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## Spearman Police Department News

A series of break-ins have plagued local businesses in Spearman.

According to Spearman Police Chief Robert Baker, four local businesses were burglarized in June. Three of the businesses were tire businesses. Several thousand dollars worth of tires and related equipment and tools were stolen. The businesses targeted were Farm Supply and Service, Golden Spread Sales and a trucking company run out of an old gas station. A local restaurant, The Headquarters, was also burglarized.

The suspects were captured on video through one of the businesses' surveillance cameras. According to Chief Baker they were well orchestrated and knew what they were doing. Unfortunately, though, the suspects were not close enough to the camera and no direct facial views were recorded.

The intruders pulled out windows and cut locks to gain access to the businesses. To try to prevent any additional break ins, Chief Baker suggests protecting belongings by locking doors and even considering alarm systems and video surveillance.

At this time a two thousand five hundred dollar (\$2,500.00) reward has been offered for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for these burglaries.

Tips and information can be sent to the Spearman Police Department by e-mail to rbaker601@spearmanpd.com, or by calling 806-659-3708. All information can remain anonymous, but when calling you may have to leave a message, so a return contact number will have to be supplied.

These businesses are locally owned and operated by friends and neighbors, who need your help to solve these crimes, as well as any other crimes that occurs in Spearman.

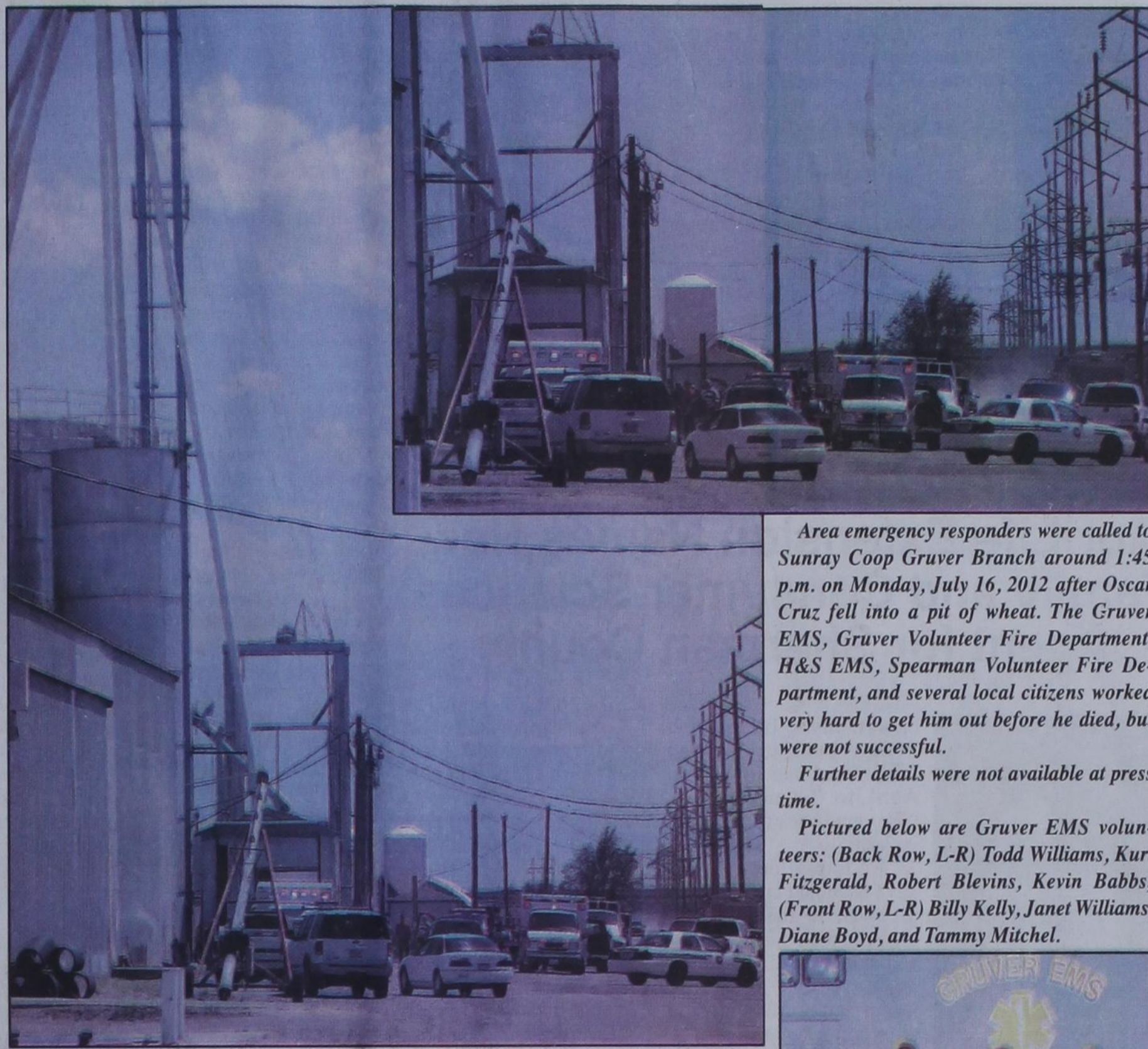
Please keep vigilant and be aware of your surroundings. Complacency of the law abiding public is what criminals rely upon to be profitable.

Please contact the Spearman Police Dept. or the Hansford County Sheriff's Office with any information regarding any criminal offense. The person you help just may be yourself!

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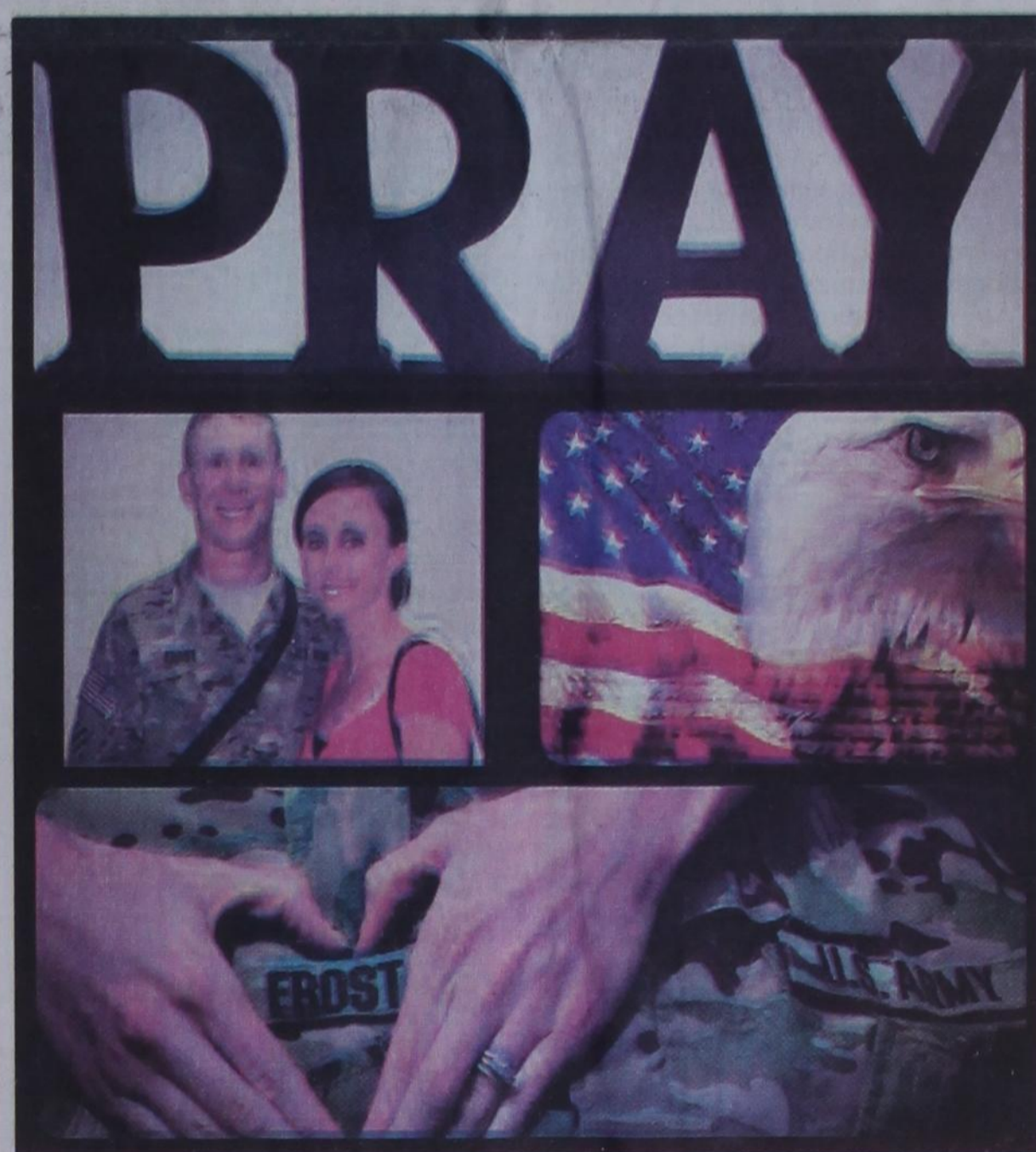
## Gruverite Killed in Grain Accident



Area emergency responders were called to Sunray Coop Gruver Branch around 1:45 p.m. on Monday, July 16, 2012 after Oscar Cruz fell into a pit of wheat. The Gruver EMS, Gruver Volunteer Fire Department, H&S EMS, Spearman Volunteer Fire Department, and several local citizens worked very hard to get him out before he died, but were not successful.

Further details were not available at press time.

Pictured below are Gruver EMS volunteers: (Back Row, L-R) Todd Williams, Kurt Fitzgerald, Robert Blevins, Kevin Babbs; (Front Row, L-R) Billy Kelly, Janet Williams, Diane Boyd, and Tammy Michel.



(Photo Courtesy of Amy Brown Photography and Design)

## Update on Jeremy Frost

22-year-old Sgt. Jeremy Frost was injured when he stepped on an IED in Afghanistan on Friday, July 6, 2012. As a result he lost his left leg from just below the knee down, fractured a hip and his right leg, and had some brain trauma.

On July 10th he was flown to San Antonio Military Medical Center. He had his first surgery on July 12th. He was in surgery for 9 hours. The surgeons had intended to fix his broken left hip, but there was a large hematoma, so they had to remove a lot of blood clots instead.

Jeremy had a 10-hour surgery on Sunday, July 15, 2012 to repair some of the damage on his leg and hip.

The doctors put a titanium rod on his left femur and another on his lower right leg. The ball going on his left hip was cracked in half and they put a screw in to hold it together.

This should be the last surgery he has to have for a while, allowing him some time to heal.

Jeremy spent 4 hours in recovery following the surgery. There were several tense moments when he had some problems with his heart rate. When that was under control he was sent back to his room.

Jeremy has been in tremendous pain since his accident. He has had a sore mouth and has not been able to eat.

Jeremy has extended the following thank you: "Surgery went well. They went ahead and fixed everything in about 10 hours. Now my journey to recover has officially begun! Thanks to everyone for the love and support - from my brothers still overseas to my family and friends! Thanks most of all to my outstanding, loving, and caring wife. I love you baby! And it's always a blessing having my RN mother around. She knows all to well how I need to be taken care of! Thanks, Mom!"

Jeremy is married to Kylee Howard Frost. He is the son of Stacie and Glenn Ruga of Spearman and Matthew Frost of Amarillo. He has three younger brothers, Dustin Frost who is also serving in the Army, and Patrick and Nathan Ruga.

For individuals who would like to honor this young man and his sacrifice, there is a fund set up for him at the First National Bank of Spearman under his name, Jeremy Frost. Kylee is the daughter of Jan and Rick Howard of Spearman.

Jeremy's address is: SAMMC Jeremy Frost, 4th Floor Room 435, 3851 Roger Brooke Dr., Fort Sam Houston TX 78234. There is a policy of no flowers since he is in isolation.

Kylee's address is: Kylee Frost, c/o Powless Guest House, IHG Army Hotel, Bldg 3625, 3298 George Beach Avenue, Fort Sam Houston TX 78234.

## Spearman's Ashmore Helps All-Star Team to Win



By Ricky Treon, Amarillo Globe-News

Spearman graduate Morgan Ashmore scored nine points and had seven assists Thursday to help lead

the Class 1A-2A-3A North team to an 84-39 win against the South in the Texas Girls Coaches Association all-star basketball game at Arlington Lamar High School.

Ashmore, a Tarleton State commit, started and also had three steals while playing about 20 minutes at guard.

## Weather Forecast

THURSDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs around 103. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

THURSDAY NIGHT - Clear. Lows in the upper 60s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

FRIDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs around 103.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows around 70.

SATURDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs around 103.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows around 70.

SUNDAY - Sunny. Highs around 102.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Clear. Lows around 70.

MONDAY - Sunny. Highs around 103.

MONDAY NIGHT - Clear. Lows in the upper 60s.

TUESDAY - Sunny. Highs around 104.

Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/forecast/w-Spearman-Texas.html#ixzz20vygV08Y>



## Weekly Update

Texas, July 16 - Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 4.2 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.23/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that has not moved in the last week to \$3.42/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 34.5 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 4.3 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 11.0 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 24.7 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"Those who stuck around the low gas price party expecting it to last have realized they're out in the cold," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "Oil prices are well off their recent lows, and we'll likely continue to see the national average rise in response. Most regions should see prices rising, while the Rockies areas may see any increase take considerably longer to arrive," DeHaan said.

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

## Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors for July 17, 2012: Most of the region received from a trace to 2 inches of rain. Irrigators were active. Corn was in mostly fair to good condition. Hansford County reported some hail damage to corn and other summer crops. Sorghum, soybean and peanuts were in mostly fair to good condition. Cotton was in mostly fair to good condition. The wheat harvest was complete. Rangeland and pasture ratings continued to vary from very poor to excellent, with most counties reporting very poor to poor. Cattle were in fair to good condition. Insect activity on all crops was average, with a few flare-ups of spider mites in corn.

**Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes**

**MUSEUM HAPPENINGS**

A good week except for the plague of the stink bugs. We had a huge swarm of the things on our front porch and we are still sweeping them away.

We are making progress on our inventory of paintings and photographs. It is educational looking through our archives and exhibits as we search for a specific painting or photograph. It is amazing that we walk past a painting everyday and can't locate it when doing inventory.

I will be venturing to Waco this week to hopefully learn about financial management for museums. We rely on our county secretary, accountants, and the board to keep us on the straight and narrow, but need to learn how to report finances through a good form that reflects our income and expenses. Wish me luck.

I have mentioned in several columns about our upcoming afternoon History Camp for children in 4th thru 8th grade. The time is approaching. Deadline for

registration is Friday, July 27. Call the museum for a registration form and to put your name on the list.

This is a free program for children that will let them explore the museum archives, investigate one of our local citizens, develop a character, and become that person for an evening performance. So if you know of anyone, tell them about the program. If transportation to the museum is a problem, call us. We can arrange for someone to pickup the children. We promise this program is educational, fun, and one that the kids will love. **CALL FOR REGISTRATION NOW. 806-852-2123. DEADLINE JULY 27TH.**

**HISTORICAL MUSINGS**

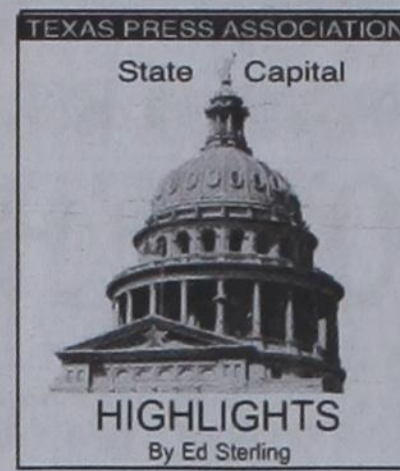
As I have commented before, I love our old newspapers for the tidbits that they included each week about their lives. I offer you three such tidbits this week, enjoy.

Lipscomb Limelight - "We apologize - we had so dad-blamed much trouble with the linotype machine

that it was utterly impossible to set all the news that should have gone into this issue of your paper. We have some ideas about this machine- but we don't dare put them in print."

"After graduation, Dad found work with a defense contractor, which enabled him and Mom to move into barracks-like apartments at the Iowa Ordinance Plant west of Burlington. There they began - some say furiously - to make a family: first Cheryl, then Randall, Rhonda, and Doug all in five years. Soon after, Daddy got fixed."

"Riding a train to Cleveland, Ohio with a mouse imprisoned in her waist was the experience of Miss Elizabeth Tristram, a school teacher. She felt something crawling about inside her dress. With a shriek she clutched at her side and was horrified when her hand closed over the animal. Miss Tristram confided her predicament to companions, but none was brave enough to aid her. When the car reached Cleveland Miss Tristram was still holding on to the mouse, which was nearly dead from squeezing."



**STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS**

by Ed Sterling

**Wait for ruling on voter ID law begins**

AUSTIN — What happens next to Texas' enacted but as-yet-unenforceable voter identification law is up to a three-judge panel of the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, following a week of court action, July 9 to 13.

If allowed to stand as written, the law, with certain exceptions, would require each voter to present official photo identification along with a valid voter registration card at the poll in order to cast a ballot.

After final arguments were completed on July 13, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott stated his opinion that evidence presented at trial by the State of Texas shows that U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder's list of voters who lack government-issued photo identification is "fatally flawed" because the U.S. Department of Justice's list "includes dead voters, failed to exclude non-Texas residents, and did not attempt to match voters with photo ID databases maintained by the federal government, such as the State Department's passport database or the Department of Defense's military identification database."

While the state did present evidence that voter rolls may include the names of deceased or otherwise ineligible voters, it did not present evidence that voter impersonation at the polls is commonplace or has changed the outcome of an election.

Among those testifying against the voter ID law at the request of the Department of Justice were state Reps. Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas, and Trey Martinez-Fischer, D-San Antonio, who chairs the Mexican American Legislative Caucus.

The D.C. Circuit Court is expected to rule in late August or early September.

**Background on voter law**

Near the end of the 2011 regular session of the Texas Legislature, Gov. Rick Perry ceremonially signed the voter ID law, Senate Bill 14, amending the state election law with language "relating to requirements to vote, including presenting proof of identification; providing criminal penalties."

When Perry signed the bill, he said, "... we take a major step forward in securing the integrity of the ballot box and protecting

the most cherished right we enjoy as citizens." But Texas House and Senate Democrats in committee and floor debates of SB 14 claimed the legislation would result in voter suppression and would be harming to the state's black and Hispanic populations.

Throughout the legislative process state House and Senate debates were contentious and votes were party-line. The enactment of the bill kindled protracted civil rights litigation. The Department of Justice declined to grant the necessary pre-clearance under Section 5 of the U.S. Voting Rights Act for the law to take effect and the State of Texas filed suit.

**Perry reacts to ruling**

On June 28, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of part of the U.S. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 on the basis that it is a fair exercise of federal authority to impose a "tax" on citizens who fail to obtain health care insurance.

On July 11, the Republican-dominated U.S. House of Representatives, for the 31st time since the law was passed, voted to repeal it. Five Democratic members also voted to repeal the law. No vote to repeal was called in the U.S. Senate.

On July 9, Gov. Perry wrote to U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius his intention to opt Texas out of

full participation in President Obama's marquee national health care plan. In a statement issued by the Office of the Governor, Perry said, "If anyone was in doubt, we in Texas have no intention to implement so-called state exchanges or to expand Medicaid under 'Obamacare.' I will not be party to socializing health-care and bankrupting my state in direct contradiction to our Constitution and our founding principles of limited government."

However, it is the job of the Texas Legislature to decide whether to opt in or out of full acceptance of the federal Medicaid package and participate in health insurance exchanges. The Legislature convenes in January with more than 6 million Texans who do not have health insurance.

**Revenue collections increase**

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced July 13 that state sales tax revenue in June was \$1.98 billion, up 15.2 percent compared to June 2011.

"Sales tax revenue has increased for 27 consecutive months in Texas," Combs said. "Strong business spending in industries such as manufacturing and oil and natural gas boosted the latest sales tax collections. Revenue from consumer spending in the retail trade and restaurant sectors also did well."

**AgriLife Extension Names New Family and Consumer Sciences Agent for Sherman County**



Jill Killian

Jill Killian will rejoin the Texas AgriLife Extension Service as the family and consumer sciences agent for Sherman County on Aug. 1, according to Danny Nusser, AgriLife Extension district administrator in Amarillo.

Jill Killian, Texas AgriLife Extension Service family and consumer sciences agent for Sherman County. (Texas AgriLife Extension Service photo)

Killian, a Stratford native, worked from 1986 to 1990 as an agent in Midland and Comanche counties, before becoming a teacher and then later taking her current position as a co-owner of the K Veterinary Clinic in Stratford.

"I really enjoyed working in the Extension service and I felt like this was a good

opportunity to fill this role in the community," Killian said about her return to AgriLife Extension life. "We came back to Stratford in 2006.

"All four of our children have been and are still very involved in the 4-H program on the county, district and state levels. I have enjoyed serving as a 4-H leader and now I am ready to return to Extension work on the professional level," she said. "They say if you do something you love, it will never seem like work at all."

"Sherman County has a great program established and has had a lot of community support," Killian said. "I look forward to continuing those efforts and doing even more."

"Jill has a unique combination of professional and personal life experiences that will allow her to be a very successful AgriLife Extension agent in Sherman County," Nusser said.

"She has been a part of the success related to the Sherman County 4-H program as a volunteer, and has the experience and passion for family and consumer sciences to provide leadership towards adult programming," he said. "She will do a great job of continuing to provide outstanding programs to the people of Sherman County."

Killian earned her bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, where she served as the state treasurer and a national officer candidate as a part of the Texas Home Economics Student Section. She served as the Texas Tech chapter president, member and officer of Tech Home Economics Council and as a home economics recruiter. She was named the Texas Student Home Economist of the Year in 1984.

She served as the state treasurer and in several board positions of the Texas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. Killian served the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences as the national home and community section chair and national committee chair; served on the state board of the Texas Association of Extension 4-H Agents; and received the New Achiever Award from the Texas Association of Extension Home Economists in 1987.

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  - "Cafe \_\_\_?" Greenwich Village club where Hendrix and Dylan played
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  - Hula dancer's ornament
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  - Never eat chicken this way
  - T-cell killer
  - Competitive advantage
  - Non-stick material
  - Eastern \_\_\_
  - 9th letter of Greek alphabet
  - "Lay \_\_\_" to a castle
  - Medley
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  - Longest river
  - Muhammad's birthplace
  - A current focal point of debate in Europe
- DOWN**
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  - Tube for flowing air
  - Less than 90 degrees
  - Golf shot
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Happy Birthday!

July 19
Birthday - June Barkley, Joe Lopez Jr., Ronnie Williams, Vincent Garcia, Blake Beedy, Mark Avila, Pauline Nava, Opal Petree, Amber TeBeest
Anniversary - Ray & Judy Martin, Joey & Lyn Woolley, Don & Carolyn Savage, M/M Corky Chapman, M/M Arlo Shearer
July 20
Birthday - Elaine Rogers, Arlo Shearer, Vic Schuman, Virginia White, Thomas Reed, Cal Nava, Mary Barnes, Meli Floyd Burgess, Bruce Bailey, Neale Estes, Sylvia Herera, Cheryl Wall, Braxton Crane
Anniversary - Rick & Jan Howard, M/M Eric Brown, M/M Joe Archer Sr., M/M Mike Garnett, M/M F.W. Thomas

July 21
Birthday - Tasha Haight Hiles, Larry Kennedy, Clint Lilley, Trevor Shearer, Earl Goodheart, Jewell Turner, Ross Donahue, Josephine Schneider, Kirk Davis, Jessica Woolley, Ron Robinson, Barbara Farr, Larry Blackwell, Mary K. Harbour, Van Bradford, Ty Seagler, Matt Salazar
Anniversary - Jeff & Michelle Beedy, M/M Thomas Reyes, M/M Johnnie Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Chad Logsdon

July 22
Birthday - Robert Reid, Joe Cole, Tiffany Hand, Luke Pittman, Flavil Ayers, Edith Phillip, Jack Karlin, Danny Rushing
Anniversary - Jim Davis, M/M Roy Mayhew, Stephanie & Tyler Bates

July 23
Birthday - Linda Beeson, Becky Leach, Peggy Winegarner, Travis Bennett, Elivina Rodriguez, Mark Schoenhals, Grace Kirk, Keith Sumner, Austen Strawn

July 24
Birthday - Kaylee Holt, Christina Sanchez, Neil Pack, Irvan Barber, Tammy Freeman, Glen Ray Mackie, Maria Arjona, Ray Gressett, Sophia Salgado, Mary McIntyer, Nathan Pipkin, Mary Martinez, Aaron Winegarner, Adam Cherry, Shannon Acker, Mattie Yanke, Taylor Tice
Anniversary - M/M Lynn Boyd

July 25
Birthday - Robbie Butts, Brooke Lesly, Rhonda Baker

July 26
Birthday - Raquel Matthews Whitehead, George P. Odom, Jolain Ball, Jerry Long, Nell Benton, Ronnie Bullard, Rubyjo Wilbanks, Tammi Holmes, Traci Lane, Misty Payne, Cayla Smith, Oscar Valdez, Mini Largent, DeeDee De-LaRosa, Jennifer Covington
Anniversary - M/M Sergio Vaquera, M/M Danny Henson

July 27
Birthday - Tracy Beville, Misty Kauffman, Bobby Don Smith, Nancy McIntyre, Kay Beeson, Bob Dennis, Frank Salgado Jr.

Olivia Renteria, Michael Wayne Ross, Carl Kizzar, Donny McMahan, Josh Lackey, Robin Capps, Ashley Swan, Ryan Phillips, Able Eaton, Valerie Burnum

Anniversary - Bos & Sis Staton, Keith & Jodie Hight, Ed & Tanja Whitefield, Ronald & Elaine Swan, M/M Owen Montgomery, M/M Sonny Patterson, Tom & Beth Dortch, M/M Lonnie Clemmons

July 28
Birthday - Letecia Favela, Holly Hart, Jordan Hicks, Wendy Rodriguez, Ray Gibson, Jo Garcia Jr., Lee Shaver, Marlane Taylor, Maria Ochoa, Reagan Karlin, Wendy Rodriguez, Patsy Reddin, Verlin Winegarner

Anniversary - Harry & Hazel Stumph, M/M Alfred Bayless, M/M Ted Vela

July 29
Birthday - Macee Casdorff, Rex Ralston, Brent Stedje, Scott Stedje, Martin Ochoa Jr., Kammy Goodheart, Robert Graham, Christi Close, Tracy Wilson, Kenny Red, Carol Rushing, Valorie Shields, Aaron Witen, Tanner Hand, Kristi Ramon, Jessica Montgomery, Richard Trantham, LoRee Booth, Mae Wofford, Dallas Trospen, Marlee Castillo, Tracy Burk, Pete Vera IV

Anniversary - M/M Jack Sparks, Teddy & Mary Lou Vela, Betty & Ron Dunaway, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Dahl, Richey & Karen Thompson

July 30
Birthday - John Reed, Pat Tucker, Jim Nicholson, Lynn Ann Sanders, Ronda Cook, Pamela Cates, Sandra Cummings, Kara Pipkin, Raquel Saldivar, Alec Cenicerros, Alice Cook, Katie Gibson, Johnny Bennett, Joanne Graves

Anniversary - M/M Davin Winger, M/M Hoyle Holliday

July 31
Birthday - Mary Ruth Connelly, Bonnie Jones, Kathy Vanlandingham, Danna Close, Sherry Brand, Jessie Burke, Jody Harnish, Hector Nava, Mike Slater, Ronnie Lusby, Cary Collier, Cecil Biggers, Jennifer Marrs, Cody Reynolds, Nancy Garcia

Anniversary - Doug & Shannon Barnes, Jason & Amber TeBeest

August 1
Birthday - Lisa Link, Kyle Irwin, Frankie Leatherman, Annie Mayhew, Gyene Spivey, Benjamin Williams, Johnnie Williams, Ronnie Williams, Tommy Lovett, Jo Brown, Leann Swan, Yvonda Stokes, Anita Clemmons, Kevin Kirk, Rob Barber, Kelli McWhirter, David Swan, Jim Scarborough, Kiki West, Hershey Martin, Joyce Crooks, Alfonso Cenicerros, Larry Trospen, Patricia Quillin, Gabriel Lopez, Sara Wright, Chance Swan

Anniversary - M/M Mike Minter, M/M Tommy Cathey, Jr.

Our Sympathy

VIRGINIA FERN SELL BECKER

DOVER, AR - Virginia Fern Sell Becker, 83, of Dover, AR, died Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at St. Mary's Regional Med Center in Russellville, AR. The daughter of Wilbert and Roberta Sparks Caldwell, she was born January 22, 1929 in Kingsmill, TX. She married Ferdinand Alois Becker on October 6, 1973 at Lyons, IL. She was a Registered Nurse with the River Valley Medical Center of Dardanelle, AR and Con Agra. She was a member of the First Christian Church - Disciples of Christ in Russellville and enjoyed Bible Study, yard work and caring for her pets.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Ray, Gene, and Sam Caldwell.

Survivors include her loving husband, Ferdinand Alois Becker of Dover; three sons, Larry Sell of Dewey, AZ, Ronnie Sell of Commerce City, CO, Phil Sell & wife Carol of Booker, TX; two daughters, Debbie Bush & husband Perry of Missouri City, TX, Susie Sell of Gravesend, England; Virginia leaves behind a loving clutch of grandchildren and great grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Barbara Caldwell of Springfield, MO and Carol Caldwell of Bentonville, AR; and a gaggle of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 14, 2012 at Humphrey Chapel with a visitation one hour before. Pastor Dana Hoover officiated. Burial was at 3 P.M. at the City of Bentonville Cemetery in Bentonville, AR by Humphrey Funeral Service.

Memorials may be made to Arkansas Hospice, 2405 E. Parkway Ste-3, Russellville, AR 72802- www.arkansashospice.org.

Internet obituary and on-line guest book are available at www.humphreyfuneral.com.

OSCAR CRUZ

GRUVER - Oscar Cruz, 28, of Gruver died on July 16, 2012.

Rosary was held on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at the Gruver Iglesia Cristo Redentor Church at 8:00 p.m. Mass services were held tomorrow night (7/18/12) at the Gruver Iglesia Cristo Redentor church at 7 p.m. Burial was at Municipio del Banxu, Ixmiquilpan, Hidalgo, Mexico. Services were under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Oscar was born in Ixmiquilpan, Hidalgo, Mexico on June 12, 1984. He was a 2002 graduate of Gruver High School and a member of Cristo Redentor Iglesia in Gruver. He was a loader at Sunray Coop, Gruver Branch.

Survivors include his parents, Cirilo and Tomasa Cruz of Gruver; his mother, Inez Cruz of Mexico; one brother, Sergio and wife Maria Cruz of Amarillo; four sisters, Dimna (Omar) Duran of Amarillo, Angelica Cruz Leon, Cristina Cruz Huerta and Isidra Cruz Zapote, all of Mexico.

ODIS "CORKY" KIZZIAR



GRUVER - Odis "Corky" Kizziar, 81, of Gruver died Saturday, July 14, 2012.

Services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 18, 2012 in Gruver United Methodist Church with Gary Gumfory officiating. Burial followed in Gruver Cemetery. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman. Corky was born June 9, 1931, in a dugout north of Spearman to Carl and Alma Kizziar. He married Paula Bennett in 1949 and shared a wonderful life until she died in July 2011. He enjoyed life in spite of its hardships and cherished meeting and visiting his friends.

Corky was a cowboy for life. He attended school in Spearman and was raised there, learning to use and care for horses and cattle that would provide for him and his family throughout his life. The last half of his life was spent hauling cattle several million miles across the United States.

He loved his family. He and Paula had 11 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and many others that considered them "Granny and Papa." He was loved by them all and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include a sister, Betty Prater of Dalhart; and his children, Bo and Carol Kizziar of Amarillo, Lana and Mike O'Hare of Chaning and Terry and Sandy Kizziar and Carla Jones, all of Gruver.

The family suggests memorials be to Ochiltree Hospice, 3101 Garrett Drive, Perryton, TX 79070.

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**Medical Fund for Francis Scroggs Pond**  
A Medical Fund that has been set up at FNB for Francis (Scroggs) Pond, she has been Diagnosed with cancer and will begin chemotherapy in Amarillo (and possibly surgery in Dallas in the near future).

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

**Farmer's Market**  
The local Farmer's Market will begin July 11th and will be held every Wednesday afternoon. Anyone interested is asked to contact Linda Venneman at 806-898-0969. los.borunda@gruverisd.net.

**Child Care Providers Seminar**  
A Child Care Providers Seminar will be held Saturday, August 4, 2012 from 8:30am - 4:00pm at the Beaver County Fairgrounds, Beaver, Oklahoma. This seminar is open to the public, child care providers, parents, etc. Topics include: Safety Awareness; Dramatic Play; Using MyPlate for Nutrition Education; Positive Guidance; Importance of Reading and Language Skills; and Enhanced Learning Activities. Certificates will be presented for up to 6 hours of required formal training for licensing. A \$10.00 non-refundable fee will be charged which includes the noon meal and is due with registration form by Monday, July 30th. For more information and registration form please contact the Beaver County OSU Extension Service at 580-625-3464 or available at: <http://oces.okstate.edu/beaver/child-care-providers-seminar-1> Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service offers its programs to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability or status as a veteran, and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**Gruver Blood Drive**  
Coffee Memorial Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in Gruver in the La Casita Room of Gruver State Bank (3 Main Plaza). The blood drive will be held on Tuesday, July 24, 2012 from 2-7 p.m. Every eligible donor who presents to donate will receive a Hoops Madness t-shirt and a chance to win a new flat screen TV from Sears AND a fajita party for 20 people from Jorge's Mexican Bar & Grill! Photo ID or Donor Card Required to Donate. MUST BE 17 YEARS OLD TO DONATE BLOOD. For an appointment, please call 331-8800 or 1-877-574-8800. Find us on facebook \* Follow us on Twitter \* [www.thegiftoflife.org](http://www.thegiftoflife.org) ALL BLOOD TYPES ARE CURRENTLY NEEDED! The need is real. There is no substitute for blood. It can only come from volunteer blood donors. Please support the patients of the High Plains Region...Give the Gift of Life!

**Lynx Football Camp Set July 30th**  
Lynx Football Camp will be held July 30th-August 1st (3 days) for incoming 3rd-9th graders. It will be held at the football field from 8-10 a.m. The Lynx football staff is looking forward to working with all of our athletes and teaching them fundamentals of football. Registration will begin at 7:45 am and the cost is \$15 (includes t-shirt). Pre-registration is not required. Just show up and register on Monday, July 30th. A parent must sign the waiver form.

**Medical Fund Established for Jeremy Frost**  
A fund has been set up at First National Bank for Kylee and Jeremy Frost. To donate you can either call the bank at 659-5544 or mail it to Box 337, Spearman.

**SHS Class of 1981 Big Ol' Birthday Bash in Lieu of a Class Reunion - (Yikes - we are turning 50!)**  
The SHS Class of 1981 is holding a Big Ol' Birthday Bash in lieu of a Class Reunion on Saturday, October 13th. Festivities will be out at the River Breaks Ranch, [www.riverbreaks.com](http://www.riverbreaks.com), (just a few miles outside of Amarillo) beginning around 5-6ish. There will be fun, great food, and lots and lots of visiting. The cost will be around \$40ish per person. Sorry, we don't get the AARP discount yet! A block of rooms is reserved at the Drury Inn, Amarillo, TX (800-325-0720). More information to follow. Please send RSVPs, regrets, emails, phone numbers and old fashion addresses of classmates to Bonnie & Hunter Novak, [novakh@ptsi.net](mailto:novakh@ptsi.net), P.O. Box 403, Guymon, OK 73942. River Breaks Ranch - Amarillo, Texas [www.riverbreaks.com](http://www.riverbreaks.com)

**Gruver Gym Hours**  
The Gruver Gym will be open in June and July for the following hours: Monday - Girls Night (JH-HS Girls) 7-9 p.m.; Tuesday - Boys Night (JH-HS Boys) 7-9 p.m.; Wednesday - Adult Night (HS-"Old") 7-9 p.m.; Thursday - Elementary Night 6-8 p.m. 3-on-3 Tournaments, \$30/team (4 players max/team) will also be held on the following dates: July 13-14 - Elementary-JH Tourney Boys & Girls. Email entries to [wade.callaway@region16.net](mailto:wade.callaway@region16.net) with "3-on-3 Tourney" in the subject line. There will be 1 adult supervisor and 1-3 student workers each night (3 for elementary nights). All participants will need a signed release (students 17 or under will need parent/guardian signature). Out of town guests are welcome with signed release.

**Second (Indianhead) Division Association, Inc.**  
The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who ever served in the 2nd Infantry Division at any time. For information about the national association and our annual reunion in Reno, Nevada from August 23-26, 2012, visit our website at [www.2ida.org](http://www.2ida.org) or contact the association's secretary-treasurer, Bob Haynes, at [2idahq@comcast.net](mailto:2idahq@comcast.net) or (224) 225-1202.

**Hansford Co. Library Thrift Shop Accepting Donations**  
Alley Katz (Library Thrift Shop) is accepting donations of quality items. You may ask for the key to the Thrift Shop at the library desk during regular hours (9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday). Alley Katz is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. each Wednesday.

**Firefighters Wanted**  
The Spearman Volunteer Fire Department is actively recruiting new members. Both men and women age 18 and over are welcome. The number of volunteers has dropped to dangerously low levels and the roster needs to be increased. If you have an interest in helping to keep your community safe, the SVFD would like to talk to you. All new candidates will have access to the best training available. All interested parties should either come to the fire station located at 513 S Hazelwood or call Kimmi Rivera at 806-202-6374. The SVFD meets every Thursday night at 7 PM. Bring a friend and come join the team.

**Hansford Hospice**  
Volunteering for Hospice is very flexible and easy to work into your schedule. Our volunteers provide important services to the people we serve, whether it is: providing companionship to patients and their families; helping with clerical duties in the office; helping with special projects such as cooking food, baking, running or helping with community outreach. If you are interested in being a Hansford Hospice Volunteer, please contact us at 806-659-5811.

**Texas SNAP Benefits Assistance**  
Need help applying for SNAP benefits? We can help! High Plains Food Bank is providing application assistance for Texas SNAP benefits (Food Stamps) in your area. Telephone application assistance is available. If you need to apply for benefits, please call us today at 8066374-8562 or 1-800-774-8564.

**Don't Text and Drive Decals**  
If you would like to purchase a lime green 'AMT 1994-2009 Don't Text and Drive' window decal in memory of Ali Tyler, please contact Stephanie 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.

**Help Available for Breast Cancer Survivors**  
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## Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister



In this season of Pentecost, we study Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 23, Ephesians 2:11-22, and Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56. We learn what it is to be a shepherd and who the Good Shepherd is.

Jeremiah writes during a period of political turmoil, Babylonia is going against the remains of the Assyrian Empire and Egypt. Israel is caught between these warring states. The prophet delivers a message of woe to the leaders of Israel (both King and priests), shepherds who have by their alliances and actions destroyed and scattered the Lord's sheep. God promises to appoint new shepherds for the people who will properly shepherd and protect the people. God promises to raise up a 'righteous Branch' who shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. "Shepherd" is a metaphor for leadership; here the 'shepherds' have not exhibited leadership for the people and God as Shepherd shall redeem the people.

The Psalmist sings a song of personal faith and confidence in God's steadfast love. Having been delivered from a calamity, the Psalmist is declaring that the "Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." Consider how true this is. God supplies us with all that we need--physically and spiritually. If God is with us, what more can we want?

Paul is writing to the Church at Ephesus to remind them that Gentiles and Jews have been built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God. Paul declares that Christ is 'our peace'. Now this was politically radical since Caesar was known as the bringer of peace; to state openly that Christ is our peace was to speak against Caesar! We learn that the Church is not always politically correct and that regardless of our ethnicity and traditions, we who believe are one in Christ Jesus.

Our gospel lesson in Mark, shows us Jesus, The Christ, who attempts to get away from the crowds to be alone with his disciples; yet, the people find him, eager for his teachings. We are told that Jesus had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. The omitted verses tell the story of one of the feeding miracles. When Jesus travels back across the lake at Gennesaret, he is rushed by another crowd who bring their sick to be healed. Jesus is truly the Good Shepherd.

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**SHS Class of 1992**

Please friend Karla Kunselman Acton on Facebook for more detailed information, or email me at [karla\\_acton@hotmail.com](mailto:karla_acton@hotmail.com)

## THANK YOU

Project Graduation 2012 was a great success! The many businesses and individuals who gave support through financial donations, merchandise donations and gifts, fund raiser purchases, and creative ideas deserve recognition and credit for making PG happen as it did. The Class of 2012 and their parents express thanks for the outpouring of participation, support and encouragement through the many weeks of work and preparation that went into making this event a never-to-be-forgotten experience for the graduates.

Project Graduation was originally conceived by the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT). The purpose of PG is to provide graduating seniors across the state of Texas with a safe, sober and fun traditional all-night celebration party. TXDOT provides \$425.00 seed money for the event along with specific rules and guidelines to be met by parents of seniors who are the driving force to facilitate PG. Funding for the event is raised locally, and all of the monies raised go toward the purchase of gifts for the graduates. This year's seniors submitted "Wish Lists" of items they knew they would be needing as they planned and prepared for college and/or careers in the coming year. Thanks to the generosity of many individuals and businesses and the success of the organized fundraisers, every graduate's "Wish List" was filled and there were funds to provide surprise bonus gifts and prizes throughout the night. In order to receive his/her gifts, every graduate must attend the entire party. Class members turned in their car keys and cell phones at the 10:00 PM check-in, and not

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one graduate left before the 5:00 AM departure time. Parents came in shifts to work the party providing food, games, activities, and various surprise happenings throughout the night, and many stayed the entire time, not wanting to miss any of the fun with the kids.

To the PG committee members, parents and class members, thank you for all of your hard work. The hours at the basketball concession stand, the cooking marathon that produced more than 500 dozen meat/cheese enchiladas, and the two Schwan's Food Drives that were distributed on two of the windiest days of the year proved worth the effort with the success of the party night. The success of these projects was due not only to hard work by parents, but to the participation of the students who had work shift and sales requirements with each of these fundraisers to be eligible for the PG night. The class members are to be commended for their participation and cooperation in the fund raisers. Special thanks go, also, to Bonnie Bergan for help with organization and presentation of the gifts for the event night and to Kellye Buchanan for long hours "above and beyond" for the enchilada sale and Schwan's distributions.

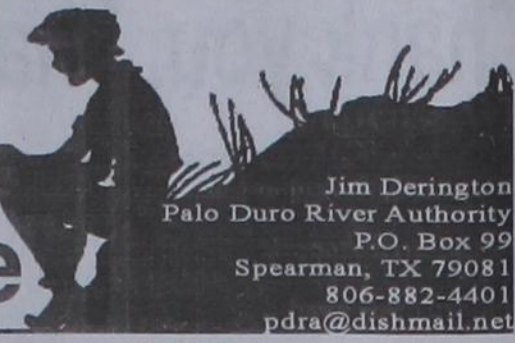
The success of Project Graduation 2012 is due to the hard work, cooperation, and participation of the students, their parents, and the generous and caring citizens of Spearman, Gruver, Perryton, Guymon, Amarillo, and the Hansford County area who provided the incredible support that made this worthy event a reality. Grateful appreciation and deep gratitude go to every person who had a part in any way in making this year's Project Graduation one of the best ever.

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# Out at the Lake



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The picture shows a dodder vine growing near the lake.

July 16, 2012 - Lake Palo Duro level - 27.66 feet

This week's article is in honor and appreciation of Dorothy Hudson, the originator and favored author, of this article and all that Hansford County and the surrounding area has to offer. Dorothy has a keen eye and mind for interpreting nature and history, and then sharing it with those of us, not so gifted. Dorothy's family gathered at the shelter behind the dam on Saturday evening, to celebrate her ninetieth birthday! It was a wonderful evening to eat, visit, and reflect on the impact she has had on each

of us. It was Dorothy's suggestion in 1993 that I apply to be general manager of the Palo Duro River Authority.

The picture shows a dodder vine, a threadlike, parasitic plant, that I see in the lake area each year. It starts as a tiny seedling, but must find a suitable host plant within a few days, or it will die. Researchers at Pennsylvania State University discovered that the dodder follows the scent of its victims.

The campgrounds at Lake Palo Duro were surprisingly busy over the weekend, as we only had four reservations. Ten

campers were behind the dam during the last week, and six on the office side, including two that camped at the edge of the lake. Various tent campers and fishermen were here also. Spearman Church of Christ had the shelter on Sunday.

I spotted a pair of mature bald eagles feeding on something at the edge of the lake on Friday, July 13. Perhaps if we have a nesting pair, the little ones are now old enough to be left alone.

Also on Friday, at about dusk, I was able to see five good whitetail bucks coming out of the canyons toward a circle of corn. Their antlers have not fully matured yet and they were some distance away, but they were big bucks. The attempt at a picture was not good, but I enjoyed watching with my binoculars. Mandy and I have both seen a roadrunner near the house and office this week.

I found a snake that I was not familiar with this week. I believe it is a long-nosed snake. They are tricolor, vaguely resembling a coral snake with black and red saddling. Cream colored spots within the black saddles are a distinct characteristic of the long-nosed snake. They are harmless.

## Our Sympathy

### DOROTHY BUZZARD ZACHRY

PAMPA — Dorothy Buzzard Zachry, 85, of Pampa died Monday, July 16, 2012, in Amarillo.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 19, 2012 in Fairview Cemetery with John Curry officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Zachry was born Dec. 8, 1926, in Spearman to Denzil and Ruth Fulbright Bradford and moved to Pampa in 1936. She was a 1945 graduate of Pampa High School and attended the University of Oklahoma.

She married Ross N. Buzzard on June 3, 1946, in Madison, Wis. He preceded her in death in 1983. She later married Dr. Jack Zachry on Sept. 25, 1995, in Panhandle. He preceded her in death on April 28, 2001.

Dorothy worked briefly for Security Federal Savings and Loan prior to her marriage. She lived in Norman, Okla., for about four years before returning to Pampa in 1950. She was a

member of First Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday school for first-graders for many years. She was a member of Twentieth Century Study Club and Greenpeace.

Survivors include a daughter, Andrea R. Buzzard of Santa Fe, N.M.; a son, Mark N. Buzzard and wife Vanessa of Pampa; a sister, Rosalie Bossay of Dallas; a stepdaughter, Diane Meaker of Panhandle; three grandchildren, Matt Buzzard of Marathon, Fla., Beth DeStephens and husband Jimmy of Boston, and Ross Buzzard of Beaumont; eight nieces; and three nephews.

The family suggests memorials be to Boy Scouts of America, 401 Tañosa Road, Amarillo, TX 79124.

Sign the online guest book at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

### MURRELL D. DOWDY

SPEARMAN — Murrell D. Dowdy, 78, passed away on July 14, 2012.

A memorial service will be held at Hansford Manor on August 4, 2012 at 2 p.m.

Murrell was born in Hermaleigh, TX on January 24, 1934. He married June Moore on July 2, 1955.

He was preceded in death by his parents, W.A. and Pearlle Dowdy, brothers J.D. and Alton, sister Hazel, and great-granddaughter Madison.

Murrell is survived by his wife, June, of Spearman; his daughter, Marlene and husband Tejay Simpson of Midland; daughter Kathy and husband Larry Bowen of Lubbock; a son, Rick and wife Cyndi Dowdy of Brownwood; a daughter, Cynthia and husband Thomas Saucedo of Spearman; a brother, Harvey Dowdy, one sister, Estelle Johnson; 10 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be to Hansford Hospice.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the Hansford Hospice staff, Home Health Care and Hansford Manor.

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A huge thank you to all these great donors who generously donated items to support the Golden Spread Center's Radio Auction!

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The Auction could not have been as successful without the support and time of an army of volunteers! A big thanks to the following volunteers: Jackie Pearson, Dick Gillispie, and Missie Bates were on KXDJ all day describing the auction items. Kathy Boyd, Donna Trantham, Liz Hartsell, Ginger Turner, Jodie Hight, and Paige Burgin manned the phones. Maria Sibley, Sammie Harkey, Justine Sumner, Roxie Ralston, Susan Pearson, Margie Warner, Stephanie Brock, James Cunningham, and Susan Pearson were all on hand to help! Verna Lee Shirley and Patti Schnell rounded out the volunteers and handled the auction payout.

In addition to the volunteers, we are deeply appreciative to all the KXDJ listeners who took time to bid and support the Golden Spread Center AND to our great co-sponsors: PTCI, High Plains Observer & KXDJ for their continued support!

Thanks to the contributions of a large number of volunteer speakers and helpers, Hansford County Library has once again completed a very successful summer reading program.

Conducted each Tuesday in June and also on July 10, programs were based on the theme, "Get a Clue at the Library." Over 295 attended the five sessions that began with a study of crime investigation given by Sheriff Gary Evans. In the following weeks, programs were presented by John Hutchison (Get a Clue about Area History), Chad Wilkerson (Get a Clue about Laboratory Science), a mystery movie hosted by the library staff, and concluded with "Crack a Book's Code" given by the Texas Oklahoma Plains Girl Scout organization.

"We are pleased the programs were so well attended and look forward to hosting future summer reading programs," stated Margaret Ruttman. "None of this would have been possible without the help of many, many volunteers," she added.

Among those volunteering time and services were: Gary Evans, Bob Davis,

John Hutchison, Chad Wilkerson, Linda Rodgers, Maria Carbajal, Nicholas Carbajal, Wanda Reed, Bruce Bailey, Tiffany Winchester, Cynthia Copp, Klara Keim, Gary Ellsworth, Ed Hansen, City

of Spearman, Janice Mayfield, Chris Samples & KXDJ, Dick Gillaspie, High Plains Observer, City of Spearman, Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, and Dollar General Corporation.

**NOTICE OF PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION PRIMARIA RUNOFF)**

TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF HANSFORD COUNTY, TEXAS:  
(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Hansford, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., **July 31, 2012, for voting in the PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION** to select Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and State, District, County and Precinct Officers for the State of Texas.  
(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hast alas 7:00 p.m. el **31 de Julio de 2012 para votar en la Eleccion Primaria** elegir Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precincto)

**LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES: (DIRECCIONES de las Casillas Electorales)**

- 1, 5 & 6 City Hall, (Oficina de la Ciudad) 30 SW Court, Spearman, Tx
- 2, 3, 4, 7 & 9 City Hall, (Oficina de la Ciudad) 202 E. Broadway, Gruver, Tx
- 8 Early Voting, County Clerks Office, Courthouse, #15 N.W. Court (la Casa de Corte de Spearman)  
Branch Office, City Hall, Gruver, 202 E. Broadway, Gruver (y Oficina de la Ciudad de Gruver)

**Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:**  
(La votcion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

Hansford County Courthouse and at Gruver City Hall  
(#15 N.W. Court, Spearman 202 E. Broadway, Gruver)

Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., beginning on July 23, 2012 and ending on July 27, 2012. (entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde emperzando el Julio 23, 2012 y terminando el Julio 27, 2012).

**Late Night Voting will be held on Thursday, July 26, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm.**

(Tarde Noche Votacion -  
Hansford County Courthouse, Jueves - 26<sup>th</sup> de Julio de 8:00 es hasta que 8:00 pm)

Issued this the 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2012 (Emitida este dia 12 de Julio, 2012)

*Dorothy Cator*  
Dorothy Cator  
County Chair - Republican Party  
(Firma del Presidente del Condado)  
Partido Republicano

**Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:**  
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a:)

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### District 1 4-H Recordbook Contest Held



District 1 4-H Recordbook Contest was held Thursday, July 12, at the District AgriLife Extension and Research Center in Amarillo. Gruber 4-H club members Bailey Glass and Saxie Ralston entered first year books in the contest.

Bailey submitted a blue award winning recordbook in Horse and Saxie submitted a blue award winning recordbook in Clothing & Textiles. Recordkeeping is a very valuable skill taught to members of the Texas 4-H program said Peggy Winegarner, Hansford County Extension Agent. The primary purposes of completing a recordbook are for a young person to develop the skills necessary to set goals, work toward achieving those goals, reflect on his/her experiences, and set new and higher goals for themselves. A secondary benefit is to prepare young people for the process of completing quality academic scholarship applications.

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