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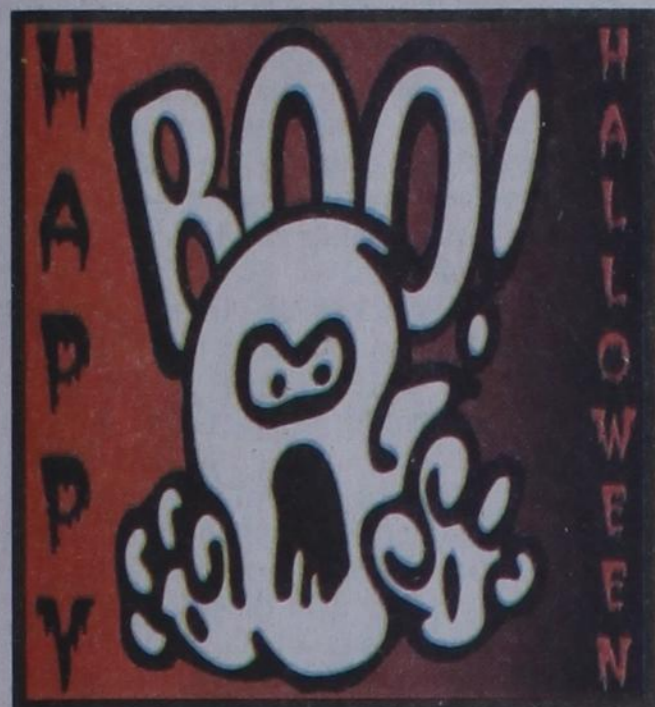
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Halloween
Trick or Treating

The cities of
Spearman
and Gruver
will officially
celebrate Halloween
on
SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 28, 2011



Spearman Lynxettes - 1-2A District Champions

(L-R) Gena Hargrove, Gately Garnett, Malory Martin, Sarah Snider, Itzel Meza, Tylo Farrar, Shelby Hanna. Tylo Farrar won her 3rd individual girls title.
Photo by Tami Hargrove. Pictures available at <http://spearmansports.smugmug.com>. See related article on Page 6



Gruver Lady Hounds - 7-1A District Champions

(L-R) Maggie Gaspar, Emilynn Robinson, Madison McLain, Bailey Stedje, Taylor Felderhoff, Shelley Gibson, Macy McLennan, Reagan Haynes, Daniela Luciano. Shelley Gibson won the individual girls title.
Photo by Kimberly Irwin. See related article on Page 6

COME TO THE GAME

SPEARMAN LYNX
vs Fritch
on 10/28
at 7:30 p.m.
in Fritch

Gruver Greyhounds vs
White Deer on 10/28
at 7:30 p.m.
in White Deer

Spearman Lynx
The 7th & 8th Grade will play Fritch in Fritch on October 20th. The 7th grade will play at 5 and the 8th grade will play at 6:15. The JV will play Fritch in Fritch on October 20th at 6 p.m.

Gruver Greyhounds
The Gruver Jr. High will play White Deer in Gruver on Thursday, October 20th at 5 p.m.. The Gruver JV does not have a game scheduled at this time.

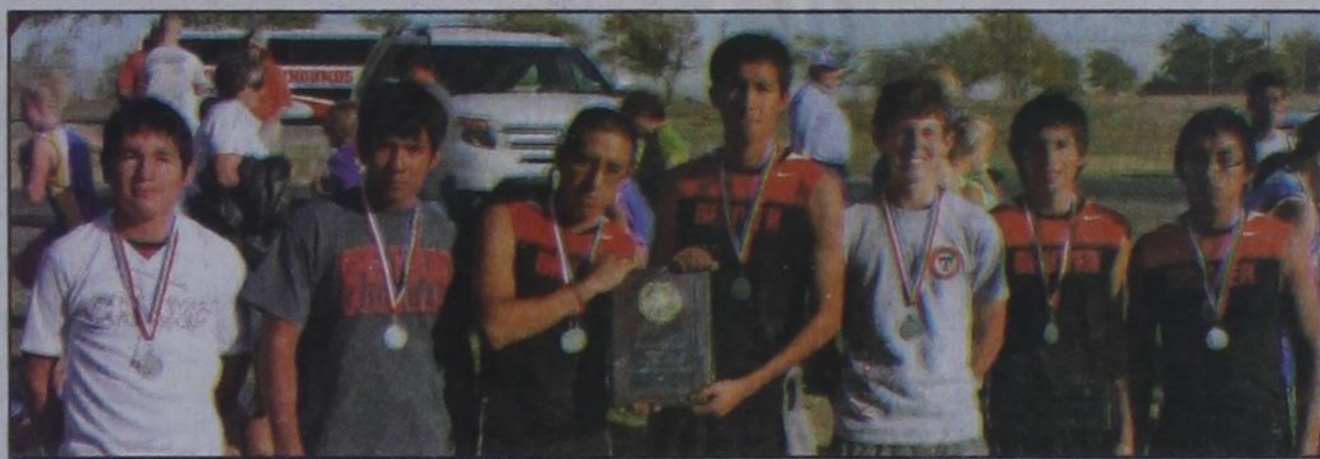
CROSS COUNTRY

Gruver Greyhounds/Lady Hounds
The Gruver Cross Country Varsity teams will compete in the Regional Meet at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock on Saturday, November 5, 2011.

Spearman Lynx/Lynxettes
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Weather Forecast

THURSDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. North winds 5 to 10 mph.
THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. East winds 5 to 10 mph shifting to the south after midnight.
FRIDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.
FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s.
SATURDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.
SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s.
SUNDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s.
SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s.
MONDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s.
MONDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s.
TUESDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s.
Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/forecast/w-Spearman-Texas.html#ixzz1bqwgZ313>



**Gruver Hounds
7-1A District
Runner-Up**

(L-R) Valentin Trejo, Marco Ayala, Luis Mendoza, Gerardo Monroy, Mason McLain, David Lopez, Eddie Mendoza
Not Pictured: Lupe Pena
Photo by Kimberly Irwin. See related article on Page 6

General Election Set for Constitutional Amendments, Local Liquor Option

A general election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, for Texans to vote on 10 constitutional propositions submitted by the 82nd Legislature.

October 24, 2011 will be the first day for early voting in person. November 1, 2011 will be the last day to submit applications for ballot by mail to the early voting clerk. Friday, November 4, 2011 is the last day to vote early by personal appearance.

Early voting will be conducted in the County Clerks office at the Hansford County Courthouse, #1 NW Court in Spearman from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Early voting will also be conducted at Gruver City Hall, 201 E Broadway, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Late night voting will be held at the Hansford County Courthouse on Thursday, October 27th and Thursday, November 3rd from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Voting on November 8th will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the following polling places: **Precinct 1 & 5** - Spearman City Hall (30 SW Court, Spearman); **Precinct 2, 3 & 7** - Cristo Redentor Catholic Church (202 Hwy. 15, Gruver); **Precinct 4 & 9** - Gruver City Hall (201 E. Broadway, Gruver); **Precinct 6** - Spearman High School (403 11th Street, Spearman).

In addition to the constitutional propositions, a local option election will be held on November 8th at Spearman City Hall for Precincts 1, 5 & 6 (inside city limits only). A local option election is an election to vote on the status of the sale of alcohol within a specific area, in this case, the Municipality of Spearman, Texas.

The ballot issue that this petition will be for is: "The legal sale of all alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages." Beer, malt liquor and wine in a grocery or convenience store AND beer, malt liquor, wine and distilled spirits in a liquor store AND beer, malt liquor, wine and distilled spirits in a bar or restaurant.

The propositions that will be on the ballot are as follows:

PROPOSITION 1: The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran.

PROPOSITION 2: The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstanding.

PROPOSITION 3: The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students.

PROPOSITION 4: The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to

permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The amendment does not provide authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates.

PROPOSITION 5: The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into inter-local contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund.

PROPOSITION 6: The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund.

PROPOSITION 7: The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities.

PROPOSITION 8: The constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open-space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

PROPOSITION 9: The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision.

PROPOSITION 10: The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office.

by GasBuddy.com
TexasGasPrices.com
Weekly Update

Texas, October 24- Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 0.8 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.29/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that has fallen 1.8 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.47/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 66.1 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 0.1 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has decreased 5.9 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 65.5 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"Surprisingly, the average price for a gallon of gasoline fell last week," said Patrick DeHaan, GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst. "While volatility in prices is all but guaranteed, the direction in which prices travel is less clear, even after the death of Gadhafi. Many Americans believe his death will mean a drop in oil prices- but I just don't see it happening," DeHaan added.

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

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

A busy week! Wednesday was quiet with most of our core group running around to family and doctor's appointments.

On Thursday, I went to the Texas Plains Trail Meeting in Canadian. It was great to visit and meet with this group again and hear all the great things going on. Our county is a member supporter of this THC program in our 52-county region and it is this group that advertises and carry's the tourist message of our region to groups throughout the tri-state area. A new program that is occurring is

the Quanah Parker Trail and I will be going to a meeting in Snyder this week to learn more about it. Stay tuned.

The big event of the week was Saturday, with our Barbecue fundraiser. It was a great success with close to 70 people attending, raising close to \$700. We had a lot of new faces, along with the faithful ones, and great conversations were occurring at every table. Lance Bussard gave a wonderful presentation on his hobby of looking for artifacts with a metal detector. He had several cases for display with all his finds. He also spoke of the local work on locating Kiowa

camp. **REMINDER:** If you haven't seen Amy Winton's exhibit, please plan on visiting soon. She will take down the exhibit on October 31st.

MUSEUM MUSINGS

We are still cleaning out old scrapbooks, and this past week we examined a brownie scout book. In it was a report by Kathy Cook on their ride on the Doodle Bug. Here it is:

"One day our leaders asked us if we would like to ride on the 'Doodle Bug.' We all said, 'yes.' They told us we could.

We walked to the depot. First we went to the drug store and got us a coke. Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Green went to Follett to meet us. Mr. and Mrs. Seay and Dona came down to the depot. Mr. Seay took some pictures of us. Dana wanted to go with us. Her mother and daddy said she could. We all got us a chair. Our leaders said we could each get a cup of water. It wasn't a very long trip, but we surely enjoyed it. When we got to Follett we got to go through the engine. We had a real nice time."

Just one of the memories we hear when people come into the museum and see the painting of the Doodle Bug. The train played an important role in the daily lives of the Panhandle during the 1900's.

Thought for the week: *The goal of yesterday will be the starting point of tomorrow.* Carlyle.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum

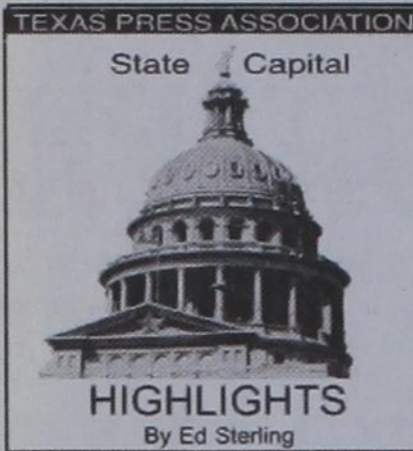
Museum Hours: Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Special hours upon request.

Museum Information: 13310 Hwy 305, PO Box 5, Lipscomb TX 79056; telephone: 806-852-2123; e m a i l : wolfcrk@amaonline.com; website: www.wolfcreekheritagemuseum.org

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS



by Ed Sterling

Perry floats his national jobs plan in GOP debate

AUSTIN --- While on stage with other Republican candidates during the Oct. 18 presidential debate in Las Vegas, Gov. Rick Perry brought up his own jobs plan titled "Energizing American Jobs and Security."

The plan, according to the Perry campaign, "is based on a simple premise: Make what Americans buy. Buy what Americans make. And sell it to the world."

Presented as an alternative to the Obama Administration's unpassed American Jobs Act, Perry's idea is to open America to more energy exploration and cut back on regulations enforced by the Environmental Protection Agency as a path toward the creation of more than 3 million jobs.

Perry's fellow contenders for the GOP nomination voiced little disapproval, although his plan points toward clear benefits for energy infrastructure and resource rich Texas as opposed to most other states.

Now, in regards to the immediate employment situation in the Lone Star State, the Texas Workforce Commission on Oct. 21 reported a net gain of 15,400 jobs statewide in September.

The gain holds Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at 8.5 percent in September, same as in August, and compares favorably with the national unemployment rate of 9.1 percent.

Back to the Obama Administration's American Jobs Act. According to the nonpartisan Center for Public Policy Priorities in Austin, "Congress is on the verge of cutting 150,000 out-of-work Texans off unemployment insurance unless it passes the (Obama) Administration's proposal in the American Jobs Act to continue unemployment insurance extended benefits. Failing to continue extended benefits will leave Texas families without help and create a drag on the Texas economy."

School finance suit filed

Last spring, the Texas Legislature passed school finance legislation that triggered a lawsuit filed by the Texas Taxpayer and Student Fairness Coalition on Oct. 11.

More than 250 school districts have joined as plaintiffs, alleging that property wealthy districts

unfairly benefit from the legislation, while property poor districts are forced into heavier taxation.

Defendants named in the lawsuit are the State Board of Education, Education Commissioner Robert Scott and State Comptroller Susan Combs.

Similar lawsuits in the past have been settled by state court rulings based on the Texas Constitution's requirement that the funding system must achieve a general diffusion of knowledge. Plaintiffs' arguments hinge on the claim that school districts with unequal access to available revenues face a barrier that prevents them from performing their mission.

Interim charges are issued

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, and House Speaker Joe Straus last week issued lists of interim charges to committees of their respective houses to get a jump on legislation to be considered in 2013.

Both leaders put extra emphasis on finding ways to address the extreme drought conditions and wildfires that have plagued the state this year.

A few samples of other matters to be studied: state agency budget reductions, driver's license improvement, juvenile justice, border health services, border security, manufacturing capabilities, redistricting lawsuits, privatization of state services and homelessness.

Reminder about school buses

National School Bus Safety Week was Oct. 17-

21. The Texas Department of Public Safety on Oct. 14 posted a reminder that state law prohibits motorists from passing any school bus that is stopped and has its flashing red lights activated.

A ticket for violating the law could cost up to \$1,000. In 2010, Texas Highway Patrol troopers wrote 414 tickets for passing a stopped school bus; there were 762 crashes in Texas involving school buses last year; and in those crashes, one person died and 89 people had serious injuries, the DPS reported.

Governor places Series wager

Game One of Major League Baseball's 2011 World Series was Oct. 19.

Gov. Perry and Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon placed traditional governors' wagers on the outcome.

Perry predicted a Texas Rangers win, putting up Dr Pepper and barbecue against Nixon's ravioli, salami, frozen custard and a six-pack of Budweiser in favor of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Early voting through Nov. 4

Texas' chief elections officer, Secretary of State Esperanza "Hope" Andrade, announced early voting for the Nov. 8 Constitutional Amendment election runs Oct. 24 through Nov. 4.

Voters will find 10 proposed amendments on the ballot. Go to www.votexas.org to read about each of them.

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister



This week we celebrate the Reformation as we study Jeremiah 31: 31-34, Psalm 46, Romans 3: 19-28, and John 8: 31-36.

Jeremiah tells the people, "The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah." "I will put my law within them and I will write on their hearts." The exiled people shall have a new relationship with God. In computer terms, the believer is 'hard-wired' for faith in God.

The Psalmist sings a song of trust. In German, "Ein feste burg ist unser Gott." [A Mighty (unmoving/steadfast) Fortress Is Our God.] The Psalmist knows that the believer need not fear though the earth may change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea. God is the rock of our faith.

Luther shook up the complacency of the faith community when he read and prayed over the passages in Romans. "The one who is righteous will live by faith". And, what is faith? Faith is the total acceptance and absolute trust in Jesus The Christ. Read this passage for yourself, contemplate it, pray about it, see what it tells you about the nature of our relationship with Jesus. It can give you a new vision into the possibility of a genuine relationship with God.

Jesus tells his listeners, "If you will continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth and the truth will make you free." His listeners thought they were already free. Yet, if you understand 'sin' as self-centeredness, then those who do self-centered things become slaves to themselves and only Jesus can free them.

Luther's take on Reforming the faith community was: Faith Alone. We take the Holy Bible as our guide to faith and practice. Christ Alone. Jesus alone reveals to us the heart and mind of God. Grace Alone. The love of God is a gift! We can't earn it; we don't deserve it; yet, God loved us even while we were yet sinners. Faith Alone. We are called to 'believe in' Jesus three hundred times in the New Testament; yet, I cannot of my own power believe without the work of the Holy Spirit. This is the grace of God. As 'reformed' believers, We have the freedom to love as Christ loves. This is the Gospel, when we live it, we fulfill the law through Christ Jesus Our Lord.

The process of "Reformation" continues in every age. May the Holy Spirit re-form your hearts and minds to new life in Jesus The Christ.

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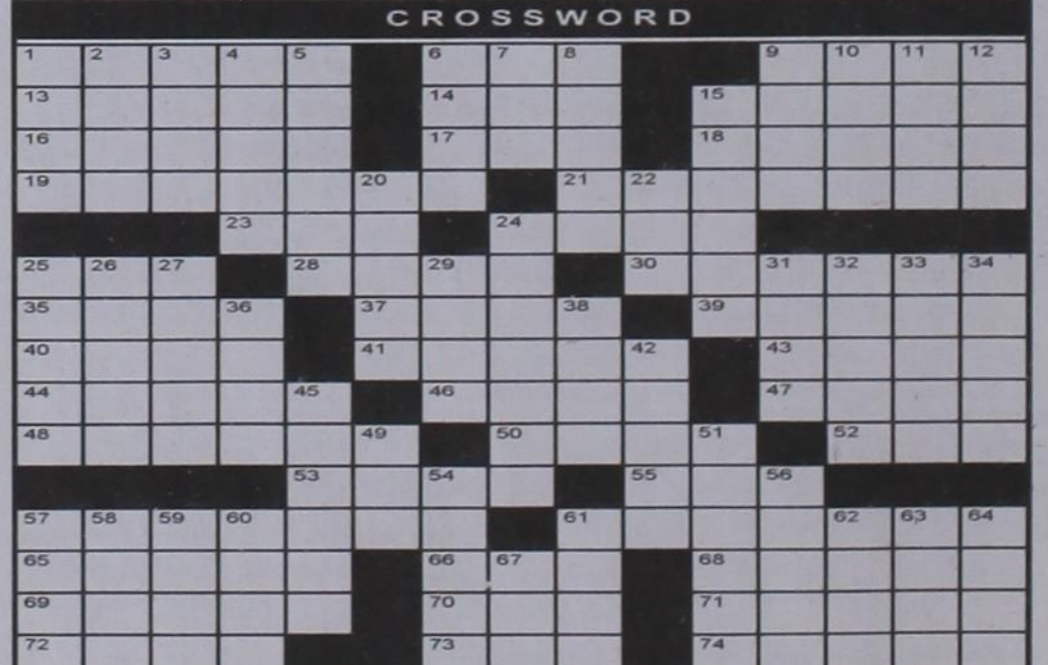


HALLOWEEN

- ACROSS**
- Poles and Serbs, e.g.
 - Popular '60s drug
 - Chunk
 - One who was owned by feudal lord
 - "I Like ___" campaign slogan
 - Single-cell protozoan
 - Broadcasting sign
 - Zip or zilch
 - Brother of a certain secret order
 - Male witch
 - *Full of ghosts, adj.
 - Sitcom classic ___ in the Family
 - *What Freddy and Jason do, e.g.
 - *Famous macabre poet
 - Seductive woman
 - Make numb
 - Invitation request
 - *They trail behind trick-or-treaters
 - On bottom of ledger?
 - On the sea
 - Angry outburst
 - "Will be," according to Doris Day
 - Famous Beethoven symphony
 - Wooer
 - ___ Cartman, "South Park"
 - Buckwheat dish, pl.
 - Please do not delay
 - Signature substance

- Judicial document
 - "___ the season"
 - *Carved for effect
 - *It allows you to be incognito
 - Habituate
 - *The trick-or-treaters ___ the candy
 - Drank too much
 - More odd
 - Clinton ___ Rodham
 - Egg-shaped object
 - Unwelcome quality in neighbor
 - European Nuclear Society
 - Squiggly's pal on TV
- DOWN**
- It must go on!
 - River in Siberia
 - Axillary
 - There you are!
 - It is often leisurely
 - Clickable connection
 - Type of resort
 - New ___ India
 - FBI agent
 - "___ we forget"
 - Bassoon cousin
 - Paul McCartney's ___ on the Run
 - *Protection against evil?
 - Cluster
 - Priestly vestment
 - Looks like a tiny orange
 - Joke or trick

- These games are brought to you by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman
- "Or else" in music
 - Not odds
 - Fictional Lane
 - *Witch masks often have a big one
 - Wombs
 - San Francisco's neighboring county
 - *Popular Halloween color
 - "Off the beaten ___"
 - Files suit
 - Muse of love poetry
 - One who hawks
 - ___ Lanka
 - As opposed to revolver
 - Mindless
 - A Ben Franklin invention
 - Pi-meson
 - Backward arrow command
 - Clays or mucks
 - *Freddie's victims, e.g.
 - Center for Energy and Environmental Studies, acr.
 - Second word in many fairytales
 - Chow ___
 - Whirlpool
 - *Number of "Halloween" movies



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Happy Birthday!

October 27
Birthday - Chase Lamb, Kathy Logsdon, Shea Lowe, Tim Stedje, Carole Stumpf, Carl Close, Sheila Schneider, Leslie Swan, Kelli Butts, Shannyn Nitschke, Tanya Tittle, Katrina Hughes, Scott Harris, Kent Tice, Delvin Reynolds, Angie Salgado, Ivan Briones, Michael Torres, Wiley Sheets
Anniversary - M/M Jerry Trout

October 28
Birthday - Debra Burk, Bobby Hicks, Steve Thomas, Shelly Mitchell, Tammie Hogan, Jorge Vaquera, Elissa Conley, Clint Jackson
Anniversary - M/M Reynaldo Garza, M/M Bobby Miller

October 29
Birthday - Sue Deakin, Kandy Montgomery, Zetha Blackburn, Mike Butts, Mac Butts, Jeff Price, Dale Harris, Richard Goehring, Christina Bartz, Andy DeLaRosa, Christina Hunter
Anniversary - Larry & Pam Jones, M/M Hix Spivey, Dr. & Mrs. Clint Irwin, Carol & Danny Rushing

October 30
Birthday - Amy Babbs, Eva Dawn Spivey, Kandace Boyd, Jace Dawson, Carey Kauffman, Kelly McCloy, Marguerite Nelson, Donna Williams, Nordeen Cochran, Doris Jean Pipkin, Orfalinda Vela, Clayton Scribner, Herb Hager, Kyle Pearson, Richard Booth, Mrs. DeLuna, Mason Tindell, Taylor Simpson

October 31
Birthday - Chris Kaufmann, Nicholas Slough, Teague Winger, Rick Randall, Dan Kunselman, Gregg Phillips, Eddy Clements, Hector Flores, Gregg Roach, Reta Lesly, Natasha Burch, Rebecca Browning, Betty Pugh, Dale Hodge, Bonnie Gross
Anniversary - M/M Robert Cochran

November 1
Birthday - Rhonda Holt, Mary Wright, Keith Kelp, Joseph Hart, Santos Rivera Jr., Jennifer Duggan, Juan Lara, Ernie Sandavol, Stephen Burke, Brad Guthrie, Rusty Tindell, Kristi Heddins, Chris Newman, Maria Garcia, Juan Lara, Kenda Boyd, Bradley DeLa Garza, Samantha Wilkerson

November 2
Birthday - Christy Cooper, Debby Mayhew, Kyle Beedy, Stella Cummings, Beverly Jenkins, Kim Vanderburg, Carolyn Savage, Tamra Wright, Julia Williams, Jared Brown, Amanda Adams, Jordan Brock, Jim Shirley, Buck Hughes, Ronnie Willis
Anniversary - M/M John Sutterfield

November 3
Birthday - Elva Cooper, Lisa Kaufmann, Dean Green, Burton Schubert, Denny Brown, Joe Bob Wrinkle, Colton Robinson, Sylvia Lopez, Steve Morales

November 4
Birthday - Justin Armes, Clayton Henson, Todd Winders, Lee Wilhelm, Julie Jones, Matthew Stewart, Tony Herndon, George Rex, Carlos Mendoza Sr., Rhett Link, Leona Stavlo, Julie Stedje, Matt Dunning, Leona Stavlo
Anniversary - M/M John Cass

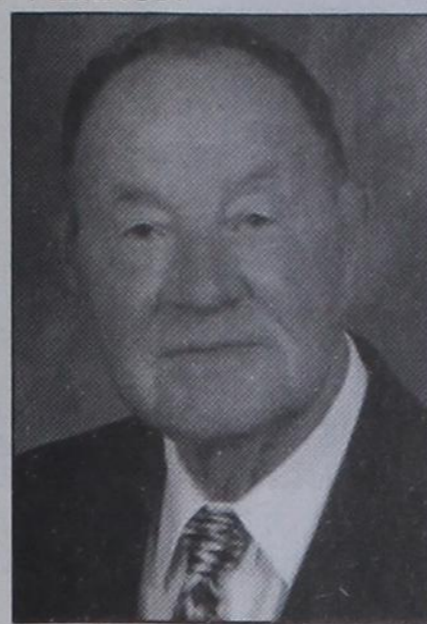
November 5
Birthday - Fred Davidson, James Dorman, Vireta Knight, Fabian Salazar, Jerry Holton, Dixie Smith, Lisa Price, Christopher Salazar, Richard Mackie, Nicole Fox, Debbie Trejo, Karen Paschel, Lola Mendoza, Lydia DeSantiago, Roz Duncan, Beverley Mireles, Eric Cudd
Anniversary - David & Mary K. Harbour, M/M Butch Noble, M/M Bryant Layton

November 6
Birthday - Paige Speck, Zachary Johnson, Ross Renner, Jill Watson, Don Kjos, Santiago Tercero, Calvin Bodey, Virginia Martin, Joan Hawkins, Rosa Alvarez Flores, Kiersan Lopez, Beth Dortch, Jill (Lusby) Butler, Cindy Holton, Linda Wilkerson, Tonya Mahaney, Tony Edwards, Tom Kirk, Stuart Martin, Raquel Arjona, Stacey Williams French, Dakota Lopez, Blake Burgess, Tom KirkRosa Vasquez
Anniversary - M/M David Collins, Fred & Brenda Shieldknight

November 7
Birthday - Gerald McBride, Gary McCalman, Cleo Cotter, Kurt Bynum, Megan Woolley, Lee Roy Mitchell, Jerry Tope, Haley Lombard, Pam Largent Or-

Our Sympathy

BILLY ED VERNON



LAKE BROWNWOOD
 — Billy Ed Vernon, 81, of Lake Brownwood died Thursday, October 20, 2011.

Services were at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 23, 2011 in Rocky Creek Baptist Church with the Rev. Rick Justice and Ron Miller officiating. Burial followed in Rocky Creek Cemetery. Arrangements were by Heartland Funeral Home of Early. The family received friends prior to the service at the church.

Billy was born Dec. 21, 1929, in Gruver to James Edward and Winnie Boyd Vernon. He graduated from Gruver High School and later from Texas Tech University with a degree in engineering. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

Billy was married to Iva Dell Williams on July 11, 1952, and they recently celebrated 59 years of marriage together. He worked as a civil engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation in Amarillo for 15 years, later serving as the resident engineer at Snyder TxDOT for 15 years, and then as assistant district engineer at Brownwood TxDOT, where he retired in 1995. He lived at Lake Brownwood since 1990, and was a member of the Rocky Creek Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Floydean Shook.

Survivors include his wife, Iva Dell "Pete" Vernon of Lake Brownwood; three daughters, Cheryl Ward and husband Lonnie of Flower Mound, Debra Skinner and husband Phil of San Angelo, and Julie Kimmel and husband Tom of Kingsland; eight grandchildren, Kristin Dorsett and husband Kevin, David Ward, Charity Miller and husband Ron, Crystal Bolton and husband Jeremy, Belinda Chernicky, Suzanne James and husband Mark, Shauna Olson and husband Jeff and Bobbie Archer and husband Joe; eight great-grandchildren; a brother, Roger Vernon of Tomball; two sisters, Wynell Shaw and Judy Fletcher, both of Amarillo; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be to Lighthouse Hospice of Brownwood, 107 D S. Park Drive, Brownwood, TX 76801.

Sign the online guest book at www.heartlandfuneral-home.net.

WILBUR ALLEN HULL

Wilbur Allen Hull passed away peacefully at his home early Sunday morning in Lago Vista, TX at the age of 73. He devoted over thirty years of service to public education as a teacher, administrator, Texas Education Agency executive, and a leader of youth organizations promoting commitment to community and service. Throughout his career he was recognized on the state and national levels, receiving numerous awards and accolades for his accomplishments and dedication.



Wilbur received an undergraduate degree from the University of North Texas, a masters degree from Texas State University, and completed post graduate work at both Texas A&M and the University of Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Lois Miller Hull; sons Allen Hull and wife Donna, Rodney Hull and wife Heidi; daughter Valerie Hull Guerra and husband Adam, all of Lago Vista. He has 6 grandchildren; Tyler Hull, Chandler Hull, De Ana Hull and fiancé Mark Johnson, Grant Guerra, Cole Hull, Desiree Pill and husband Michael and one great grandson, Matthew Hull-Johnson. Other family members include Gwen and Joe Kale of Ft. Venture, TX, Richard and Sheryl Miller of Pittsburg, TX.; two nieces, one nephew, 6 great nephews, 2 great nieces, one aunt, one uncle and numerous cousins all of whom will remember him fondly and miss him tremendously.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, October 29, 2011 at Beck's Funeral Home, 1700 East FM 1431 in Cedar Park at 11:00 a.m. with interment at Palm Valley Lutheran Church, 2500 East Palm Valley Blvd., Round Rock. Viewing will be at Beck's Funeral Home Friday, October 28, 2011 from 6 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Trinity Anglican Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 4616, Lago Vista, TX, 78645 or a donation in the his memory to the charity of your choice.

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Bouquet Designs

Hansford County Library is selling raffle tickets for hand-painted tables, painted by Linda Combs. First place is a full-sized dining room table with a leaf. Second place is a side table or occasional table. Tickets are \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. These tables are truly beautiful. All proceeds will benefit the library to help make up for lost Thrift Shop income. Tickets will be sold through Monday, November 14, 2011.

Spearman Food Bank 1st Thursday

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

Hansford Co. Library Thrift Shop Accepting Donations
The Hansford County Library Thrift Shop is again accepting donations of quality items. You may ask for the key to the Thrift Shop at the library desk during regular operating hours (9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday). The Thrift Shop will reopen soon!

Spearman Boys Basketball Fundraiser

The Spearman Boys Basketball team is selling Coffee Mugs and Coasters as a fund raiser. Forms are available at the high school and junior high offices, and may be returned there as well. This sale will end Nov. 30th! Purchase your Lynx and Lynxette Coffee Mug and Coasters Today! Great Christmas Gifts! Contact Coach White at the High School if you have any questions. Coffee Mug \$9, Travel Mug \$10, Coasters (4 per set) \$12, Trivet \$8.

Flu Shot

The Flu Shot is available for all Gruver ISD students. The cost will be \$15.00. If you are interested, please contact Sahala Gaillard, RN, school nurse at 733-5415. La vacuna de la Gripe esta disponible para estudiantes. El costo sera de \$15.00. Si usted esta interesado, por favor de contactar a la enfermera de la escuela al 733-5415.

Winter Landfill Hours

Due to a shortage of employees, the City of Spearman has decided to implement the winter hours at the landfill 2 weeks early. Normally it would not change until daylight savings time changes, but they implemented the winter hours beginning Tuesday, October 25, 2011. Winter Hours are: Tues-Sat, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed on Monday and Sun day. They will also begin the one garbage pickup. If you have any questions, please contact Spearman City Hall at 806-659-2524.

O'Loughlin Center Arts & Crafts Show

The O'Loughlin Center in Spearman will hold their Arts & Crafts Show October 28-29. Call 659-3030 for more info.

Enchiladas

Come and join us on Friday November 4, 2011 for some good Mexican food. The Plate Contains three enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, dessert, and a drink for \$8.00. Take outs and deliveries will be made. Also you can pre-order your dozen of enchiladas at \$10.00 each dozen. To place your order of enchiladas either by the dozen or by the plate you may contact the following people: Armida Tarango 806-270-0607, Rita Vasquez 806-270-0508, Cecilia Chacon 806-644-1229 or 270-0512 or Lisa Munoz 806-270-0607. We will be at the parish hall from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on November 4, 2011. Come joins us at 901 S Roland. (These are the same enchiladas made at Project Graduation.)

TDA Smiles Event

Texas Mission of Mercy and Texas Dental Association Smiles Program is offering a FREE dental clinic in Amarillo October 28 and 29. It will be at the Amarillo Civic Center from 7am-5pm each day. Call Sahala, school nurse, for more information, 733-5415. La Mision de Texas de la Piedad (Texas Mission of Mercy) y el Programa Asociacion de Sonrisas de Texas esta ofreciendo una clinica dental GRATIS en Amarillo el 28 y 29 de octubre. Sera en el Centro Civico de Amarillo de las 7am-5pm esos dos dias. Llamar a Sahala, la enfermera de la escuela, para mas informacion, 733-5415.

Timeless Treasures Quilt Meeting

Timeless Treasures Guild will be meeting on Saturday, October 29, 2011 at the Christian Disciple Center at 9th and Quinn in Guymon OK at 9:30. Program starts at 10:00. Members are reminded to enter the October quilt challenge. There will be prizes for the winners. Come and see the entries and help with the judging. New members are welcome. Bring a friend. Bring a salad for the noon luncheon.

OPSU Baseball Clinic

Oklahoma Panhandle State University is hosting a six week baseball camp starting December 4. Oklahoma Panhandle State head coach Steve Appel will direct the program in conjunction with U.S. Baseball Academy. Classes are available for players in grades 1-12 and are limited to six players per coach. Sessions are offered in advanced hitting, pitching, catching, fielding and baserunning at a cost as low as \$99 for six weeks. Space is limited. Registration is now under way. For more information, visit www.USBBaseballAcademy.com, or call toll-free 866-622-4487.

Annual Pumpkin Patch Benefit

The 29th Annual Pumpkin Patch Benefit will be held Saturday and Sunday, November 5th & 6th. The event will be held at the Texas County Activity Center in Guymon, OK. The public is invited to attend Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is free. Around 100 exhibitor booths will feature a variety of arts and crafts which include floral, clothing, ceramics, candles, wood, stained glass, jewelry and more. Several artists will also exhibit their paintings, sculpture, drawings, and pottery. There will also be several pre-packaged food and commercial exhibitors this year. Lambda Psi, a chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority, is sponsoring the event. Proceeds from the Pumpkin Patch Benefit are donated to community services in the Oklahoma panhandle. A concession stand will be provided by the Guymon High School Band Boosters.

Gruver Elementary Register Tapes for Education

Gruver Elementary is participating in the Lowe's Supermarket Register for Tapes for Education. Gruver Elementary is also collecting the Pink Box Tops for Education and the UPC bar code (yellow) labels for Education from Campbell and Swanson products. You can deposit your register tapes, pink Box Tops, and Yellow UPC Bar Codes in the Elementary School Lobby, Gruver City Library, City Hall, Night & Day Beauty Salon, or Hitchin' Nails. Please help us earn free education equipment by collecting these items.

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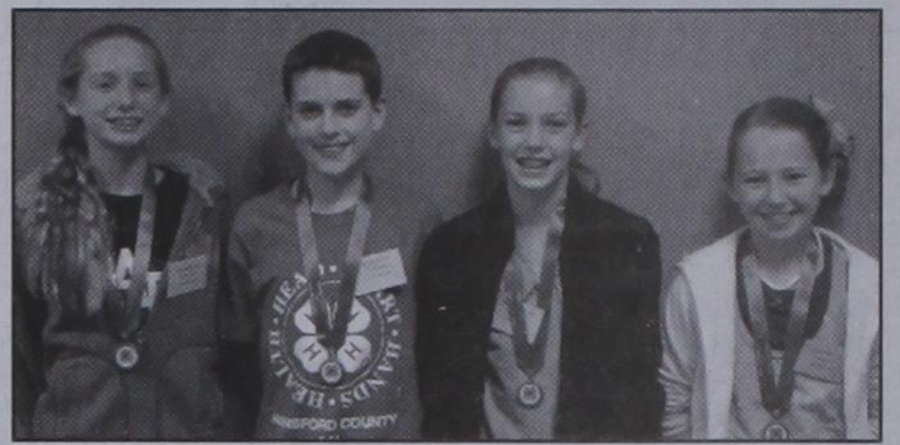
Hansford 4-H Wins Panhandle District Nutrition Quiz Bowl



Junior Division Gold Medal Winners
(L-R) Mia Pipkin, Averie Greene, Caleigh Wood and Maggie Davis

Youth from across the Panhandle District gathered at Clarendon College Campus in Pampa for the Texas AgriLife Extension Service District 4-H Nutrition Quiz Bowl on October 19.

Winning the Gold Medal in the Junior division was the Hansford Nutrition Quiz bowl team of Mia Pipkin, Averie Greene, Caleigh Wood and Maggie Davis and



Intermediate Division Silver Medal Winners
(L-R) Finley Garnett, Colby Wood, Maren Garnett and KD McCloy

coach Kate Davis. Taking the Silver Medal in the Intermediate Division was the Hansford team of Finley Garnett, Colby Wood, Maren Garnett and KD McCloy and coach Molly McCloy.

Hansford County Extension Agent Peggy Winegarner says "Nutrition Quiz Bowl helps participants increase their knowledge of basic nutrition, consumer information, food and kitchen safety, food preparation skills and storage, and nutrition and health, as well as the good sportsmanship exhibited in this double elimination competition."

Thank You!

The family of Babe Pendergraft would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who touched her life. We so appreciate those who sent cards, flowers, food and gave us hugs and expressed kind words that meant so much. Thank you to the staff at the Manor that took such loving care of her and made her days brighter. A special thanks to Dr. Garnett and the medical staff of the Manor and Hospital who looked after her medical needs. To Gary Smith, Jean Gwin, Lynanne Maize, and Janie Kunselman for making her service so special and personal. She was a special little lady who will leave a large hole in so many lives. We will miss her.

God bless and keep all of you,
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Speed Limit Signs Being Removed on Panhandle Roadways

Beginning today, the Texas Department of Transportation will begin removing the nighttime speed limit and truck differential speed limit signs on state and federal roadways across the Amarillo District's area roadways. The contracted work will take about three weeks to complete.

Legislation abolished nighttime speed limits and truck differential speed limits on September 1, 2011, making those posted speeds non-enforceable. The law also established the possibility for speed limits to be raised across the state.

TxDOT reminds motorists that the current maximum posted speed limits are still in force statewide. Speed limits cannot be raised on Texas roadways until a speed engineering study has been completed, the Texas Transportation Commission approves the speed limit change, and the new speed limit signs have been posted. That process is underway statewide and is expected to take about 18 months to complete.

Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: The weather was warm and windy for most of the region with no moisture reported. Some counties reported their first freeze. Soil-moisture levels ranged from very short to adequate, with most counties reporting very short to short. The corn and cotton harvests were ongoing. Wheat growers continued planting wheat. Most dryland wheat may not make a stand. All irrigated wheat was being watered to get it established. Rangeland and pastures were mostly rated very poor. Livestock producers continued supplemental feeding of cattle.



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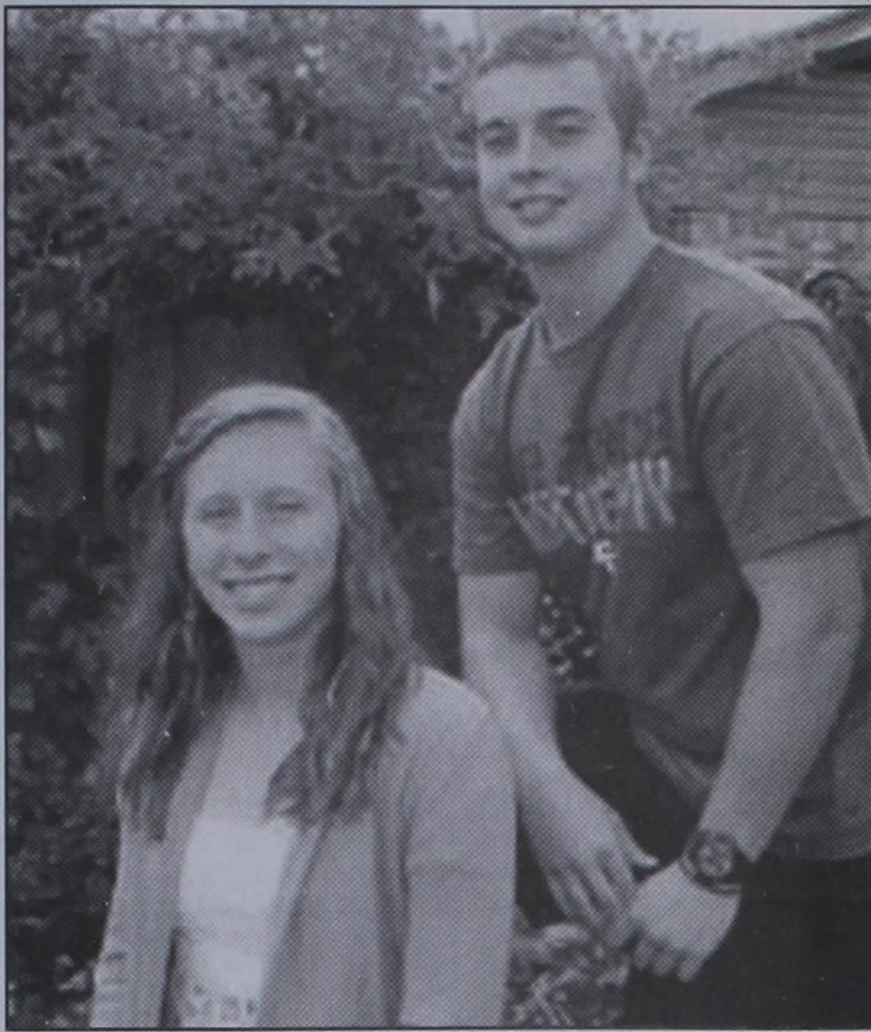
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Spearman High School September Students of the Month

The September Students of the Month at Spearman High School are seniors, Shelby Hanna and Brody Hargrove.

Shelby is the daughter of PJ and Gwenda Hanna. She has one younger sister, Sadye Hanna, and one younger brother, Parker Hanna. Shelby is a member of the Spearman Lynxette Varsity Cross Country, Basketball, Tennis and Track teams, Choir, National Honor Society, UIL Academics, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Texas Panhandle. Shelby was a team member on the 2009, 2010, and 2011 State Champion Cross Country teams, has been named academic All-District in cross country, basketball, track and tennis for three years, named Texas Girls Coaches Association All-State team member her junior year, Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Association All-Region Team Member her junior year, was named the District 1-2A Defensive Player of the Year in basketball her junior year, qualified for State Choir solo and ensemble in 2011, placed 4th in Headline Writing at the Regional UIL meet her junior year, and was the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) nominee her sophomore year. In her spare time, Shelby enjoys reading, volunteering, and church activities. Her future plans include attending college



and playing basketball while studying pre-law. Shelby states the best thing about Spearman is, "My favorite thing about Spearman is the support that the community shows to the high school students in athletics, academics, and other extracurricular activities. It is something that is unique and special about our town." The best thing about Spearman High School is, "I like the way that the teachers push us to be the best, but also offer their help when we are totally lost. It is evident that they love what they do, and that helps motivate us to excel

in the classroom." Shelby's most influential teacher during her school years is Mrs. Mollie Holton. Brody is the son of Rick and Tami Hargrove. He has one older brother, Dayne Hargrove, and one younger sister, Gena Hargrove. Brody is active in Spearman Lynx Varsity football, basketball, and golf, National Honor Society, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Texas Panhandle, UIL science, and First Baptist Church youth group. Brody has served as the Class President in 10th and 11th grades, Class Vice-President in 9th grade, and is

currently serving as the Senior Class Secretary. Brody has also received the Top Student of the Year award in Pre-AP Biology and Pre-AP World History and qualified for the State Art Vase competition his sophomore year. In his spare time, Brody likes to watch movies and hangout

with friends. He also enjoys hunting, fishing, and swimming. After graduation, Brody plans on attending Texas Tech University as a pre-med major. Brody states the best thing about Spearman is, "the friendly community." Brody says the best thing about Spearman High School is,

"everyone knows everyone and we have great teachers." Brody's most influential teacher during his school years is Mrs. Linda Wilkerson. Congratulations to Shelby and Brody on being named the Spearman High School September Students of the Month.

4-H Photography Contest Winner

Tyann Hight, 4-H member from Hansford County competed in the district 1 4-H Photography contest, receiving blue awards for her entries in Nature & Landscape and Animal Wildlife. Over 500 photos were submitted in the contest from 4-H youth across the Panhandle.

For information on the 4-H Photography project in Hansford county and enrollment in the 4-H program, contact Peggy Winegarner, Hansford County Extension Agent, 659-4130.

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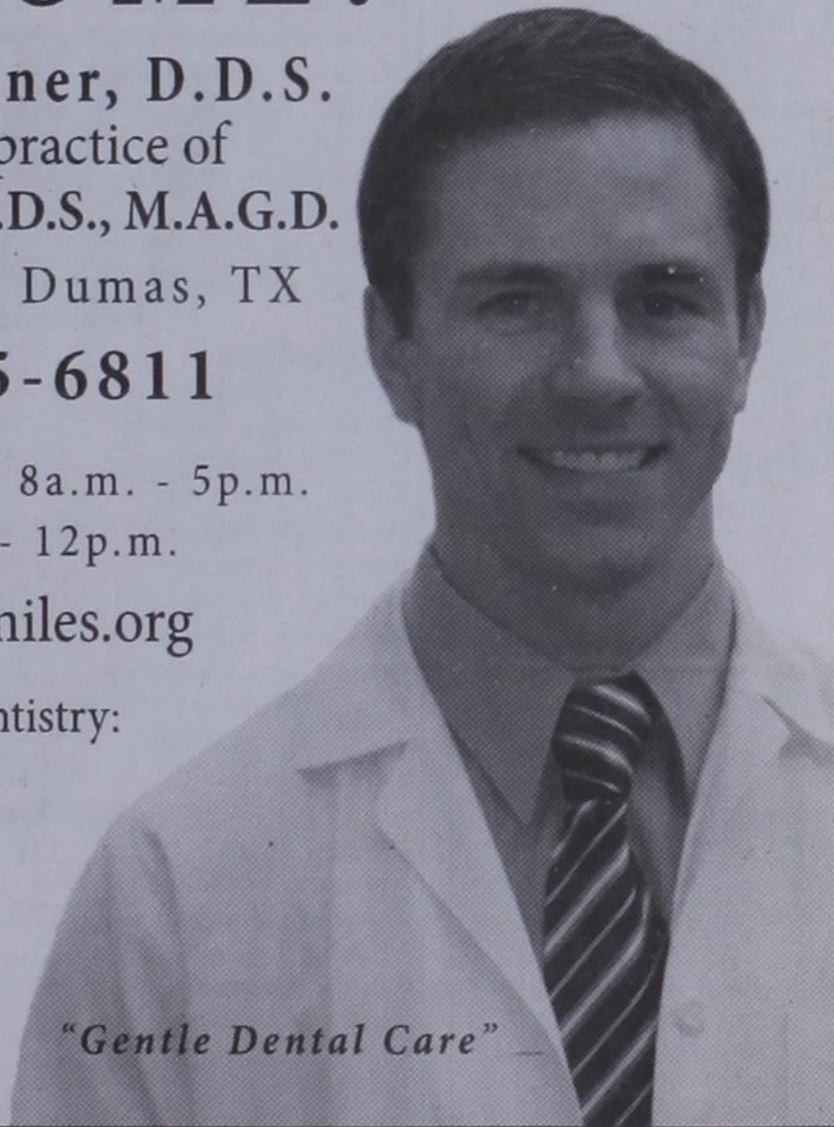
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OFFICIAL BALLOT - LOCAL OPTION ELECTION
 (BOLETA OFICIAL - ELECCIÓN DE LA OPCIÓN LOCAL)

(Condado de) Hansford County, Texas
 November 8, 2011 (8 de noviembre de 2011)

INSTRUCTION NOTE:
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(NOTA DE INSTRUCCIÓN:
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Local Option Election
 "The legal sale of all alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages within the city limits of Spearman."
 (Elección de la Opción Local)
 ("La venta legal de todas bebidas alcohólicas incluyendo bebidas mixtas en los límite de la ciudad de Spearman.")

FOR (A FAVOR)
 AGAINST (EN CONTRA)

OFFICIAL BALLOT (BOLETA OFICIAL)
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION
 (ELECCIÓN SOBRE ENMIENDAS A LA CONSTITUCIÓN)

(Condado de) Hansford County, Texas
 November 8, 2011 (8 de noviembre de 2011)

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<p>Proposition Number 1 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran." (Propuesta Número 1) ("Enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la legislatura para proveer una extensión de la tributación al valor del mercado total o parcial de la residencia patrimonial del/de la cónyuge sobreviviente de un veterano con incapacidad total o al cien por ciento.")</p> <p><input type="radio"/> FOR (A FAVOR) <input type="radio"/> AGAINST (EN CONTRA)</p>	<p>Proposition Number 3 "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students." (Propuesta Número 3) ("Enmienda constitucional que dispone la emisión de bonos de obligación general del Estado de Texas a fin de financiar préstamos educativos a estudiantes.")</p> <p><input type="radio"/> FOR (A FAVOR) <input type="radio"/> AGAINST (EN CONTRA)</p>	<p>Proposition Number 5 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund." (Propuesta Número 5) ("Enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la legislatura para permitir a ciudades o condados celebrar contratos interlocales con otras ciudades o condados sin imponer tributación o provisión de un fondo de amortización.")</p> <p><input type="radio"/> FOR (A FAVOR) <input type="radio"/> AGAINST (EN CONTRA)</p>
<p>Proposition Number 2 "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstanding." (Propuesta Número 2) ("Enmienda constitucional que dispone la emisión de bonos adicionales de obligación general por la Junta de Desarrollo de Aguas de Texas cuya suma, estando pendientes de pago, no exceda de seis mil millones de dólares.")</p> <p><input type="radio"/> FOR (A FAVOR) <input type="radio"/> AGAINST (EN CONTRA)</p>	<p>Proposition Number 4 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The amendment does not provide authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates." (Propuesta Número 4) ("Enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la legislatura para permitir que un condado emita bonos o pagarés a fin de financiar el desarrollo o redesarrollo de un área improductiva, subdesarrollada o deteriorada y de dar en prenda del pago de dichos bonos o pagarés, aumentos de la tributación al valor impuestas por el condado en bienes del área. La enmienda no otorga autoridad para aumentar las tasas tributarias al valor.")</p> <p><input type="radio"/> FOR (A FAVOR) <input type="radio"/> AGAINST (EN CONTRA)</p>	<p>Proposition Number 6 "The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenues from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund." (Propuesta Número 6) ("Enmienda constitucional que aclara referencias al fondo escolar permanente, permitiendo que la Oficina General del Catastro distribuya ingresos procedentes de tierras u otros bienes del fondo escolar permanente al fondo escolar disponible, a fin de proporcionar financiación adicional para la educación pública y disponiendo un aumento al valor de mercado del fondo escolar permanente para fines de permitir un aumento de distribuciones provenientes del fondo escolar permanente.")</p> <p><input type="radio"/> FOR (A FAVOR) <input type="radio"/> AGAINST (EN CONTRA)</p>
<p>Proposition Number 7 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities." (Propuesta Número 7) ("Enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la legislatura para permitir que distritos de conservación y reclamación del Condado de El Paso emitan bonos apoyados por impuestos al valor a fin de financiar el desarrollo y mantenimiento de parques e instalaciones de recreo.")</p> <p><input type="radio"/> FOR (A FAVOR) <input type="radio"/> AGAINST (EN CONTRA)</p>	<p>Proposition Number 10 "The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office." (Propuesta Número 10) ("Enmienda constitucional que cambie la duración del plazo no vencido del cargo que causa la renuncia automática de ciertos funcionarios electos de condados o distritos si éstos se postulan a otros cargos.")</p> <p><input type="radio"/> FOR (A FAVOR) <input type="radio"/> AGAINST (EN CONTRA)</p>	
<p>Proposition Number 8 "The constitutional amendment providing for the approval of ad valorem tax purposes of open-space land devoted to water-stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity." (Propuesta Número 8) ("Enmienda constitucional que dispone la tasación para fines de tributación al valor, a tierras de campo abierto dedicadas a fines de administración de aguas con base en su capacidad productiva.")</p> <p><input type="radio"/> FOR (A FAVOR) <input type="radio"/> AGAINST (EN CONTRA)</p>		
<p>Proposition Number 9 "The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision." (Propuesta Número 9) ("Enmienda constitucional que autoriza al gobernador para conceder el indulto a personas que cumplan con éxito un plazo de supervisión comunitaria por adjudicación aplazada.")</p> <p><input type="radio"/> FOR (A FAVOR) <input type="radio"/> AGAINST (EN CONTRA)</p>		

Spearman Girls Claim District Title

The top-ranked and three-time defending state champion Spearman Lynxettes won the girls team title in the District 1-2A Cross Country Meet on Monday, October 24, 2011 in Spearman. The Lynxettes were led by Tylo Farrar's third individual girls title.

The Highland Park boys won the boys title — the first league championship in the school's 24-year history — with the help of junior Quinlin McGregor's third individual championship.

District 1-2A meet

Region I-1A qualifiers only (top three teams and top 10 individuals), at Palo Duro Lake, Spearman

Girls Team Results: 1. Spearman, 18; 2. Bushland, 39; 3. Childress 85.

Individual results: 1. Tylo Farrar, Spearman, 13:00; 2. Gately Garnett, Spearman, 13:24; 3. Sarah Snider, Spearman, 13:40; 4. Kenzie Schaffer, Bushland, 13:50; 5. Malory Martin, Spearman, 13:53; 6. Courtney Grauel, Bushland, 14:15; 7. Yesenia Hernandez, Highland Park, 14:20; 8. Gena Hargrove, Spearman, 14:24.27; 9. Adrienne Jackson, Bushland, 14:24.66; 10. Shelby Hanna, Spearman, 14:33.

Boys Team Results: 1. Highland Park, 26; 2. Bushland, 41; 3. River Road, 77; 4. Spearman, 77 (lost on tie breaker)

Individual results: 1. Quinlin McGregor, Highland Park, 17:06; 2. Scout Hale, Childress, 17:11; 3. Jared Vogler, Bushland, 17:59.4. Kristobal Elizalde, Highland Park, 19:25; 5. Brendan Harris, Highland Park, 19:29; 6. Matt Marrs, River Road, 20:42; 7. Bayler Boydston, Bushland, 20:56; 8. Hunter Fithen, Bushland, 20:58; 9. Justin McDonald, Highland Park, 21:15; 10. Peyton Garnett, Spearman, 21:17.

JV Girls Team Results: 1. Spearman, 18; 2. Bushland, 45

Individual Results: Cynthia Mendoza, 1st Place Medalist; Brooke Walker, 2nd Medalist; Slade Garnett, 4th

Medalist; Taylor Williams, 5th Medalist; Sadye Hanna, 6th Medalist; Hannah Patterson, 7th Medalist; Kyla Walker, 8th Medalist

JV Boys Individual Results: Luis Vela, 2nd Place Medalist; Taylor Dickerson, 3rd Medalist

Jr. High Girls Team Results: 1. Spearman, 17; 2. Childress 46

Individual Results: Payton Harrell, 3rd Place Medalist; Yesic Gonzales, 4th Medalist; Tori Bennett, 5th Medalist; Evelyn Jacquez, 7th Medalist; Taylor Varnon, 8th Medalist; Courtney White, 10th Medalist; Angela Mendoza, 11; Maria Rodriguez, 12; Brantly Shields, 13; Sidney Hawkins, 14; Kayla Servantez, 15; Halston Kenney, 16; Daisy Perez, 17; Trea Rice, 19; Kalysta Williams, 21; Jennifer Vaquera, 23; Maggie Pipkin, 24; Taryn Hughes, 27

Jr. High Boys Team Results: 1. Spearman, 31; 2. River Road 34, Sanford-Fritch 56

Individual Results: Lane Farrar, 2nd Place Medalist; Payton Smith, 4th Medalist; Cade Garnett, 6th Medalist; Bryan Campos, 7th Medalist; Parker Hanna, 17th

Gruver Girls Capture District Crown

Gruver senior Shelley Gibson won the District 7-1A girls cross country championship and led the No. 1 Lady Greyhounds to the team title Monday at Thompson Park.

"I was really proud of my senior girls," Gruver coach Rod Been said of the two-time defending state champion Lady 'Hounds. "We've had some injuries and are going to have to rely on some younger girls."

"It's going to be close from here on out." The No. 2 Boys Ranch Roughriders won the boys team championship behind a fourth-place finish by Jacob Myers.

District 7-1A meet Region I-1A qualifiers only (top three teams and top 10 individuals), at Thompson Park, Amarillo.

Girls Team results: 1. Gruver, 38; 2. Sunray, 44; 3. Stratford, 104.

Individual results: 1.

Shelley Gibson, Gruver, 13:14.5; 2. Ashley Parsley, White Deer, 13:18.9; 3. **Madison McLain, Gruver, 13:23.8;** 4. Melissa Corbin, Sunray, 13:36.8; 5. **Taylor Felderhoff, Gruver, 13:38.9;** 6. Nohemi Ruedas, Stratford, 13:44.6; 7. Mary Cate Meeley, Panhandle, 13:47.2; 8. Kaley Green, Sunray, 13:53.3; 9. Christian Gonzalez, Sunray, 13:53.3; 10. Kamberl Blasingame, Vega, 13:54.3.

Boys Team results: 1. Boys Ranch, 27; 2. **Gruver, 50;** 3. Sunray, 55.

Individual results: 1. Elliott Webb, Canadian, 17:36.6; 2. **Luis Mendoza, Gruver, 17:49.8;** 3. Grayson Gonzales, Stratford, 18:01.5; 4. Jacob Myers, Boys Ranch, 18:09.2; 5. Joe Teachout, Boys Ranch, 18:27.1; 6. Jordan Ramsey, Canadian, 18:40.8; 7. Jorge Cruz, Boys Ranch, 18:48.0; 8. Julio Loya, Sunray, 18:51.1; 9. Eddie Fierro, Sunray, 19:06.6; 10. Hector Bustillos, Sunray, 19:16.3.

Gruver 16, Vega 13 Gruver made a late Lupe

Pena field goal to top Vega. Gruver held Vega to 27 yards passing to improve to 3-3 on the season. Vega fell to 1-7.

Scores by Quarters
Gruver 0 7 6 3 — 16
Vega 7 0 0 6 — 13

Scorers
V—Chad Fangman 14 run (kick)
G—Beau Blankenship 17 pass (kick)
G—Jerrod Collier 4 run (kick failed)
V—Jake Jones 11 run
G—Lupe Pena Field Goal

Statistics

	GG	VL
First Downs	11	6
Rushing Yards	112	178
Passing Yards	89	27
Total Yards	201	205
C-A-I	8-19-1	4-14-1
Punts-Avg.	5-29	5-32
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yds	2-20	4-30



SHS Student Council Sponsors New Parking Spots

Written by: Student Council Reporter, Gately Garnett Shelby Hanna and Brody Hargrove were chosen by teachers to be the September Students of the Month.

The Spearman High School Student Council has provided the 'Student of the Month' parking lot signs to designate the two convenient parking spots for the SHS Students of the Month.

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Individual Statistics

Class 1A Team Offense

Team	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg.
Wellington	1,861	1,787	3,648	456.0
Booker	966	2,101	3,067	438.1
Canadian	1,548	1,906	3,454	432.0
Sunray	1,878	1,138	3,016	431.0
West Texas High	2,701	547	3,248	406.0
Stratford	1,386	658	2,044	341.0
Clarendon	1,476	688	2,164	309.1
Memphis	1,902	151	2,053	293.3
Bovina	1,734	597	2,331	291.4
Gruver	1,453	491	1,944	277.7
Boys Ranch	1,605	428	2,033	254.1
Farwell	1,420	216	1,636	204.5

Team Defense

Team	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg.
Wellington	1,205	182	1,387	173.4
West Texas	1,091	491	1,582	198.1
Canadian	1,166	637	1,803	225.4
Boys Ranch	1,234	597	1,554	228.9
Booker	1,213	480	1,693	241.9
Clarendon	678	1,094	1,772	253.1
Sunray	1,028	786	1,814	259.0
Stratford	1,502	591	1,643	274.0
Bovina	1,713	740	2,453	306.6
Gruver	1,761	404	2,165	309.3

Individual Rushing

Player, Team	No.	Yds.	TD
Ramirez, West Texas	113	1,233	15
Collier, Gruver	144	1,232	14
Cruz, Wellington	111	961	12
Williams, Clarendon	153	904	11
Terrones, Bovina	126	891	7
Killian, Boys Ranch	105	750	8
Chavoya, Stratford	120	745	9
Dooley, Sunray	80	646	9
Schafer, Canadian	79	570	12
Coleman, West Texas	80	551	5

Individual Passing

Player, Team	C-A-I	Yds.	TD
Lile, Booker	143-233-5	2,101	30
Ashmore, Wellington	95-143-2	1,727	23
Br.Hudson, Canadian	126-195-9	1,636	20
Dooley, Sunray	58-100-3	1,004	11
McAnear, Clarendon	40-97-7	688	6
Wright, Stratford	39-81-7	642	4
Marrufo, Bovina	46-102-6	597	7
Ramirez, West Texas	32-72-1	547	4
Irwin, Gruver	34-91-8	491	2
Robinson, Boys Ranch	42-80-5	342	1
Christian, Farwell	22-56-5	208	1

Individual Receiving

Player, Team	No.	Yds.	TD
Lewis, Canadian	44	564	7
DeSantiago, Booker	43	549	8
Castillo, Wellington	38	810	11
Klink, Wellington	31	549	8
Wauer, Booker	29	696	12
Reagan, Booker	29	290	4
Wilkins, Sunray	26	560	8
Camacho, Booker	23	295	5
Bo.Hudson, Canadian	22	346	7
Bonilla, Sunray	16	260	3
Trevino, Canadian	16	204	2
Lara, Bovina	16	188	2

Individual Scoring

Player, Team	TD	PAT	FG	Pts.
Ramirez, W. Texas	15	27	0	117
Schafer, Canadian	17	4	0	104
Morris, Farwell	15	0	0	94
Collier, Gruver	14	4	0	88
Williams, Clarendon	13	6	0	84
Wauer, Booker	12	11	0	83
Dooley, Sunray	9	21	1	76
Castillo, Wellington	11	6	0	72
Cruz, Wellington	12	0	0	72
Christian, Farwell	11	0	0	66
Lewis, Canadian	11	0	0	66

Individual Statistics

Class 3A-2A Team Offense

Team	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg.
Sanford-Fritch	1,850	1,228	3,078	385.0
Spearman	1,979	832	2,811	351.5
Dalhart	1,878	559	2,437	348.1
Perryton	995	1,208	2,203	314.7
Friona	2,262	255	2,517	314.6
Bushland	654	1,447	2,101	300.1
Pampa	888	1,160	2,048	266.7
Highland Park	753	1,324	2,077	259.6

Team Defense

Team	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg.
Dalhart	693	583	1,276	182.2
Spearman	1,143	395	1,538	192.3
Friona	1,254	1,119	2,373	296.6
Highland Park	1,861	613	2,474	309.3
Pampa	1,484	648	2,132	313.7
Perryton	933	1,309	2,242	320.3
Bushland	1,535	884	2,419	345.6
Sanford-Fritch	1,577	1,237	2,814	352.0

Individual Rushing

Player, Team	No.	Yds.	TD
Valle, Sanford-Fritch	179	1,456	8
Monroe, Friona	103	1,003	12
Burks, Dalhart	92	908	13
Lang-Swan, Spearman	116	693	14
Reyna, Bushland	84	515	5
D.Aragon, Highland Park	94	512	6
Baca, Dalhart	79	487	7
Rindlisbacher, Spearman	57	456	5
Keeth, Perryton	70	454	7

Individual Passing

Player, Team	C-A-I	Yds.	TD
Cornelius, Bushland	103-212-8	1,299	14
Turner, Perryton	133-239-9	1,208	5
Miller, Pampa	85-159-11	1,160	8
C.Bryan, S-Fritch	86-162-6	1,069	14
Kinzer, Highland Park	72-148-8	903	6
Lang-Swan, Spearman	33-85-3	771	8
Schniederjan, Dalhart	19-47-0	501	6
T.Aragon, Highland Park	36-80-5	389	2

Individual Receiving

Player, Team	No.	Yds.	TD
Collins, Pampa	7	764	5
Patterson, Bushland	34	494	5
Harris, Highland Park	31	395	2
Prescott, Highland Park	30	422	5
T.Bryan, S-Fritch	29	521	5
Dorman, Perryton	26	394	3
Townsend, Perryton	25	222	4
Keeth, Perryton	24	126	2

Individual Scoring

Player, Team	TD	PAT	FG	Pts.
L'g-Swan, Spearman	14	2	0	86
Burks, Dalhart	14	0	0	84
Monroe, Friona	13	0	0	78
Baca, Dalhart	7	2	0	44
Keeth, Perryton	7	0	0	42
Rindlisbacher, Spearman	7	0	0	42
D.Aragon, HP	6	0	0	36
Patterson, Bushland	6	0	0	36
Collins, Pampa	5	0	0	30
Reyna, Bushland	5	0	0	30
Turner, Perryton	5	0	0	30

High School Football Standings

District 1-2A Division II

Team	Dist	Pts	Opp	All	Pts.	Opp.
Abernathy	4-0	160	57	7-1	256	121
Sanford-Fritch	4-1	177	73	4-5	170	187
Spearman	3-1	108	48	7-1	260	68
Floydada	2-2	89	82	4-4	215	226
Dimmitt	1-3	52	124	4-4	161	228
Highland Park	1-4	33	205	3-6	155	266
Tulia	0-4	62	102	1-7	105	173

Last week: Floydada 32, Highland Park 0; Abernathy 28, Sanford-Fritch 13; Dimmitt 27, Tulia 17.
This week: Dimmitt at Floydada; Spearman at Sanford-Fritch; Abernathy at Tulia.

District 1-1A Division II

Team	Dist	Pts	Opp	All	Pts.	Opp.
Booker	1-0	20	19	8-0	295	128
Gruver	1-0	16	13	3-5	152	216
Vega	0-1	13	16	1-7	184	263
White Deer	0-1	19	20	1-7	194	306

Last week: Booker 20, White Deer 19; Gruver 16, Vega 13.
This week: Gruver at White Deer; Vega at Booker.

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COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
27 October 2011
Hansford County
16 N.W. Court Street
Spearman, TX 79081-2052
(806) 659-4100

Panhandle Regional Planning Commission
P.O. Box 9257
415 S.W. 8th Avenue
Amarillo, TX 79105-9257
(806) 372-3381

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements. REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about November 15, 2011, the County of Hansford will submit a request to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Section 104(f) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, to undertake a project known as Project No. 711047 - Bridge Rehabilitation.

The project shall include a bridge rehabilitation due to a June 12, 2010 flood event that occurred in Hansford County. The County sustained extensive damage to bridges and culverts in the southwestern part of the county and most specifically, the County Road R Bridge over the Farwell Draw. It is no longer safe for traffic and is the only access route for residents. Construction shall include removal of the existing bridge and pave-

ment, excavation and embankment, installation of ten feet by ten feet (10' x 10') box culvert, two (2) headwalls, metal guard beams, rail end anchors, pavement and fencing, and the necessary erosion and traffic controls.

The estimated project cost is \$452,900.00 (\$102,900.00 County of Hansford Local Funds) (\$350,000.00 TxCDBG Grant Funds).
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County of Hansford has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at The County of Hansford, County Courthouse, 16 N.W. Court Street, Spearman, TX 79081 and at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, 415 W. 8th Avenue, Amarillo, Texas and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, Attn: Tyler Estes, PO Box 9257, Amarillo, Texas 79105. All comments received by November 15th, 2011 will be considered by the City of Spearman prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenter's should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS
The County of Hansford certifies to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs that Judge Benny Wilson in his capacity as Hansford County Judge consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Office's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the County of Hansford to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS
The Texas Department of Rural Affairs will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Spearman certification received by November 30th, 2011 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the County of Hansford approved by the Office; (b) the (RE) has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Office; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs at P.O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact the Office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

CERTIFYING OFFICER OF CONTRACTOR:
Judge Benny Wilson, County Judge
Environmental Certifying Officer
County of Hansford
16 N.W. Court Street
Spearman, TX 79081-2052
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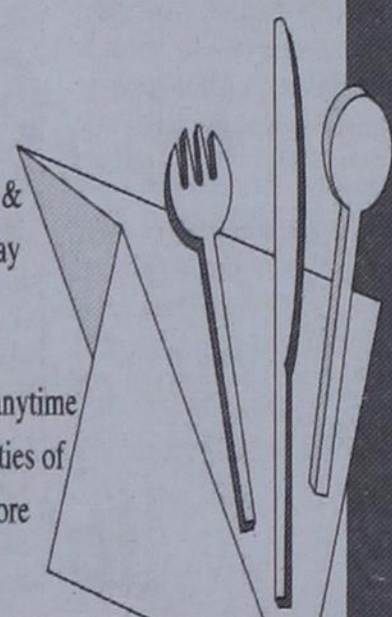
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Lake Level--October 24, 2011--32.97 feet (-0.27)

Spearman is hosting the District Cross Country Meet at the Park today. It looks to be a windy day. Jim said when the course was being laid off on Saturday morning, two bald eagles flew from Buschman's toward the dam. One eagle was low enough to give everyone a close up look. This is earlier than usual for a pair. Maybe they will stay.



These are a few of the sandhill cranes that are staying at Lake Palo Duro.

There were two campers behind the dam and two on the office side for the weekend. Another camper on the office side stayed during the week.

Jim was given three different reports by people who had caught fish. The largest mentioned was a 7.5 pound blue catfish caught on shad.

This is a good time of the year to see red-shafted Northern Flickers in the parks behind the dam. I have been seeing them here in Gruver, too. They have a white rump patch that gives them away when they are flying. They feed on the ground quite bit. Notice the red is on the head and that they also sport a black necklace. They also come as yellow-shafted, but we don't see them very often here.

Mandy Derington has sent me a link to Wyman Meinzer's West Texas, a vimeo video. It can be reached by googling

Wyman Meinzer. The photographs are outstanding.

Beef Bonanza (continued)

The glory years of the British investment in cattle ranches in America's west were in 1882-3-4 and the first part of 1885. Historians seem to look at it now as bubble in history when investors were scammed. However, it is admitted the 800,000 acre Matador Land and Cattle Company was a splendid investment. It lasted until 1951, when it finally sold out to American interests.

One of the companies held up for ridicule is the Rocking Chair Ranch set up in 1883 by Early W. Spencer and J. John Drew. These are the two men that helped set up and were the first managers of the Cattle Rancho and Land Company that bought out the 777 in Hansford County. John Clay in his book My Life on the Range mentions both of them. Spencer he liked,

and I'll share what he said about Drew.

"Drew, his partner, was a miserable specimen of mankind, a sort of adventurer with an evil tongue, with no sense of honor. He eventually died in the Panhandle after having with the aid of a scion of a Scotch lord, dissipated a fair-sized herd of cattle."

Again you can get a broader story by googling the Rocking Chair Ranch. I had heard this story for many years, but I was not sure which ranch pulled the scam on their investors. One day Lord Aberdeen, Baron Tweedmouth, and other titled stockholders showed up unannounced at the ranch and asked for a count of the cattle. Drew was able to bring the cattle around a hill in such a way that by adding a few more head each time around, they were able to count about three times the number of cattle they actually had.

\$6,150 Raised for Injured Vega Athlete



Luis Morales, a junior at Vega High School, was critically injured September 29th, while playing in a junior varsity football game at Wheeler. His life is now changed forever, as he is suffering from a C-6 spinal cord injury and remains unable to walk -- paralyzed

from the waist down. After suffering serious spinal injuries and being flown to Amarillo for surgery, he still needs further treatment which has put a huge financial burden on his family. The Khiva Shriners of Amarillo were determined to get him that treatment...free of charge. They arranged for Morales to be flown from TacAir in Amarillo to a hospital in Sacramento where he is currently being treated.

The community of Vega is raising funds to help him and his family with the costs of the extensive therapy that he needs.

Gruver High School & Gruver Junior High asked their teachers and students to help with a \$10 donation

for the students and \$20 donation for the teachers.

They had an incredible response to the Fundraiser for Luis Morales. On Thursday October 20th, they presented Vega ISD with a check for \$6,150.00 for this young man. Students, parents, community, businesses and extended Greyhound family, thank you for supporting this cause. Gruver truly is a caring and compassionate community!

If you were not able to donate last week, but would like to do so, you may send your donation to the Friona State Bank of Vega:

Luis Morales Fund
Friona State Bank of Vega
Box 230
Vega TX 79092

Gladiola Flower Club Home Tour

The Gladiola Flower Club Home Tour will be held on November 13, 2011 from 2-5 p.m. Homes on the tour include Mr. & Mrs. Clancy Vanderburg, 806 Wilbanks; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Nelson, Hwy. 15 W, 130 Nelson Rd.; Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Bailey, 906 Wilmeth; and the Hansford County Library, 123 Main Street.

Tickets are \$5 each for adults and children 10 and older, and may be purchased from any Club member, or at the door.

Home of Judy & Dennis Nelson

Judy and Dennis bought this house in 1976 from Bob's Custom Built and moved it to the Nelson (Jo-V-Ron) Addition to be their home.

At that time theirs was the third home in the Addition with nothing but pastureland. Every tree, shrub and bush was planted and nurtured by the Nelson's.

The house has three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a kitchen, living room, basement, office, and in 2003 a large dining room was added by Charles Elliott Construction.

Special features include a card table closet, recessed lighting throughout, and three large storage closets in the basement, and a special closet for Holiday decorations.

This is definitely a home for children, grandkids and friends.

In the entry is a table displaying a family Bible, a cross, and a picture proclaiming God in our Home. Family pictures decorate the home.

Home of Chandra and Jonathan Bailey

Chandra and Jonathan Bailey have just moved into their brand new home on 906 Wilmeth Drive.

Charles Elliott contracted to build it. The plans were discovered on a Web site, and were just what they had dreamed of having.

The home has four bedrooms, three-and-a-half bathrooms, a large family room, spacious kitchen, and a two-car garage, with a room above it.

Both Jonathan and Chandra are Texas Tech graduates and fans, therefore TT memorabilia is featured throughout the home.

It's A Boy!

Misti and Jimmy Gaytan would like to announce the birth of their third son, Luis "Angel" Gaytan. Angel was born on September 17, 2011. He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches long.

He was welcomed by his three-and-a-half-year-old brother, JJ Gaytan and fifteen-month-old Isaac Gaytan.

Proud grandparents are Jeff and Barbara Hand of Dumas Texas, Alfredo and Lupe Gaytan of Spearman. Great-grandparents of mother are Bill and Laura Hand of Spearman.



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Photos available of Spearman Lynx and Lynxette athletic events.



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