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COME TO THE GAME

SPEARMAN
vs.
LYNX West Texas
on 9/16 at 7:30 p.m.
at Stinnett

Gruver Greyhounds vs
Hooker, OK
on 9/16 at 7:30 p.m.
at Hooker, OK

Spearman Lynx
The 7th & 8th Grade Lynx and Spearman JV will play Stratford in Spearman on September 15th. The 7th grade will play at 5 p.m., the 8th Grade will play at 6:15, and the JV will play at 7:30 p.m.

Gruver Greyhounds
The Gruver JV River Road in Gruver on Thursday, September 15th at 6 p.m. The Gruver JH will play Pampa "C" at 5 p.m. in Greyhound Stadium.

CROSS COUNTRY

Gruver Greyhounds/Lady Hounds
The Gruver Cross Country Teams will not compete this weekend.

Spearman Lynx/Lynxettes
The Spearman Varsity Lynxettes will compete in the Plainview Invitational on Saturday, September 17th. The Jr. High, JV and Varsity Boys will compete in Sunray on Saturday, September 17th.

by GasBuddy.com TexasGasPrices.com Weekly Update

Texas, September 12- Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 2.7 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.45/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that has fallen 0.1 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.66/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 94.3 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 3.7 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has increased 5.1 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 93.3 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"Late last week we started to see a drop in wholesale gasoline prices, which is the price stations pay. Such news means the national average may begin moving lower," said Patrick DeHaan, GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst. "While I'm hopeful we'll start to see lower retail gasoline prices in the days ahead, we have seen considerable volatility and I'd hate to see the market move higher in the days ahead, negating any expected drop in retail prices," DeHaan adds.

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

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY - Cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely. Cooler. Highs around 60. East winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain showers. Lows in the lower 50s. South winds around 10 mph.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Warmer. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

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

SATURDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s.

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

SUNDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s.

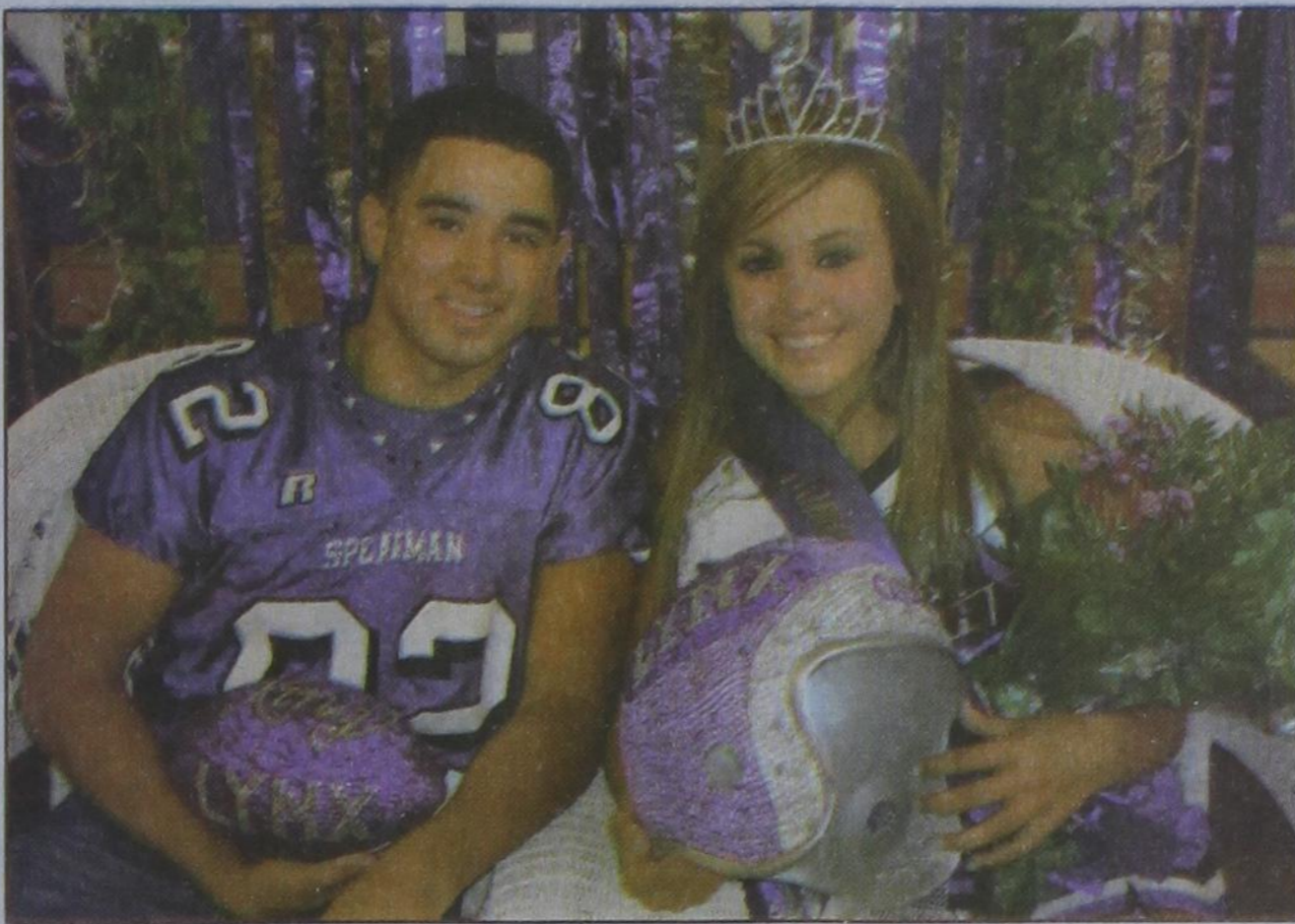
SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

MONDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

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

TUESDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s.

Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/forecast/w-Spearman-Texas.html#ixzzIXwhiVZt8>



2011 SHS Homecoming

Spearman High School celebrated Homecoming on Friday, September 9th. A district-wide pep rally was held at 2 p.m. in the Varsity Gym where the Homecoming King and Queen were crowned. The 2011 SHS Homecoming is King Steffan Cook and the 2011 Queen is Morgan Ashmore.

The Spearman Lynx defeated the Shamrock Fightin' Irish in a 40-0 homecoming victory.
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Spearman Lynx Cheerleaders Win Amarillo Venom Contest

by Kyla Carpenter

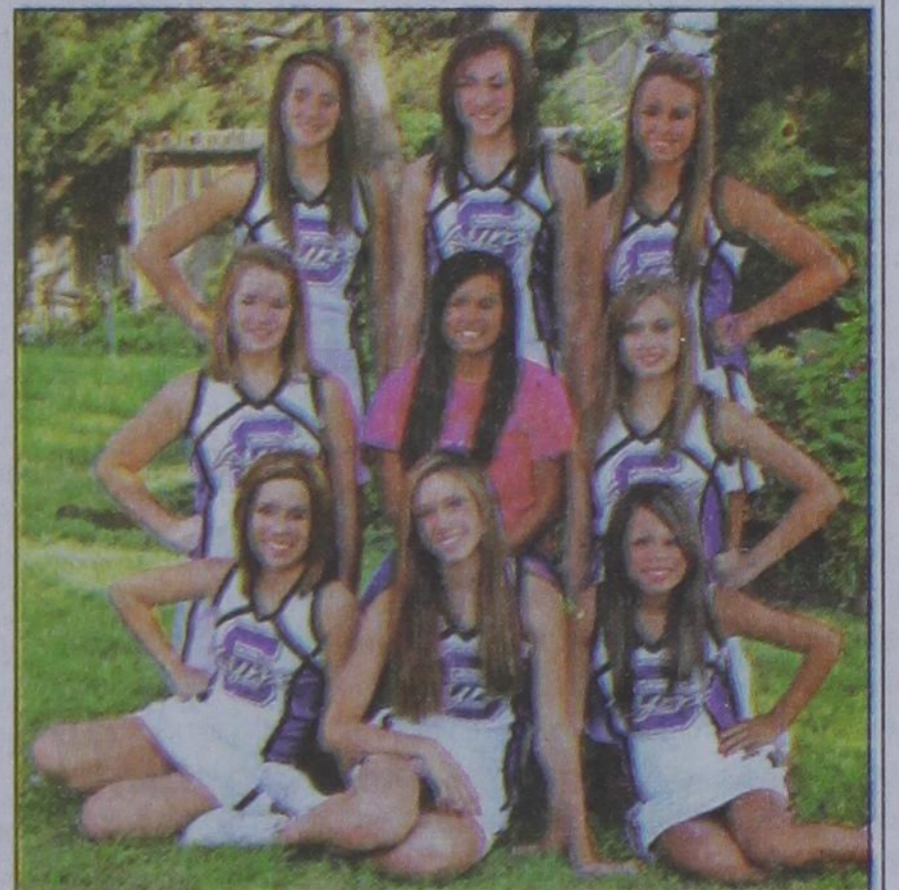
The Amarillo Venom are hitting the road this week to visit the winners of the favorite local football team and cheer squad the Fighting Irish of Stinnett and the Spearman Lynx.

"The contest was held on our new Facebook page and we had a huge response, a lot of votes coming in from the surrounding areas," said Owner/GM Stephanie Tucker. "It's great to see the smaller communities taking part and showing off their school pride!"

The Amarillo Venom will be visiting the TCY Fighting Irish of Stinnett football practice on Thursday, September 15. This group of 5th and 6th graders had an overwhelming response of votes from family, friends, and town supporters. Their practice begins at 6 pm off Ranch Rd. 2277; the players will be available for autographs, pictures, and a pep talk for the team.

Players from the Amarillo Venom will also be visiting the Spearman Lynx cheer squad on Friday, September 16 for their Pep-Rally at 2:30. The pep-rally is being held on the football field. The players will be giving a pep-talk, signing autographs, taking pictures, and giving away prizes.

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LEFT: The Spearman Varsity Lynxettes, the three-time defending class 2A state champions, won the Perryton Wolf Creek Classic at Wolf Creek Park Saturday with 46 points.

BELOW: The Spearman JV Lynxettes won the JV Division with 41 points.

Photos by Tami Hargrove. Pictures available at <http://spearmansports.smugmug.com>
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Are You Ready For Some FOOTBALL?

Spearman photos by Tami Hargrove. Pictures available at <http://spearmansports.smugmug.com>
See related article on Page 6



Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott
MUSEUM HAPPENINGS
 A beautiful week, and hard to concentrate. September is off to a great start. A beautiful fall would be great!

Plan on starting your fall adventures with a trip to the museum to see Amy Winton's exhibit. You won't be disappointed.

Our reception for Amy will be this Sunday, September 18th at 2 p.m. Please plan to come and visit with Amy and the museum staff.

We are still working on the photographs and the archive boxes. It is interesting to rediscover what all is in our collection.

The core team is working on all our military uniforms. We could outfit our own army if the need arises. We have been told that our military exhibit is one of the finest in the region as to artifacts and telling the individual stories of our men who have served. We appreciate all of you who have given us your military items that made this exhibit and collection one of the best.

We hope we are telling your story as it should be. If any of you that our veterans would care to have your service story recorded, come to the museum and I will interview us on tape and we will have your story for our archive.

MUSEUM MUSINGS
 In writing this column, I sometimes get bored with my titles, etc. so, I look through the many clippings, notes, etc. that I collect to see if there is something that I could use to make the column more interesting or informative. Lovella collected for me some of the titles that the Skaggs used in the Lipscomb Limelight and Follett Times. Here are some of the titles:

Darrouzett Digest, Booker Breeze, Shattuck Siftings, Wolf Creek Valley Ripples, Local Lore, Skunk Creek, La Kemp Whispers (spelled Wispers), Local Overflow, A Few on the Side, About Town and County, Pansy Blossoms, Shadeland Notes, Higgins in Brief, Local Paragraphs, View Point Pointers, Stillwater Siftings, Jolts from Fifth Creek, Goodwin in Brief. So much for that research. I do like the Local Overflow.

This week was one of remembrance as we all revisited September 11, 2001 and watched TV on Sunday. The Booker News on September 13, 2001 reported the bombings of the Twin Towers and Pentagon, but the Big headlines were the Commissioner's Court action on the county annual budget and the Booker city budget. The museum was planning our reception for Jim Ward and a concert by

the Colemans on the civil war. The museum column was written by Lovella.

Well, next week I hope to have some of our county history to share. I am going to research some of our archives this week to find some new tidbits. Wish me luck.

I offer you this from Michael Crichton to think about this week:

If you don't know history, you don't know anything. You're a leaf that doesn't know it's part of tree.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum

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

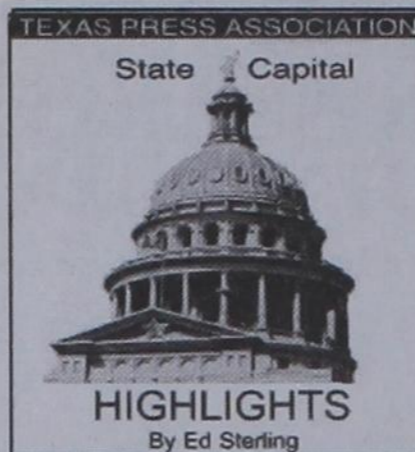
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 13310 Hwy 305, PO Box 5, Lipscomb TX 79056; telephone: 806-852-2123; e m a i l : wolfcreek@amaonline.com; website: www.wolfcreekheritagemuseum.org

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

by Ed Sterling

Texas remembers 9/11 while many fight wildfires

AUSTIN --- Along with the rest of the nation, Texans solemnly observed the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States of America.

People of all ages and walks of life paused in remembrance of the events of that day and to honor the dead, the injured, surviving family members, friends and associates.

Likewise honored were firefighters, medical technicians, law enforcement officers, military personnel and ordinary citizens who sprang to action then and to those who have served and continue to serve.

Texans drew together in groups publicly and privately, both ceremonially and informally, and some made their meditations in solitude.

Meanwhile, wildfires raged on in various parts of the state, affording little or no break in the strenuous efforts of first responders and disaster relief workers, as thousands of residents found themselves displaced or homeless after wind-driven blazes ignited swaths of drought-parched land and neighborhoods.

These fires have caused great suffering and in many cases, evacuation orders in Bastrop, Travis, Henderson, Limestone, Caldwell, Colorado, Palo Pinto, Briscoe, Coryell, Montague, Montgomery, Grimes, Waller and other counties.

On Dec. 21, 2010, Gov. Rick Perry signed a still-in-effect emergency disaster proclamation for all of the state's 254 counties, due to extreme wildfire hazard caused by exceptional drought conditions.

On Sept. 5, Gov. Perry visited Bastrop and referred to his ride into the city 25 miles east of Austin as a "positively surreal experience." He credited firefighters for their hard work and urged evacuees to register with the American Red Cross Safe and Well program.

On Sept. 6, the 600-member Texas Task Force 1 was deployed on orders from Gov. Perry to the Bastrop County fire. Historically, 73 members of the elite search, rescue and recovery team were deployed to New York, N.Y., following the 9/11 terrorist attack and to New Orleans following the landfall of Hurricane Katrina in late summer 2005, according to the governor's office.

Also on Sept. 6, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott traveled to Bastrop to see the situation for himself and meet with the affected. He reminded retailers and hotel operators that the governor's disaster declaration prohibits vendors from price gouging during a declared disaster.

On Sept. 7, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who said the state's resources were "spread pretty thin," called for more federal assistance, including aircraft, bulldozers and other heavy equipment "that can and should be made available right away."

On Sept. 9, FEMA, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency, announced that federal aid had been made available to Bastrop County by presidential disaster declaration to the State of Texas to supplement state and local wildfire recovery efforts.

On Sept. 12, eight residents of Bastrop County reportedly remained unaccounted for.

Smoke in air causes concern

Fire-related smoke plumes showing up on satellite imagery of East and Central Texas prompted a Sept. 7 news release from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

"These levels of smoke would not be expected to cause any long-term health effects," the TCEQ said.

However, "the smoky air can aggravate allergies and asthma, and people with respiratory diseases may have increased symptoms, as smoke contains small

particles and gases that irritate the eyes and lungs."

And, while urging citizens to use their best judgment when it comes to exposure, the agency said, "Children, older adults, and people with pre-existing heart or lung disease are more susceptible to lower levels of smoke than healthy adults."

Help in self-identification comes

Proving you are who you are can turn into an ordeal when identifying documents have been reduced to ashes or are out of reach because of an evacuation order.

To help Bastrop County residents cope with that problem, the Texas Department of Public Safety operated a mobile driver's license unit in Bastrop over the Sept. 10-11 weekend.

The unit moved around, setting up at relief shelters, working to verify the identities of individuals who lost their identification. Many displaced citizens were issued temporary identification.

Job matching partnership is 'on'

To enhance efforts toward matching jobseekers with jobs, the Texas Workforce Commission on Sept. 6 announced that DirectEmployers Association and the National Labor Exchange have applied the power and reach of their search engines to the state's WorkInTexas.com job-matching website.

The cooperative effort is expected to link more job seekers to some 96,000 verified job openings viewable on www.WorkInTexas.com.

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THE INTERNET

ACROSS

- Substitute for currency
- Sound meant to scare
- Third behind Bonds and Aaron
- 1836 Texas battle
- Romanian monetary unit
- Knight's breastplate
- Most famous Bolshevik?
- Food morsel
- Turns sharply
- *Small application
- _____ toward or aimed at
- Poetic even
- Thunderstorm sight
- Beaver's creation
- *Never without a
- Distant
- *Without further _____, pl.
- Miners' bounty, pl.
- Make happy
- Domestic animal shelter
- Writer Asimov
- Russian governmental agency
- One way to get to top
- Trend-setting
- Poor neighborhood
- Declare as true
- Unoffensive manner
- "But I heard him exclaim, _____ he drove out of sight, Merry

CHRISTMAS TO ALL...

- Under this in court
- Native American tradition
- *It's often used in verb form
- Pepsi and Coke
- _____ of Aquarius
- Relating to the Illum
- Skirt shape
- Overnight stop
- Vigorous fight
- *Way to be heard
- Pecan, e.g.
- Lock of hair

- Capital of Bangladesh
- Infamous Nazi
- Gaelic
- Directed, produced, written by Warren Beatty
- Immature ovum
- Longest human bone
- *Express outrage
- 18-wheeler
- John Galsworthy's Forsyte story
- *_____cross bicycling
- *Surf
- Communist Zedong
- Tao follower
- Writer Clemens' nom de plume
- Watcher
- Gallup's inquiry
- Medley
- Designer Vera
- Belgian port
- Low-cal
- Grub
- Metered ride
- Wildebeest
- Cosine

DOWN

- Salt in Spanish
- Ball of yarn
- Raja's wife
- Polyimide or carbodiimide, e.g.
- Type of silk cloth
- Pat dry
- Poetic over
- Money paid out
- Samuel Adams, e.g.
- "A Death in the Family" author, James _____
- Charlie "_____" Parker
- It turns host into hostess
- *Virtual you
- Short stanza at end of poem
- Toy-maker
- Gamut

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Birthday - Les Barkley, Dan Ralston, Karen Durham, Becky Byers, Misty Dawn Villarreal, Matt Jones, Audrey Winegarner, Debbie Dingman, Amanda Bowman, Matthew Jones, Arturo Huerta, Gary Vasek
Anniversary - M/M Bob Meek, Karen & Buford Babbitzke

September 16
Birthday - Marcia Kuehl, Terrell Evans, Jarret Warren, Oscar Rojas Jr., Jason Evans, Leticia Salazar, Frank Galvin, Pauline Winger, Silvia Lopez, Margy Schoenhals
Anniversary - M/M Charles Greenwood

September 17
Birthday - Hugh Bell, Krystle Deeds, Pablo Perez, Glenda Renner, Johnny White, Jan Allen, Helen Melton, Joe Wattier, Teresa Ford, Myrtle Eller, Janna Brock, Robbie Cochran, R.D. McLain, Judy Fredrick, Mario Molina, Dale Wofford, Andrew Cummings, Kayla Swink
Anniversary - M/M Larry Kennedy, M/M Ray Gressett

September 18
Birthday - Betty Davis, Alton Ellsworth, Pat Jackson, Scarlett Jackson, Cary Cates, Mrs. Don Ladd, Donna Phillips, Van Hamilton, David Baca, Jamie Townsen
Anniversary - M/M Scott Swan

September 19
Birthday - Sally Holt Meek, Carol Hester, Sue Jackson, Tildon Sparks, Jim Jones, Amadita Vargas, Alberto Vargas, Randy Kirk, Tammy Woodward, Julie Pittman, Cassidy Taylor
Anniversary - M/M Dennis Nelson, M/M Tindle Ramon

September 20
Birthday - Tiffanee Crane, Jerry Overbey, Karen Archer, Charles Shield-knight, Mrs. Jimmy Watson, Dee Mayfield, Edrie Jones, Lance McMahan, Dora Salgado, Chris Womble, Beverly Vinson, Pedro Garza

September 21
Birthday - Amber Murrell, Teresa Sue Dodson, Mrs. Ola Davis, Lisa Pipkin, Sharon Craig, Millie Craig, Gary Thomas, Karen

Goodman, Arthur Cantu, Cathy Brown, Paul Mahaffey, Ashlee Flowers, Allene Bayless, Callie Cazares, Francis Murrell, Jacie Baker, Mike Ladd

September 22
Birthday - Charlotte Bergin, Chelsie Beth Hicks, Leon Wilson, Robert Womble, Bobby Evans, Ray Brewer, Junior Avila, Terry Delozier, Lance Harnish, Sterling Alana Brown, Amber Conley, Janice Riley, Bonnie Cox, Haylee Miesner
Anniversary - M/M John Williams, M/M Pat Jackson

September 23
Birthday - Larry Babbs, Rodney Dale Clawson, Melissa Davis, Wilma Clark, Ray Ortega, Tony Papay, Will Black, Jan Hartsell, Luisa Volden, Karla Flowers, Amber Coombs, Kylie Cook, Jake Coates, Andrew Jacobs, Melissa Lesly, Kylie (Snider) Moss
Anniversary - M/M Harvey Atwood

September 24
Birthday - Amadeo Cazares, Martha Jo Hadley, Cindy Blackman, Deena Murrell, Tony Shapley, Amy TeBeest, Linda Venneman, Trevor Williams, Sherri Kay West, Danny McLaughlin, Mandi Lusby, Julie Hays, Dan Pearson, Jeff Hawkins, Wesley Miser, Roberta Cole, Amber Elliott, Kylie Cook, Amy Powers, Dustin Tomlin, Bradon French

September 25
Birthday - Brooke Salmons, Ann Taylor, Charles Martin, Jesse Renteria Jr., Cecil Slater, Stacy Lesly, Marcy Vitela, Pedro Vargas, Teresa Blau, Sandy Zamora, Chuck Cook, Edwin Pearcy, Andrew Dalton Raper, Erynn Saenz, Sally Pittman
Anniversary - M/M Steve Holton, M/M Arturo Vargas

September 26
Birthday - Whitt Barkley, Mandy Derington, David Tomlison, Tamera Shedd, Von Close, Idella Randall, Cari Babbitzke Baker, Jennifer Martin, Wayne Cummings, Regan Boxwell, Wanda Reed, Sharon Whitefield, Joy Graham, Grace Davis, Torin Winkler
Anniversary - M/M John Patterson

Our Sympathy

ESTELLA ELIZABETH MORRIS
AMARILLO - Estella Elizabeth Morris, 89, of Amarillo, died Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011, in Amarillo. A graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Llano Cemetery with the Rev. Charles Jones, officiating. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount Blvd.

Estella was born Aug. 11, 1922, in Austin County, the fourth child and only daughter of Basil Jon and Ella Garnett. The family moved to Hansford County in 1931 and Estella graduated from Spearman High School in 1940 as valedictorian of her class. She received a scholarship to the University of Texas at Austin, and while attending the university she met Tom Morris, a law student. They were married June 14, 1943, in the middle of World War II, while he was serving as a Naval aviator. She continued her education at the University and graduated in 1945 with highest honors, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in home economics and nutrition. She was a member of the Omicron Nu Honor Society.

When World War II was over and Tom returned to the University to complete his law degree, Estella worked as a laboratory technician for the Texas Health Department for two years, and when she and Tom moved to Amarillo in 1949, she worked as a laboratory technician for the Amarillo City Health Department until her first child was born in 1952. Thereafter, her primary focus was on her family but she continued her interest in education and was an active member of the American Association of University Women, serving one term as president and hosting the state convention in Amarillo. She did volunteer work at the Amarillo Museum of Art for nearly 20 years, was a member of docents and was chairwoman of that group for one year. She was a member of Polk Street United Methodist Church and taught Sunday school while her children were in school.

Estella loved her friends, too numerous to name, but she wanted to express her appreciation to some special friends, Lynn and Irvin Wall, Betty Sterquell, Gwen Patterson, Enid Bates and Allegra Bush, and to the staffs at Bivins Memorial Nursing Home, Childer's Place and BSA Hospice who cared for her in her last years of declining health.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Stanley Garnett, Wesley Garnett and Howard Garnett and their wives.

Survivors include her husband, Tom Morris; two daughters, Linda Willard and husband David and Vicki Fineran and husband Martin; five grandchildren, Sheena Fineran, Mallorie Benjamin, Skye Fineran, Autumn Fineran and Aureole Fineran; three nephews, Howard Stanley Garnett, Wesley Garnett Jr. and Jon Michael Garnett; one niece, Lynn Riley, and numerous grandnephews and nieces. On Tom's side of the family, she is survived by two brothers-in-law, Minter I. "Jack" Morris and Ennis R. "Tut" Morris; two sisters-in-law, Alice Willis and Lois Morris; four nephews-in-law, Jimmy Morris, Dean Morris, Keith Morris and Thomas Willis; and six nieces-in-law, Elizabeth Roof, Lynette Morris, Patti Noel, Alice Link, Deborah Escobar and Leigh Ann Roma.

The family suggests memorials be to a favorite charity.

FLAVIL SHIRLEY AYERS
SPEARMAN - Flavil Shirley Ayers, 88, of Spearman died Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2011.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Church of Christ with Calvin Chapman officiating. Burial will be in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Ayers was born July 23, 1923, in Macomb, Okla. Mr. Ayers was a mechanic and owned and operated his own shops in Spearman and Gruver. He was well respected in the communities he lived in and was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Mr. Ayers was a missionary in Faith, S.D., for more than 12 years. He had a major influence in the growth of the Church of Christ in the Dakotas and surrounding areas. He was a faithful member of the Church of Christ and preached part time, performing numerous weddings and funerals.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Josephine Ayers; a daughter, Shirley Marlene Nesbeth Ayers; and two sisters, Oleta Thomas and Theresa Raugh.

Survivors include a son, Glen Edwin Ayers of Plano; two brothers, Vance Ayers of El Reno, Okla., and Altus Ayers of Oklahoma City; a granddaughter, Kasandra Harris of Canyon; and two grandsons, Glen Scott Ayers and Trevor Austin Ayers, both of Garland.

MILDRED V. SMOTHERMON
SPEARMAN - Mildred V. Smothermon, 93, of Spearman died Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2011.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Santa Cruz United Methodist Church, Espanola, N.M., with the Rev. Cecelia Lorenzen officiating. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Santa Cruz, by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home, Spearman.

Mrs. Smothermon was born Dec. 11, 1917, in Blooming Grove. She married Ches Smothermon in 1941 in Lefors and taught in junior and senior high school for many years in Espanola.

Survivors include a sister, Wanda Archer of Spearman; and a brother, Raymond Vaughn of San Antonio.

The family suggest memorials be to McMurry University General Scholarship Fund, McMurry Station, Box 938, Abilene, TX 79697.

DARA DENEE' BRIDWELL
PAMPA - Dara DeNee' Bridwell, 20, "God's little angel on Earth" went back to heaven on Aug. 27, 2011.

Celebration of life services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011, in First Baptist Church in Skellytown, with Brother Fines Marchman officiating.

Dara was born in Amarillo on April 9, 1991, to Earl and Loretta Bridwell. She had been an employee of Dominos Pizza since 2007.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Argues and Genelta Poole, Uncle "Butch" Poole; and paternal grandparents, Raymond Bridwell and Venie Petty.

Survivors include her parents; her husband, Joel Hornsby of Pampa; three brothers, Brent Bridwell and wife Carol Puga of Torrance, Calif., Brian Bridwell and fiancée Patsy Nichols of Pampa and Wyatt Bridwell of Spearman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Medical Fund Established At FNB for Dynell Moore

Shawn and Dynell Moore, children of Johnny and Brenda Vera and Terry Moore of Spearman, have recently relocated their family to the Dallas-Fort Worth area. In March, Dynell was diagnosed with stomach cancer. She will be receiving treatments at MD Anderson in Houston and Baylor Medical Center in Fort Worth. After the birth of their second child, three tumors were discovered, two of which contained malignant cells. The tumors were safely removed at Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg, VA. At which time, Dynell began oral oncology treatment to keep the cancer from spreading. The Moore's made the decision after consulting with their physician to continue an aggressive treatment program at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston as well as their sister facility in Fort Worth. There has been a Medical Fund established for the Moore family at First National Bank in Spearman to aid in treatment expenses. The Moore's feel extremely blessed with the early diagnoses of Dynell's condition and the support they have received from family and friends.

Farmers Market in Spearman Each Wednesday

Spearman has its own Farmers Market on Wednesdays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the old Celebrate building, 203 Main. Growers are welcome to sell their produce. Call Linda Venneman at 806-882-4635 if you are interested in being vendor. e. Bring a friend. Bring a salad for the noon luncheon.

Hansford Co. Library Thrift Shop Closing to Redecorate

The Hansford County Library Thrift Shop will be closing for a chance to clean and redecorate. We look forward to reopening when we have finished our update. During this time, we would appreciate it if you would save your quality items until we are ready to restock. Keep watching - we will be back!

Stationmasters House Museum Garage Sale

The Stationmasters House Museum in Spearman, TX is sponsoring a Garage Sale on Saturday, September, 17th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Museum Annex Building, 2nd Ave and Archer St. in Spearman. Anyone who wishes to donate, please bring your items by the museum during normal business hours, Tuesday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m., or call the Museum at 806-659-3008 or Reba at 806-733-2786.

Spearman Booster Club

If you would like to become a member of the Spearman Booster Club please contact any club member. This money helps the Spearman Booster club award scholarships to many athletes each year. Please call Kellye Buchanan 330-0364 or 659-5102 or mail membership to P.O. Box 343 Spearman.

Greyhound Grand

Please support the Greyhound Booster Club and buy a square to win \$1000. Squares are numbered 1-100 and the \$ value is the number of the square. The person whose number is drawn will win \$1000. The drawing will take place November 4th at the last home football game. To buy a square, see John Haynes at Bort Agency or purchase a square at the home football games.

New Counseling Practice in Hansford County!

Darlene Curry, M.Ed., M.A., L.P.C., has opened a Counseling Practice in Gruver in the hopes of adding much needed services to the panhandle area. The office is located at 430 Main Street, Ste. A in Gruver. Appointments may be made by calling 806-736-0463.

High Plains Storm 16th Annual Fall Basketball Clinic

A Fundamental Skills Basketball Clinic and League will be held for boys and girls, 1st grade through 6th grade and Junior High through High School boys and girls. The clinic will be held at the Beaver Grade School Gymnasium. Times are as follows: 1st-6th grade boys: Starting Saturday 12 September 2011 and every following Saturday until 14 December 2011, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon; 1st-6th grade girls: Starting Sunday 12 September 2011 and every following Sunday until 12 December 2011 from, 1:30-3:30 p.m.; Junior High and High School boys and girls: Starting Sunday 11 September 2011 and every following Sunday until 13 December 2011 from, 3:30-5:30 p.m. There is no charge for the clinic, but participants are asked to bring water. Contact Lonnie Bailey at 580 651-4379 or email clbailey@ptsi.net for more information.

Union Church to Host Appreciation Dinner for Firefighters

The Union Church of Spearman will be hosting a dinner in appreciation for all the hard work that our firefighters and EMS personnel have put in this summer. The dinner will be at 7 p.m on Thursday, September 15th in the Union Church Fellowship Hall. We would love to have every single member of both EMS and the Spearman Fire Department there if possible!

EMT Basic Class Begins October 10th

EMT-BASIC classes will be held in Gruver starting October 10th. Scholarships will be available through The City of Gruver and The City of Spearman. Please contact Janet Williams at 806-570-4284 for more information.

Hansford County Health Fair October 13

Mark your calendar, Hansford County Hospital Community Health Fair October 13, 2011 from 7am- 1pm. Flu shots, reduced price for men and women lab screening and many health related vendors. If your business would like to donate a door prize, please contact Jackie Nelson 806-659-5841 or bring by the hospital.

Tri-City Community Concert Association

Janie Kunselman is the representative for the Tri-City Community Concert Association of Borger and Liberal, and is selling memberships to attend concerts for the 2011-2012 season. Concerts are as follows: Borger - The Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats - September 22nd, 7:30 p.m.; Guy Penrod, February 13th, 7:30 p.m.; Shawn Bellon-Miller - TBA. Season memberships are: Adults - \$40, Sr. Adult - \$35, Students - \$20, and Family - \$100. For information, call Janie Kunselman at 659-2631. Tickets purchased from Tri-City Concert Association admit members to concerts in Pampa and Plainview.

Liberal Community Concert Association

Janie Kunselman is the representative for the Liberal Community Concert Association of Liberal, KS. The Liberal Community Concert Association is selling memberships to attend five special concerts in the 2011-2012 season. Concerts are as follows: October 4th - Deborah Henson-Conant; November 8th - The Indigo Ensemble; January 30th - Mark Masri; February 16th - Guy Penrod; April 26th - Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats. Season memberships are: Adults - \$50, Students - \$25, and Family Pass - \$125. For information, call Janie Kunselman at 659-2631 or James Jackson at 620-624-5995.

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Perryton Area Parkinson's Disease Support Group

The Perryton Area Parkinson's Disease Support Group will meet Friday, July 8, 2011 at the Perryton Mennonite Church, 2921 S. Ash (across from United). Lunch will be provided for the 12 noon meeting. Speaker, Jo Bidwell from Lubbock, (who was unable to come at the last minute last month) will be our guest. She will be able to answer any and all questions you might have dealing with PD. Anyone or any family member who has PD is welcome to attend. Contact Bev Burger at 435-3437 or 435-0579 for more information.

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Our Sympathy

E. JOY CROOKS MITCHELL



AMARILLO - E. Joy Crooks Mitchell (83) entered the arms of Jesus August 21st. She leaves behind her son, Mike (Debbie), granddaughter Christie (Ryan) Black, grandsons Erik (Alana), Bradley, Karl (Casey), and Kirk, daughter-in-law, Stephanie, brother Harold (Joyce) Crooks, sisters-in-law, Mary Joyce (Vernon), and Kathleen (Howard), numerous nieces and nephews, and scores of friends from church, golfing, bicycling and bridge.

She was preceded in death by her son, David, her parents, Harry and Flossie Crooks, brothers, Howard Flint and Vernon Crooks, and sister, Ruby (and brother-in-law J.F.) May.

Joy was born near May, Oklahoma, but the family moved to the panhandle of Texas before she was three, when Pop bought a half section of land near Spearman, Texas. She told stories of listening to programs on the radio, living through the Dust Bowl, herding sheep, plowing corners "nearer than anyone," stacking feed, having three brothers in the service during World War II, milking cows, driving a tractor, and hauling grain to the elevator. After graduation, Joy attended West Texas State Teacher's College (now West Texas A & M) in Canyon, Texas. She didn't quite complete her college education because she married Donald Mitchell. They welcomed two sons, Mike and David, and lived in Amarillo, La Junta, Colorado, back to Amarillo, before moving west to Albuquerque in 1966. Though she lived in Albuquerque the rest of her life, Joy always called herself a "tough old Texas gal".

Following her retirement, Joy traveled, eventually making it to nearly 30 countries, besides going throughout the US. Many of those trips were bicycling tours. Services were held in Albuquerque on August 24th. Memorials may be sent to Paradise Hills UMC, 4700 Paradise Blvd NW, 87114, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch & Girls Town, PO Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79174, or the charity of your choice.

Thank You!

I have so many people to thank for the great care I received after my rattlesnake bite. The concern of the men in Farm Supply after realizing I had been bitten. The wonderful job of our "Volunteer" ambulance crew. Kevin Babbs, Janet Williams and Billy Kelly were so good to me. I am so grateful to them. The prompt concern and care of Dr. Cotter. He was on call all night and checked on me often. The nurses on duty as well as Iris Wood took such good care of me. We are so fortunate to have our wonderful hospital. The concern from Mike and Angela Grotegut, Bob and Carol Tolleson and all the people I work with at Farm Supply. The visits and prayers from family and friends. I am doing well and have truly been blessed.

Patricia Bratton

Thank You!

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Words from Faith & Grace



by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

In the fourteenth week of Pentecost we study Jonah 3:10-4:11, Psalm 148:1-8, Philippians 1:21-30, and Matthew 20:1-16. We learn something of God's mercy and steadfast love and something of our own jealous nature.

Jonah has reluctantly delivered the Word of God to the City of Nineveh, arch-enemy of Israel. What is worse, to Jonah, the citizens of Nineveh repent and God spares them. Jonah is in a funk and sits overlooking Nineveh. God causes a gourd to spring up and provide shade for Jonah, but the next morning God sends a worm to cut down the bush. Jonah despairs over the bush! God chastises Jonah for despairing over the bush which Jonah did not plant and did not nurture and yet could not despair over the fate of one hundred twenty thousand people in Nineveh. Learn from this that God is merciful even to the unjust. God allowed the Assyrian Empire to grow and in time allowed the Assyrian Empire to collapse; this was as God willed. Are we not sometimes like Jonah? Do we not begrudge God's mercies to our enemies? Think about it.

The Psalmist is singing that God is merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and is ready to relent from punishing our sins. The Psalmist blesses God and praises him for his mighty acts. He asks that the generations hand down to the next generation the mighty deeds of God.

Paul is awaiting execution or release from prison. He writes the Philippians that he prefers to die and be with Christ, but also is torn to remain and aid the Philippians. He is convinced that Christ will be exalted by his speaking with boldness, regardless of whether he lives or dies. He implores the Philippians to live in a manner that is worthy of the Gospel of Christ. Learn from Paul that we must be prepared to "strike our tent" when death is our path and that we must live as citizens of Christ's Kingdom here on earth.

In Matthew, Jesus tells his followers that the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out to hire laborers for his vineyard. In the parable all the workers receive the same wage regardless of how long they have worked. Some grumble and complain that the last hired get the same wage as the first hired. (Note that the first hired received the pay they had agreed on.) Jesus tells them that the Landowner did them no wrong as he could do with his property as he wished. This is a parable about jealousy. We so often try to 'nationalize' God; we attempt to believe that we are his favorites. Yet, God's steadfast love and mercy are available to all who fear him. Whether we labor for the Kingdom of God from an early age, middle age, or even our old age, our 'wages' are the same. Can we honestly complain that those who have labored less than ourselves receive the same reward?

May the Holy Spirit enable you to accept the steadfast love of God without complaining.

Amarillo Venom Contest

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The Amarillo Venom encourages fans in the surrounding areas to come by and show your support for the winners of our favorite local football team and cheer squad.

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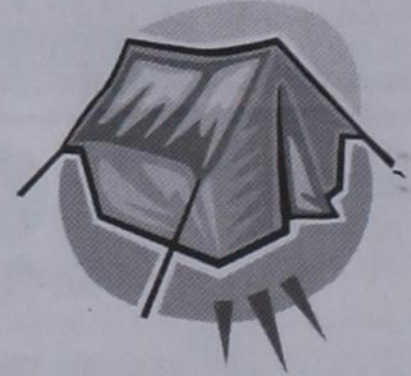
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Family Literacy Night Cozy Reader's Campout

Time: 6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Place: Spearman Elementary/Junior High Cafeteria



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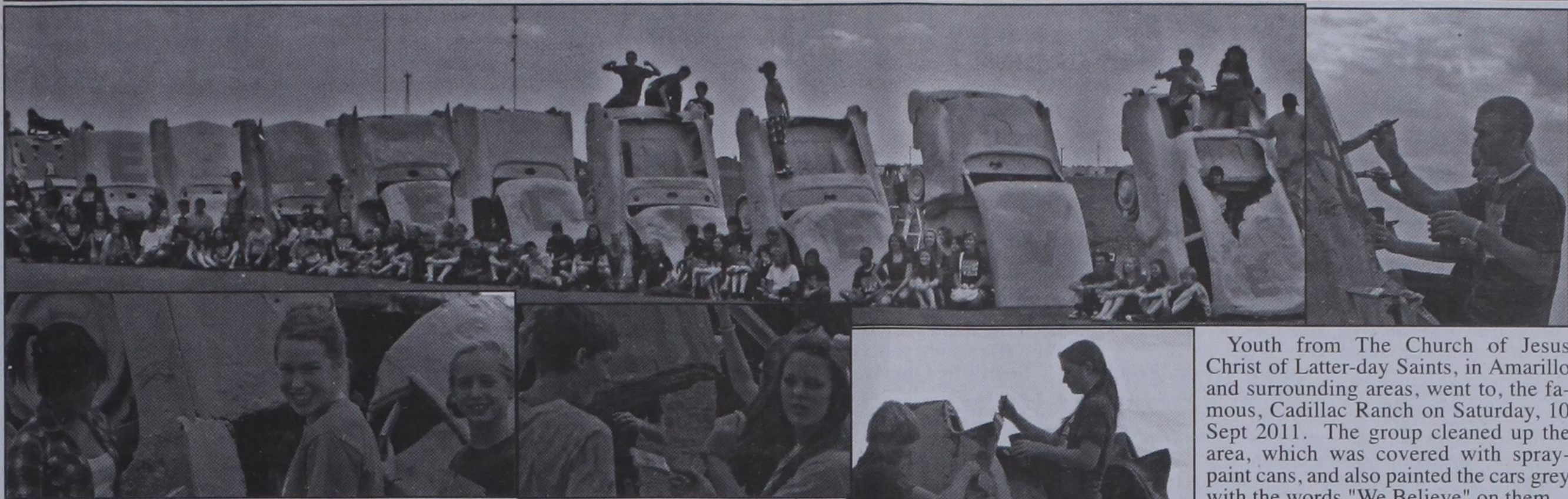
In Loving Memory of David Johnson

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To live forever in the hearts of those we leave behind is not to die.

On this year's anniversary of David Johnson passing, we would like to thank all the people of Spearman and the surrounding communities for loving our dear son. As David's parents we would also like to thank you for all the prayers, love and support we have received during this past year.

Sincerely,
Sam and Jan Haynes
Mike and Brenda Johnson



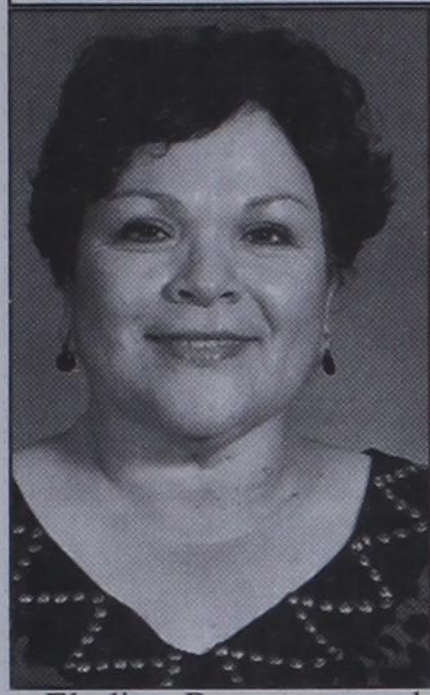
Youth from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in Amarillo and surrounding areas, went to, the famous, Cadillac Ranch on Saturday, 10 Sept 2011. The group cleaned up the area, which was covered with spray-paint cans, and also painted the cars grey with the words "We Believe" on them.

"We Believe" is part of the church-wide theme for the youth this year and is symbolic of the values that many want to ignore in today's world.

We Believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed, we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul..... If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things. (Articles of Faith) And most of all...We Believe in Christ!

The Garnett children, of Spearman, were part of the project.

Elodia Bravo Retires from SISD



Elodia Bravo started working in public education in 1975 when she began working as a kindergarten paraprofessional at Stanton Elementary School in Stanton, Texas. After her family moved to Spearman, she started work at Gus Birdwell Elementary School as a paraprofessional and most recently serving as the district's migrant coordinator until her retirement at the end of May 2011. She ended her career with twenty-four years working in public education.

As the migrant coordinator, her responsibilities included working with identified migrant students by providing them neces-

sary services to be successful in public schools. This included the Building Bridges Program where she went into the homes of three year old children to help provide them a jump start to the learning process. In addition, she took high school age students to leadership activities in Amarillo and helped provide them with the resources and assistance to continue their education at the post-secondary level. On more than one occasion, she served as a chaperon taking migrant students from across Region 16 to the Bert Corona Leadership Institute in Washington, D.C. to the experience in democracy leadership program.

When asked what her favorite memory of her time working at Gus Birdwell Elementary School, she replied, "The faculty and staff were always pleasant to work with, the cleaning ladies and the cooks are my very best friends." Others might mention that she was always willing to dress-up and do something crazy to entertain the children. One year she partnered with Mrs. Saylor and dressed up as one of the

Supremes to sing, "Stop in the Name of Love" for one of the school assemblies.

When asked what advice she would give someone new entering the profession, she stated, "Always think positive and reassure the children that they are special, no matter how difficult it is. I know things will work out fine." She said that technology and the kids knowing more about technology than us is the biggest change she has seen in education spanning her career in public education.

This past summer, Elodia moved back to her home town of Stanton, Texas.

She indicated that her plan after retirement was to stay home for a year without doing anything; however, that didn't last long. On August 1st she went back to work as the Executive Director for the Martin County Historical Museum. Please join me in thanking Elodia for her service to the children of Gus Birdwell Elementary School and for her twenty-four years she served the children of the State of Texas in public education!

Hansford County Library Reading Programs

Zephyr Wind presents "Reading with Grace" at Hansford County Library on Thursdays at 11:30 a.m., followed by "Reading and Conversation with Lisa."

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS**

**PRINGLE-MORSE CISD'S STATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING**

The Pringle-Morse Consolidated Independent School District will hold a public meeting on September 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Pringle-Morse CISD Boardroom, 100 Fifth Street, Morse TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's performance under each of the 21 indicators of the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST). Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The FIRST ratings are based upon analysis of staff and student data reported for the 2009-2010 school year, and budgetary and actual financial data for the 2010 fiscal year (ending August 31, 2010). The FIRST rating system was developed by the Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999. The primary goal of the FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of the school district's financial resources.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Date: September 22, 2011  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location Pringle-Morse CISD Boardroom  
100 Fifth Street, Morse TX  
Subject: Financial Accountability Rating

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# Hansford County Sports

## Perryton Wolf Creek Classic

The Spearman Lynxettes, the three-time defending class 2A state champions, won the Perryton Wolf Creek Classic at Wolf Creek Park Saturday with 46 points.

Gruver finished second. Sasha Kent of Boise City, Okla. won the individual title in 12:32.

Perryton's Fabian Mercado defended his individual championship in 16:16.

**Girls: 1. Spearman 46; 2. Gruver 54; 3. Perryton 71.** 4. Dodge City, Kan. 139; 5. Dalhart 149; 6. Pampa 150; 7. Boise City, Okla. 164; 8. Borger 179; 9. Hooker, Okla. 224; 10. Canadian 242; 11. White Deer 264; 12. Booker 346; 13. Beaver, Okla. 351; 14. Texhoma, Okla. 388.

**Individuals (98 finishers):** 1. Sasha Kent Boise City 12:32 2. Tylor Farrar, Spearman 12:43; 3. Jaylee Mays, Balko, Okla. 12:58; 4. Gately Garnett, Spearman 13:07; 5. Lupita Martinez, Perryton 13:08; 6. Madison McLain, Gruver 13:14; 7. Sara Smith, Dalhart 13:16; 8. Shelley Gibson, Gruver 13:19; 9. Sarah Snider, Spearman 13:21; 10. Reagan Haynes, Gruver 13:26; 11. Mallory Martin, Spearman 13:28; 12. Macy Hubbard, Perryton 13:30; 13. Nancy Zubia, Dumas 13:34; 14. J'Ce Holmes, Pampa 13:41; 15. Taylor Felderhoff, Gruver 13:43; Shelby Hanna, Spearman 25th; Cynthia Mendoza, Spearman 34th; Itzel Meza, Spearman 63rd

**Boys:** 1. Dodge City, Kan. 39 2. Perryton 51 3. Borger 72 4. Beaver, Okla. 106 5. Dumas 132; 6. Gruver 177; 7. Dalhart 180; 8. Hartley 200; 9. Hooker, Okla. 203; Darrouzett 321

**Individuals (94 finishers):** 1. Fabian Mercado, Perryton 16:16 2. Luis Chavez, Beaver, Okla. 17:33; 3. Trent McNear, Pampa 17:35; 4. Ulises Lopez, Perryton 17:39; 5. Elliott Webb, Canadian 17:40; 6. Anthony Carmona, Dodge City 17:46; 7. Oscar Carmona, Dodge

17:51 8. Luis Carmona, Dodge City 17:52 9. Lane Newcomb, Borger 17:59 10. Miguel Mendez, Dumas 18:06 11. Grant Boren, Borger 18:23; 12. Alex Carrasco, Perryton 18:25; 13. Elder Collindres, Dodge City, Kan. 18:28; 14. Aaron Smith, Borger 18:29; 15. Jonathan Rendon, Dodge City, Kan. 18:41.

**Junior Varsity Results**  
The Spearman Lynxettes came in 1st place with 41 points, followed by Perryton with 77 and Pampa with 85. A total of 8 teams competed.

**Individual Results:** Gena Hargrove 3rd, Brooke Walker 5th, Sadye Hanna 10th, Taylor Williams 11th, Slade Garnett 15th, Hannah Patterson 16th

**Junior High Results**  
160 runners competed in the Jr. High Girls division, with the top 20 medaling.

**Team Results:** 1) Borger 68, 2) Stratford 96, 3) Boise City 101, 4) White Deer 126, 5) Spearman 130, 6) Gruver 151, 7) Canadian 178, 8) Guymon 190, 9) Sunray 204

**Individual Results (Spearman only):** Payton Harrell 10th; Evelyn Jacquez 24th; Sarah Jackson 36th; Tori Bennett 40th; Yesica Gonzales 47th; Taylor Varnon 61st; Maggie Pipkin 68th; Sidney Hawkins 76th; Courtney White 88th; Angela Mendoza 111th; Brantly Shields 112th; Kayla Servantez 133rd; Daisy Perez 135th; Halston Kenney 140th; Trea Rice 141st; Maria Rodriguez 154th

123 runners competed in the Jr. High Boys division, with the top 20 medaling.  
**Team Results:** 1) Guymon OK 27, 2) Dumas 104, 3) Canadian 111, 4) Stratford 128, 5) Spearman 139, 6) Sunray 142, 7) Dalhart 154, 8) Borger 158

**Individual Results (Spearman only):** Lane Farrar 10th, Cade Garnett 28th, Bryan Campos 39th, Daniel Anima 57th, Payton Smith 85th, Parker Hanna 111th

**Farwell 29, Gruver 6**  
Farwell's Ryder Ledbetter

er rushed for 65 yards and three touchdowns in the Steers' runaway win over the Gruver Greyhounds at River Road High School.

Kolten Morris added 53 rushing yards for Farwell (2-1), while Jerrod Collier rushed for 108 yards and a touchdown for Gruver (1-2), though the team totaled only 10 rushing yards.

**Scores by Quarters**  
Gruver 6 0 0 0 - 6  
Farwell 2 12 8 7 - 29

**Scorers**  
G—Jerrod Collier 77 run (kick failed)  
F—Ryder Ledbetter 5 run (not reported)  
F—Collin Christian 2 run (kick failed)  
F—Ledbetter 1 run (Kolten Morris run)  
F—Ledbetter 8 run (Brett Stancell kick)

| Statistics    |        |        |
|---------------|--------|--------|
|               | FS     | GG     |
| First Downs   | 11     | 10     |
| Rushing Yards | 159    | 10     |
| Passing Yards | 46     | 172    |
| Total Yards   | 205    | 182    |
| C-A-I         | 2-8-0  | 9-13-0 |
| Punts-Avg.    | 4-38.8 | 4022.3 |
| Fumbles-Lost  | 3-0    | 4-1    |
| Penalties-Yds | 9-67   | 6-40   |

**Lynx 40, Shamrock 0**  
Spearman rolled to a 27-0 first quarter lead Friday against Shamrock, and rolled to a 40-0 win over

the Fighting Irish. Jace Langswan accounted for four touchdowns for Spearman, which forced three turnovers.

Shamrock's Marcus Menefield ran for 191 yards on 34 carries.

Spearman improved to 3-0. Shamrock is 0-3.

**Scores by Quarters**  
Shamrock 0 0 0 0 - 0  
Spearman 27 6 7 0 - 40

**Scorers**  
SP — Jace Langswan 1 run (Alfredo Rosendo kick)  
SP — Derek Zimmerman 19 pass from Langswan (Rosendo kick)  
SP — Zimmerman 13 run (kick failed)  
SP — Junior Garcia 40 fumble return (Rosendo kick)  
SP — Justin Rindlbacher 42 punt return (kick failed)  
SP — Langswan 12 run (Jorge Carlo kick)

| Statistics    |       |        |
|---------------|-------|--------|
|               | SI    | SL     |
| First Downs   | 10    | 17     |
| Rushing Yards | 197   | 199    |
| Passing Yards | 0     | 137    |
| Total Yards   | 197   | 336    |
| C-A-I         | 0-2-1 | 7-12-0 |
| Punts-Avg.    | 3-33  | 1-42   |
| Fumbles-Lost  | 4-2   | 2-1    |
| Penalties-Yds | 4-45  | 7-50   |

## SHS Homecoming

Spearman High School celebrated Homecoming on Friday, September 9th. A district-wide pep rally was held at 2 p.m. in the Varsity Gym where the Homecoming King and Queen were crowned. The 2011 SHS Homecoming is King Stefan Cook and the 2011 Queen is Morgan Ashmore.

Morgan is a 17 year old senior at SHS. She is the daughter of Junior and Cindy Ashmore. She has attended Spearman schools for 8 years. Morgan's activities at SHS include National Honor Society, a volunteer mentor in Big Brother/Big Sisters, and a member of Student Council her freshmen and sophomore year and a class officer her junior year.

She has played on the SHS golf team for three years qualifying for the regional tournament her sophomore year.

She has been a SHS cheerleader for 4 years. Morgan has also played basketball at SHS for the last 3 years. She was chosen MVP of the Vernon Tournament her sophomore and junior year and MVP of the Caprock Tournament her junior year. She was District Newcomer of the Year her freshmen year and District MVP her sophomore and junior year. She was selected on the TGCA

All State team her sophomore and junior season, TABC All-Region team her sophomore and junior year, and TABC All-State her junior year. She also was a member of the Amarillo Globes News Super Team as well as the 2A-3A Player of the Year her sophomore & junior year.

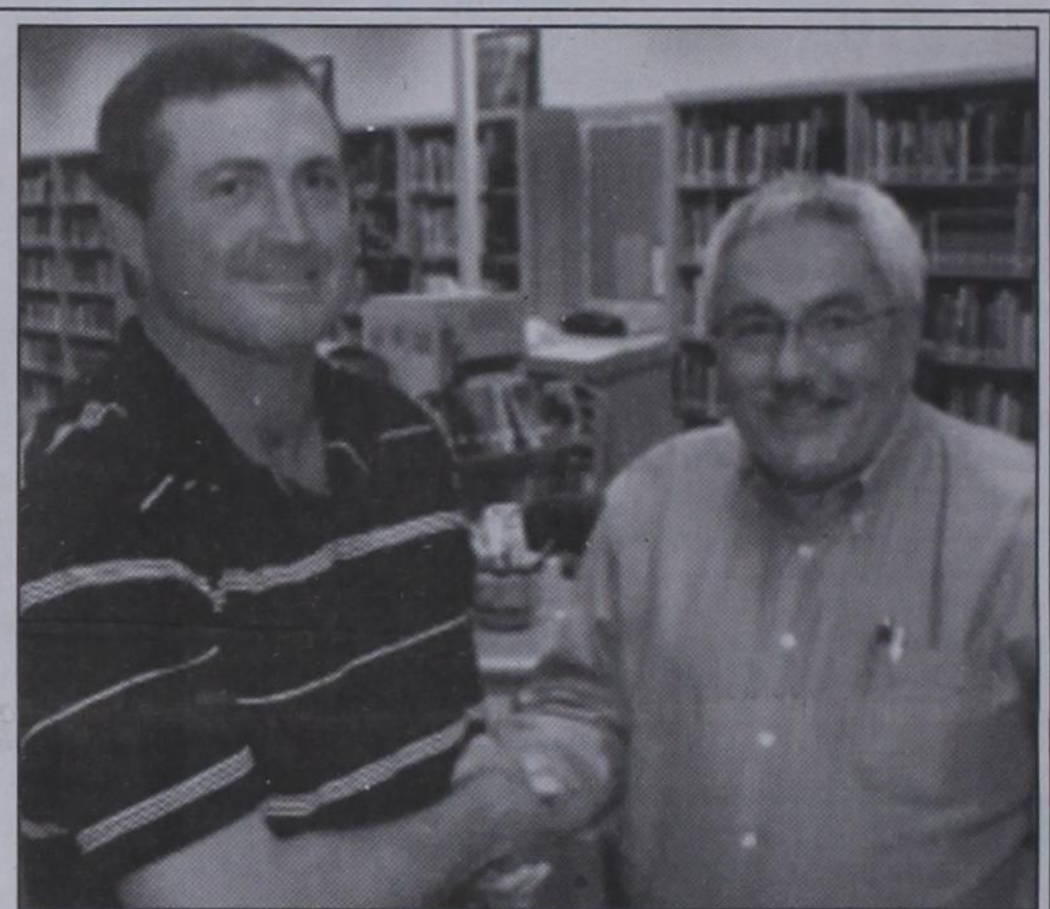
Her hobbies are cheerleading, playing basketball and hanging out with friends.

Her future plans are to attend college and play basketball. She wants to be a basketball coach just like her dad but teach science not history.

Stefan is a 17 year old senior at SHS. He is the grandson of Lynn and Sharon Cook and son of Lyndee Stone and has attended Spearman schools for 12 years. Stefan wears number 82 and has played football for six years; two of these years on varsity. Stefan's other activities include basketball and track. He is a member of NHS and was elected class favorite his sophomore year. Stefan is a big brother in the BIGS program and is a member of FCA. Stefan enjoys skateboarding, hanging out with friends, and long walks on the beach. His most memorable football experience is making the play-offs for the first time since 2005.

## Spearman Receives Superior Rating on Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas

Spearman ISD School Board Vice President Joel Shields (left) congratulates Asst. Superintendent Larry Murphy (right) on the District receiving a "superior rating" on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST). Spearman has received a "superior rating" every year since the inception of the program! Larry has served in his current capacity with Spearman ISD since 1999.



## GHS 2011 Homecoming

GHS Homecoming 2011 will feature the theme "Crazy for the Greyhounds" and will be celebrated with Red Ribbon Week, September 19th-23rd. The Homecoming Attendees for 2011: Taylor Felderhoff, Madison McLain & Evelyn Pastrana.

Once again, the high school classes will compete for "GHS Most Spirited". 1st-4th points will be giving for: hall decorations, dress-up day participation, crazy games at the park, "Burning of the GHS" attendance, "Coins for the Cause", and class cheer. "Coins for the Cause" is a three day fundraising competition to see which class can raise the most money. All funds donated will be sent with the Gruver XC team to the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure held in Amarillo, Saturday, September 24th.

Homecoming Activities are as follows: **Monday**—"Follow your dreams, Don't Do Drugs!" (Crazy Pajama Day); Crazy Games at the Park 7 p.m. (HS Class Competitions); **Tuesday**—"Success and Drugs Don't Match!" (Crazy Clashing Clothes Day); Burning of the GHS 9 p.m. at the Football Stadium Parking Lot; **Wednesday**—"I'm tickled pink to stay away from drugs!" (Pink Day—Crazy for the Cure); Coins for the Cure Contest Ends at 3:30p.m. (HS Class Competition); **Thursday**—"Hair's to a Drug Free life!" (Crazy Hair Day), JH & JV Football @ West Texas 5 p.m.; **Friday**—"Hounds Believe, Achieve, Succeed DRUG FREE!" (Crazy Spirit Day); GHS Homecoming Pep Rally 3 p.m. in old varsity gym (HS Class Cheer Competition); 5-6:30 p.m. - Chili Supper at Gruver HS Commons, \$5 per person; Alumni dues of \$15 are payable at the Chili Supper or by mail (Gruver Alumni Association, PO Box 353, Gruver TX 79040) Alumni dues support the GHS Alumni Scholarship Fund for graduating seniors; 6:45 p.m. - Alumni Queen Coronation, 81st GHS Alumni Homecoming Honoring classes of '31, '41, '51, '61, '71, '81, '91, '01, '11; 7 p.m. - GHS Homecoming Coronation; 7:30 p.m. - Gruver vs. Texico, NM; **Saturday**—Alumni Game, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Gruver vs. West Texas, Greyhound Stadium; 8 p.m.-12 Midnight - Alumni Dance sponsored by the Class of 2001 at the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman featuring local talent. Proceeds used for a Memorial Scholarship in honor of classmate Kirby Johnson.

**Gruver High School**  
All School Alumni Dance  
In Memory of Kirby Johnson  
hosted by the class of 2001  
featuring Local Artists  
Saturday, September 24th  
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\*all proceeds and donations to benefit the Kirby Johnson Memorial Fund

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments  
Special Election November 8, 2011

**Proposition Number 1 (SJR 14)**  
SJR 14 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran with an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the surviving spouse's residence homestead as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried, the property was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the qualifying veteran died, and the property remains the residence homestead of the surviving spouse.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "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 Number 2 (SJR 4)**  
SJR 4 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Water Development Board to issue additional general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for one or more accounts of the Texas Water Development Fund II, with the restriction that the total amount of bonds outstanding at any time does not exceed \$6 billion.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "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 Number 3 (SJR 50)**  
SJR 50 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or its successors to issue and sell general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for the purpose of financing educational loans for

students, subject to certain constitutional restrictions, including a restriction as to the maximum principal amount of bonds outstanding at any one time.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students."

**Proposition Number 4 (HJR 63)**  
HJR 63 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county, and to pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county for repayment of such bonds or notes. The amendment does not provide independent authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "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 Number 5 (SJR 26)**  
SJR 26 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow cities and counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities and counties without having to assess an ad valorem tax and set aside a specified amount of funds for the payment of costs under the interlocal contract.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "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."

**Proposition Number 6 (HJR 109)**  
HJR 109 would amend the constitution to increase the amount of principal that is available for withdrawal from the permanent school fund each year and would also clarify certain references to that fund in the constitution. Increased access to the principal of the state public education trust fund would be based upon HJR 109 granting the authority to consider alternative market calculations when determining the amount of principal that is available for distribution to the available school fund. HJR 109 would also provide authority to distribute to the available school fund annual revenue from school fund land or other properties up to \$300 million per year.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "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 Number 7 (SJR 28)**  
SJR 28 would amend the constitution by adding El Paso County to the list of counties authorized to create conservation and reclamation districts to develop parks and recreational facilities financed by taxes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "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 Number 8 (SJR 16)**  
SJR 16 would amend the constitution by requiring the legislature to provide for taxation of open space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "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 Number 9 (SJR 9)**  
SJR 9 would amend the constitution to authorize the governor, on the written recommendation and advice of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, to grant a pardon, reprieve, or commutation of punishment to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision."

**Proposition Number 10 (SJR 37)**  
SJR 37 would amend the constitution by extending the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain local elected officeholders, if they announce candidacy or become candidates for another office from one year to one year and 30 days.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "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."

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TFN(9/15/11)

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TFN(12/2/10)B

**HELP WANTED:** Prairie Motors has an immediate opening for a service writer. Apply in person at Prairie Motors in Spearman. See Dick or Jeff. TFN(8/25/11)B

**HELP WANTED:** Frontier Feedyard (located north of Spearman 25 miles or south of Hardy 10 miles) is now hiring a pen-rider and processor. Contact Rusty @ 806 882-4251 or 806 202-6358. They are also taking applications for feed-truck drivers. Contact Ana Mendoza @ 806 882-4251.  
TFN(9/15/11)B

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2(9/15/11)B

**HELP WANTED:** Seeking experienced Rig Operator and Two Rig Hands. Send resume to PO Box 1422, Pampa TX 79066.  
2(9/15/11)B

**HELP WANTED:** We are looking for someone that drives from Spearman to Dumas and back on a daily basis. This individual will shuffle parts back and forth between the two stores, if interested please contact Shane Orman at 806-316-2980.  
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**LOST & FOUND**

**REWARD:** \$2000 cash reward for the arrest and prosecution of the person or persons who allegedly stole a 16" Bill Oliver saddle with the serial number 1193 and a pair of silver Kelly spurs with a yellow butterfly on the side, from a horse trailer belonging to the late David Johnson in Spearman, TX. If you have any information please call (940)636-5581 or (806)681-6224 or the Hansford Co. Sheriff's Office. This saddle and spurs were used in David's graveside service.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Pringle-Morse CISD is accepting quotations for fuel and/or maintenance of school vehicles. Please contact the superintendent's office for bid specifications. Address: 100 Fifth Street, P.O. Box 109, Morse, Texas 79062; phone: 806-733-2507. Bids must be received in the school office by September 22, 2011 at 12 noon. Bids will be opened at that time and considered by the PMCISD Board of Trustees at its regular September meeting. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject in whole or part of any and all bids.  
2(9/8/11)B

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) CONTRACTS**  
Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.  
**CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)**

Dist/Div: Amarillo  
Contract 0041-02-012 for SEAL COAT in HARTLEY County, etc will be opened on October 07, 2011 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TXDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Pre-qualification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.  
NPO: 37780

State Office  
Constr./Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)  
Amarillo District  
District Engineer  
5715 Canyon Dr  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Applications are being taken for a part-time custodian at Hansford County Courthouse, with thirty hour week with retirement benefits. Applications are to be picked up from Donna Farris, County Court Administrator, and dropped off with her.  
Benny D. Wilson  
Hansford County Judge  
TFN(9/15/11)B

**INVITATION TO BID**  
Notice is hereby given that GRUVER ISD will receive sealed bid proposals for metal fabrication equipment. All bids will be received until 2:00 PM September 19, 2011. Any proposal received after that time and date will be returned unopened and not considered. Bids will be awarded at the February 2011 regular Board Meeting. Bid specifications are available at the Gruver ISD administration offices 601 Garrett, Gruver, Texas. Please mail or deliver all bids to: Gruver ISD Business Office, P.O. Box 650, Gruver, Texas 79040.

For more information contact David Teal at 806-733-2001.  
The District reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids and to waive technicalities, and be the sole judge of quality and equality.  
1(9/15/11)B

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Martin Ochoa, Deceased, were issued on August 29, 2011, in Cause No. P02638, pending in the County Court of Hansford County, Texas, to: Amadita Vargas.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Cecil R. Biggers  
Attorney at Law  
PO Box 342  
13 W Kenneth Street  
Spearman TX 79081  
DATED the 29th day of August, 2011.

Cecil R. Biggers  
Attorney for Amadita Vargas  
State Bar No.: 02308500  
PO Box 342  
13 W. Kenneth Street  
Spearman TX 79081  
Telephone: (806) 659-5531  
Facsimile: (806) 659-5531  
1(9/15/11)B

**Application of North Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc., to Amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Williams 69 kV Transmission Line in Hansford County, Texas (Williams 69 kV Tap)**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS (PUC) DOCKET NO. 39699**

This notice is provided to notify you of the intent of North Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc., ("NPEC") to amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") to construct a 69 kV transmission line east/northeast of the city of Spearman in Hansford County, Texas. The estimated cost of this project is \$2,417,050. Persons with questions about the transmission line may contact Randy Mahannah at (806) 435-5482. A detailed routing map may be reviewed at the following location:  
**Offices of NPEC**  
14585 U.S. Hwy 83 N.  
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EEOE  
(9/8/11)

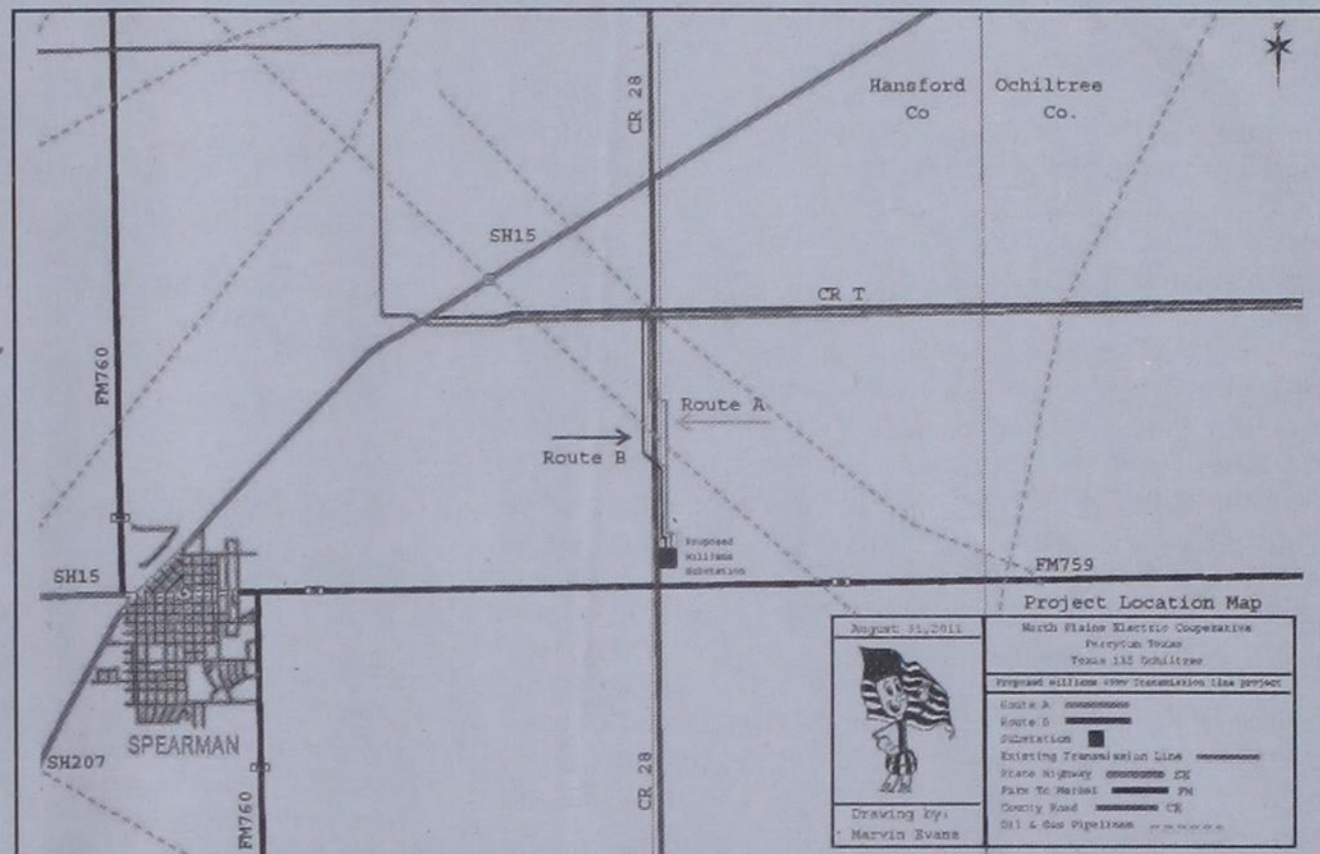
**All routes and route segments included in this notice are available for selection and approval by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.**

Persons who are affected by the proposed transmission line and wish to intervene in the docket or comment on the applicant's application should mail the original and 10 copies of their requests to intervene or their comments to:

Public Utility Commission of Texas Central Records  
Attn: Filing Clerk  
1701 N. Congress Avenue  
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Austin, Texas 78711-3326

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The deadline for intervention in the docket is October 25, 2011, and the PUC should receive a letter from anyone requesting intervention by that date.



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**Williams 69 kV Tap - Description of Alternative Routes**

**Route A:**  
Route A originates at the proposed NPEC Williams substation 716 feet north on CR 28 from FM759 in the southwest corner of Section 71, Block 4T, T&NORR Survey, Hansford County, Texas. From the point of origination, the transmission line goes north a distance of approximately 79 feet; then going west a distance of approximately 80 feet to the east side of CR 28; then going north generally along the east side of the right of way for CR 28 a distance of approximately 79 feet to the mid Section 7121 feet to the mid Section

line of Section 54, Block 4T, T&NORR Survey; then going west and crossing over CR 28 a distance of approximately 60 feet; then going north along the west side of the right of way for CR 28 a distance of approximately 2611 feet to an existing transmission line located along the south right of way for CR T, where the new 69 kV line will be connected.

**Route B:**  
Route B originates at the proposed NPEC Williams substation 716 feet north on CR 28 from FM759 in the southwest corner of Section 71, Block 4T, T&NORR Survey, Hansford County, Texas. From the point of origination, the transmission line goes north a distance of approximately 79 feet; then going west a distance of approximately 80 feet to the east side of CR 28; then going north generally along the east side of the right of way for CR 28 a distance of approximately 4481 feet to the south line of Section 54, Block 4T, T&NORR Survey; then crossing over CR 28 in a northwesterly direction for a distance of approximately 88 feet to the west right of way in Section 55, Block 4T, T&NORR Survey; then going north along the west side of the right of way for CR 28 a distance of approximately 5191 feet to an existing transmission line located along the south right of way for CR T, where the new line 69 kV line will be connected.  
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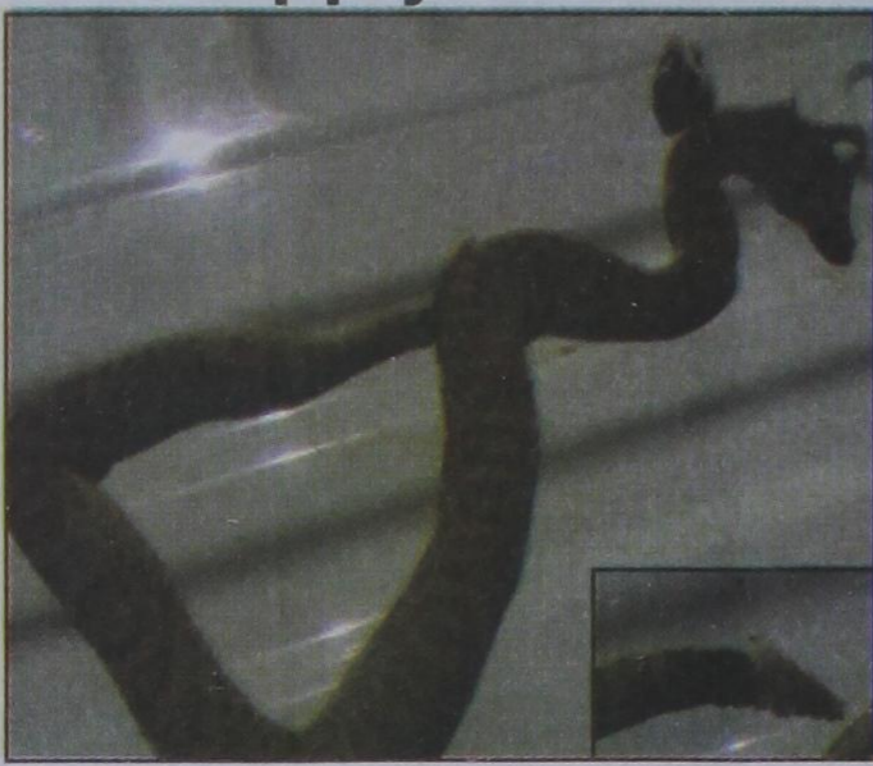
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# Bratton Bit by Rattlesnake in Front of Farm Supply in Gruver

by Dorothy Hudson



LEFT: Patricia Bratton  
ABOVE: Rattlesnake that bit Pat Bratton in front of Farm Supply on Main Street in Gruver.

Patricia Bratton was bitten by a rattlesnake on Thursday, September 1, 2011, in front of Farm Supply on Main Street in Gruver. As she returned from her lunch break a little after 1:30 p.m. and was approaching the front door, she heard what sounded like a cricket. Then she felt a prick on her right ankle that made her think that she had picked up a grass burr from the area where she had parked her car. She had been looking up Main Street, but the slight pain caused her to look down and see the rattlesnake stretched at her feet on the sidewalk. She screamed and started running around the corner of the building to the north door. The men in the store, looking through the plate glass window, saw Pat begin to run. By the time they got to the front door, the snake was striking at the glass, so they didn't open it.

Mac McLain and Chris Spivey were across the street by the Bort Agency when they heard the scream. Mac came over and killed the 2 and a half foot-long rattlesnake. In the meantime, Pat remembered that you aren't supposed to run after a snakebite and walked into the store to announce that she had been bitten.

Pat sat down, and when her cotton anklet was pulled down, the entry holes were visible below her ankle bone and just above her tennis shoe. Stan Seagler went across to the grocery store and brought back ice to put on her ankle while 911 was called.

Kevin Babbs and Janet Williams arrived quickly and loaded Patricia into the ambulance. Kevin started an IV, and Janet called the hospital in Spearman to report that they were bringing in a patient who had been bitten by a rattlesnake. Then Janet announced that the ride would be bumpy as Billy Kelly, the driver, would be traveling under Code 3.

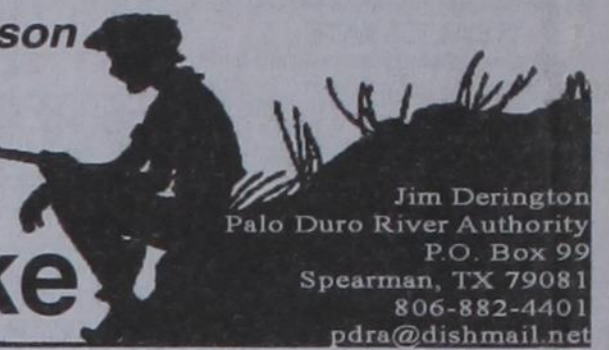
At the hospital, Pat was attended by Dr. Cotter, who was on call. It took about an hour to mix 6 vials of anti-venom with a solution. By the time the anti-venom was added to the IV, her ankle was swelling and showing some bruising. By 11 p.m. Pat's blood work showed that more anti-venom was needed, so 2 more vials were added. At 5 a.m. an additional 2 vials were added, making 10 vials in all.

After waiting a 24-hour

period to make sure that all was well, Patricia was dismissed. Her ankle was not bruised and only slightly swollen.

Pat is very grateful for the care that she received from her friends, the ambulance crew, Dr. Cotter, and the hospital staff. They were all wonderful.

# Out at the Lake



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Lake Level--September 12, 2011--34.68 feet (-0.32)

The cooler weather has helped continued activity at the Lake after the big Labor Day crowd. Jim said he had two RVs on the office side and 7 north of the dam.

Ramon Cantu visited with a fisherman who had a nice basket of seven catfish. They were mostly blues weighing up to 4 pounds.

Thursday Jim had a slide show for Webelos Scouts from Spearman to help to help them earn their Naturalist Badges. They were accompanied by Melanie Jarvis and Kelly Garnett. The Webelos Scout program is a two-year transition program between Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

### Rattlesnake Bites

A rare occurrence happened at the Hanford County Hospital on September 1 and 2 as a victim of a rattlesnake bite was admitted each day. Many years ago the bites would have been cut and then sucked by mouth. The next step would have been to submerge the cut in kerosene if possible. Down the line many of us carried little snake bite kits in the glove compartments of our pickups or vehicles, but they just made it easier to cut the little x's and use a little vacuum cup to pump

out the poison. We learned to use tourniquets in First Aid and were told to get to a doctor as quickly as possible. Then you could start worrying if you would be one of the many who were allergic to the anti-venom you would be given.

Now the advice is still to get to the hospital by using 911 or your own conveyance, letting common sense be your guide. A call ahead is advisable if possible. Don't waste time cutting and sucking on the fang holes or hunting and

killing the snake. One of the recent victims received a scratch that began swelling, so he knew to go for help.

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