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75th Anniversary of Black Sunday to be Remembered at Symposium



Spearman High School Senior LeAnna Espinosa has been named to the 2009-2010 Texas Girls Coaches Association 2A Academic All-State Basketball Team. These teams are comprised of athletes of member coaches of the TGCA. Athletes must be a senior, must have a GPA of 94 or above for grades 9-11, and must be a team member in good standing. (Photo by Bonnie Bergan)



by ArVel White

On Sunday afternoon, April 14, 1935, a black blizzard that blotted out the sun hit the Great Plains with the biggest impact being felt in the Oklahoma Panhandle. Find out what that was like by attending the Dust Bowl Symposium planned for Guymon, Ok Friday and Saturday, April 9-10.

When that storm hit people scrambled indoors or into their storm cellars. Many thought it was the end of the world. Cars were stranded on the roads due to poor visibility or dust smothering the engines. People caught outside became disoriented and day turned to night; the event has become known as Black Sunday.

The day after Black Sunday, an Associated Press reporter used the term "Dust Bowl" for the first time. "Three little words achingly familiar on the Western farmer's tongue, rule life in the dust bowl of the continent — if it rains." The term stuck and was used by radio reporters and writers, in private letters and public speeches.

Seventy-five years later, the memories of the Dust Bowl still define the Panhandle area, and to commemorate the event planners are bringing to Guymon "Drought, Displacement and Determination: A Dust Bowl Symposium." The two-day event will allow survivors to re-

call what it was like and others to hear speakers who talk about the major impact the Dust Bowl had on area residents. Generous funding for the event has been provided by the Oklahoma Humanities Council.

The movie "The Grapes of Wrath" and the documentary "The Plow that Broke the Plains" will be presented at the Northridge 8 Cinema in Guymon at 3 p.m. for the Depression-era price of 35-cents in order for everyone to see the portrayal of "Okies" by Hollywood and learn how plowing up the Great Plains led to an ecological disaster.

Saturday events will take place at Draper Farms west of Guymon. Signs along Highway 54 will direct attendees to the site. Events will take place all day and there is no admission charge. Attendees may come for all or part of the events. At 8:30 a.m. everyone is invited to gather and enjoy Dust Bowl images and memories. Major funding for this event is provided by the Oklahoma Humanities Council.

There will be an open microphone during periods throughout the day facilitated by Dr. Sara Jane Richter, head of the humanities department at OPSU. Richter will give her well-researched talk, "Down and Dirty, But Not Out: Women of the High Plains During the Dust Bowl" at 11

a.m. This talk has been well-received at venues such as the Kansas Library Convention and involved hundreds of interviews with women who survived the Dust Bowl in Oklahoma, Kansas and Colorado.

Richter is also the author of a readers' theatre production to be presented at 3:45 p.m., "If Only It'd Rain." Cast will include Dr. Wayne Stewart of Goodwell, Dr. Brad Duren of Guymon, Kevin and Debbie Richter of Hennessey and the author herself. Dr. Matthew Saunders of OPSU has composed a musical score that will accompany the production.

The Saturday events will kick off at 9 a.m. when former Guymon mayor Jess Nelson will give the welcome and introduce Dr. Paul Bonfield, author of "The Dust Bowl: Men, Dirt and Depression. Bonfield will speak on the topic "The Days of the Dust Bowl" at 9:10 a.m.

Food will be available for purchase at noon catered by a local church followed by activities for school-age children arranged by the Texas County 4-Hers and Girl Scouts.

Other speakers for the day include Gary McManus of the Oklahoma Climatological Survey, Steve Drillette of the National Weather Service, Rod Wanger, Oklahoma CRP Program Director, Dr. Pauline Hodges and Mark Harrison, Oklahoma Conservation Commission. A free soup line supper will be held at 5:30 p.m. followed by a talk by Dr. Guy Logsdon on "Music in Oklahoma in the 1930s." Logsdon will also lead a gospel sing-along. The evening will end with dancing at 8 p.m.

For a complete schedule of events with times, see the event website at thegritinyourteeth.com. Other generous sponsors who are helping with the event include the Guymon Public Library, Guymon Friends of the Library, Guymon Convention and Tourism, Tri-County Electric, City National Bank of Guymon, Jimmie and Carrie Lou Draper, PTCI, Bank of the Panhandle, Mid-First Bank, The Willows (David Kidwell) and Guymon Enrichment Foundation.

Local Easter Services

The First United Methodist Church of Spearman will hold Maundy Thursday services on Thursday, April 1, 2010 at 7 p.m.

Gruver United Methodist Church will hold also Maundy Thursday services on Thursday, April 1, 2010 at 7 p.m.

The word "maundy" means new, in reference to the new covenant Jesus gave his disciples, and thus to us, on the night of his arrest. Maundy Thursday services are a time of holy communion & remembrance of Jesus' last supper with His disciples.

The Gruver United Methodist Church will hold their Easter Cantata on Sunday, March 28th at 10:50 a.m. This is a church-wide Easter cantata performance under the direction of Mandy Davis.

Spearman Methodist Church will hold services at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday morning, Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and services again at 11 a.m. The 11 a.m. service will feature Easter music from the Chancel Choir and the flowering of the New Life Cross. An Easter egg hunt will be held at 12 noon.

Fellowship Baptist Church will hold a SonRise Service at 8 a.m. They will also hold their regular services at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Weather Forecast

FRIDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy. Much cooler. Highs in the upper 50s. Northwest winds 15 to 25 mph.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows around 30. Northwest winds 15 to 20 mph becoming west 5 to 10 mph after midnight.

SATURDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s.

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

SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s.

MONDAY - Mostly sunny. Windy. Highs in the lower 80s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Windy. Lows in the lower 40s.

TUESDAY - Mostly sunny. Breezy. Highs in the upper 60s.

TUESDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Breezy. Lows in the mid 30s.

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

Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/forecast/w-Spearman-Texas.html#ixzz0joa2GdPH>

Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: The northwest portion of the region received another 6 to 8 inches of wet snow, bringing their winter total to 40 to 45 inches. Soil moisture levels in most of the region were better than in previous years. Some field work was done on wheat that dried out some. Only light insect activity was reported. Some cattle were removed from wheat fields and placed on other grazing fields and pastures. Rangeland cool-season grasses emerged, and it was expected that warmer grasses should come out of dormancy soon. Until then, most producers were still feeding from hay stocks, which were becoming very low. Cattle were generally in good condition.



MurMur's Cafe, located at 100 Roland Street, now has a drive-thru window. The entrance is on Coble Street, and the exit is on Roland Street. Owner Janice Mayfield and her niece Lisha Whitefield proudly wait on John Sullivan. MurMur's opened in July of 1989. LaRue (MurMur) and Harvey (Red) Whitefield. When it first opened it was just big enough for the 2 booths. Janice Gale and Freddie Mayfield bought it in 1998. Frozen Cherrylimes are our biggest seller all year round. Starting Monday, they will be open until 8 p.m.

Area City and School Board Elections

Municipal elections will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2010, but not in Hansford County. The filing date and time for city alderman, mayoral positions, and school board of trustees was Monday, March 15, 2010.

Spearman City Secretary, Cheryl Gibson-Salgado reported that Brain Gillispie had filed for re-election as Mayor, and Aldermen Charles Elliott and Jon Garnett filed for re-election as well. Since they have no opposition, there will be no need for a city election.

Gruver School Board members, Jeff Purvines, Jeff Graves and Curt Fitzgearld filed for their positions. Since no others filed, there will be no need to have an election.

Incumbents Bob Boxwell, Dr. Mark Garnett and Will Jarvis were the only candidates to file for the Spearman School Board.

All of these candidates will be installed for their new term in May. Since Morse is not an incorporated city, Pringle-Morse CISD will hold their elections in the fall with the county.

Republican Run-Off Election

Monday, April 5th is the first day of early voting for the Republican Run-Off Election. April 6th is the last day to apply for a ballot by mail, and the 9th is the last day of early voting.

The Republican Run-Off election will be held on Tuesday, April 13th from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the following locations: Precincts 1 & 5 - City Hall, 30 SW Court, Spearman TX; Precinct 6 - Spearman High School, 403 11th Street, Spearman; Precincts 2, 3 & 7 - Cristo Redentor Catholic Church, 202 Hwy. 15, Gruver; Precincts 4 & 9 - City Hall, 201 E. Broadway, Gruver.

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Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS
THIS IS IT!!!! The last week that we will be taking stories. I know there are a lot of you out there working hard. Please get those stories in NOW!

You can email the story and photo to the museum at wolfcrk@amaonline.com.

Needless to say, we are busy, busy, busy cataloging all the stories and getting them ready to ship to the printer. We are also finishing updates on the county.

Because of the book project, we will not have an exhibit in April. We will spend April finishing the book project, spring cleaning the exhibit area and taking a breather.

The museum will be open as usual so come on by and enjoy the perma-

nent exhibits. If you have not visited the Art for the Ruins, then this is the time to come and spend the afternoon enjoying the stories of May and Davy.

HISTORICAL MUSINGS
Today is April Fools Day and I am sure someone has tried to play an April Fools Day joke on you or someone you know.

April Fool's Day originated in 1562 when Pope Gregory introduced a new calendar year changing the first day of the year from April first to January first. Some people who hadn't heard or didn't believe the change, continued to celebrate New Year's Day on April 1st. People began to play tricks on them and called them April fools and sent them on fool's er-

rands. April fools jokes are innocent pranks and intended to be fun.

In this tradition, the students at the Follett High School publish an April Fool's day issue of the Panther. I mistakenly took the issue of April 1, 1942 as a real issue last year and wrote about the boxing team on a trip that never happened.

In 2001, the students entitled their issue the THE JOKER and included articles about the superintendent running for president, Merle Breen going to the Olympics, and Paul Krienke winning the Marble Tourney in Locust Grove. The newspaper staff was Prune Face, Mumbles, Rock Bottom, Jack the Ripper, Mac the Knife, B.O. Plenty, and Itchy.

Mark Twain stated that "The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year."

Sunday is Easter, so this week will be filled with religious observations celebrating the resurrection of Christ. The Easter Bunny will also arrive and hopefully there will be many Easter egg hunts - weather permitting.

All of these days of celebration help ring in the Spring season. Have a great week and celebrate life and all its blessings.



13 state attorneys general challenge new federal health care law

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott and 12 state attorneys general filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the new federal law designed to overhaul the nation's health care system incrementally over the next decade.

Congress narrowly passed H.R. 3590, The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, on March 21. President Barack Obama signed the act into law on March 23.

Abbott said the new law infringes on individual liberties, encroaches on the sovereignty of states and imposes "dramatic" Medicaid spending increases.

Attorneys general acting on behalf of the states of Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Washington and Utah joined as plaintiffs.

Filed in U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida, the lawsuit names as defendants the U.S. departments of Health and Human Services, Treasury and Labor, agencies are charged with implementing the new law.

Briefly, according to the Obama administration, this is how the new law affects Texas in particular:

- 6 million residents who do not currently have health insurance and 1.1 million residents who have non-group insurance could get affordable coverage through a "health insurance exchange."
 - 3.3 million residents could qualify for premium tax credits to help them purchase health coverage.
 - 2.8 million seniors would receive free preventive services.
 - 493,000 seniors would have their brand-name drug costs in the Medicare Part D "doughnut hole" cut by 50 percent.
 - 223,000 small businesses could be helped by a small business tax credit to make premiums more affordable.
- No Republican U.S. House member voted in favor of H.R. 3590, but 11 of Texas' 12 U.S. House Democrats voted in favor of the bill. Rep. Chet Edwards of Waco was the lone Texas Democrat who voted against it. Gov. Rick Perry issued a statement on March 23 in support of the



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

Radioactive material stolen in Alice
Six small lead containers were stolen from a private company's pickup truck parked outside the Wal-Mart store in Alice on March 19, the Texas Department of State Health Services reported.

The containers were in a clear plastic bag taken from a toolbox in the back of the truck. Each metal container is shrink-wrapped and contains a glass vial of ceramic granules. A person handling the containers or the sand could be at risk of radiation exposure.

Anyone who has information about the containers should call their local police or sheriff's department or the state health department at (512) 458-7460.

ProTechnics, a Houston-based company, is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the recovery of the containers.

Rewards for efforts against obesity
Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples on March 22 announced the availability of grants to fund childhood obesity prevention programs and nutritious meals.

The Agriculture Department is offering up to \$950,000 to schools and community and faith-based organizations that seek funds to promote better health and implement better nutrition practices in Texas schools. "In the last two decades, the obesity rates have doubled across America," Staples said. "These statistics are alarming and we must partner to

create healthy school environments to stop this dangerous trend."

Census deadline is April 1
Secretary of State Hope Andrade urged all who reside in Texas to complete and mail in their U.S. Census form.

"This is our state's chance to secure the necessary representation and resources to meet our growing needs over the next decade," she said. "If Texans go uncounted, Texas will be short-changed."

According to the Texas State Demographer, each person not counted in Texas could result in a loss of \$13,500 in federal funds over the next decade to Texas state and local governments.

High court puts execution on hold

The execution of state prisoner Hank Skinner, 47, was put on hold by the U.S. Supreme Court on March 24, the day his execution by lethal injection was scheduled.

Skinner, who was convicted for the 1993 murder of his girlfriend and her two adult sons in Pampa, requested DNA testing.

The court granted Skinner's request for the testing of evidence. Gov. Perry must determine what happens next.

Unemployment rate stays same

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Texas was 8.2 percent in February, unchanged for the fourth month in a row, the Texas Workforce Commission reported March 25.

Words from Faith & Grace



by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

I hope that each of you will join the Spearman Ministerial Alliance as we present Holy Week Services at the First Baptist Church Family Living Center at noon each day of Holy Week. Soup, Sandwiches, Dessert and Gospel!

We prepare to celebrate the Season of Easter by studying, Isaiah 65: 17-25, Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24, Acts 10: 34-43, and John 20: 1-18.

Isaiah brings hope to the people as he announces that the Lord is creating a new heaven and a new earth. God's new creation is similar to his creation of Eden; peace shall reign. No more shall the sound of weeping or the cry of distress be heard. God promises to answer the peoples' prayers before they ask! Man is once again in a right relationship with God and is blessed.

We repeat last week's psalm with a different emphasis. The Psalmist praises God's steadfast love, God's salvation. The Psalmist has been punished severely, but God has sustained him. The Psalmist sings, "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Peter is visiting the house of the Roman centurion, Cornelius. Peter's sermon outline is: 1) Jesus was sent by God, because of God's love for us; 2) Jesus worked a healing ministry while on earth; 3) Jesus was crucified because of the sins of others; 4) Jesus rose again from the dead; 5) Peter the preacher and the teacher is a witness of the Resurrection. In this early sermon, we learn that through God's grace we achieve faith in Christ Jesus; we learn that we become a part of his church through baptism; we experience that Jesus Christ has forgiven our sins.

John shows us the resurrection of our Lord. The miracle is not the empty tomb, but the encounter of Mary Magdalene with the Living Lord! It was a custom in Palestine for mourners to visit the tomb of a loved one for three days after the body had been placed in tomb. In the fourth watch of the night (3 a.m. to 6 a.m.) Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb of Jesus. Mary is distressed believing that someone has stolen Jesus' body. She runs to inform Peter and John. John reaches the tomb first, bends down and observes the linen body wrappings just lying there. Peter on his arrival, enters the tomb and also sees the linen wrappings lying there with the head cloth rolled up in a place by itself. John then entered the tomb and believed in the resurrection. Peter and John return home. Mary Magdalene stays, weeping outside the tomb. She looks in and sees two angels who ask her why she is weeping. She says, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Jesus then asks her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" Mary at first does not recognize Jesus, she is crying and expected to see his dead body. Jesus says, "Mary!" Mary then recognizes Jesus. Jesus tells her not to be afraid and to go and inform his disciples. Mary returns to the disciples saying, "I have seen the Lord!" Dear Christian, we who believe are those who have seen the Lord. It is wonderful that the first to see the risen Lord was one who was marginalized in her society. The first evangelist was a woman!

May the Holy Spirit enable you to 'see the Risen Lord' that your faith may be complete.

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- ___ Root Beer, claims to be oldest U.S. soft drink
- Used for going up or down
- Where Hemingway's Santiago went to battle
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- Reduced instruction set computer
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- Nonsensical talk
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- Mindless
- "In ___ of"
- Like dental exam
- ___ Verde National Park
- Three ahead of PST
- *Crossbred vegetable, e.g.
- Smug smile
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- Pearly whites inspector
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- Distinctive period, like Victorian
- The beauty of the ball?
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Happy Birthday!

April 1 Birthday - Cynthia Hen- son, Matt Messer, Chris Stork, Wayne Ware, Bob Hohertz, Lorie Acevedo, Jack Duncan, Tanner Brown, Elizabeth Duncan, Ashlynn Miner
April 2 Birthday - Margaret Odom, Dorothy O'Connell, Norma Hermosillo, Kyle Keim, Steve Templeton, Pam Barber, Phillip Turner, Amy Schoenhals, Paulene Galvon, Eugene Sadler
Anniversary - Bob & Debra Dennis
April 3 Birthday - Bob Gillispie, Don Remmel, Brenda Rudolph, Pam Buzzard, Teri Taylor, Bill Gaither, Doris Beck, Jeff Williamson, Eric Varnon, Ryan Noble, Jared Bass, Tracy Graham, Katie Baehler, Betty Davis
April 4 Birthday - Frank Pittman, Sandy TeBeest, Glenn Mackie, Billy Snider, Lola Salgado, Monte Morris, Randall Schnell, Mark Landon Brown, Carlos Lopez, Midge Mahaffy, Don Ladd, Ramona Reynolds, Violet Lee, Brandon Traylor, Ayana Rosales
Anniversary - Rick & Elanie Morris
April 5 Birthday - Becky Cas- sady, Jimmy Finley, Carrie Pressley, Vana Stapleton, Carla Brown, Dickie Allen, Juanita Rodriguez, Deann Green, Deanne Ochoa, Paul Welch, Jimmie Davis, Irene Auld, Darla Jenkins, Leon Bagwell, Wendell Ralston, Kelcee Rex, Sara Jenkins, Vanna Reid
Anniversary - M/M Jack Weldon
April 6 Birthday - Margaret Ral- ston, Trey Roberts, Jerry Sparks, Eddie Rogers, Cindy Patterson, Bailey Lee Patterson, Redonna Moore, Cameron Kunsle- man, Douglas Barnes, Tim Wooley, Ann Sheets, Oberto Balderama Jr.
Anniversary - Dale & Onie Moyer, Kenny & Brenda Red, M/M Skipper Beal, M/M Emit Schmidt
April 7 Birthday - Margaret Bell, Kallie Cluck, Will Evans, Jeannie (Potts) Dawkins, Sharlet Slough, Sammie Stavlo, Shawn Thompson, Kyle Winter, Kenneth Brown, Jo McLaughlin, Wallace Berner, Jo Nell Grayson, Michael Brog- don, Beth Lesly, Denise Torrea, Tashaia Duncan, Linda Winegarner, Laurie Beth Stedje, Seth Clem- mons, Joshua Scott Bullard, Lorene Fulce,

Denise Apodaca, Mason Fletcher, Greg Evans
Anniversary - M/M Don- ald Jackson, M/M Monty Cassidy
April 8 Birthday - Cami Shapley Jenschke, Damon Good- heart, Julie Ortega, Shenell Taylor, Brandon Vanderburg, Barbara Ellsworth, Ramona Gar- cia, Isaac Herndon, Jen- nifer Laxson, Jim Deakin, Dalton Ortega
April 9 Birthday - Julie Martin, Phyllis Atwood, T.J. Bay- less, Diane Brown, Jer- emy Harris, Colby Hunt, Dan Odom, June Kelp, An- nette Pope, Patti Schnell, Pepper Collingsworth, Cease Riley, Lori Young, Sims Reddin, Kara Womble, Clyde Hodge, April Butts, Robin Castillo, Maggie Pipkin
Anniversary - M/M Keith Burgess
April 10 Birthday - Bill Been, Mack Hoel, Matthew Hoel, Sally Jones, Blane Tolle- son, Donita Lusby, J.L. Pierce, Mary Lou Wysong, Jan Halladay, Mac Shep- pard, Penny Cummings, Shelby Lopez, Ramon Garcia Sr., Aaron Maestas
Anniversary - M/M Don- nie Osbourne
April 11 Birthday - Harlan Ger- ardy, Darrell Harvey, Billy Logsdon, Tammie Jo Simpson, Mike Stewart, David Pope, Wardell Volden, Robert Brisen, Slavin Sparks, Bill Baker, Dana McLaughlin, Mickie Fanning, Courtney Sheets, Austin Munoz, Jamie Renteria
April 12 Birthday - Jennifer Lopez, Alice Slough, Mary TeBeest, Earl Taylor, Chance Jackson, Lelia Reyes, Paul Lopez Jr., Tara Butt, Sonya Messer, Tammy Red, Keith Hight, Helen Soto, Lilla Villa, Lauren Ferguson
Anniversary - M/M Sonny Nollner
April 13 Birthday - Lindsay Barkley, Ashley (Wagner) Bezner, Chad Clawson, Norma Jean Mackie, Elaine Morris, Robbie Randall, Maria Cole, Greg Black, Rebecca Cruse, Sarah Miser, Paula Labrier, Clete Vanderberg, Billy Logsdon, Dedee Ellis, Sara Paschel, Shelby Reiswig, Gaylord Cook
Anniversary - M/M Rey Burgess
April 14 Birthday - Ross Bulls, Cynthia Floyd, Verla Kunsle- man, Dorsey Perez, Ryan Perez, Cameron Meddock

Our Sympathy

SARAH "LULU" HARGROVE
HOUSE, NM - Sarah "Lulu" Hargrove, age 61, of House, NM, died Saturday, March 27, 2010. She was born February 5, 1949, in Sudan, TX, to the home of Thomas and Lenora Kelly Sharp.
She married Hilous Hargrove on February 20, 1970 in Sudan, Texas. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in House, NM. She was a loving mother and grandmother, and loved to read, crochet, and collect eagles.
She is survived by her husband, Hilous of the home; son Joey Wayne (Tracy) Hargrove of Portales, NM; 4 brothers, Tex Sharp and Mickel Sharp of Sudan, Texas, Rocky Sharp of Portales, NM and Joey Sharp of Spearman, TX; sister, Judy Conley of Sudan, TX; grandchil- dren, Colton Hargrove, Desirea Hargrove, and Whitney Hargrove of Portales, NM. Her extended family included 2 daughters Tomi Lavender of House, NM and Cynthia Tivis of Canyon, Tx and a granddaughter, Hannah Lavender of House, NM. She is also survived by nu- merous nieces and nephews.
She is preceded in death by her parents; son, Mickel Chad Hargrove; sister, Vickie Hargrove and brother, Danny Wallace
Services will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at First Baptist Church in House, NM with Ron Fox officiating. Burial will be at Hansford Cemetery in Spearman, Texas, at 2 p.m. (CDT), Thursday, April 1, 2010. Pallbearers will be David Sharp, Ricky Sharp, Rocky Sharp, Tex Hargrove, Bill Runyan, Clint Runyan, Tom Hargrove, Don Moore, Steve Foust, and Sam Con- ley.
Arrangements are by Steed-Todd Funeral Home, 800 E. Manana, Clovis, NM 88101, 575-763-5541. You may visit www.steedtodd.com to sign the online guest regis- ter.

NEIL J. HORGAN
ORANGE COUNTY, CA - Neil J. Horgan, 85, passed away March 19, 2010.
He was born February 6, 1925 in NYC, NY, the only son of Neil and Sylvia Horgan.
He married Joyce in 1961 and raised his family in Or- ange County. He lived many different places in his youth. He retired from Allstate Ins. Co. in 1995, after 30 years.
Neil was active in the community and served dili- gently in church callings. He became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 80 years old.
He greatly enjoyed the game of golf and had a won- derful sense of humor and curiosity. He was a wise, gen- erous and compassionate husband, father, grandfather and friend. His positive outlook was contagious!
He was preceded in death by his youngest son, Philip Patrick Horgan, and his sister, Nancy Gillert of Powatan, VA.
He is survived by his wife; his son, Ric (Jodie) and grandsons, Neil, Nolan and Jacob of SLC, UT; daugh- ter, Kelly Gamett (Jon) and grandchildren, Brynr, Kegan, Suten, Gately, Addy, Finley and Aiden of Spearman, TX; daughter-in-law, Tina (Greg Brannis) and grand- sons, Nathan and Bode of Costa Mesa, CA; sister, Salli Burch of Camrillo, CA.
Funeral services were held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2775 Placentia Ave, Costa Mesa on Friday, March 26, 2010, at 1 p.m.
Online condolences may be left at http://www.legacy.com/gb2/default.aspx?bookid=2538466761735&cid=full

JULIE ANN BAUMGARDNER
PANHANDLE - Julie Ann Baumgardner, 31, died Sunday, March 28, 2010 in Carson County.
Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 2, 2010 at First Christian Church with Rev. Scott Curry, pastor of First Baptist Church in Gruver officiat- ing and Pastor Larry Perkins, minister of First Christian Church of Pan- handle assisting. Interment will be in Panhandle Cemetery under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Panhandle.
Mrs. Baumgardner was born on October 16, 1978 in Watonga, Oklahoma and had been a Carson County re- sident since 2000. She married Kelly Baumgardner on June 21, 1997 in Gruver. She was a secretary for Brand- vik Pipe & Equipment and a member of the Gruver First Baptist Church.
Julie is survived by her husband Kelly of the home; three daughters - Kelcey, Kalli and Kloe all of the home; father Gary Payne and step-mother Donna Payne of Fairview, OK; mother Kathy Dillard and step-father - Moe Dillard of Loyal, OK; brother Jason Payne and wife Jamie of Watonga, OK; half-brothers - Michael Dillard and wife Vandi of Cleveland, OK and Keith Dillard of Loyal, OK; half-sister Tiffany Payne of Fairview, OK; step-sisters Gena Brawley and husband Lee of Fairview, OK, Jennifer Flinn and husband Monte of Mountain- view, OK and Charly Taylor of Fairview, OK; grand- mothers Donna Payne of Watonga, OK and Artie Geeslin of Greenfield, OK; step-grandparents Bill & Harriet Dil- lard of Mustang, OK and Donald Pittman of Weather- ford, OK.



What's the 'State' of Your Estate Plan
When was the last time you reviewed your estate plan? Still need to create one? This program will high- light the variety of documents that make up an estate plan, including wills, powers of attorney, and advance directives (living wills, health care directives). Dr. Joyce Cavanaugh, Family Economics Specialist with Texas AgriLife Extension Service, will talk about what these documents are, why you may need them, and how to create them. Key tasks for you to complete before meet- ing with legal and financial professionals will also be covered as well as how to communicate your decisions to family members.
The free program will take place Wednesday, April 7th at 3:00 p.m. in the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman. Refreshments will be provided. Door prize will be do- nated by Prairie Garden Flowers.
The Estate Planning seminar is sponsored by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Senior Citi- zen Center. Please call Peggy Winegarner, Hansford County Extension Agent, for more information 806- 659-4130.

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Medical Fund for Bruce Duncan

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O'Loughlin Center Announces New Hours

Beginning March 1, 2010, The O'Loughlin Center will be open for the following hours: Monday-Thursday, 6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; Friday, 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (noon). For more information, contact Jada Breden, Manager, The O'Loughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt, PO Box 733, Spearman TX 79081, 806-659-5030.

Kenton Easter Pageant

The Kenton Easter Pageant will be held April 3rd & 4th 2010. Saturday Evenings performance will be at 6 p.m., and Sunday Morning will be held at 6 a.m. (All times are mountain daylight time) Meals will be served at Camp Billy Joe after each performance. Cost is by donation. For more information, call Lea Lavielle at 620-360-0431.

SHS Class of 1960 Reunion

The SHS Class of 1960 will hold our class reunion on July 1, 2010 at the Country Barn in Amarillo starting at 5 p.m. The next day we will travel to Spearman for the All School Reunion. Contact Mickey Davis Gribble at mickeydg@comcast.net to RSVP. You may also contact Zack Fisher at zbfmem@windstream.net or Penny Dollar Cupp at cupstr4@aol.com for additional information.

Panhellenic Mother/Daughter Recruitment Meeting

Amarillo Panhellenic will host a Mother/Daughter Recruitment Information Meeting/Tea on Sunday, April 11, 2010 at 2 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2525 Wimberly Road, Amarillo TX. (Please use the Wimberly Road entrance to Everheart Hall.) All Amarillo area high school senior women, who are interested in going through Recruitment for membership in college sororities, should attend this meeting to receive information on Recruitment packets and deadlines. A short discussion will be part of the meeting. For information, please call or email Claudia Shelton at 806-352-58853 or bravocrew@gmail.com.

2010 Census

If you have not received a form in the mail from the Census Bureau, you may pick one up at Spearman City Hall. If you have any questions, you may call 800-923-8282, or the Dallas Regional Office at (214) 253-4400 or 1-800-835-9752. You may also go to www.2010census.gov for more information.

Spearman 4-H Club Meeting

The Spearman 4-H Club will meet on Monday, April 5, 2010 from 7-8 p.m. in the Spearman County Barn. The program will be a "make and take" leatherwork project.

SHS Classes of 1960-1966

The SHS Classes of 1960-1966 will be meeting at The Hungry Cowboy on Friday night, July 2, 2010. The cost of the meal and other things will be \$12.00 per person. (The meal will start at 6:30 p.m.) We will need your RSVP by June 15, 2010 to Sharon Cook or Mary Dixon at 659-3711 or Diane Maxwell at 659-2987. Thank you and we look forward to seeing everyone at the Reunion.

High Plains Public Radio Spring Membership Drive

High Plains Public Radio (HPPR) is holding their Spring Membership Drive. This is your chance to show your support for High Plains Public Radio! We need to raise \$75,000 this Spring to keep your public radio station strong! If you're ready to make a pledge, call 800-670-7444, go to www.hppr.org, or e-mailing jbreeden@hppr.org. The amount of your contribution is up to you. You might think of your annual contribution in terms of an amount per month that you believe public radio service is worth to you and your community. Thanks to listener support, High Plains Public Radio has been in touch with the world and at home on the High Plains for nearly 30 years!

SHS All School Reunion July 2 & 3, 2010

The Spearman High School All-School Reunion will be held July 2nd & 3rd, 2010. If you have information regarding a specific class reunion, please contact the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. We will list the specific information for each class reunion, as well as the information for the All-School Reunion in the newspaper as we receive it. Information may be mailed to: Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman TX 79081; e-mailed to: reporter@spearmanreporter.com; faxed: 806-398-9080; or phoned in: 806-659-3434.

SPWA Seeks Volunteers

The Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association is seeking the next generation of volunteers to continue the work of restoring and maintaining the windmills of the SPWA. If you have an interest in windmills and their upkeep, and/or maintenance of the park, you are needed. For information, call Dwayne Mitchell, 270-0291 or Don Reed 330-0745.

Fire Department Donations

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Youth Writing Contest

Panhandle Professional Writers has announced its 2010 Youth Writing Contest. The competition is open to any student in grades three through twelve. Entries must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2010. Complete rules and entry forms may be found online at www.panhandleprowriters.org. 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 these three different categories: short story, poetry, and memoir. All entries will be judged by published authors. First, second, and third place winners in each category will be announced in July. Anyone wanting additional information can e-mail Vicki Schoen at PPWYouthcontest@gmail.com. Panhandle Professional Writers is open to writers at all levels and of all genres.

Perryton Parkinson's Disease Support Group

The Perryton Parkinson's Disease Support Group meets the 2nd Friday of each month at 12 noon in the Perryton Menonite Church, 2821 S. Ash. The next meeting will be October 9th. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Meets

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meets on Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. at the First Christian Church in Gruver. Anyone interested is invited. Contact Marilyn Been at 806-733-2087.

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This spring the Allen Campus is offering a wide variety of continuing education and community service classes! We are very excited to be starting a new type of class this spring. We will have our first online continuing education class starting April 2nd, 2010 at 7 p.m. and the topic is Consumer Economics. This class will offer information on how to be a wiser consumer and how to make good financial decisions. Since it will be offered online you will be able to attend this class in the comfort of your own home or here at the Allen Campus in our computer lab!

Beginning April 1st on Thursday nights we will be offering a Microsoft Excel computer class from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The cost is \$110.00 which includes your book.

Also starting in April we will be resuming our Certified Nursing Assistant Classes. The tuition is \$295.00 which does not include the cost of the textbook or the required background check. For more information, and to enroll, please contact Jaci Geheb at the Allen Campus.

Thursday, April 8th also brings another Leadership Perryton speaker to the campus as Drew Meyers will be here discussing the topic "Giving Back" from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Conference Center. This is free and open to the public.

We are working on QuickBooks and Basic Finance classes and hope to offer them soon. If you are interested in these courses please contact Jaci for more information. Other classes we hope to offer soon include Introduction to EBay, Crafting, Workplace Spanish, Woodworking, Nutrition, and Cajun Cooking. For more information on any of these classes, or if you would like to teach a class, please contact Jaci at the Allen Campus at 806-648-1450.

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How We Are Managing Water In The Northern Panhandle

By Danny Krienke, President of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District is all about depletion management. What does that mean? Basically, it means that the Ogallala is a mined aquifer; more water is taken out than is being replaced by rainfall recharge. Does that mean that the aquifer is going to completely dry up? The answer is no. Does that mean that we can continue to have irrigation agriculture as it is today? The answer is no.

At some time in the future the 95-percent of the water currently being used today by irrigation agriculture will have to slow down, either by groundwater policy and regulation, or if we do nothing, by the aquifer itself. Our job is depletion management. We have to balance the management of current use against future needs, while not by putting people out of business today. If irrigation were to stop completely, we could have aquifer sustainability, because we would eliminate 95-percent of the usage. The remaining 5-percent is less than the amount the aquifer recharges annually, but some estimates put the economic impact of irrigation in the Panhandle-Plains region at more than \$2 billion annually. So, you see the job is not easy. It is a delicate balancing act.

So how do we do it? One of the strategies that works for me and my neighbors in our water conservation district is communication. We go out to the public and hold stakeholder town hall meetings across the District. The staff provides background information and technical analysis. Board members participate by answering questions, discussing any proposed rules and regulations and discussing how these proposals will affect the regulated public, including the board members themselves.

It is a two-way street. During these town hall meetings we also receive input back from stakeholders. We don't have all the answers. The livelihood of these producers depends on this water, so they understand the need for conservation. We are in this together. The producers understand the need for regulations and rules. They simply ask us to treat everyone equally. Our job is not to pick winners and losers. It doesn't matter if they are agricultural, municipal, industry, or exporters for that matter; everyone desires and deserves to be treated the same.

So how do we do that?

In 2005, after town hall meetings across the District and over two years of discussion, the Board set the first allowable production at two acre-feet per acre. We told the public at that time that we thought it was a reasonable requirement for a period of time, not less than five years.

Then along came HB 1763, joint planning, Desired Future Conditions (DFC's), Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) Runs and Managed Available Groundwater (MAG's). We started another round of town hall meetings in 2008, 7 meetings across the District in total. Over 350 people attended including farmers, ranchers, businessmen, professionals, city managers and people representing a wide range of interests across the District. We explained the DFC process and listened to what people had to say. What came out of those discussions was an understanding that we needed more conservation and a possible cutback from the initial allowable production of 2 acre-feet per acre to 1.5 acre-feet.

The public asked us to give them time to make changes and flexibility in the way the new allowable production would be implemented. The resulting plan will cut the allowable production by 25-percent to 1.5 acre-feet by 2012, and will set up a water reserve, whereby unused water may be saved for use within the following two-year period.

What is the next step? I call it irrigate to policy. What does that mean? Irrigation to policy simply means using irrigation practices that meet the current rules and requirements you operate under. For example, in our District, 80% of the irrigated water is used on a corn and wheat rotation. Remember earlier I told you that it is not our desire to pick winners and losers by regulation. So, what if the policy was one acre-foot? What can a producer do with that and still farm the crop he wants to raise and still remain profitable? We have directors on our board who believe a realistic goal for us is to grow 200 bushels of corn on twelve inches of applied irrigation water.

We need some answers. So beginning with the 2010 crop year, our board has directed staff to set up whole field demonstrations to find out if that goal is achievable and profitable. Leon New, irrigation consultant and retired irrigation specialist with AgriLife Extension, has agreed to work with our staff and Board to complete this important task. While the staff is pursuing funding to reimburse cooperating producers for reduced yields, myself and other members of the Board have committed our own acres to the project, without guaranteed reimbursement for losses. We believe in this project and what it could mean for the people of our area.

In addition to the field demonstrations, the District is also cooperating with Texas AgriLife Research to conduct reduced irrigation research at the North Plains Research Farm near Etter. The research project will test a range of irrigation levels, hybrids and seed populations to provide important data related to reduced irrigation and corn. We will be keeping the public informed of the progress and will probably be asking some of you for your help and guidance as we move forward with these important projects.

The solution will require a combination of forces pulling together including personal responsibility, technology and science to bring us to new levels of efficiency in the use and management of our groundwater. We are confident that honest communication and the good faith commitment of the people of the District will bring us to solutions that will sustain our lives, as well as our livelihoods.

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District serves all or part of Dallam, Hartley, Sherman, Moore, Hansford, Hutchinson, Ochiltree and Lipscomb counties in the Northern Texas Panhandle.

Census Vital to Farmers, Ranchers and Rural America

Rick Hargrove, Executive Director for USDA's Farm Service Agency in Hansford County, announced today that FSA has teamed up with the U.S. Census Bureau to encourage all farmers and ranchers to complete the 2010 census.

"I believe rural America is the heart and the soul and the guts of America. And, I believe that we have to start paying real attention to our farm families and to those who live in rural America if we want to preserve that value system," said Hargrove. "So, it's important for us to figure out new strategies and different strategies and expanded strategies for bringing prosperity back to the farm, prosperity back to the ranch, and prosperity back to rural communities."

These strategies begin with the completion of the census forms, which were mailed in March to all residents in the United States

and Puerto Rico. The forms are comprised of 10 questions and take only 10 minutes to complete and mail back in the postage-paid envelope. The questions include names of residents, ages, sex, date of birth, race, relationship to the head of the household, whether the resident rents or owns and a telephone number should the Census Bureau have any questions.

Having everyone counted is critical to the security of rural communities and will ensure that the more than \$400 billion in federal funding will be allocated to these communities annually to support schools, broadband initiatives, hospitals, emergency services and public works projects.

The census, which is taken every 10 years, is also used to determine the number of seats a state has in the House of Representatives and to apportion representatives equally

among the 50 states.

The need for rural America to be counted in the census has grown since it was first implemented in 1790. Back then, the 13 original states had a population of 3.6 million, with 94.9 percent living in rural areas. By 1990, that number significantly decreased to 24 percent of the population living in rural areas.

Yet, according to Hargrove it is the farmers and ranchers who are the backbone of rural America and provide the food, fiber and water that is essential to all Americans, whether they live in rural, urban or suburban areas.

"This prosperity starts by each farmer and rancher completing the 2010 Census," said Hargrove. It's not only the law, but an avenue used to help revive America's farm, food and values. Everyone needs to be counted."

AgriLife Extension To Offer Food Manager Certification Training Course

Before the next health inspection, eating establishments may want to review whether or not they have a certified food manager. If not, Texas AgriLife Extension Service is offering a course to help them meet state requirements.

By law, food establishments are to have at least one staff member with a valid certification, said Leicia Redwine, AgriLife Extension family and consumer science agent in Armstrong County.

AgriLife Extension officials from Randall and Armstrong counties are offering a two-day food manager certification training course. If successfully completed, this course allows establishments to meet the state requirement.

"Food Safety: It's Our Business" will be offered May 20-21 at the Activities Building, located at 901 Hurley (Hwy. 207 S.) in Claude. Registration deadline is April 30.

Included with the training will be materials and the state food manager certification examination. Cost of the course is \$110. For those individuals wanting to test only, the cost is \$60.

Food-borne illnesses affecting an establishment are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance and medical bills, Redwine said.

For more information about the food Manager Certification Training course, call Redwine at 806-226-3021 or Leesa Calvi, AgriLife Extension agent in Randall County, at 806-468-5543.

The Refuge Looking To Expand

The Refuge at Dumas, a faith based sober living facility in Dumas, Texas, is searching for our next facility. Having almost 3 years of successful operations, with the graduation of new support staff, we are looking for a city/county owned building that could possibly be donated to this endeavor. If you know of anyone interested in this worthy ministry, please contact Charles Paul Stephens, director, at 806-934-4673 or 806-930-9851.

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Anderson, Willimon Participate in 21st Annual Bataan Memorial Death March



Taos Anderson and Connor Willimon

On Sunday, March 21, 2010, Taos Anderson and Connor Willimon of Boy Scout Troop 551 of Spearman, along with their adult leaders, Kimberly Anderson and Mikal Willimon, participated in the 21st annual Bataan Memorial Death March at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico.

The Bataan Memorial Death March honors a special group of World War II heroes. These brave soldiers were responsible for the defense of the islands of Luzon, Corregidor and the harbor defense forts of the Philippines.

The conditions they encountered and the aftermath of the battle were unique. They fought in a malaria-infested region, surviving on half or quarter rations with little or no medical help. They fought with outdated equipment and virtually no air power.

On April 9, 1942, tens of thousands of American and Filipino soldiers were surrendered to Japanese forces. The Americans were Army, Army Air Corps, Navy and Marines. Among those seized were members of the 200th Coast Artillery, New Mexico National Guard. The Texas Panhandle area was also represented in the Death March. Leroy Sheets, a native of Spearman, died in a prisoner-of-war camp in the Philippines after enduring the Death March.

They were marched for days in the scorching heat through the Philippine jungles. Thousands died due to the horrific conditions that included extreme heat and humidity, malaria, malnutrition, thirst and atrocities inflicted by their Japanese captors. Many were simply bayoneted and left to suffer and die. Those who survived faced the hardships of a prisoner of war camp. Others were wounded or killed when unmarked enemy ships transporting prisoners of war to Japan were sunk by U.S. air and naval forces.

The Bataan Memorial Death March is a challenging march through the high desert terrain of White Sands Missile Range, N.M., conducted in honor of the heroic service members who defended the Philippine Islands during World War II, sacrific-

ing their freedom, health and, in many cases, their very lives. The Spearman Scouts and Scouters completed the 26.2 mile course in about nine hours. They were among just over 5,700 participants representing all fifty states and eight foreign countries. Approximately 85% of the participants are members of the military. The start of the race is marked by an opening ceremony that includes a roll call of Bataan survivors present at the race and Bataan survivors who have died since the last race was held. Taps was played at the end of the roll call. This year there were three Bataan survivors present at the race and the Scouts were able to shake their hands and express their gratitude for the sacrifice they made. The opening ceremony concluded with a cannon shot and a fly over of two United States Air Force, F-22 Raptors.

April School Calendars

Spearman ISD

- 1 - Second Day of Spearman Tennis Tournament; Lynx at Highland Park Track Meet
- 2 - Bad Weather Day - NO School
- 2-3 - Lynxettes at Hereford Track Meet
- 5 - HS District Golf (First Round), Borger
- 6 - TAKS Test (8th grade Math, 5th Grade Math); HS Choir UIL Contest @ WTAMU
- 7 - TAKS Test (8th Grade Reading, 5th Grade Reading); HS District Golf (Second Round), Borger; School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) meeting, HS Library, 4 p.m.
- 8-9 - District Tennis Tournament, Amarillo Tennis Center
- 8-11 - FCCLA State Conference, Dallas
- 9 - End of Fifth Six Weeks; First Grade Performance, 8:30 a.m., Elementary Cafeteria; Spearman Relays (HS Only)
- 9-10 - State Art Contest, Houston
- 10 - JH District Track Meet, Bushland
- 12 - First Day of Sixth Six Weeks; Regular School Board Meeting, HS Library, 7 p.m.
- 13 - HS District Track Meet, Panhandle
- 14 - SJH Title I Distinguished School Recognition, ESC 16; Senior Night at Gordon's Drug Store, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 - Methodist Church Senior Supper, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 - JH Highland Park Music Festival & Band Wonderland Trip
- 19 - HS Band Banquet, HS Cafeteria, 6 p.m.
- 19-20 - Regional Golf, Midland/Odessa; Regional Tournament
- 20 - Entering 9th Grade Orientation, HS, 5:30 p.m.; First State Bank Senior Supper, 6 p.m.
- 20 & 22 - Kindergarten Roundup
- 21-22 - Regional Tennis

- Tournament, Odessa
- 22 - Band/Choir Spring Concert, HS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- 23 - Regional Qualifier Track Meet, Elk City
- 24 - JH Dumas Choir Music Festival & Wonderland Trip
- 23-24 - Regional UIL Academic Contest & OAP, Odessa
- 26 - TAKS Test (6th & 7th Grade LAT Math)
- 27 - TAKS Test (10th Math, 12th Grade ELA Retest, 6th & 7th Grade Math, 3rd & 4th Grade Math)
- 28 - TAKS Test (11th Grade Math, 12th Grade Math Retest, 6th & 7th Grade Reading, 3rd & 4th Grade Reading)
- 29 - TAKS Test (9th Grade Math, 10th & 11th Grade Science, 12th Grade Science Retest, 8th Grade Science, 5th Grade Science)
- 30th - TAKS Test (10th & 11th Grade Social Studies, 12th Grade Social Studies Retest, 8th Grade Social Studies)
- 30 - Junior High Dance, JH Gym, 6 p.m.; 3rd Grade Field Trip (Jump 'N Jive), Amarillo

Gruver ISD

- 2 - No School
 - 6 - TAKS Testing
 - 16 - End of 5th 6 Weeks
 - 26 - TAKS Testing
 - 27 - TAKS Testing
 - 28 - TAKS Testing
 - 29 - TAKS Testing
- ### Pringle-Morse
- 2 - Early Out
 - 4 - Easter
 - 6 - TAKS Math grades 5/8
 - 7 - TAKS Reading grades 5/8
 - 21 - District Track Meet @ Lefors
 - 27 - TAKS Math grades 3/4/6/7
 - 28 - TAKS Reading grades 3/4/6/7
 - 29 - TAKS Science grades 5/8
 - 30 - TAKS Social Studies 8th grade

Amarillo Globe-News Track Honor Roll

Boys Track Honor Roll Amarillo Globe-News Thursday, March 25th 300 HURDLES: Michael Stigler, Canyon 39.65; Steven Jurado, Tascosa 40.28; Bret Scheve, Randall 40.42; Alex Casias, Tascosa 41.90; Cole Hooks, Tascosa 42.24; Cameron Kleinschmidt, Bushland 42.29; Ethan Willert, Amarillo High 42.56; Caleb McGuire, Bushland 42.60; Jacob Ramirez, Canadian 42.90; **Cameron Meddock, Spearman 43.03**

HIGH JUMP: Logan Brittain, Randall 6-6; **Sawyer Sutterfield, Spearman 6-4;** Chris Austin, Caprock 6-4; Kelly Price, Panhandle 6-2; Isiah Dorsey, Tascosa 6-2; D. Castillo, Wellington 6-2; Tobias Milton, Caprock 6-0; James Richardson, San Jacinto 6-0; Dalton Koller, Amarillo High 6-0; Rhett Martin, Bushland 6-0; Ivan Castaneda, Amarillo High 6-0; Michael Patterson, Palo Duro 6-0; Mason Bray, Dumas 6-0

POLE VAULT: Chase Wolfe, Amarillo High 15-0; Westin Williams, Wellington 14-0; Quinton Travis, Tascosa 13-6; Colton Buchanan, Tascosa 13-0; Jordan Yankovich, River Road 13-0; **Dakota Cator, Spearman 13-0;** Colton Wilson, Sunray 12-6; Blake Rittenberry, Tascosa 12-6; Blake Boyer, Canyon 12-0; Alex Casias, Tascosa 12-0; Aaron Ricketts, Amarillo High 12-0

Canyon 1:02.49; **Madison McLain, Gruver 1:03.44;** Tanasia Cornish, Childress 1:03.45; Jackie Dykterhuis, S-Earth 1:03.87; Rachel Dickson, Friona 1:03.97

800 Meters: Ana Lopez, Hereford 2:23.90; **Tylo Farrar, Spearman 2:24.64;** Melissa Velazco, Shamrock 2:24.79; Arin Rice, Canyon 2:25.39; Janelle Brown, Hereford 2:25.66; Megan Marquez, Hereford 2:25.86; Rebecca Ratliff, San Jacinto 2:27.05; Halie Herbert, Perryton 2:27.59; Janelle Brown, Hereford 2:29.55; **Sarah Snider, Spearman 2:29.94**

1600 Meters: Alyssa Diaz, Hereford 5:12.59; Melissa Velazco, Shamrock 5:24.12; Karlee Kleiber, Randall 5:24.63; Ana Lopez, Hereford 5:31.10; Megan Marquez, Hereford 5:34.95; **Tylo Farrar, Spearman 5:48.04;** Alina Spescia, Perryton 5:48.81; Angela Vasquez, Sunray 5:51.43; Melina Morantes, Hereford 5:51.90; Celeste Enriquez, Hereford 5:53.19

100 Hurdles: Leslie White, Amarillo High 15.46; Courtney Cunningham, Sanford-Fritch 15.72; Aven Covin, Canadian 15.87; Abby Behrens, Canyon 16.24; **Gately Garnett, Spearman 16.37;** Shaina Basset, Bushland 16.50; Kyndall Whiteley, Sunray 16.55; Megan Modersitzki, Amarillo 16.64; Climer, Bushland 16.80; Regan Anthony, Friona 16.84

1600 Relay: Amarillo High 4:07.98; Canyon 4:11.13; Hereford 4:14.77; **Spearman 4:16.12;** Perryton 4:17.58; Sunray 4:19.14; San Jacinto 4:21.16; Friona 4:21.56; Randall 4:22.28; Tascosa 4:22.74

High Jump: Micah Nolan, Amarillo High 5-8; Marlee Reynolds, Dalhart

5-6, Victoria Ewulo, Amarillo High 5-4, Emily Duckett, Panhandle 5-2, Jaymee Schafer, Canadian 5-0, Courtney Cunningham, Sanford-Fritch 5-0, Maddie Wieberg, Groom 5-0, **Malory Martin, Spearman 4-10½;** Kelsey Taylor, Sunray 4-10¼, Chequita Nanhak, Palo Duro 4-10, **Tylo Farrar, Spearman 4-10;** Caitlin Gillmore, Canyon 4-10, Karissa Kinsey, Hereford 4-10, Macy Davis, Memphis 4-10, Ciara Brewer, Perryton 4-10, Kendra Wilhelm, Dumas 4-10

Pole Vault: Eden Williams, Amarillo High 10-6; Jessica Willis, Tascosa 10-0; Alex White, Tascosa 9-6; Caley Barnard, Melrose, N.M. 9-6; C.J. Frizzell, Canyon 9-0; Lauren Hill, Plainview 9-0; **Joselyn Terrazas, Spearman 9-0;** Kyndall Whiteley, Sunray 8-6; Kelsey Draper, Melrose, N.M. 8-6; Alexis Allen, Dumas 8-6; **Mackenzie Crane, Gruver 8-6;** Lauren Ehle, Amarillo High 8-6; Wendy Bradford, Dimmitt 8-6

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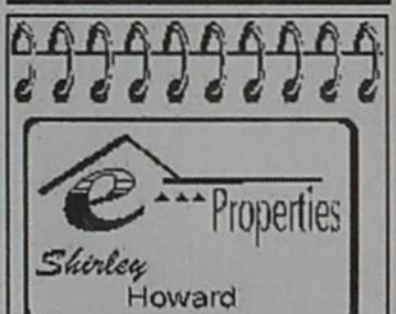
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Lake Palo Duro on Tuesday, March 27, 2010 at new low of 15.43 feet.

Lake Level--March 29, 2010--15.43 feet (-0.06)



Beaver swimming at Lake Palo Duro on March 22, 2010.

Jim's picture heading last week's column mystified some of the readers. It was a beaver swimming in the Lake, but his caption had been accidentally left off. In the same column I listed a grandson Ryan instead of the son Scott in the children of Harve and Phyllis Atwood. My apologies, Scott.

The gauge at the office showed .75 and .25 inches of rain in the rain-snow storms of last week. The buzzards have returned, and Wednesday Jim saw 2 immature and 1 bald eagle. Recently 3 blue catfish and 1 crappie have been caught. With the warm weather expected this week, perhaps more fish will be caught.

The restrooms in the Park now meet Jim's approval and will be opened for Easter.

Cougar Kills Calf

After a suggestion that I should call Gary Woolley for a "big cat story", I did. His story follows.

Three weeks ago, Gary checked his cows on his farm, which lies east of the Park and on the Hansford-Ochiltree line. When he saw a dead baby calf with

its shoulder torn into on down to the rib cage, he knew immediately what had happened. It didn't take the lion tracks to tell him. He had been there before. Three years ago he had lost 3 baby calves to a cougar. Last year he has lost 2. The calves had all been from a week to 10 days old--the age where they stay lying still in the grass when the Mama Cow goes for water. The losses usually happened when there was snow or the ground was muddy. Tracks were clear and big.

Gary had called a government trapper for help, but the man said he would be unable to help. The lion would be gone and probably not back in the area for 22 days. It was impossible to bait a trap and catch one that way. Cougars prefer to make a fresh kill, although at times they will eat on a fresh deer kill from a road accident.

Gary has yet to see a cougar. From their home on the Palo Duro Creek, north of the golf course, he has twice heard the hair-raising scream of a female cougar.

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