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GHS Homecoming

The 2008 Gruver High School Homecoming will be held on Friday, October 3rd.

The Gruver Junior High and Junior Varsity Greyhounds will play Canadian this Thursday in Canadian, beginning at 5 p.m.

Friday is Spirit Day at Gruver ISD. The Snake Dance will begin at 2:45 p.m., followed by the Pep Rally at 3 p.m. in the varsity gym.

Gruver High School will be open for Open House from 4-6 p.m. A Chili Supper will be held in the school cafeteria from 5-6:30 p.m.

The Homecoming Alumni Coronation will be held at 6:45 p.m., followed by the Homecoming Queen Coronation at 7 p.m. The Homecoming game against Texico, NM will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Homecoming High School Dance will be held at the Golden Age Center, beginning at 10 p.m. The cost is \$3 per person, or \$5 per couple.

Homecoming Queen candidates are Marisol Hernandez, daughter of Isabel and Maria Hernandez; Devlin Reynolds, daughter of Sharon Arrington; and Lynn Vela, daughter of Ted and Mary Vela.

Powder Puff King Candidates are Rey David Gaspar, son of Roman Gaspar and Antonia Balderrama; Miles Messer, son of Darrell and Lori Messer; and Taylor Williams, son of Ty and Paula Williams.

The following alumni are being honored during the Alumni Coronation:

Class of 1938 - Betsy Dahl Ward, Frankie Wallin Leatherman and Fred Miller

Class of 1948 - Marie Harris Gould and Lowell Moon (gathering at the home of Bud and Shirley Lowe, 907 Cluck)

Class of 1958 - Sue Lowry Deakin and John Boney (gathering at the home of Jon and Marilyn Hart, S edge of Gruver)

Class of 1968 - Brenda Williams Henderson and George Odom (gathering at the Methodist Fellowship Hall, 506 Broadway)

Class of 1978 - Paula Carroll Pearson and David Swink (gathering at the home of David and Ginny Grotegut, W of Gruver)

Class of 1988 - Tracy Logsdon Mulady and Slavin Sparks (gathering at the Home of John and Shell Haynes, 807 King)

Class of 1998 - Autumn Bateman Ratterree and Justin Johnson (gathering at the home of Brant and Stacie Armes, 905 Cluck)

Class of 2008 - Diana Solis and Chandler Miner

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a less than 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening - then partly cloudy after midnight. Lows around 50. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 20 mph becoming 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

SUNDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy. Highs in the upper 70s.

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

MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

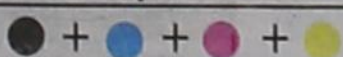
Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Temperatures were above average all week. Soil moisture varied from surplus to very short with most areas indicating adequate to short. Corn was mostly fair to good with the harvest under way in some counties. The cotton crop was opening bolls, the condition varied from very poor to excellent, but the crop needed more heat units. Some sorghum was harvested, but most of the crop needed more warm days to mature. Wheat planting continued. Range conditions continued to improve with most areas reporting fair to good. Cattle were in good condition.



SPEARMAN
vs Tulia
10/2 - 7:30 p.m.
at Tulia

Gruver Greyhounds
vs. Texico, NM
10/2 - 7:30 p.m. at Gruver



Blast Shakes City City Officials Make Plea To Citizens



ABOVE: The window in the door of Ortiz Body Shop was blown out following a compressor explosion.

BELOW: An air compressor exploded behind Ortiz Body Shop on Monday night, September 29, 2008, damaging the building.



What sounded to some like a sonic boom, was actually an air compressor that blew up at the Ortiz Body Shop, here in Spearman.

The compressor exploded on Monday night, September 29, 2008 at about 7:35 p.m., at 212 E. Kenneth Ave.

One man, Louis Marino, was injured by the blast and was taken to Hansford County Hospital where he was released with minor injuries.

Hundreds of citizens rushed to the scene to offer assistance, but according to Spearman City Manager, Ed Hanson, the would be helpers actually hampered the work of local emergency workers.

Vehicles, three deep, completely blocked Kenneth Avenue, delaying rescue vehicles.

While the wonderful spirit of people helping people makes Spearman a great place to live, our concern can occasionally create problems.

City and county officials are urging people to keep their distance from accident sites.

Important 2008 Voter Election Information

October 6, 2008 - Last Day to Register to Vote

October 20, 2008 - First Day of Early Voting (17th day before election day falls on a Saturday, first day moves to next business day)

October 28, 2008 - Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (must be received, not merely post-marked)

October 31, 2008 - Last Day of Early Voting

November 4, 2008 - Uniform Election Date

Hansford County Voting Precincts & Election Judges

Precinct 1. CITY HALL - 30 SW Court, Spearman, 659-2524; Election Judge - Kathy Boyd, 811 S. Bemice, Spearman, 659-3154

Precinct 2. RENNER RANCH - Cristo-Redentor Catholic Church, 202 Hwy 15, Gruver; Election Judge - Penny Ralston, Box 353, Spearman, Tx 733-2743; Interpreter provided by Courthouse

Precinct 3. CRISTO-REDENTOR CATHOLIC CHURCH - Argelia Rodriguez, 202 Hwy 15, Gruver, Tx 733-2332; Election Judge - Barbara Stavlo, Box 1096, Gruver, Tx 733-2600; Interpreter provided by Courthouse

Precinct 4. CITY HALL, 204 E. Broadway, Gruver, 733-2424; Election Judge - Kelly Harper, Box 602, Gruver, Tx 806 733 2533; Interpreter - Leticia Salazar

Precinct 5. O'LOUGHLIN CENTER, 502 Brand, Spearman, 659-3030; Election Judge - Paige Burgin, 905 Walter Wilmeth, Spearman, Tx 659-3399; Interpreter provided by Courthouse

Precinct 6. SPEARMAN HIGH SCHOOL - 403 11th, Spearman, 659-2584; Election Judge - Harry Stumpf - 301 W. 12th - Spearman, Tx 659-2109; Interpreter - Denice Rojas

Precinct 7. OSLO LUTHERAN CHURCH - 8605 Co Rd F, Oslo; Election Judge - JP TeBeest, 8511 FM 2349, Gruver, Tx 806 339 3947; Interpreter - Inez Azarte

Precinct 8. EARLY VOTE - #15 N.W. Court, Courthouse, Spearman; Election Judge - Lynanne Maize - 707 E. 2nd, Spearman; **BRANCH OFFICE EARLY VOTE** - Gruver City Hall, 201 E. Broadway, Gruver, Tx 733-2424; Election Judge - Kayla McLennan

Precinct 9. PRINGLE/MORSE COMMUNITY BLDG - 301 Main, Morse, 733-2301; Election Judge - Suzanne Gillispie, Box 97, Morse, Tx 79062 733-2657; Interpreter - Sadie DeLaCruz

The Courthouse has two Spanish speaking employees and an Official Court Interpreter.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

submitted by Ron Antalek, Hansford County EMC

Most adults can probably remember the days as students when we had fire or tornado drills. Some of us may have even thought these drills somewhat "dorky," but participated because it got us out of class for a few minutes. Of course there were many that understood the significance these drills gave to life safety, and did not much appreciate the lighthearted manner others of us exhibited. Eventually we grew up and realized how important these drills really were.

Spearman High School students Suttin and Gately and Garnett certainly recognize the importance in preparing for an emergency. Through their efforts, their neighborhood is much safer and prepared in case of many types of emergencies.

These industrious girls were introduced to an idea for community preparedness from their mother. The idea was the result of sitting in the only seat available on an airplane, next to a lady from California who knew of a program to get citizens involved in emergency preparedness. This program is called "Neighbors Helping Neighbors," and is supported by the American Red Cross. Soon Kelly Garnett had brochures and forms related to the program and brought these to Spearman.

Suttin and Gately took the program to heart and began visiting with their neighbors, helping them prepare for an emergency. They helped to build 72-hour survival kits and helped to develop emergency contact information data, just in case. After weeks of dedicated work, they have a neighborhood better prepared to handle disasters. Helping a neighborhood in preparedness is a task quite appropriate for September, which was National Emergency Preparedness Month.

Hansford County Emergency Management Director County Judge Benny Wilson recently honored Kelly and her daughters. Judge Wilson presented a proclamation of appreciation to Suttin and Gately for their outstanding efforts.

Kelly and her daughters have said that they would be happy to assist anyone in utilizing the program. Kelly said it is a simple process and really brings peace of mind, knowing your family and neighbors are better prepared.

If you would like to make your neighborhood better prepared, contact Ron Antalek, Hansford County Emergency Management Coordinator during daytime hours at 806-659-2045, or Kelly Garnett at 659-1040. Your protection in times of emergency relies on your preparation before it happens.

For more information about preparedness, visit the American Red Cross at www.redcross.org or http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/0,1082,0_601_00.html.

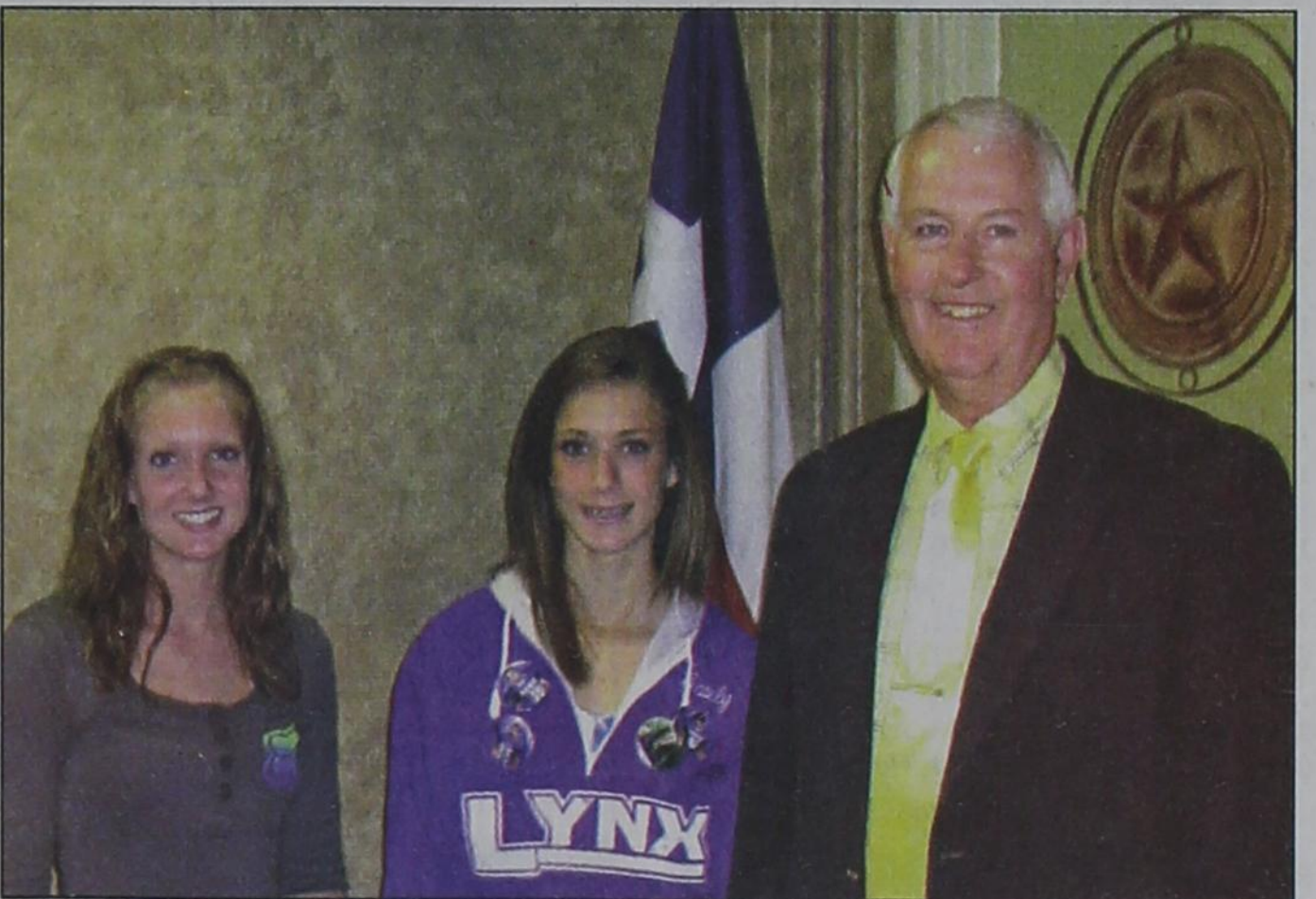
There are many other web sites that are available as well, including www.ready.gov and www.fema.gov.

The local contact information for the Red Cross is Cindy Nickell, (806) 273 6012, email - hutchredcross@cableone.com.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a program that teaches citizens the skills needed to help families and neighbors get through the first 72 hours following a disaster.

In any serious emergency, emergency responders likely will advise you to do one of two things: to evacuate, or to shelter in place. Your safety will depend on following those instructions and understanding what they mean.



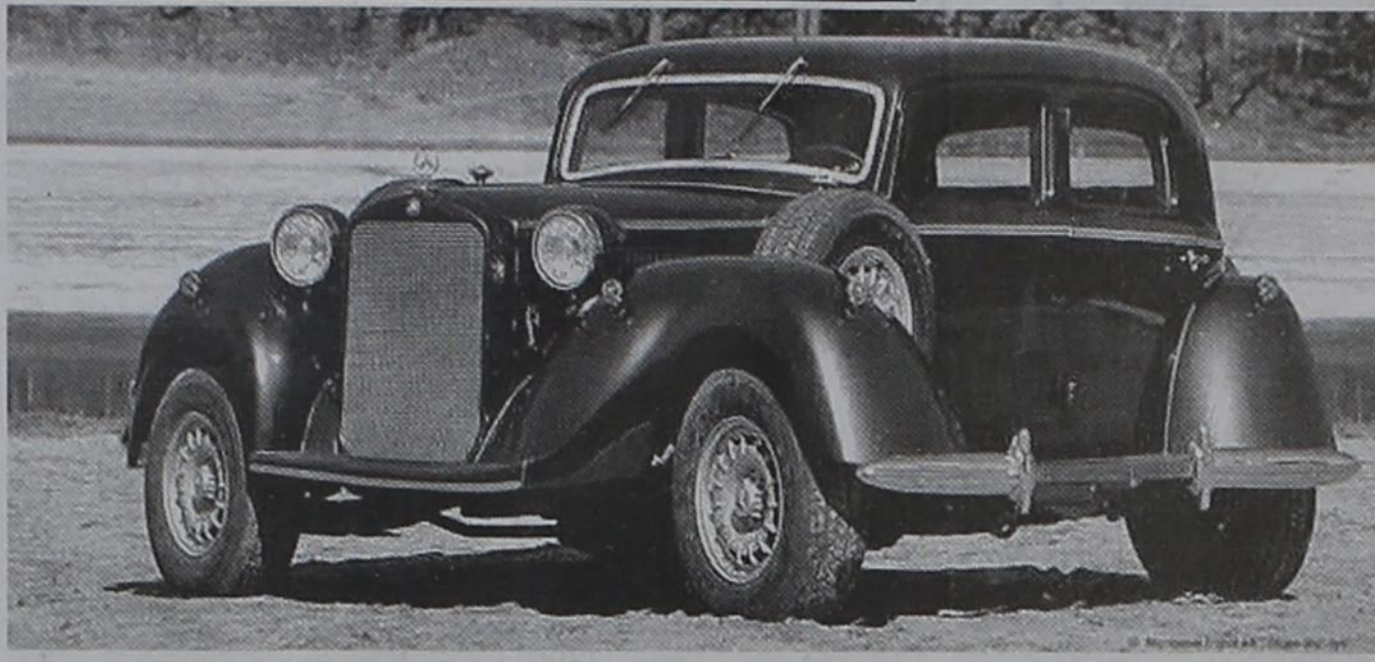
Hansford County Judge Benny Wilson presents a proclamation honoring Suttin and Gately Garnett on Monday, September 29, 2008. The presentation was made in recognition of their work in organizing a Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness program for their neighbors.

Proclamation Honoring Suttin & Gately Garnett

WHEREAS, September is National Emergency Preparedness Month, and
WHEREAS, Disaster can strike without warning, and
WHEREAS, entire neighborhoods are sometimes isolated because of these disasters, and
WHEREAS, Sisters Suttin Garnett and Gately Garnett, seeing the needs of their neighborhood and, with the help of a police officer, developed a simple "neighborhood watch" plan, and
WHEREAS, Suttin and Gately set up a meeting with five of their nearest neighbors to review the "neighbors helping neighbors" plan, and
WHEREAS, Suttin and Gately also prepared "72-hour survival kits" for each of the families to help start them on their way to being prepared for an emergency or disaster, complementing the National Emergency Plan,
BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF HANSFORD COUNTY that Suttin Garnett and Gately Garnett are commended for their caring and thoughtful acts of preparing their neighborhood for any emergency or disaster.
PROCLAIMED THIS 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2008
 Benny D. Wilson, Hansford County Judge and Emergency Management Director

Lullabies, Legends & Lies
by Parson Smith, the Prime Minister of Laughter

Until the next time,
May God Bless.



Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott

This week was less hectic than last week. This week we only rearranged exhibit cases. The new train is now in the back area where we will continue our cleaning and repairing of the model. The multiplex is now up front and very visible to our visitors. The puppets have also been moved into a more visible position. So if you are a frequent visitor, you are in for a treat on your next visit because the front area has a all new look.

We have two new books in the gift shop. The first is the fourth book of Rene Hell's entitled *Dust and Smoke: Hot Irons and Sharp Knives*. This book features the following local ranches: Kraft, Heart, and King (Lipscomb); and Davison & Son cattle co. (Arnett, OK). This new edition provides lots of new photographs and new cowboy wisdom and memories to delight all who open its cover.

The second new addition is the *Battles of the Red River War* by J. Brett Cruse. The book focuses on the archeological perspectives on the Indian Campaign of 1874. This is the archeological work that Mr. Cruse did in the Panhandle and examines the battle from Hutchinson county, Palo Duro Canyon, Wheeler county and up through Lipscomb, and Hemphill. October is Texas Archeological Month and the focus will be on the Red River War. The museum will have several pamphlets on display during the month.

REMEMBER that the museum will be open all day on the third saturday of October, the eighteenth for Fall Foliage. At 3pm will have a presentation by Cleon Roberts, Hereford, and he will also be signing his book. This will be followed by a

reception for Denny Mingus, whose photographs are our featured exhibit for September and October. His exhibit is titled *Off the Interstate* and provides a new perspective on old ordinary views. Please mark your calendar to visit us during the Fall Foliage.

HISTORICAL MUSINGS

With all the talk of oil, oil companies and various controversies with oil policies; I thought I would provide you with a look back to an editorial from the *Higgins News*, October 10, 1957 entitled *A salute to our Oilmen and Women*.

The simple phrase "Fill 'er up, please" has become an accepted part of the American way of life, but backing up the men who service the request to "Fill 'er up" is a fascinating industry of some 1,600,000 men and women, working at more than 2,000 different trades, crafts, and professions-- the American oil industry.

Oil Progress Week, October 13 to 19, 1957 has been designated by the men and women of the oil business as that period of the year when the oil industry reports to the nation.

And, there is much to report. The contributions made by the oil industry to almost every phase of American life are actually astounding. We not only owe our mobility to petroleum, in the form of gasoline and lubricants, we are also indebted for such contributions as cosmetics, plastics, fertilizers, insecticides, and a host of other products-- some 2400 in all-- covering every activity from aviation to zoology. Even the new synthetic fibers- dacron, orlon, etc-- are derived from oil.

When America's first oil well was drilled, back in 1859, we were a third-rate

power, a horse-and buggy nation, with most of our energy furnished by men, animals, and crude machines run by steam.

Today we are an acknowledged world power, and most of the energy we use comes from petroleum or petroleum products. After World War I, Lord Curzon said the Allies had floated to victory on a sea of oil. After World War II, Admiral Nimitz said we had won it with "oil, bullets, and beans." More recently, the industry again displayed its preparedness - and patriotism- when it went all out to supply Europe's oil needs, in addition to domestic demand, after immobilization of the Suez Canal.

On its record, the oil business merits tribute. And so, the Oil Progress Week, we join the rest of the nation in a salute to the American petroleum industry-- to its people, its products, and its progress.

Today, the oil industry is bigger than ever but the issues and national viewpoints are very different. Have we progressed or regressed?

Have a good week.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum
Museum Hours: Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 2 to 4 p.m. Special hours upon request.
Museum Information: 13310 Hwy 305, PO Box 5, Lipscomb TX 79056; telephone: 806-852-2123; email: wolferk@amaonline.com; website: www.wolfcreekheritagemuseum.org

State Capital HIGHLIGHTS

AUSTIN - With the U.S. Congress on the verge of passing a Wall Street bailout bill, what repercussions lie in store for America remain to be seen. Reports of troubled financial markets cause uneasiness or cast gloom. Here in Texas, however, there appears to be a bright spot despite the financial turmoil. The outlook for Texas-based banks is strong, members of the Independent Bankers Association of Texas reported during the group's 34th annual convention Sept. 20-23.

Surveys conducted among the membership of the nation's largest state community banking organization showed that member banks are well capitalized and in good financial shape. "Texas community banks did not participate in the exotic mortgage frenzy that created so much havoc across the nation," IBAT chairman Cliff McCauley said. "They stayed pretty much with the types of lending they have done for years, to local consumers and small businesses."

A small percentage of Texas-based banks will experience some losses related to the financial crisis, but the survey showed that none will be damaged significantly. McCauley said the Texas economy is still strong and people still want to live in the Lone Star State. "Job growth, tax revenues, new construction, home sales - while no doubt impacted by the overall slowdown in the national economy - are still the envy of the rest of the nation."

"Many of our members see an increase in business opportunities as consumers seek stability and the comfort of doing business with someone who knows them and actually cares about their financial well-being," McCauley said. The Independent Bankers Association of Texas represents some 2,000 Texas domiciled banks and branches. McCauley is executive vice president of San Antonio-based Frost Bank, with 91 branches throughout the state.

Hurricane recovery
Now, more than two weeks since Hurricane Ike tore through Texas Sept. 13-14, we're still in the early stages of recovery. Ike claimed 27

lives in Texas and damages may reach \$35 billion. Repair, debris removal and salvage crews are hard at work. Aerial spraying for mosquitos is under way. But in hard-hit Galveston, water and electrical services are not fully restored. FEMA and HUD are helping displaced Texans find temporary housing and the Department of Labor approved a \$16 million federal grant to fund 600 temporary positions to assist in clean-up and recovery efforts.

On Sept. 23 in Washington, D.C., Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst testified before a U.S. Senate subcommittee on disaster recovery. After acknowledging that Texas was granted 100 percent federal cost share for evacuees for 30 days, Dewhurst said, "Senators, 30 days is a real hardship. The city of Galveston with 57,000 inhabitants, the city of Orange with more than 18,500 inhabitants, plus other heavy impact areas, are wiped out."

"Most homes and businesses have been damaged. Most electricity remains out. Most water and treatment facilities are damaged. Most sewage service and treatment facilities are down."

"It is estimated to take up to six months to make

Galveston, Orange and other heavy-impact areas totally habitable.

"Texas respectfully asks that Individual Assistance be extended until the heavy impact areas are rebuilt and totally habitable. Again, treat us as Louisiana was afforded after Katrina."

Insurers win in Sunset vote

At a Sept. 24 meeting of the Texas Sunset Commission, lawmakers deadlocked on a proposal to require the state's five largest insurance companies to wait at least 30 days before raising rates on homeowners' insurance.

The deadlock translates to a win for insurance companies, so they will be able to increase rates without approval from the state of Texas.

The proposal requiring a waiting period to raise rates was made by Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen, who noted that Texans pay the nation's highest rates.

Evidence preservation is topic

The collection, storage and preservation of evidence were discussed at a Sept. 25 meeting of the Texas Criminal Justice Integrity Unit. State Rep. Jim McReynolds, D-Lufkin, said he is concerned about wrongful convictions and the need for proper storage of biological evidence.



by Ed Sterling

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BEDTIME ROUTINES

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- Single-cell protozoan
 - Egyptian cobra
 - Last ___ effort
 - Relating to runes
 - British sci-fi doctor
 - Hairlike projections in certain membranes
 - Tower of Pisa, e.g.
 - Hawaiian necklace
 - City life
 - *Don't let what bite?
 - *Last thing heard?
 - Rowboat propeller
 - Ladder step
 - Large coffee pot
 - For some it's connected, for others it's not
 - Typically wrapped in corn husks
 - "___ who?"
 - Salvador Dall's muse
 - *Are you a late or early one of these?
 - Settled by Mormons
 - Pore in leaf through which gas and water pass
 - French city on the Rhone River
 - 4 x 4 race
 - Hard precipitation
 - Barbie's ex and documentary filmmaker Burns
 - *"Now I lay me down to sleep," e.g.
 - June 6, 1944
 - Make lacework
- DOWN**
- United ___ Emirates
 - No sound
 - Popular children's author Blyton
 - Most famous hobbit
 - Opposite of potential
 - Hole punchers
 - Female
 - Southern chicken stew
 - "My ___" song
 - Actress Jessica
 - Block
 - Abundant in pines
 - Lacking refinement
 - Rum and water drink, pl.
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Gladiola Flower Club Nut Sale

The Gladiola Flower Club is selling pecans, walnuts and cashews to raise funds for their local and area projects. Orders and money are due by October 16th. To place an order, contact Margarette Evans at 659-2165, or any club member.

Medical Fund for Krystal Puentes

An emergency medical fund has been established for Krystal (Burkhammer) Puentes at First National Bank, Spearman. If you would like to make a contribution you may make a deposit with any teller or mail a donation to First National Bank, Krystal Puentes Medical Fund, PO Box 337, Spearman TX 79081.

Medical Fund for Rene Griffin

A medical fund has been established for Rene Griffin at First State Bank, Spearman. If you would like to make a contribution you may make a deposit with any teller or mail a donation to First State Bank, Rene Griffin Medical Fund, PO Box 247, Spearman TX 79081.

Medical Fund for Bruce Duncan

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7th Annual Buddy Walk for Panhandle Down Syndrome Guild

The seventh annual Buddy Walk for the Panhandle Down Syndrome Guild will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 4 at Sam Houston Park. The event will feature a live DJ, food, drinks, games, a fire truck, helicopter, clowns and face painting.

Chuckwagon Breakfast Benefits High Plains Epilepsy Assoc.

Jump-start your weekend with a good and hearty chuckwagon breakfast benefiting High Plains Epilepsy Association on Saturday, October 4, 2008 at 601 Kachina Drive. Food, fun and music are the key ingredients to this breakfast bash. Rising W Chuckwagon's Jim Walters and team will bring their award winning biscuits along with all the cowboy's favorite foods. Music will be provided by Hazard County. If you are interested in attending or learning more about HPEA please visit the website at www.hpea.org or call their office, 352-5426. The chuckwagon breakfast is from 9:30-11 a.m. You can purchase tickets online or at the door. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children ages 8 and under.

Connecting Communities and Cultures

Celebrate diversity of cultures at the Panhandle-Plains Folklife Festival on October 4, 2008, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on the museum grounds. Admission to events and museum is free all day. Families can enjoy a day of demonstrations, performances and craft activities that reflect the customs and heritage of the people who call the Panhandle-Plains home. Performers include: Merry Fiddlers, Cadence Cloggers, Bluegrass Group, and Levi and Lace square dancers. Demonstrators include: Ed Day, Flint knapping; Dick Carter, Woodworker; League of Celtic Nations; Hand weavers; Helen Neal, Underground railroad quilt; Frontier Regiment; and Joe Rogers, Antique tools. For more info, contact Elaine Cunningham at 806-651-2258 or ecunningham@pphm.wtamu.edu.

Spearman Lynx/Lynxette Booster Club To Meet

The next Spearman Lynx/Lynxette Booster Club meeting for Booster is Monday, September 29th at 7 p.m.

Amarillo Genealogical Society

The Amarillo Genealogical Society welcomes nationally known genealogist Patricia Law Hatcher to its annual Fall Seminar. A "get to know the speaker" dinner will be Oct. 3 at the Plaza restaurant beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. Oct. 4 at Ascension Academy, 9301 Ascension Parkway. Cost is \$20 before Oct. 1; \$25 afterward or at the door. Mail registration fee to: Amarillo Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 2171, Amarillo, TX 79189. Information: 806-353-7988, 806-359-5038 or 806-670-8040.

Amarillo League of Women Voters' Fall Membership Kick-off

State Sen. Kel Seliger will be guest speaker for the Amarillo League of Women Voters' Fall Membership Kick-off meeting beginning with refreshments at 5 p.m. Monday at the Amarillo Central Library, 413 S.E. Fourth Ave. The program will begin at 5:30 p.m. Anyone interested in membership is invited. Information: 806-372-5438 and leave a message.

Free Tailgate and Football This Saturday

Join Oklahoma Panhandle State University to celebrate Highway Contractors Inc. and Texas County for their hard work in completing the campus paving project. This Saturday, September 27, a ribbon cutting and tailgate party is planned for all OPSU supporters and Aggie Football fans. Beginning at 2:30 p.m., the public is invited to enjoy our hospitality with free hamburgers and hotdogs cooked by the Methodist Men of Guymon as well as beans, Pepsi drinks and water, and cake and ice cream courtesy of the OPSU President's Office. At 3 p.m., a dedication ceremony will recognize the contributions of Texas County and Highway Contractors Inc. for the campus paving project. All activities will take place on the George and Juanita Gilmore Memorial Patio located on the southeast side of the new Science and Agriculture Building, the area built with funds donated by Goodwell Farmers Elevator. Following the ceremony, the Aggies kick off against Tabor College on Carl Wooten Field at 4 p.m. Admission is free thanks to the sponsorship of EPIC Touch PCS.

Be an OPSU Little Dunker!

Each year, the Oklahoma Panhandle State basketball teams offer the popular "Little Dunkers Basketball Clinics" for youngsters in 1st through 8th grades. Quality instruction is provided for the kids by members of the OPSU teams and coaches. All clinic sessions run for two hours (over four different Saturday mornings) and are held in the Noble Center on the OPSU campus. All sessions are scheduled to run from 9:00 to 11:00. Clinic dates are: October 4, October 18, November 1, and November 15. Little Dunkers is offered at a great value for all participants - total cost is \$50 (individual), \$80 (two siblings), and \$100 (family). Camp participants will also receive a Little Dunkers T-Shirt and a family pass for Free Admission to all OPSU men's and women's basketball games. For more information, or to register, call Brad Vanden Boogaard at 580-349-1326.

Alzheimer's Conference

An Alzheimer's Conference - Wizard of Alz: A Different Perspective on Dementia, will be held on Friday, September 26, 2008 at the Amarillo College West Campus, Lecture Hall, 6222 West 9th Avenue, Amarillo TX. The featured speaker will be Barbara Helm, MA. Barbara has been in the field of aging for nearly 30 years, primarily focusing on Alzheimer's disease and dementia care since 1987. She has provided direct care in various settings, including nursing home, adult day care programs and resi-

Our Sympathy

WILLIE CLEMENT

SPEARMAN - Willie Clement, 85, died Friday, Sept. 26, 2008.

Services were at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 28 in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Medley and Brent Womble officiating. Private burial was at 1:30 p.m. in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mrs. Clement was born Oct. 1, 1922, in Pampa to William and Hattie Mackie. She married Deacon Clement on Feb. 7, 1945.

Survivors include two sons, Dave Clement of Perryton and Joe Clement of Spearman; a brother, Glen Mackie of Spearman; three sisters, Geneva Ogle of Borger and Joan Roberts and Elsie Womble, both of Norman, Okla.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to a favorite charity.

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Words from Faith & Grace



by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

We in the faith community learn what happens when we do not produce 'good fruit' as we study Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:7-15, Philippians 3:4-14, and Matthew 21:33-46.

Isaiah tells the people that God has lavished Israel (His vineyard) with love. God's love should have transformed their lives, but instead, his people choose wickedness and social injustice. For this evil, the Lord will punish His people.

The Psalmist sings for God to restore the people, to restore His vine (the people of Israel).

Paul addresses those in the faith community that seek to lay more requirements on new Christians. Paul shows himself to be a Jew's Jew. He kept the ceremonial law, was a member of the tribe of Benjamin, was a Pharisee, and a persecutor of the church. Yet, despite his success in his native religion, Paul regards these things as nought because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus.

Jesus continues his attack on the Chief Priests and Pharisees in the parable of the landowner who planted a vineyard. The landlord entrusts his vineyard to tenants who, when the landowner's slaves appear to collect the rent, the tenants beat one and kill the other. The landowner sends other slaves, and they are treated the same way. Finally the landlord sends his son, hoping the tenants will respect him, but they kill the son in order to seize the vineyard as their own.

Jesus asks, "What will the landlord do to these tenants?" The Chief Priests and Pharisees answer, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at harvest time."

Jesus then tells a story which informs the Chief Priests and Pharisees that they are the evil tenants. "Therefore I tell you, the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the Kingdom."

To those who have been given much, much is expected. May the Holy Spirit enable you to be fruitful for Christ.

It's A Boy!

Joseph Blake Oakley was born on September 15, 2008 to Joey and Tasha Oakley of Lubbock, TX. Joseph weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19 inches long.

His proud grandmother is Kellianne Bynum of Lubbock. Proud great-grandparents are Joe and Nita Bynum of Spearman. He was also welcomed home by many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Gordon's



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- Macy Harbour & Kevin Beedy - 11/29
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- Racey (Smith) & Josh Ivy
- Nicole (Sander) & Paul Swanson
- Shanda (Graham) & Doug Kerr
- Sammie Stavlo & Wade Harkey

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Four Stavlo Brothers in Service

reprinted from the December 16, 1943 edition of the Spearman Reporter

Four sons of Mrs. Betsy Stavlo, who lives four miles west of Gruver, are in the armed forces. The Stavlo family moved to Hansford County. The father, Ed Stavlo, died in February, 1938 of a heart attack.

Mrs. Stavlo has three [sic] other sons. They are Eddie, who works at the rubber plant in Borger, Oscar, who lives at Texhoma and farms in Hansford County, and Art, who lives at Sunray and also is a Hansford County Farmer, and Elvin, a farmer in Gruver.

Brief sketches of the four boys in service follow:

Pfc. Lloyd Stavlo, a member of the first draft in 1941, is now serving with the 142nd infantry of the 36th division. He was recently reported by the war depart-

ment as seriously wounded somewhere in the Mediterranean area of battle. He is a graduate of Gruver High School and Clifton Junior College. Pfc. Stavlo was returned to a New York Hospital on December 5th.

Pfc. Gunder (Sam) Stavlo is serving with the 359th infantry of the 90th division somewhere in the Pacific. Also a graduate of Gruver High School and Clifton Junior College, PFC. Stavlo received his training in Abilene.

Ensign Joel Stavlo, who entered the service in April 1942 is now a naval flier with the Atlantic fleet. A graduate of Clifton Junior College and St. Olaf College of Norfield, MN, Ensign Stavlo received his training in Dallas and Corpus Christi.

Aviation student Harold Stavlo entered training in September 1943 and is now training at Great Lakes Naval Training Station. He is a graduate of Gruver High School and North Texas State Teachers College in Denton.



PFC. Lloyd Stavlo



PFC. Gunder (Sam) Stavlo



Ensign Joel Stavlo



Harold Stavlo

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

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 And a cure was not to be,
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 With tearful eyes we watched him suffer
 And saw him fade away,
 Although we loved him dearly
 We could not make him stay.
 A golden heart stopped beating
 Hard working hands to rest,
 God broke our hearts to prove to us
 He only takes the best.

- Author Unknown

We wish to convey our deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks for all the cards, calls and words of encouragement to us in our time of grief. Smokey touched many lives with his strength and music. He will live forever in our hearts, his music and our memories.

Thank each and every one of you. We love you dearly!
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS GRUVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S STATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

Gruver Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:45 p.m. on October 14, 2008 in the High School Board Room, 601 Garrett Street, Gruver TX.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Gruver Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

PUBLIC HEARING

Date: October 14, 2008
 Time: 6:45 p.m.
 Location: Gruver High School Library
 601 Garrett Street, Gruver TX
 Subject: Financial Accountability Rating

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Boys Ranch Shocks Spearman

Down by nine points, Boys Ranch scored twice in the fourth quarter on runs by Bobby Nichols to overcome Spearman, 31-27, for a homecoming win.

Chuck Bailey, a Boys Ranch assistant coach, said it may have been 18 years since the Roughriders defeated the Lynx. "You almost have to go back to the 1980s, when my dad (T.J. Bailey) was coaching here," Bailey said.

Nichols scored four of his team's five touchdowns, including a 90-yard kickoff return after Spearman went ahead 20-12. Nichols had 147 yards.

Cameron Meddock picked up a dropped snap from the Rough Rider's quarterback and returned it for a touchdown early in the first quarter.

Chase Farrar made a 4-yard touchdown in the second quarter, giving the Lynx the lead at the end of the first half, 13-12.

Kegan Garnett had 78 yards rushing for Spearman, 62 coming on a touchdown run on the first snap of the third quarter. Sumner's PAT was good and the Lynx lead 21-12.

The Roughriders returned the kickoff for a 90-yard touchdown, but the conversion failed.

Skyler Sumner returned a fumble 34 yards to give Spearman a 27-18 lead going into the fourth quarter.

Bobby Nichols scored twice late in the fourth quarter, giving the Roughriders the win over the Lynx with a score of 31-27.

The Lynx will travel to Tulia this Friday, October 3, 2008 for their final non-district game of the season. Kick-off will be at 7:30 p.m.

The Spearman 7th Grade, 8th Grade and Junior Varsity Lynx football teams all came up short against Bushland on Thursday, September 25, 2008 in Spearman.

The 7th grade lost 21-0, 8th grade lost 26-16 and the JV lost 42-30.

The 7th grade, 8th grade and JV Lynx will play Tulia in Spearman this Thursday, October 2, 2008. The 7th grade game will begin at 5 p.m., followed by the 8th grade game at 6 p.m. and the JV game at 8 p.m.

Scoring
Spearman 6 7 14 0 27
Boys Ranch 0 12 6 13 31
S-Cameron Meddock fumble return (Jorge Briseno kick blocked)

B-Victor Landeros 4 run (LaQuan McGowan kick failed)
B-Bobby Nichols 22 run (conversion failed)
S-Chase Farrar 4 run (Briseno kick)

S-Kegan Garnett 62 run (Briseno kick)
B-Nichols 90 kickoff return (conversion failed)
S-Skyler Sumner 34 fumble return (Briseno kick)
B-Nichols 31 yard run (conversion failed)
B-Nichols 38 yard (McGowan kick)

Game Statistics		
	Spearman	Boys Ranch
First Downs	10	16
Rushing Yards	138	220
Passing Yards	67	74
Total Yards	205	294
Comp-Att-INT	7-9-1	3-7-1
Punts-Avg.	4-NA	3-NA
Penalties-Yards	3-20	2-10

OFFENSE: Rushing - 140 yards on 24 carries, Chase Farrar - 5 for 34 (1 TD), Kegan Garnett - 11 for 92, Blayne Schroeder - 6 for 8, Fernando Flores - 1 for 3, Cameron Meddock - 1 for 3; **Passing** - 80 yards on 6 receptions; Blayne Schroeder - 6 of 10 for 80, 1 interception; **Receiving** - Josue Hernandez - 2 for 39, Fernando Flores - 2 for 10,

Chase Farrar - 1 for 17, Skyler Sumner - 1 for 14; **Total Yards** - 220 yards on 34 plays

DEFENSE: Rushing - 214 yards on 45 carries, **Passing** - 35 yards on 2 receptions, **Total Yards** - 249 yards on 53 plays; **Interception** - Dakota Cator; **Fumble Recoveries** - Cameron Meddock - 45 yard TD return, Skyler Sumner - 31 yard TD return

Season Statistics
TEAM DEFENSE: Rushing - 732, **Passing** - 440, **Total Yards** - 1172

TEAM OFFENSE: Rushing - 466, **Passing** - 505, **Total** - 971

Individual Season Statistics - Offense

Rushing: Kegan Garnett - 63 for 302 yds, 4.8 Avg; Chase Farrar - 21 for 159 yds, 7.6 Avg; Fernando Flores - 2 for 5 yds, 2.5 Avg; Blayne Schroeder - 21 for 0, 0.0 Avg; Cameron Meddock - 3 for 0 yds, 0.0 Avg; Jose Mendoza - 1 for 0, 0.0 Avg

Passing: 39 completions of 69 attempts for 505 yards, 5 Interceptions, 2 touchdowns, 56.5%

Receiving: Chase Farrar - 9 for 160 yds, 17.8 Avg; Kegan Garnett - 9 for 133 yds, 14.7 Avg; Skyler Sumner - 7 for 58 yds, 8.3 Avg; Josue Hernandez - 6 for 97 yds, 16.2 Avg; Fernando Flores - 5 for 48 yds, 12.6 Avg; Jesus Mendoza - 3 for 9 yds, 3.0 Avg

Scoring: Chase Farrar - 24 (4 TD); Kegan Garnett - 18 (3 TD); Skyler Sumner - 13 (1 TD, 7 PAT); Cameron Meddock - 6 (1 TD); Jorge Briseno - 1 (1 PAT)

District 1-2A						
Team	Dist.	Pts.	Opp.	All	Pts.	Opp.
Bushland (2)	0-0	0	0	5-0	178	79
Panhandle (4)	0-0	0	0	5-0	187	62
Highland Park (6)	0-0	0	0	3-2	108	92
Sanford-Fritch (3)	0-0	0	0	2-3	89	90
River Road (1)	0-0	0	0	2-3	103	97
Spearman (5)	0-0	0	0	1-3	62	107

Last Week
Bushland 32, Floydada 6; Boys Ranch 31, Spearman 27; Panhandle 55, Tulia 14; River Road 34, Dimmitt 6; West Texas 14, Sanford-Fritch 10; Highland Park 33, Claude 0.

This Week
Spearman at Tulia.

District 1-2A						
Team	Dist.	Pts.	Opp.	All	Pts.	Opp.
Canadian (1)	0-0	0	0	5-0	247	54
Stratford (4)	0-0	0	0	4-1	153	95
Sunray (3)	0-0	0	0	3-2	160	118
West Texas (2)	0-0	0	0	3-2	73	87
Booker (6)	0-0	0	0	2-3	77	155
Gruver (5)	0-0	0	0	1-2	37	82

Last Week
Sunray 25, Clarendon 15; Canadian 45, Perryton 10; Wheeler 39, Booker 0; West Texas 14, Sanford-Fritch 10; Stratford 17, Friona 7; Gruver open.

This Week
Texco at Gruver.

GHS Cross Country Update

The GHS cross country teams have competed in three meets to date. Shelley Gibson has paced the girls varsity team placing in the top twenty at Wolf Creek, moving up to eighth at the Amarillo Invitational, and cruising to an impressive win at Sunray! The varsity team includes two time regional qualifier Katie Gibson, Mattie Yanke, Madison McLain, Daniela Luciano, and Makenzie Crane make the remainder of a very promising team!

The boys varsity team has been led by Gonzalo Vega. Gonzalo has two top twenty finishes, and has been steadily improving! The varsity boys team includes Jeronimo Trejo, Luis Mendoza, Gustavo Vega, Jerrod Collier, Rey Gaspar, Ramon Mendoza, and Joel Soto. The boys team is a two time regional qualifier, but will need an impressive district run to make it three years in a row!



All cross country runners will be headed to Amarillo Saturday to compete in the Susan G Komen race for the cure. We are proud to announce there will be over 80 runners from the Gruver Community going to be involved in this very special event to raise awareness and money for the research to end breast cancer. The Gruver runners will be leaving at 5:15 am to head to Amarillo and we will be presenting a check for over \$2,000! WAY TO GO GRUVER!

The Gruver Junior High and JV Cross Country teams travelled to Follett over the weekend. They ran hard and did well. We are very proud of all the kids' effort and willingness to work hard and compete!

The Junior High boys won the meet! Those placing in the top 15 were: Travis Stedje - 5th, Gerardo Monroy - 8th, LC Perez - 10th, and Beau Blankenship - 13th.

The Junior High girls placed 3rd as a team, and Katy Soliz placed 5th individual.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PRINGLE-MORSE CISD'S STATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

Pringle-Morse CISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. on October 21, 2008 in the Pringle-Morse CISD Boardroom, 100 Fifth Street, Morse.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Pringle-Morse CISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

PUBLIC HEARING

Date: October 21, 2008
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Pringle-Morse CISD Boardroom
100 Fifth Street, Morse TX
Subject: Financial Accountability Rating

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS

SPEARMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S STATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

Spearman Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. on October 14, 2008 in the High School Library, 403 East 11th Avenue, Spearman TX.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Spearman Independent 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 2006-2007 school year, and budgetary and actual financial data for the 2007 fiscal year (ending August 31, 2007). 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 for the FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of the school district's financial resources.

PUBLIC HEARING

Date: October 14, 2008
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Spearman High School Library
403 East 11th Ave., Spearman TX
Subject: Financial Accountability Rating



ABOVE: Chase Farrar (28) carries the ball with Kegan Garnett (25) running interference. (Photo by Charlie Johnson)

LEFT: Lynx quarterback Blayne Schroeder tucks the ball away and heads upfield on this keeper. (Photo by Tami Hargrove)

by Dorothy Hudson

Out at the Lake

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These are some of the participants in the Pokey the Clown rodeo, held at Lake Palo Duro, on Saturday, September 27.

Lake Level--September 29, 2008--20.11 feet (-0.48)

Jim reported the weekend as full of activity with a lot going on. The Boy Scouts of this district with towns from both Oklahoma and Texas camped at the Park on Friday and Saturday nights. The group had 55 boys and 25 leaders busy with different activities.

Saturday night the Gruver Boys Club also camped in tents in a different area. They had 40 boys with 20 or more men helping. Part of the fun for both groups was cooking their food.

Saturday evening was also enlivened by the Spearman Chamber of Commerce at the shelter having a Charley Little Cook-Off featuring steak. They were raising money with it for their scholarship fund. To add to the fun, the Chamber also had a Pokey the Clown Kids Rodeo that raised money for Hospice.

Two RVs camped north of the dam, and one camped on the office side.

Jim visited with one man at the Lake who had fished from Wednesday to Saturday without any luck. He did notice that the cormorants had really thinned out.

Bobcats
In the last few years bobcats seem to have grown in numbers, and more people

are commenting on seeing them. Recently Faye Harris, who lives 6 miles Northwest of Gruver with her husband Glen, told me that something had been getting their cats. To keep the mice and rats away, they had put out several cats around the buildings, and the cat numbers had grown to around 35. This summer the numbers

began dropping and now they are down to 5 cats.

Not long ago, while Faye was in her living room, a big bobcat reared up with its paws on her picture window, as if casing the room. When she called for Glen to come see it, the spotted cat ran away. Now she thinks she knows what has happened to her barn cats.

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Lynxettes Win Again

by Geoffrey McAllister,
Morris News Service

Three Panhandle teams raced away with team championships on Saturday, September 27, 2008 at the 10-division Lubbock Invitational Cross Country Meet held on the Region I course at Mae Simmons Park.

No. 1 Boys Ranch won the Class 1A boys title while Spearman, second at the 2007 state meet, outran No. 1 Wall for another team championship.

The Roughriders celebrated their first week atop 1A by outrunning previous No. 1 Plains and No. 3 Sundown.

Spearman was paced again by Suttan Garnett, who finished second for the fourth time in four races this year. She came in behind Colleen Adams of Wall, clocking a 12:33.0, her best time on the Region I course.

"We ran real well," Spearman coach Nan Cook said. Spearman is ranked No. 5 behind top-ranked Wall.

"We're getting better each week. We're knocking time off last year. We've changed some of our training and the girls are starting to believe in it."

Suttan, she said, will get

another crack at Adams, who finished 30 seconds ahead of the Spearman runner, next weekend at a meet in Round Rock that will be run on the state meet course.

"We talked about that. Adams is good beginning to end but I think (Garnett) can run with her," Cook said.

Girls Class 1A

Top 10 team results: 1. Sundown 71. 2. Shamrock 103. 3. Sunray 159. 4. Canadian 191. 5. Wellington 200. 6. Crosbyton 270. 7. Smyer 286. 8. Bovina 300. 9. Vega 369. 10. Plains 381

Top 10 individuals: 1. Meghan Bass, Crosbyton, 12:18.0. 2. Emeline Crutcher, Wellman-Union, 12:25.0. 3. Jaylen Rodgers, Hamlin, 12:27.0. 4. MacKenzie Hodge, Sundown, 12:33.0. 5. Melissa Velazco, Shamrock, 12:34.0. 6. Shelley Gibson, Gruver, 12:36.0. 7. Marissa Garcia, Smyer, 12:53.0. 8. Tamra Jernigan, Shamrock, 12:59.0. 9. Sierra Honea, Irion County, 13:00.0. 10. Eva Dyck, Grady, 13:01.0

Girls Class 2A

Team results: 1. Spearman 34. 2. Wall 78. 3.

Shallowater 102. 4. Bushland 132. 5. Ballinger 135. 6. Panhandle 186. 7. Slaton 257. 8. Holliday 275. 9. Olney 287. 10. Idalou 301. 11. Muleshoe 302. 12. Post 323. 13. Floydada 334. 14. Kermit 352. 15. Lubbock Roosevelt 367. 16. Abernathy 372. 17. Tulia 382. 18. Littlefield 535.

Top 10 individuals: 1. Colleen Adams, Wall, 12:00.0. 2. Suttan Garnett, Spearman, 12:33.0. 3. Farrar Tylo, Spearman, 12:42.0. 4. Gately Garnett, Spearman, 12:50.0. 5. Ashleigh Ortega, Bushland, 12:57.0. 6. Olivia Martinez, Tulia, 12:58.0. 7. Katherine Esquivel, Ballinger, 13:07.0. 8. Rebecca Spruell, Shallowater, 13:09.0. 9. Cassie Chapa, Slaton, 13:10.0. 10. Leanna Espinosa, Spearman, 13:10.0.

Other area top 25 finishers: 14. Yvonne Gardea, Muleshoe, 13:17.0. 15. Shelby Hanna, Spearman, 13:18.0. 16. Sarah Snider, Spearman, 13:19.0. 20. Andrea Fuller, Panhandle, 13:31.0. 23. Sheridan Rider, Bushland, 13:35.0.

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