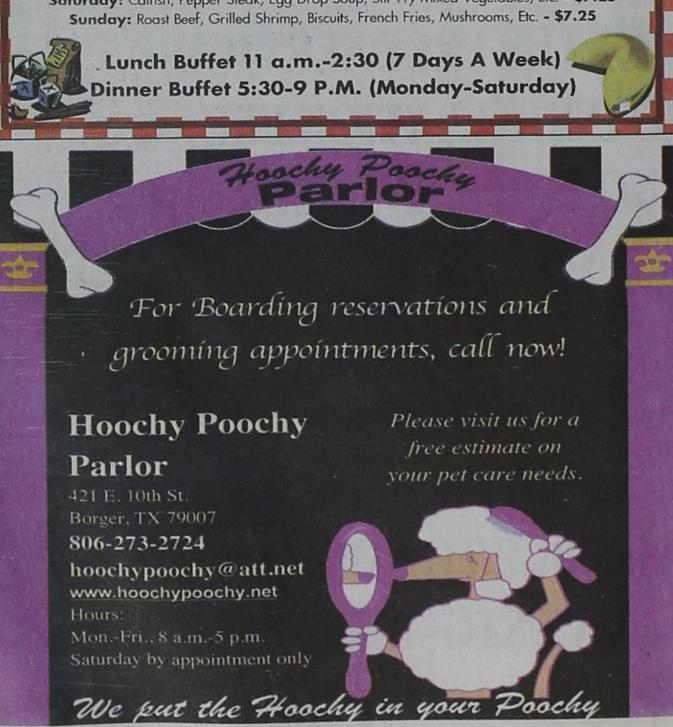
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by Dorothy Hudson Jim Derington Palo Duro River Authority at the Lake P.O. Box 99 Spearman, TX 79081 806-882-4401 pdra@dishmail.net

Lake Level-January 26, 2009-21.35 feet

Jim has an interesting picture of the Great Blue Heron that is wintering at the Lake. Most of these fourfoot tall birds head south for the winter, but usually a small number stay. Jim isn't sure if we have just the one this year or if there are more. One is all that he sees at a

Michael Cole came back this weekend with his friend that writes articles on bald eagles for a Plainview paper.

Many in Spearman knew Michael's father who pastored the Methodist Church at one time. The men set up a blind on Saturday evening and expected to be in it early Sunday morning. Jim saw a pair of mature bald eagles at 6:00 PM Saturday evening. He thinks the big birds are roosting north of the dam now, but he isn't sure where.

Jim Cator's Story The Christmas story from Jim

Cator's writings ended thus-'We pulled up the creek to where

the Simmons (Buschman) Ranch

is." That was Christmas Day in

"We stayed there two days and rode over on Hackberry creek and out east to Wolfe creek but no buffaloes were there to speak of. So we pulled up to creek where Less Cator (Holt Family Ranch) is now and camped a day. Then followed this old trail that went to Fort Bascom to the Little Blue south of Dumas. Killed 90 bulls on Blue Cimmarone if we did not find buffalo only a few stragglers. We came back to the Palo Duro and went south and struck Moore's creek. We found no buffaloes so pulled back to the flats and went east along the breaks and got down to where the Turkey Track Ranch is now. Still no buffalo, but worlds of deer and turkeys on all the creeks.

"We came back to the Palo Duro and went back to Blue Creek, Killed 130 buffaloes. This was in April." I am curious if they had set up a camp on the Palo Duro, as they seem to be coming back to the Palo Duro as they are looking for buffa-

To be continued.

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This is a Blue Heron

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Duro.

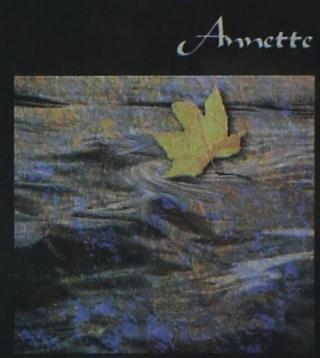
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