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Texas, March 14 - Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 2.9 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.42/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that has increased 3.8 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.53/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 78.8 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 46.3 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 40.5 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 74.5 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

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**Burn Ban** 

Wildfires have swept across the Pan-

# **Texas 2011 All-State Basketball Teams Announced**

The Texas Girls Coaches Association is pleased to announce the 2010-11 Basketball All-State Teams. The All-State teams are selected by the TGCA Basketball All-State Committee, comprised of member coaches from corresponding conferences. Athletes are not required to be seniors and member coaches may nominate as many of their players as they choose.

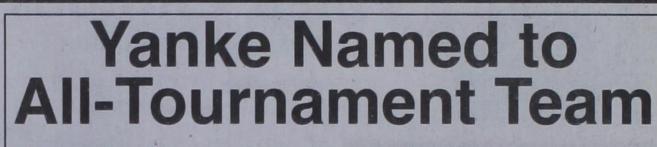
The Committee may choose a maximum of 40 athletes per team, but is not required to choose the maximum amount. Conference 1A is split between Division I and Division II with 20 athletes per team to comprise 40 total athletes for conference 1A.

Included on the list are Madison McLain, a junior at Gruver High School (Coach Rod Been), and Morgan Ashmore and Shelby Hanna, juniors at Spearman High School (Coach Junior Ashmore).



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Morgan Ashmore



Gruver's Mattie Yanke, who just com-

handle over the past couple of weeks due to dry conditions and high winds. On Monday, March 7, 2011, Hansford County Judge, Benny Wilson issued a Burn Ban, effective for 7 days.

The Hansford County Commissioners Court voted to extend of the Burn Ban on Monday, March 14, during their regular Commissioners Court meeting. The extension will last an additional ninety days, unless rescinded.

## Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph shifting to the north after midnight.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the upper 60s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph decreasing to around 10 mph after midnight.

SATURDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s.

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 80s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s.

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

MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 40

TUESDAY - Mostly sunny. Breezy. Highs in the lower 70s.

TUESDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s.

WEDNESDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.

Read more: http://www.city-data.com/forecast/w-Spearman-Texas.html#ixzz0xgJSWQkT

## Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Temperatures were near to above average all week. Farmers continued preparing land for spring planting. Soil-moisture levels were short to very short, with most counties reporting very short. Wheat was in very poor to good condition, with most areas reporting poor Rangeland was in very poor to good condition, with most counties reporting poor. High winds caused some soil erosion. Cattle were in good condition.

submitted by Gary L. Garrettl, Chief Deputy, Hansford County Sheriff's Office

HC Sheriff's Office Seeks

**Suspect** 

On Saturday, March 12, 2011, at 4:25 pm, Deputies of the Hansford County Sheriff's Office executed two search warrants in the 600 block of Richardson Street in Gruver, Texas. The search warrants had been issued for the recovery of stolen prop-

erty from

Madison McLain

Ronald local Craig Brock burglaries and thefts.

Several agencies assisted in the recovery of property including, the Gruver Police Department, the Sherman County Sheriff's Office, the Moore County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Department of Public Safety. As a result of the search warrant, property from 15-20 different burglaries and thefts, from several different jurisdictions, was recovered.

Arrest warrants have been issued for Ronald Craig Brock for Possession of Stolen Property \$20,000 to \$100,000 and for Burglary of a Building. Anyone having information about the whereabouts of Brock are encouraged to contact the Hansford County Sheriff's Office or CrimeStoppers at (806) 659-4149.

pleted her freshman season on the Women's Basketball Team at Seward County Community College in Liberal, KS, was the only Lady Saint named to the 2011 Region VI All-Tournament team. The Seward County Lady Saints 2010-2011 season came to an end Friday night, March 4, 2011, in Wichita, KS, as they lost a hard fought 55-51 decision to the Jayhawk East Champion Cowley Tigers. During the Region VI Tournament, Yanke came off the bench to spark her team with 21 points, 8 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 blocks and 3 steals. She led her team in scoring, with 11 points, in the final game against Cowley County.

The Lady Saints finish the season 21-11. Yanke played in all 32 games, starting in 11 of those games, and averaged 21.3 minutes per game. She scored 178 points on the season and grabbed 121 rebounds. She also contributed 3 blocked shots, 32 assists and 45 steals. The Lady Saints will return Yanke and six other players for next year's season. Mattie is the daughter of Tonni and Mike Yanke.



## Ali Tyler Memorial 'Don't Text and Drive' Decals

If you would like to purchase a lime green 'AMT 1998-2009 Don't Text and Drive' window decal in memory of Ali Tyler, please contact Stephannie Tyler at 806-736-0019. All proceeds go to the Ali Tyler Memorial Scholarship Fund. Decals are also available at Hansford County Floral Company on Main Street in Spearman.

# **City of Spearman Receives \$150,000 Federal Grant for Downtown Improvements**

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples today announced the Texas Department of Agriculture has awarded \$150,000 in federal funds to the city of Spearman for infrastructure improvements through the Texas Capital Fund. The award helps fund upgrades to the safety and appearance of sidewalks in Spearman's historic downtown area.

"The Texas Capital Fund is a smart investment that rejuvenates the economies of Texas communities," Commissioner Staples said. "This award will help enhance economic development in Spearman, proving that great things are possible when Texans partner with Texans."

The Texas Capital Fund, part of the federal Community Development Block Grant program, provides more than \$10 million in competitive awards each year to boost economic development in small Texas communities. Administered in coperation with the Texas Department of Rural Affairs, the program is housed under TDA's Rural Economic Development division. "The city of Spearman is extremely grateful for the grant we have been awarded," Mayor Brian Gillispie said. "This grant is going to allow us to redo two blocks of downtown Main Street sidewalks that we would otherwise not have been able to replace at this time. Main Street and its merchants are extremely important in a town the size of Spearman, and it's important for us to support them in all ways possible. This grant will help make that possible." State legislators agree the Texas Capital Fund offers immediate and long-term benefits.

munity's efforts to grow and improve the quality of life of the citizens of Spearman," Sen. Kel Seliger said.

"I am so excited for the city of Spearman," Rep. Warren Chisum said. "Revitalizing the historic downtown areas of Spearman is going to help boost their economy tremendously. The Texas Capital Fund provides so many great opportunities to rural Texas and I hope it will continue for many years."

The Texas Capital Fund provides fund-

ing for projects under four different programs: Infrastructure Development, Real Estate Development, Main Street Improvements and Downtown Revitalization.

For more information about the Texas Capital Fund, contact the TDA Rural Economic Development division at finance@TexasAgriculture.gov or call the toll-free Rural Assistance line at (877) 428-7848.



You are invited to Hansford **Manor on Saturday, March** 19, 2011 at 10 a.m. in the dining room. This will be an educational program with live falcons. Come watch them hunt!

> "This funding will do exactly what it is designed to do, greatly enhance this com

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LIFESTYLE

## The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman

# Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

### by Virginia Scott **MUSEUM HAPPENINGS**

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### HISTORICAL MUSINGS

torical Commission grant. issue of the Lipscomb Lime from Thelma Sutton, Lip-We have also been assist- Light, it was reported that scomb announcing that all ing the Texas Historical the Texas Legislature was her hats were on sale. She Commission and the Texas considering a state law reg- stated that all hats must go Council of the Arts keep ulating women's hats al- and "in order to get them their state budgets by com- lowed in church. The law off my hands before the municating with our Sena- specified that women could season iso to far gone will tors and Representatives not wear a hat that was offer any hat for Girls' or about the services these more than two inches in Ladies at Cost - now is your groups provide us. The height at church or other chance to get a good hat at a Texas Historical Commis- public gatherings. If found way down price." sion is especially valuable guilty, the offense was conto the museum and our his- sidered a misdemeanor and trip on the 'Rubber Neck torical commission because the woman could not buy a Car Betsy."

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Next week we will take a



Greetings from the 28th, on Tuesday, Wednes- be a Concealed Handgun



## **Comptroller** lays out options for budget writing panel

AUSTIN — Tough questions over how the Legislature will address a \$4.3 billion state revenue shortfall in fiscal year 2011 and a \$27 billion projected revenue shortfall in Texas' 2012-2013 budget cycle continued last week.

On March 3, Jim Pitts, Rpropriations Committee, invited Comptroller Susan and present "a clear description of how we arrived at this point, what our current challenges are and how we should address them."

Combs, part of whose job state has enough funds to termination may continue. run for the U.S. Senate, the pay for expenditures proaccepted on short notice. She testified that the Legisdeficit, has three options: deeper budget cuts, delaying spending, and tapping other resources such as the state's \$9 billion Rainy Day of those options.

systemic shortfall grown out of the state's 2006 opposition on the final vote. school finance reform plan Freshman state Rep. Sarah that cut property taxes by Davis of Houston published billions of dollars. That, a news release explaining, coupled with years of less- "To me, the issue at stake than-expected from a business-margins about the role of governtax the Legislature passed ment in our personal lives. to pay for the property tax ... Although I fully support cut, has widened and deep- informed consent, I do not ened the budget hole.

CAPITAL

## bill

Waxahachie, chair of the Miller, R-Stephenville, was ment, and I remain true to budget-writing House Ap- adopted by the House on that principle." March 3.

Among the legislation's similar sonogram bill, SB Combs to come forward many requirements is that a 16, in mid-February. woman who wishes to terminate her pregnancy must choose whether to view a makers eye RRC sonogram and hear the heartbeat of the fetus before Railroad a sedative or anesthesia is Michael Williams anis to ascertain whether the administered and before the nounced his resignation to

According to the official door opened for a replaceposed by the Legislature, bill analysis, the sonogram ment. Williams announced must be performed 72 to 24 his bid for the Senate when hours before termination, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison lature, in facing the current except in cases where the said she would not seek anwoman's life is endangered. other term in office. The physician must describe the results in easy-to- ren Chisum. R-Pampa, filed understand language.

Fund, or some combination quires the physician to pro- and so did former state Sen. vide a list of agencies Kim Brimer, R-Fort Worth.



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support the Legislature practicing medicine. Con-House passes sonogram servative legislators have been united against the ex-HB 15 by Rep. Sid panding role of govern-

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## Current, former law-

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Current state Rep. Waras an applicant to fill The legislation also re- Williams' unexpired term, But, she said, "I cannot offering ultrasounds at no The Fort Worth Staralso is seeking appointment House floor votes taken as state insurance commis-

Northernmost Facility of day, and Thursday nights course from 6:00-9:00 PM Higher Education in the from 5:30-9:30. The cost is each evening. The cost for Great State of Texas! To \$295.00 for tuition and a new license is \$105.00 date during this academic \$40.00 for the textbook and and for a renewal is \$80.00. year the Allen Campus has information packets are Space is limited so please served 1,852 students and available at the campus. call the Allen Campus for other residents of Perryton Beginning March 24th we more information. and the surrounding area. will offer a Basic Computer Academic classes account class on Thursday nights in the works include a while Continuing Educa- cost is \$105.00 and the decorating class, Dog Obetion classes have served class will run through April dience Training, CPR/First 979 students and Commu- 28th. tional 667 people.

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is in doubt. Now, before Combs testified, Pitts said he filed legislation that proposes to transfer \$4.3 billion from the Rainy Day Fund into the General Revenue Fund. But even so, he said, deeper cuts to already-cut budgets will have to be considered.

Pitts pointed out that many fellow lawmakers on the present Appropriations committee also served on the committee in 2009 when the 2010-2011 budget was drawn up. "In hindsight, it's worth asking if we all should have anticipated a decline much sooner," Pitts said.

For the record, Pitts said, Texas' budget troubles stem from a nationwide economic recession and a long series of monthly doubledigit declines in sales tax revenue.

However, Rep. Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio, interjected that the state's \$27 billion projected revenue shortfall for 2012-2013 is attributable not only to a nationwide recession, but also to the state's \$11 billion "structural deficit."

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March 21 Birthday - Kathy Duncan, Jimmy Morley Kelly Hart, Nancy Alvarez, Rhonda Riley, Judy Hergert, Chelsey Clark, Pepe Diana Tarrango, Jose Tarango

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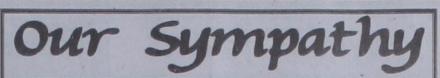
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March 27 Birthday - Tommy Boone, Stork, Carol Scroggs, Ylanda DeLuna, Anniversary - Bill and Jo Bill Stevens, Wanda Wagner, Anthony Wilkerson, Clark Dunaway, Gary Birthday - Veta Allaway, Urban, Debbie Herrington,



## **BETTY CAROL REDWINE**

**GRUVER** - Betty Carol Redwine, 64, died Monday, March 14, 2011, in Spearman.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 17th in First Baptist Church in Gruver with the Rev. Scott Curry officiating. Burial will be in Lieb Cemetery. Arrangements are by **Boxwell Brothers Funeral** Home of Spearman.

Mrs. Redwine was born Kenneth Redwine on July

14, 1968, in Dumas. She was a homemaker and a Baptist. She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Dollie Baker; and a brother, Fred Alva Baker Jr.

Birthday - Scott Jarvis, Gruver; a daughter, Renee Miller of Amarillo; a son, bide. Danny Redwine of Russell, Kan.; a brother, Glen Baker of Denver; a stepbrother, Bobby Baker of Fairview, Ark.; with the answers," and was sought out by friends and and four grandchildren.

> The family suggests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 Roland St., Spearman, TX 79081; or a favorite his family and friends: charity.

## MILDRED TRAYLER

PERRYTON - Mildred Trayler, 91, died Sunday, March 13, 2011, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 18th in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Mark Metzger officiating. Burial will be in Ochiltree Cemetery. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Perryton.

Mrs. Trayler was born July 5, 1919, in Perryton to Grover and Mary Brillhart. She married Robert B. Trayler on Jan. 3, 1940.

Survivors include a son, Richard Trayler of Scottsdale, Ariz.; a daughter, Roxana Morton of Oklahoma City; a sister, Kathleen Brillhart of Spearman; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Senior Village Memorial Fund, 3101 S. Main St., Perryton, TX 79070.

## **JERRY DANIEL SHEETS**

SPEARMAN - Jerry Daniel Sheets, 71, died Tuesday, March 8, 2011.

Memorial services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 12, 2011 in Church of Christ in Spearman with Larry McCollum officiating. Private family graveside services will be at a later date. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Jerry was born Feb. 3, 1940, in Borger to Pinky and Jean Sheets. He at-



tended high school at Spearman, served one enlistment in the U.S. Army, and attended college at Panhandle State and College of the Mainland.

He worked his younger years as a cowboy for the family and Adobe Walls Cattle Co.

He married Carol Ann Lovett Sheets in 1961, (victim of cancer 1997). In 1965, he moved to Texas City and Survivors include her husband, Kenneth Redwine of worked 25 years as a chemicals operator for Union Car-

> Throughout his life he was always considered "the man family alike for his keen wisdom and assistance.

> Jerry was special to everyone who met him. He loved

Survivors include his wife, Jan Vernon Sheets; two children, Tommy Daniel Sheets of Lago Vista and Jeri Ann Randall of Canyon; five grandchildren, Sandra Sheets, Jacqueline Sheets, Kimberly Sheets, David Randall and Julie Randall; a brother, Perry Sheets of San Antonio; his uncles, aunts and nieces; two stepsons, Brent Banister of Brady and Quinn Banister of San Angelo; two cherished dogs, Kat and Kali; and countless friends.



Ann Weaver March 22

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First Assembly of God 401 N. Bernice \* 659-2295 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:40 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Worship: 7 p.m. Wed. Youth: 7 Pastor - Jerry Pollard

**First Christian Church** (Disciples of Christ) 29 S. Bernice • 659-2036 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:50 a.m. Minister -

**First Baptist Church** 123 N. Bernice · 659-5557 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study - Wed., 7 a.m. Children's Choir - Wed, 6 p.m. Adult Choir - Wed. 7 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m. Pastor - Jim Medley

Church of Christ 121 S. Haney • 659-3244 Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Bible Study Wed .: 7:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church 901 Roland · 659-2166 Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m. Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English Sun. Mass: 11:30 a.m. - Spanish Rev. Gregory Bunyan

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

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

> **Union Church** 31 S. Endicott • 659-2644 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed. Youth Service: 6 p.m. Wed. Pastor - Don Baltazor

Fellowship Baptist. 1102 S. Archer • 659-2783 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sun. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Sun. Evening Spanish Worship: 7 p.m. Youth/Adult Service: 7:30 Wed. Pastor - Philip Hudson

**Primera Mision Bautista** 502 E. 7th · 659-3991 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.; Evening: 6 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m. Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m. Pastor Joe Garcia Jr.

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

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

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

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

Spanish Cristo Redentor Church Hwy 15 806-659-2166 Gruver, TX Sun. Mass: 1:30 p.m. - Spanish Rev. Gregory Bunyan

## Oslo

Oslo Lutheran Church (ELCA) 6 Miles West & 12 Miles North of Gruver 339-7646 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Pastor - Arlen Lloyd

## Morse

Morse Baptist Church 733-2757 Pastor - Gary Stevens

## Waka

**Church of Christ** 300 Rogers Ave. 202-7126 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. Preacher - Ed Jenkins





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### **Gruver One-Act Play**

Gruver High School will perform their One-Act-Play for the public on Sunday, March 27th at 4:30 p.m. in the GISD Auditorium.

### Texas Alligator Ranch Round-Up

The Texas Alligator Ranch in Spearman will hold their semiannual round-up on Saturday, April 16 at 1 p.m. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

### Don't Text and Drive Decals

If you would like to purchase a lime green 'AMT 1998-2009 Don't Text and Drive' window decal in memory of Ali Tyler, please contact Stephannie Tyler at 806-736-0019. All pro-ceeds go to the Ali Tyler Memorial Scholarship Fund. Decals are also available at Hansford County Floral Company on Main Street in Spearman.

Youth Writing Contest Announced Panhandle Professional Writers has announced its 2011 Youth Writing Contest. The competition is open to any student in grades three through twelve. There are three age groups: grades three through five, six through eight, and nine through twelve. Students may enter as many times as they like in three different categories: short story, poetry, and memoir. All en-tries will be judged by published authors. Entries must be post-marked no later than April 16, 2011. Complete rules and entry forms can be requested at ppwriters@gmail.com First, secforms can be requested at ppwriters@gmail.com First, sec-ond, and third place winners in each category will be an-nounced in July. Panhandle Professional Writers, located in Amarillo, Texas, is the second oldest continually functioning writers group in the nation. It is open to writers at all levels and of all genres.

## **Project Graduation**

The parents of the Spearman High School Senior Class of 2011 are hosting a "Project Graduation Party" following com-mencement exercises Friday, May 27th. This event is spon-sored by the Texas Department of Transportation. This project offers the students the opportunity to have an alcohol and drug free celebration. To encourage the students to stay the entire night, door prizes are distributed throughout the evening. Al students staying the entire night will be awarded a \$100 gift card. Prizes, gift certificates, and cash are needed for the evening's gifts. If you, the community, who have supported and encouraged these seniors for the past 13 years of school, would like to share in this final "Class of 2011" memory (mak-ing this project "special"), please contact either Sharon Kern at 659-2017; Sherry Boyd at 659-3844; or Tammy Benton at 659-3071. Contributions or donations can be mailed to: Proj-ect Graduation, Tammy Benton, P.O. Box 415, Spearman, TX 79081. On behalf of the parents and family of the Senior Class, we would like to thank you for all of your support.

# Words from Faith & Grace

IFESTYLE

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

We begin the Season of Lent, a time for reflection of life, self-assessment toward repentance. We imitate Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness as we prepare ourselves to experience the death and glorious resurrection of Jesus The Christ. We study Genesis 2:15-3:7, Psalm 32, Romans 5: 12-21, and Matthew 4: 1-11.

We see the "Fall of Man" in our Genesis passage. God called his creation "good"; yet, Sin can arise even within a "good" creation. Man desires to be God rather than to be God's thankful creature. Some blame Eve, and women in general, for the "fall", but a careful reading will indicate that Adam was there throughout the dialogue between the Serpent and Eve. Eve listened to the argument of the Serpent and ate of the fruit of the forbidden tree. Adam just ate it. The woman thought, the man acted, they both sinned. Notice that God still cared for Adam and Eve even though he allowed them to experience the consequence of their sin. By the sin of Adam, we all became sinners; we shall come to see by the righteousness of the man, Jesus, through faith in him, all men are restored to a right relationship with God.

The Psalmist sings a penitential psalm. Silence about sin, hiding it, leads to suffering both mental and physical. Confession of sin to God and a sincere repentance brings forgiveness and relief, both mental and physical. He sings, "Don't be a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle ... " The believer does not need to be forced into following, but must surrender to live God's way. In the steadfast love of God, the believer finds joy. Through faith in Jesus The Christ, all men are restored to a right relationship with God.

Paul extends his message of justification, faith and grace to the Romans. To learn this lesson we must accept that there is nothing we can do for ourselves that will allow us to escape from sin and its consequences. Paul tells the Romans that sin entered the world through the sin of one man, Adam. We are all descendants of Adam and partake of his nature. Paul then tells the Romans that through the righteousness of Jesus all who believe are justified and lead to life. Through God's grace which enables our faith in Jesus The Christ, we are forgiven!

Immediately after his baptism, Jesus goes into the wilderness. There Jesus has time to fast, pray, reflect, and prepare for his ministry. It is in this time of reflection that Satan tests Jesus. In the tests, Satan attacks Jesus' identity as the Son of God. Satan suggests that Jesus can prove his son-ship by turning the loaf-like rocks to bread. This would feed Jesus and if he did this for man-kind they would follow him as a "Bread King". Jesus replies, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God". Satan then suggests he perform a mighty deed by leaping from the temple's heights. Jesus replied, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test". Some would follow a wonderworker, but would demand greater and greater feats. Satan then suggested that Jesus worship him in return for the kingdoms of Earth. Jesus answered, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only Him." Jesus found his way and through the righteousness of Jesus The Christ, we are redeemed. May the Holy Spirit allow you to fast, pray, reflect and prepare for the hope of Easter in this Season of Lent.

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In the second week of Lent we learn that God works his mysterious plan of salvation through people, that our old patterns of life do not reconcile us with God, and that we must be "born again" in the sense of born from above (Spirit). We study Genesis 12: 1-9, Psalm 121, Romans 4: 1-5m 13-17, and John 3: 1-17.

God chooses the seventy-five year old, Abram, to be the instrument of his plan for human-kind. God commands Abram to "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you." God promises Abram that he will become a great nation, that God will bless Abram, that God will make Abram's name great, and that God will give a land to Abram's offspring. Abram believes God and goes.

The Psalmist sings a song of ascent, a travel song. The Psalmist sings a question, "...from where will my help come?" His answer, "My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth". To those who trust in the Lord, to those who let go of their pride and self-will, God grants his protection. God's steadfast love is forever.

Paul tells the Romans that old patterns of belief, the strict adherence to the law, does not lead us to reconciliation with God. Abraham did not gain God's favor by keeping the law (the law was not given until centuries later), Abraham did not gain God's favor by circumcision and the trappings of ritual, but by faith in the word of God. Thus, dear Christian, we learn that we cannot earn our salvation; we cannot work ourselves into the Kingdom of Heaven. Abraham is the father of all who place their faith and trust in God. It is that type of faith that was reckoned by God to be righteousness.

Jesus is meeting with Nicodemus late at night. Nicodemus is a member of the Sanhedrin, the ruling council of the Jews; Nicodemus is a powerful man, but he needs something and he comes to Jesus. The meeting was at night perhaps to avoid the crowds and to avoid political problems for Nicodemus; more likely the meeting was at night because that was the time the rabbis believed was the best time to study God's word. Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born again; Nicodemus hears Jesus literally and asks how a man can re-enter his mother's womb. Jesus explains that to be born again, one must be born from above, from the Spirit. Jesus tells Nicodemus that whosoever believes in the Son may not perish, but may have eternal life. God's mysterious plan of salvation is revealed to Nicodemus and to us.

May the Holy Spirit enable you to be born 'again' that

Samantha Hart 7th Memorial Scholarship Golf Tourney On January 19, 2005 we lost our 14 year old daughter Samantha to a car accident. The following June we started Samantha to a car accident. The following June we started the Samantha Hart Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament. The purpose of the tournament is to provide scholarships to graduating seniors from Stratford ISD. The tournament has continued to grow and this will be our 7th tournament. This year, the Ryan Palmer Foundation has been gracious enough to sponsor our family tournament by offering personalized items from Ryan Palmer to be auctioned. 3-Man Scramble -June 11th & 12th, Stratford Country Club. \$180 per team (carts available, but limited), Dinner Saturday night, Team Auc-tion Saturday night. Hole in One prizes. Tee times 8:30am & tion Saturday night. Hole in One prizes. Tee times 8:30am & 2:00 each day (afternoon tee times limited). Contact info: Brandi Pearce 806-270-0457, Jim Pearce 806-753-6004, Jon Hart 806-676-2931, Roger Allen 806-753-7833.

### NOTICE

The District Clerk's Office for Hansford County is no longer issuing applications for passports. The public can have an application issued from the District Clerk's Office at the Courthouse in Stinnett or the Post Office in Perryton.

American Red Cross Murder Mystery Dinner Postponed The American Red Cross, Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter announces the murder mystery dinner fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, March 5 has been postponed until April 9th. "The Red Cross has been actively involved in the recent wildfires that not only affected Hutchinson, Carson and Roberts coun-ties but also fires in Lipscomb and Wheeler counties." said Jana Gregory, executive director of the Easter Texas Pan-handle Chapter. "Red Cross has been very busy with pre-paredness and response activities in February. We want this event to be a successful fund raiser for us and for the atten-dees to have an evening of entertainment, so we desided to dees to have an evening of entertainment, so we decided to postpone." Your support of this event strengthens the Red Cross and we apologize for any inconvenience.

## Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. at the First Christian Church in Gruver. For more information, contact Marilyn Been at 806-733-2087.

Hansford Gun Club Rifle Shoot The Hansford Gun Club holds a .22 rifle shoot on the second Sunday of each month, starting at 1:30 p.m. at the gun range (located on Hwy. 15 between Spearman and Gruver).

### **Care Packages**

If you would like to help with Care Package Drop Offs, please contact Less Sullivan at lessullivan@hotmail.com. Less is collecting items for care packages in conjunction with AmericaS-upports YouTexas.com. Journals are also located at the O'Loughlin Center, Spearman High School, and Gus Birdwell Elementary for anyone wishing to sign them. For more information, contact Less at 330-0973.

## Rainbow Kids Klub is Back!!

Our new building if finished and we are inviting all children Kindergarten -Fifth grade to join Rainbow Kids Klub. This is a weekly after school program with snacks, recreation, character building Bible lessons, memorization, music, games and its all free. Rainbow Kids Klub begins Wednesday, Septem-

you are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Dane & Kamryn Harbour Saturday, April 9, 2010 from 10:00-11:30 1.m. at the home of Becky Beedy 901 Wilmeth Spearman TX

you are invited to a Baby Boy Shower honoring Linzi McCubbin Sunday, March 20, 2010 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the Hansford Abstract Office 16 Haney St Spearman TX you may have eternal life.

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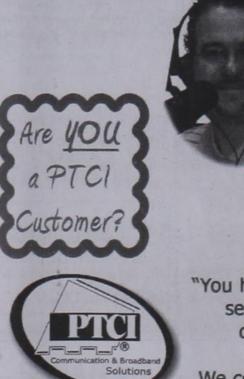
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## LIFESTYLE

**GHS Band SOM** 

## Fatima Lizette Barrera, a Junior at Gruver High School, was named the Gruver Band Student of the Month for February. The 16year-old clarinet player is the daughter of Abelardo and Ana Barrera. She has two siblings, Lalo and Odalys Barrera.

Fatima's favorite subject is math. "Although Pre-Calculus can be challenging sometimes, solving and learning something new every day is essential!"

She received a directors award in 2010 for being an outstanding and valuable member in the Gruver band. Fatima is involved in her church, serving as a lector and an alter server. In school, she is in-

volved in UIL, competing in Feature Writing and WOW Writing. She is also an FCCLA of ficer and serves as V.P of Correspondence/Records.

After High School, she plans on attending college, starting a career with success, having a loving family. but most importantly, following the path God chose for her.

Her favorite thing about band is the feeling of earning straight one's in marching and concert contests, and being a member of the first band in Gruver to receive a Sweepstakes in several years.

"I've been involved in band for 7 years and some of the best memories I have are spending a wonderful time with Ms. Cross and all my friends on our band trips.'

Fatima was selected as the Band Student of the Month for January for her outstanding leadership and musicianship. Not a day goes by when she walks into the room without a smile on her face. Fatima has nothing but words of encouragement for her other peers and teachers both.

Fatima has taken pride in being a musician outside of the regular concert band by being a member of the 5 States Honor Band, playing in a small group ensemble for Christmas and currently preparing to compete with a clarinet quartet at the UIL Ensemble contest.

During field marching, when the clarinet soloist hurt her wrist the day of a ballgame, Fatima stepped up and learned an entire solo to perform at the football game that night! No matter what is asked of Fatima, she puts her whole heart into doing the best she can do!

**GHS Band SOM** 

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Fatima Lizette Barrera, a Senior at Gruver High School, was named the Gruver Band Student of the Month for March. The 18year-old trumpet player is the daughter of Romualdo and Cirila Mundo. She has two siblings, Artemio and Gabriel.

Fatima's favorite subject is Art and literature "because they both give me an opportunity to express my imaginations. I believe that literature is a form of art. They both symbolize "freedom" in a way that not everyone understands. Only those who think outside the box find the hidden message at the end of the road.'

Mariela was in the Honor band during her sophomore, junior and senior year and received a superior rating at the UIL all-region solo and ensemble contest.

Mariela is involved in band, Jazz band, Band for Christ, NHS, FCCLA, UIL, Big Brothers Big Sisters and youth group.

After High School, she plans on attending Amarillo College for two years and then transfer to West Texas A&M. I would like to pursue a career in Physical Therapy because I love working with people and putting a smile on their faces.

Her favorite thing about band is "playing my trumpet and making music with it. Also, having the privilege of being part of a sweepstakes winning band!'

"I have too many memories to mention, but my favorite was our band trip to Branson, Missouri."

Mariela was selected as the February Band Student of the Month for all of her hard work and dedication to the band over the past 4 years. Mariela was featured as the trumpet soloist during field marching contest and is also doing an outstanding job playing a solo for the concert band contest! She was also a 3 year member of the 5-States Honor Band. As a senior, Mariela took a solo to the UIL solo/ensemble contest where she received a superior rating. Band directors, judges, student and parents always compliment on how beautiful Mariela plays and how talented she is! Mariela comes to band everyday with a positive attitude and ready to work! We are very excited to see Mariela excel in not only her musical abilities, but also in life. She is a wonderful young lady and we have been very blessed by her!

Proud grandparents are Dan and Harletta Carthel of Gruver. Although Levi was not born in Texas, they vow to get him here as soon as possible,

inches long.

Skyla (2).

as the family will make their home in Amarillo in June. **Community College Funding Restored** 

by Gloria Rummel, Executive Assistant, Frank **Phillips** College

Frank Phillips College Interim President Dr. Jud Hicks received word late Wednesday, March 9, from State Representative Warren Chisum's office, that funding for four of the State's community colleges, including FPC, has been restored in the proposed House Budget. Frank Phillips College is now funded in the House and Senate Finance Bills. Dr. Hicks noted that throughout the process of restoring funding to the College, the FPC faculty and staff have maintained their focus on the day-to-day process of educating its students for which he is grateful. Hicks also expressed his appreciation to Representative Warren Chisum and Senator Kel Seliger and their staff for the help they have provided the College during this legislative process. Hicks also acknowledged the support that FPC has received from its Board of Regents, current students, alumni, business and industry representatives, and members of the community, pointing out that Board Chair Conny Moore and Dan Redd, Borger Economic Development Corporation also-traveled to Austin to visit with legislators regarding their support of the College. The Texas Legislature began its biennial budget process earlier this year with many suggestions on how to address the budget deficit. One such proposal recommended to zero-fund four community colleges, Brazosport, Frank Phillips, Odessa and Ranger. Upon hearing the news, Hicks responded, "We fully expected to address significant funding cuts; however, we had no idea we would have to justify our existence from an appropriations standpoint. That being said, we will gather the facts that led to this proposed budget as it pertains to Frank Phillips College and hope that we get a chance to present our case to the powers that be in Austin. As far as our faculty and staff, I would encourage them to continue to focus on taking care of our students within the communities that we serve." Legislators invited the State's fifty community college presidents to personally address the House Appropriations Committee regarding proposed cuts in appropriations. Dr. Hicks presented information about FPC including its recent successful completion of the reaffirmation process with The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, its accrediting agency, with no corrective actions recommended; its second time to be honored by the Washington Monthly Magazine as the 27th of the top thirty community colleges in the Nation. Hicks stressed that, "Frank Phillips College is a necessary and valuable asset to the Texas Panhandle training the future workforce and helping bridge the gap to other institutions of higher education. Frank Phillips College provides education and professional training and experience to the Texas Panhandle that would not otherwise be available to those residents."



Dave and KiKi Brabham announce the arrival of Levi

David, who was born on January 11, 2011 in Rochester,

New York. He weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20

Levi was welcomed by big sisters Harlie (4) and

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## Don't get hit with a penalty! "Render" your taxable property by April 15th

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1 of this year. The rendition form is available at the Hansford County Appraisal District.

WHO MUST FILE A RENDITION? You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income - such as the inventory and equipment used by a business.

ARE THERE ANY ADVANTAGES TO YOU? Yes, the advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. If the appraisal district believes the value is higher, it must notify you in writing of the higher value and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2010. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2011.

WHAT'S THE DEADLINE? The last day for filing 2011 renditions is April 15th. You can get an extra 30 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 15 deadline.

WHERE DO YOU FILE? File renditions at-the:

HANSFORD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT 709 W 7th Ave. Spearman, Texas 79081 806-659-5575





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LOCAL NEWS

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# **SHS December SOM**



of the Month at Spearman country and track, Top Stu-High School are seniors, dent of the Year in US His-Joselyn Terrazas and tory, and she has been listed Cameron Meddock.

Jorge and Guadalupe Ter- enjoys watching movies razas. She has one older with Natalie Saldivar, going brother, Ivan Terrazas, and to Zumba, working out, one younger sister, Janneth shopping, and babysitting Terrazas. Joselyn is also her niece, Keira. Her future the proud aunt of her new plans include attending niece, Keira Terrazas. Jose- West Texas A&M Univerlyn has been active in sity and majoring in bilin-Spearman Lynxette Cross gual education. Joselyn Country, Track, Tennis, states the best thing about Basketball, Cheerleading, Spearman is, "the friendly and Student Council, where environment." The best she served as Vice-Presi- thing about Spearman High dent. She is a member of School is, "Everyone is althe National Honor Society, ways friendly and supports currently serving as Vice- each other." Joselyn's most is, "the size and Pizza Hut." President, Big Brothers/Big influential teacher during Sisters of the Texas Pan- her school years is Coach handle, and is currently Junior Ashmore. serving as the Senior Class Cameron is the son of secretary. While in high Rodney and Vicki Nickel,

The December Students demic All-District in cross on the "All A" Honor Roll. Joselyn is the daughter of In her spare time, Joselyn

sister, Raven Meddock. Cameron is active in Spearman Lynx Varsity Football and Track. During high school he has received the following honors/awards: Sophomore Year: Honorable Mention Linebacker, Academic All-District football and track, Regional Qualifier in the 300 meter hurdles and the mile relay; Junior Year: 1st Team All-District Linebacker, Academic All-District football and track, Regional Qualifier in the sprint relay and mile relay, and received the Spearman High School Head Hunter Award; Senior Year: 2010 Football Homecoming King, 1st Team All-District Running Back, 2nd Team All-District Linebacker. Academic All-Dis-Football, and trict Honorable Mention Academic All-State. In his spare time, Cameron enjoys hanging out with his friends, playing PS3, and sleeping. Cameron plans on attending South Plains College and major in radiology. Cameron states the best thing about Spearman Cameron says the best thing about Spearman High School is, "the Sports!" Cameron's most influential teachers during his school years include all of his coaches.

of the Month.

# **SHS January SOM**



Castillo.

Teacher's Aide. Nidia was TeBeest. also named Best Clarinet player, Marcher of the nio and Maria Angelica Month. Week, and Who's Who at

The January Students of out with friends, going to the Month at Spearman dances, and most impor-High School are seniors, tantly, spending time with Nidia Terrazas and Edgar her family! Her future plans include attending Amarillo

Nidia is the daughter of College to earn her basics. Luis E. and Imelda Ter- and then transferring on to razas. She has two younger a four year university and brothers, Luis and Santiago becoming a Registered Terrazas. Nidia has been ac- Nurse. Nidia states the best tive in National Honor So- thing about Spearman is, ciety, Spearman High "It's a small town; further-School Band, Spearman more, a good place to grow High School Color Guard, up." The best thing about Family, Career, and Com- Spearman High School is, munity Leaders of America, "Friendliness – teachers UIL Feature Writing and and students are very UIL Science. While in high friendly, and attending SHS school, Nidia as been gives everyone a chance of named the Top Student of being a part of something." the Year in Pre-AP English Nidia's most influential II, Pre-AP Chemistry, AP teacher during her school English III, and Elementary years is Mrs. Amber

Castillo. He has one vounger brother, Kevin Castillo. Edgar is active in Spearman Lynx Varsity Basketball, Cross Country, and Tennis, Future Farmers of America, National Honor Society, Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, UIL Calculator and UIL Mathematics. He was a member of the 1st Place UIL Calculator team and the 1st Place FFA Chapter Conducting team. He also placed 3rd in District in the Mixed Doubles tennis meet. In his spare time, Edgar enjoys playing soccer, tennis, football, and basketball. Math is also his favorite subject in school. Edgar plans on attending West Texas A&M University and becoming a mechanical engineer. Edgar states the best thing about Spearman is, "the small environment". Edgar says the best thing about Spearman High School is, "The faculty is very friendly." Edgar's most influential teacher during his school years is Mrs. Sherry Johnson.

Congratulations to Nidia and Edgar on being named the Spearman High School Edgar is the son of Anto- January Students of the







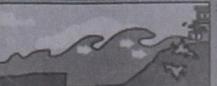
When these plates move and collide, one of the plates can slide beneath the other. - North American Plate

On March 11, 2011 the Pacific plate slid beneath the North American plate causing the earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

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1. The massive swell

spreads out in all directions in the form of large Wayes

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Standards Link: Social Science: Know the responsibilities of citizenship

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ickel Motel is seeking a housekeeper. Call 659-3737, or go by 815 Hwy. 207 S. in Spearman.

### 4(2-24-11)B

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE Hansford County Commissioner's Court will receive sealed bids until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 11, 2011 on the sell of one used Catapillar motor grader. Bids will be opened on Mon-day, March 14, 2011 at the regular Commissioners' Court meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Law Library of the Hansford County Courthouse. Call 806-736-0162 or 806-659-3144 to make appoint-

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series motor grader. The Court reserves the right streets entitled: to accept or reject any or all

Benny Wilson Hansford County Judge 3(2/24/11)B

### LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 116, 117, and 262 of the Local Government Code, the Commissioner's Court of Hansford County will select an official depository for County funds ted, must accompany each bid handled by the County for as guarantee that, if awarded 2011-2013 at their regular the contract, the Bidder will, meeting on April 25, 2011 at within fifteen days after receipt 10:00 a.m. in the Law Library of Contract Documents, enter in the Hansford County Court- into a contract with the Owner house, Spearman, Texas. Applications will be received until 10:00 a.m. on April 20, 2011, for review prior to April 25, Court meeting.

Benny Wilson Hansford County Judge 3(3/10/11)B

### LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Spearman will accept applications through March 28, 2010 for the follow-

> Lifeguards Park Maintenance

must be able to obtain certified lifeguard training.

at City Hall, 30 SW Court. E.O.E. 2(3/10/11)B

NOTICE TO BIDDERS Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Aldermen of the City of Spearman and the Honorable Mayor and City Commission- (806) 353-7 ers of the City of Gruver, Texas ing manner:



ment to see the 1991 - 140 G for the Sealcoating of approxi- ning activities to develop the mately 78,390 square yards of

SEALCOATING - 2011 will be received at the office of the City Manager of the City of Gruver at City Hall, 201 E. Broadway, P.O. Box 947, Gruver, Texas, 79040 until: 2:00 P.M., April 5, 2011

A cashier's check, certified bond, payable to the Owner an amount equal to not less than five percent of the bid submitand will execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. Any bid received opened and will not be considered.

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

Contract Documents are on file and may be examined in the office of the City Manager, City of Gruver, 201 E. Broadway, P.O. Box 947, Gruver, Texas 79040, phone (806) 733-2424 and the offices of All swimming pool positions the City Manager, City of must be able to obtain certified Spearman, 30 Southwest Court, P.O. Box 37, Spear-Applications may be obtained man, Texas 79081, phone (806) 659-2524 and the office of Brandt Engineers, Consult-ing Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, telephone (806) 353-7233.

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

Cost: Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), non-refundable, for each set of ham@theprpc.org plans and specifications. Performance and Payment

bonds shall be set forth in the Contract Documents.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness, the Owner reserves the right to adopt such interpretations as

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2016 Region A Regional Water Plan as part of the state's Fourth Cycle (2012 – 2016) of Regional Water Planning. It is anticipated that the application will be considered by the Texas Water Development Board at a June 22, 2011 board meeting.

The Panhandle Water Plancheck or acceptable bidder's ning Group (Region A) includes the following counties: Armstrong, Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Wheeler Counties. By April 8, 2011 copies of the grant application may be obtained from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission after the time and date listed when it becomes available or held at 5:30 PM on May 9. 2011 Commissioner's above will be returned un- online at www.panhandlewa- 2011 in conjunction with the ter.org. Written comments upcoming regular Region A from the public regarding the grant application must be sub-mitted to the Panhandle Re-gional Planning Commission at 415 W. 8th. Written and oral Board action on this application (date stated above). Com- garding the scope of activities Panhandle Regional Planning Commission and the TWDB as follows

### Kyle G. Ingham

Administrative Agent for Region A Panhandle Regional Planning be submitted to: Commission 415 W. 8th Amarillo TX 79105 **Executive Administrator Texas Water** 

**Development Board** PO Box 13231

Austin TX 78711-3231 For additional information, please contact Kyle G. Ingham, Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, 415 W. 8th, Amarillo, TX 79105: king-

## 1(3/17/11)B

FROM: Panhandle Water Planning Group (Region A)

### HEARING DATE: May 9, 2011 @ 5:30 PM

Are You A Victim of

SUBJECT: Notice of Public Meeting to Take Public Input on Is-

sues that should be Addressed or Provisions that should be included in the **Regional or State Water** Plan for the Fourth Cycle of **Regional Water Planning** 

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGIONAL WATER PLANNING

Notice is hereby given that the Panhandle Water Planning Group (Region A) is seeking input from the public on the scope of planning activities to be considered during the Fourth Cycle of Regional Water Planning

The Public Hearing will be Planning Group Meeting, to be and TWDB prior to TWDB comments (not to exceed five (5) minutes per speaker) rements can be submitted to the to be considered during the Fourth Cycle of Regional Water Planning will be ac-cepted at this meeting. Written comments will be accepted for 15 days preceding the Public Meeting. Comments should

Panhandle Water Planning

## Group C.O. Kyle Ingham 415 W. 8th Amarillo, TX 79105 Or

kingham@theprpc.org The Panhandle Water Planning Group (Region A) includes the following counties: Armstrong, Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Wheeler Counties. For additional information, please contact Kyle G. Ingham, Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, 415 W. 8th, Amarillo, TX 79105: kingham@theprpc.org 1(3/17/11)B

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Openings at Hansford Manor

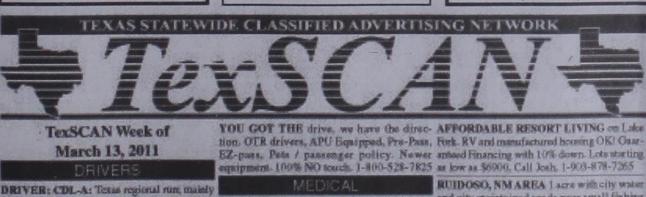
DIRECTOR OF NURSING SERVICES is being sought SERVICES is being sought for Hansford Manor, nursing home. We are looking for an energetic RN with excellent communication and human relations skills, with a track record of successful nursing leadership. CMS Five Star facility, low turnover, stable management, great commu-nity support, recently remod-eled. electronic medical eled, electronic medical records, accessible medical staff.

MDS Care Plan Coordinator is being sought for Hans-ford Manor, Hansford Manor is a CMS 5-Star facility. Not Medicare certified. Electronic medical records. Stable management, great interdisciplinary team.

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ED HANSEN, CITY MANAGER CITY OF GRUVER STEVE MCKAY, CITY MANAGER 2(3/17/11)B

FROM: Panhandle Water Planning Group (Region A)

SUBJECT: Notice of Application for Regional Water Planning Grant Funding for the Fourth Cycle of Regional Water Planning

# NOTICE TO PUBLIC REGIONAL WATER PLANNING

Notice is hereby given that the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission will submit by April 8, 2011, a grant appli-cation for financial assistance to the Texas Water Develop-ment Board (TWDB) on behalf of Region A, to carry out plan-

ual Abuse or Physical, Emotional or Sexual Assault?	
Call Toll Free Hotline 1-300-753-5303	
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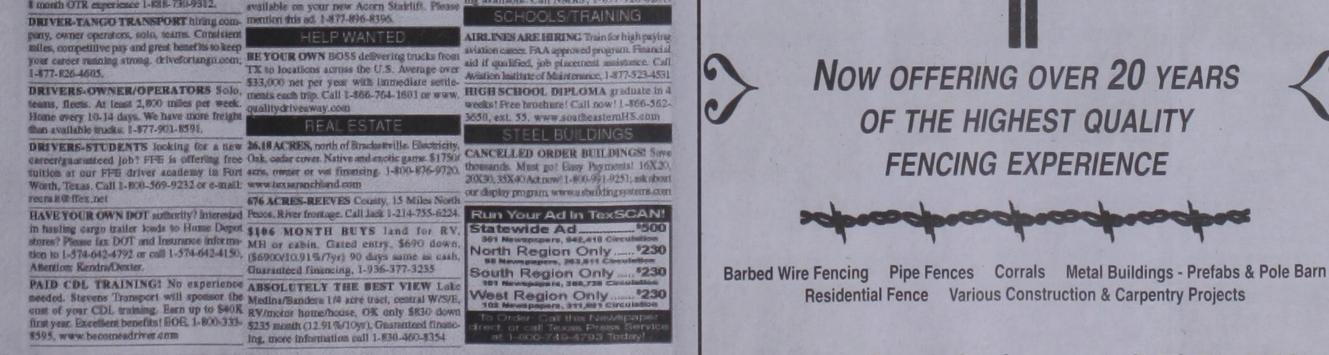
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## **Spearman Police Blotter**

### by Chief Robert G. Baker

This month I would like to address several things of importance to all of us in Spearman. First is crime prevention. Spearman has been blessed for quite awhile with a low crime rate compared to some our neighboring cities. Gruver and Perryton have both been plagued by numerous thefts and burglaries. Due to hard work and persistence, both have made significant arrests in those cases and recovered stolen property. Spearman has had a few burglaries and thefts, but our biggest problem over last several months has been vandalism. Recently, a vacant home was entered and the person or persons kicked holes in walls, destroyed fixtures, and so forth. The windows have been broken out of two vehicles and several houses, and personal property has been torn up around town. These acts of useless destruction, thefts of property, and other crimes, including burglaries, can be reduced with simple crime prevention.

Secure your home, lock your doors and windows, and don't leave bicycles laying out by the curb over night. Tools and equipment left in pick-up beds or exposed on flat bed trucks are easy targets. Any property that is valuable to you will be valuable to some other person, who wants only to steal it and sell it somewhere else. I have driven around town many nights and noticed garage doors open and the lights on. That is an open invitation for a person who is looking to supplement his/her income by stealing and selling your property to take a quick inventory of your possessions and come back later to help themselves. Another thing that helps the criminal is a privacy fence. We all enjoy the privacy that a tall fence offers, but so does a burglar. I'm not saying you need to tear down your expensive wood or metal fence, just be aware that a privacy fence offers just as much privacy to a person intent on stealing your things. Thirdly, don't leave valuables in your car. It takes just a matter of seconds to bust a car window and take something that's lying on the seat and be gone.

Pay close attention to your surroundings while you are running errands around town. Be observant to what's going on around you. Something you could see or hear might help prevent a crime. Take a few minutes to step out on the front or back porch and take a look around. When you take out the trash to the alley, stop and look around briefly. You may not see anything suspicious, but a person looking to commit a crime just might see you and leave. Be proactive in crime prevention. It's not just a law enforcement responsibility, it's every citizen's responsibility.

The second item I want address is rabies. Since January 1st, ACO Mahaffee has captured three skunks in town. A report from The Texas Dept. Of Health Services showed that 10 skunks have been tested and showed positive with rabies since January 1st. Now before you panic, all those cases have been from the counties on the west side of the panhandle. The closest positive skunk to Hansford County was Carson County. Also in the report, it was stated that the skunk population has increased. I would concur with that statement because only three skunks were captured in Spearman during 2010. Again, prevention is the key. Vaccinate your dogs and cats and do not let them stray. If you see or think you have a skunk around, let us know so ACO Mahaffee can set out a trap.

Third item is a substance that has been introduced to our city called Salvia, or you may have heard the street name as K2. This is a leafy green substance that people are smoking instead of marijuana because it is legal. Salvia creates a high and, possibly, hallucinations. Salvia is sold legally from out of state (internet sales) or from smoke shops, tattoo shops and the like. It is in Spearman, and we have researched it to know what it look likes, it's effects, and where it comes from. Spearman ISD is aware of it as well. Parents, if you find a green leafy substance, and it doesn't smell like marijuana (it may smell fruity as fruit flavoring is sometimes added) and possibly labeled as incense, please call us. Some cities have passed city ordinances outlawing the possession of Salvia. Spearman has not enacted a city ordinance outlawing Salvia, due to the Texas Legislature considering a bill making the possession of Salvia a Class A Misdemeanor. The bill is expected to pass. Fourth item is registered sex offenders. There have been issues in the recent past over a person being a sex offender. Do not rely on or expect word of mouth to be accurate, and do not rely on or expect internet sites to have accurate information EX-CEPT for The Texas Department of Public Safety website. The TxDPS has many duties, one of which is to maintain the roster of registered sex offenders in this state. Any citizen can find out anything they need to know about registered sex offenders in our area through this website. The TxDPS Sex Offender website address is > txdps.state.tx.us<. You can search by name, zipcode, or county. You can call your local law enforcement agency as well. Corporal Kay has set up a Facebook site for the Spearman PD. Please check it out, she will be adding more information weekly, and my monthly articles will be posted as well. Please feel free to stop and visit with the Officers, come into the office and visit. The best crime prevention is observation, being proactive and a close relationship with your local law enforcement.



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Sunset at Lake Palo Duro

March 14, 2011 – Lake monthly Board meeting. Palo Duro level – 44.20 feet

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rector, Dr. Arthur Davidson being caught, yet. and wife Lena, also at-

tended. This organization under a burn ban. The lake ing. includes many different is certainly included. No water interests in Texas and campfires, or BBQ grills, busy preparing the restbeyond. The current leg- can be burned here. Last rooms and parks, for what islative session and it's year, we had a grass fire, we hope will be a busy seachallenges, were discussed, started by a charcoal grill. son, at the lake. They do a along with topics pertaining Please comply with these great job. The compliments

black duck-like birds that March always brings a nest in the dead trees in the mix of weather. One day is lake. There are fewer trees Those who missed last spring, and the next day each year, for cormorants, week's article can blame may be winter. Activity blue herons, and bald eame for it. I completely for- here at the lake is showing gles, to land in. I did see got it. The week of March signs of life again. A few two immature and one ma-1-4, I attended the annual campers are trying it, along ture bald eagle, this week. Texas Water Conservation with the fishermen and an The cedar waxwings and Association meeting, in occasional picnic. I have cardinals have been near Austin. Moore County Di- not seen or heard about fish the house and office, lately. Coyotes can be heard at Hansford County is now night and early in the morn-

Ramon and Alfredo are to varied water interests. rules. Hopefully, rain will from you always include groomed parks. Please help The double crested cor- us keep our parks and lake



Sen. Kel Seliger, and sev- change these dry condi- clean restrooms and well eral agency heads spoke to tions, soon.

us. Rep. Four Price attended a breakfast. Tuesday morants have returned to clean. March 8, we had our the lake. These are the



