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Krista Kirkland Gerlich named Lady Buff Basketball Head Coach

After a nationwide search that produced many highly-qualified candidates, the West Texas A&M athletic department has announced today that Krista Gerlich will take

over as head coach of the Lady Buff basketball program.

"I am thrilled and honored to be the head women's basketball coach for West Texas A&M University," said Gerlich. "I have the upmost respect for Coach Schneider and the program he has built over the past 25 years, and I am looking forward to the challenge of continuing the great tradition of Lady Buff Basketball. Athletics Director, Michael McBroom and the President of the University, Dr. Patrick O'Brien, both have a tremendous vision for the athletic department and the University. I appreciate the opportunity they are giving me to share in that vision and become part of the West Texas A&M family."

Gerlich joins WTAMU after spending the last three seasons at Texas Tech, where she assisted Women's Basketball Hall of Fame coach Marsha Sharp, helping lead the Lady Raiders to a 64-30 record and two NCAA appearances. In addition to her time on the Lady Raider bench, Gerlich has enjoyed successful coaching stops at the University of Texas-San Antonio, Lockney High School (Lockney, Texas), Taft High School (San Antonio, Texas) and Reagan High School (San Antonio, Texas).

A native of Spearman, Texas,

Gerlich was a standout as a high school player earning All-State honors on three occasions while attending Spearman and Sudan High Schools. Gerlich continued her basketball career at Texas Tech where she received All-Southwest Conference accolades three times and helped lead the Lady Raiders to the 1993 National Championship. Gerlich received her Sports and Exercise Science degree from Texas Tech in 1993 and continued her education by earning her master's degree in Education Administration from Texas A&M-Kingsville in 1997.

"Krista Gerlich clearly stood out among a field of highly qualified candidates as the one coach who best fits our ideals and expectations for Lady Buff basketball," WTAMU athletics director Michael McBroom said. "Lady Buff basketball has a great tradition of winning, and I am confident Coach Gerlich is well-prepared to lead the program to new heights."

Gerlich, takes over for Bob Schneider, who spent the last 25 seasons at the helm of the Lady Buff basketball program and announced his retirement on Aug. 15. She inherits a program that posted a 28-4 record last season and captured the Lone Star Conference Championship.



New Lady Buff coach Krista Gerlich addresses the crowd that filled the Legends Room of the Jack B. Kelly Student Union Building.

(Photo by Rik Anderson)

"Coach Gerlich is a great coach and recruiter, and will be a role model for not only our players, but for young basketball players throughout the Panhandle," McBroom added. "We expect great things from Coach Gerlich, and I'm confident she will deliver."

Coach Greg Sherwood loses long battle with cancer

Sherwood, the legendary high school football coach who led the Lynx to their first-ever trip to the state playoffs (in 1974), died Friday afternoon in Lubbock following a lengthy battle with cancer. He was 70.

Coach Greg Sherwood will be remembered as a tremendous coach, a positive leader, an inspiring motivator, and always a great friend.

Sherwood's impact on Spearman was not limited to the athletes he coached. He stirred a deep source of Lynx pride that is still evident today.

"I have known Coach Sherwood since 1977," said Coach Ric Smith. "He was the head coach at Spearman and I was an assistant at Gruver. I was always impressed with Coach Sherwood's ability to get maximum effort from his players and the way his players conducted themselves."

"Coach Sherwood was a great coach but more importantly he was a great man," continued Coach Smith. "I am very proud to be able to call him a friend"

Sherwood coached in Spearman from 1973-1978, when he went to Plainview. He spent 10 years in Plainview and guided the Bulldogs to their first-ever trip to the state playoffs.

"I think it was both ironic and appropriate that Greg would pass away on a Friday — 'game day' for the sport he loved so much," said Danny Andrews, former editor of The Herald and now director of alumni development at Wayland Baptist University.

Sherwood was named Plainview's Man of the Year in 1982.

"But it wasn't just for his coaching success. Greg was a man everyone seemed to love," Andrews noted.

Sherwood, who coached the North to a win in the Texas High School All-Star Game, left Plainview with a 10-year record of 64-36 and left coaching with a 23-year mark of 174-64-2. He served 15 years as athletic director in Lubbock, making marked improvements to the athletic department there.

Sherwood was a former president of the Texas High School Coaches Association and a member of the THSCA Hall of Honor and the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame.

"I don't think I could've gone through what coach Sherwood went through the last few years," former Estacado High School head football coach Louis Kelley said. "He had heart problems and cancer, but he kept on fighting. Most people would have given up a long time ago, but coach Sherwood was a fighter."

In his career as a high school football coach, Sherwood compiled a 174-64-2 record in 23 seasons. His final coaching stop was at Plainview, where he had a 66-35 record and led the Bulldogs to the Class 5A state quarterfinals in 1978.

In 1988, he was hired as athletic director of the Lubbock Independent School District to replace Pete Ragus. When Sherwood retired in 2001, he was widely credited for reviving the competitiveness of Lubbock's Class 5A football programs.

"I had a number of opportunities to visit with him throughout the years at coaching clinics, regional meetings and such. I knew that if I were ever a head football coach I wanted to do many of the same things he did," said Coach Smith. "When I became the head football coach in Spearman in 1991 I called Greg and asked if he could spare a couple of hours visiting with me about the wing-t offense."

"He was, at that time the athletic director in Lubbock. He agreed to meet with me and I drove to Lubbock arriving early on a Monday morning," continued Coach Smith. "He took time from his busy schedule to teach me his version of the wing-t offense. A couple of hours turned into a couple of days. I've always been appreciative of the time he gave me."

Sherwood was born in Woodward, Okla., and graduated from the University of Texas in 1959. He took his first head-coaching job in 1964 at Dalhart and also had stops at Liberal, Kan., and Kermit. He is a member of both the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame and Texas Sports Hall of Honor.

Funeral services were at 1:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 19th at Broadway Church of Christ in Lubbock.

Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday, September 20th in Panhandle.



Spearman Lynx need new score board

The Lynx & Lynxette Booster Club has been asked to help with the purchase of a new Football score board.

The school has had problems with it for the last two years. It was installed 32 years ago, in 1974, and the school is having trouble getting parts to fix it. It quit working last Thursday during the games, forcing the officials to keep the time on the field.

The cost of the new scoreboard will be around \$15,000. Anyone wanting to make a donation may mail it to: Booster Club - Scoreboard, PO Box 343, Spearman TX, or contact Rick Howard at 659-2875.

Deadline Notice

The deadline to submit news and advertising to the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman is Monday at 5 p.m. Items submitted after the deadline will be published at a later date, as time and space permit.

For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 659-3434, or e-mail to cathysmith@antden.com.



Justin Thompson has been named a 2006-2007 National Merit Semi-Finalist. He is one of more than 1.4 million students in 21,000 high schools to receive this prestigious award. Justin is believed to be the first National Merit Semi-Finalist to graduate from Gruver High School. The National Merit Finalists will be notified in February.

Thompson named National Merit Semi-finalist

Justin Thompson was among the approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 52nd annual National Merit Scholarship Program announced by officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,200 Merit Scholarship awards, worth \$33 million, that will be offered next spring.

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Semifinalists

must advance to the Finalist level of the competition by fulfilling several requirements. About 90 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalists will be selected as Merit Scholarship winners, earning the Merit Scholar title.

Approximately 15,000 Semifinalists will advance to the Finalist level and it is from this group that all Merit Scholarship winners will be chosen. Merit Scholar designees are selected on

the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference.

Justin, a senior at Gruver High School, is the son of Shawn and Dwayne Thompson. He has one brother, Seth, who is a junior.

Justin is vice-president for the senior class and the National Honor Society. He participates in varsity football, track, UIL and serves as manager for the basketball team.

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Former Spearman Mayor Steve Benton and his wife, Sheri, former Hansford County Librarian, have opened a new business, Home Team Build Your Own Home in Lake Conroe., with their son-in-law, Travis Francis. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on September 13, 2006. Pictured are:

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LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 52. Windy, with a north northwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 77. East southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south southwest.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. South southwest wind around 15 mph becoming northwest. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 70. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as

high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 69. Northwest wind around 5 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48. North northwest wind around 5 mph becoming south.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 76.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 54.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 79.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 57.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 79.

Krista Gerlich Bio

With a track record of success on the basketball court as both a coach and a player in addition to having deep West Texas ties, Krista Gerlich brings a wealth of experience to the Lady Buff basketball program as she will take the reigns of the tradition rich program for the upcoming 2006-07 season.

Prior to joining West Texas A&M, Gerlich spent the last three seasons with another highly successful West Texas women's basketball program serving as an assistant to Hall of Fame coach Marsha Sharp at Texas Tech. During her time in Lubbock, Gerlich helped guide the Lady Raiders to two NCAA tournament appearances, including a 24-8 overall record, which included a 12-4 Big 12 mark, and a spot in the Sweet 16 in during the 2004-05 campaign.

While on the Tech bench, Gerlich was heavily involved in almost every aspect of the program as she instructed preseason individual workouts, coached the perimeter players, reviewed film and handled game day preparations for the Lady Raiders. Throughout the school year she also assisted in the academic progress of the Lady Raider student-athletes.

Before returning to coaching with Texas Tech during the 2003-04 season, Gerlich took a sabbatical to start a family and spent 2002-03 teaching math at Hereford High School for the year, where her husband, Bryan, was the athletic director and head football coach.

After graduating from Texas Tech in 1993 with a degree in Exercise and Sports Science, Gerlich got her first coaching job at Lockney High School where she was the head girls' basketball coach. From 1994-97, she was the head girls' coach at Taft High School in San Antonio, Texas. Gerlich entered the college ranks as an assistant at the University of Texas at San Antonio from 1997-99. While at UTSA, she was the number one assistant and recruiting coordinator. Gerlich followed her position at UTSA with by accepting the head coaching job at San Antonio Reagan High School from 1999-2000. In the inaugural season at Reagan, the team posted a 20-5 mark. Before her stint at Hereford, Gerlich was a math teacher at Tahoka High School from 2000-2002 where husband was the athletic director and head football coach.

Gerlich received her master's degree in Educational Administration in 1997 from Texas A&M-Kingsville.

During a stellar playing career at Texas Tech, Gerlich played shooting guard from 1989-93 and helped guide the squad to the 1993 National Championship while picking up All-Southwest Conference honors three times. She was also named to the 1993 SWC all-tournament team, the 1993 West Regional all-tournament team and the 1993 Final Four all-tournament team. Gerlich was selected to the all-time SWC team, while being named one of the Panhandle's Top 100 Athletes of the Century. During her senior campaign, she became Tech's all-time assist leader finishing with 553 assists, which now ranks third all-time in program history. In 1993, she was named the NCAA Texas Woman of the Year. On Dec. 5, 1993, Gerlich's number 21 was retired and now hangs in the rafters at the United Spirit Arena. She is just one of three Lady Raider players to have her number retired.

The Spearman, Texas, native was a three time all-state selection in basketball while attending Sudan High School and Spearman High School. She was a member of the 1987 state championship basketball team at Sudan High. Her father, Jim Kirkland, was her high school basketball coach. In 1988, she helped Spearman High claim the cross country state championship and was a four time all-state selection in cross country. She placed third at the 1989 state track meet in the 1600 meters.

Gerlich and her husband, Bryan, who is also a Texas Tech graduate and former linebacker on the Red Raider football team from 1987-92, have a daughter, Bryn, and a son, Brayden.

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Love



by Catherine R. Smith
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My dear friend Tommy Russell sent me the following, entitled "2 horses." I would like to share it with you - I hope you enjoy it.

2 Horses

Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it. From a distance, each looks like every other horse. But if you stop your car, or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing. Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him.

This alone is amazing. If nearby and listening, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field. Attached to her halter is a small bell. It lets her blind friend know where she is, so he can follow her.

As you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see how she is always checking on him, and that he will listen for her bell and then slowly walk to where she is, trusting that she will not lead him astray. When she returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, she stops occasionally and looks back, making sure her friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell.

Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges. He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need.

Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others see. Good friends are like this. You don't always see them, but you know they are always there.

Please listen for my bell and I'll listen for yours. "Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle".

May God bless and keep you; May He make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Catherine :)

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35. October stone, pl.
37. Dog or cat, e.g.
38. Dostoevsky's "The ___"
39. The Three Tenors, e.g.
40. Australian airline
42. College football's four premier bowls
43. Ho, atomic number 67
45. Resembling melting snow
47. Football fans' discontent
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50. Rosa Parks wouldn't give it up
52. Three points in football
56. Capital of Ghana
57. Not active
58. "Do it, or ___!"
59. Football measurement units
60. To bank on
61. Straight whiskey, e.g.
62. Small ladies' handbag
63. Robinson to "The Graduate"
64. Of the highest quality

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5. Southwestern England county
6. Declares to be true
7. "First ___, and 10 to go!"
8. Instant picture camera
9. Eras
10. Stain with a dirty substance
11. Every American's uncle?
13. Highfaluting, ___
14. Long backless sofa
19. Woman's dressy shoes
22. Gregory Hines skill
23. Latte foam
24. Informal term for reproduction
25. "To no ___"
26. Typically the last stroke on a golf hole
27. Baby beds
28. Illegal booze
29. Antonym of calm
32. Unsolicited email
33. Rooster's mate
36. Name of Super Bowl trophy
38. Made into isle
40. Status ___
41. Actress Judd
44. Tiny amounts
46. Critical
48. Duck valued for its soft down
49. "He ___ it like it is"
50. Type of jazz singing
51. Light brow
52. Grisham's "The ___"
53. Butter substitute
54. As soon as possible
55. Classic TV game show "___ Make a Deal"
56. "___ aye Captain!"

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Gruver Elementary Collecting Register Tapes

Gruver Elementary is participating in the Lowe's Supermarket Register Tapes for Education Program. Please help us earn free educational equipment by collecting register tapes from Lowe's. Only tapes dated Sept. 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007 are eligible. You can deposit your tapes in boxes in the Gruver Elementary lobby, the Jr. High Library, the Gruver Library, Nite & Day Beauty Salon, Hitching Nails, and Dusty's Place. Jo Alice Clawson will collect the tapes at 711 Womble or they can be mailed to PO Box 488. Call 733-2247 for pickup of tapes, or for more information. Thank you for your help!

Spearman Booster Club

Spearman Booster Club meets Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. in the High School library. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting. This week's game will be in Wellington on Friday at 7:30 p.m. The next home game is Homecoming, on September 29th against Childress.

Spearman Lynx & Lynette Booster Club have sports sponsorship packages available for 2006-2007. If you are interested in year sponsor, super booster, booster, signature ads or cable listing please contact Lynna Renner at 659-3587 or Tammy Benton 659-3071. These ads are used for broadcasting and cable listings. Individuals are welcome to have signature ads not just for businesses!

4-H Smoked Meat Sale

4-H members across Hansford County (Spearman, Gruver & Morse) are selling smoked meats for their annual fund raising efforts. Products available include smoked & spiral hams, turkey, peppered turkey breasts, smoked or peppered bacon, beef or chicken fajitas, chicken tenders, tamales, pork patties, breakfast burritos, Sausage, pecan pie, Hunters Package (sweet jalapeno flavored ham, peppered pork loin, smoked bacon & jalapeno summer sausage) and sausage links. Funds benefit the awards program and recognition banquet for all 4-H members. Orders must be received by October 17th, with a delivery date before Thanksgiving. Please contact a 4-H member or call the County Extension Office 659-4130 or 733-2901 to place your order. If email would be easier hansford@ag.tamu.edu.

4-H Fun with Foods Project

Youth in 3rd grade and older may sign up now for the 4-H "Fun with Foods" project. Project meetings in Spearman will be after school on Thursdays, September 21, 28, and October 12, at the Fellowship Hall of the Spearman Church of Christ. Project meetings in Gruver will be held after school on Mondays, September 25, October 9, and 16, at the Fellowship Hall of the Gruver Methodist Church. Extension programs are open to all regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. Please call Peggy Winegamer at 659-4131 or 733-2901 to enroll.

Parenting Skills Class

The STAR-UCAP (Services-To-At-Risk) program is offering a parenting skills class that will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on September 23rd at the YMCA (1400 Maddox) in Dumas. The curriculum is "Back in Control." CEUs will be offered for child care workers, LPCs, and general population. There is no charge for the class. Anyone interested may register by calling 349-5684. Childcare will not be offered.

Golf Cash Ball

Hansford Golf Club is making plans for its annual Golf Cash Ball. This year's event will be held Saturday, November 4, at the O'Loughlin Center. The Vera Brothers Band will be the entertainment once again this year. Tickets which will be \$50.00 each will go on sale the first week of October and be available from any golf club board member. Each ticket will provide not only an evening of great food and entertainment, but also a chance at the cash prize drawings. If you have any questions or would like to buy a ticket, please call Lance Kemp, 659-5062, Curtis Covington, 659-5185, Cass Lasater, 659-5007 or Mikal Willimon, 659-5525.

Gruver Prayer Shawl Ministry Expands Focus

Gruver Prayer Shawl Ministry recently celebrated a one year anniversary having given 62 prayer shawls to friends in need of spiritual renewal. The ministry is expanding their focus to create customized clothing for wounded troops. American military personnel recovering from injuries with braces, fixators, casts, prosthetics and burns are left with a hospital gown as their only clothing option. Sewmuchcomfort.org is filling the "adaptive clothing" need for these veterans. Financial support and seamstresses are needed to modify golf shirts, T-shirts, shorts, scrubs, and pants that provide comfort and maintain their dignity, thereby facilitating the healing process. An informational meeting for anyone interested in sewing garments or contributing to this cause will be Monday Oct. 2, at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. at Gruver United Methodist Church. Contact Cathy Potts at 733-2329 or www.sewmuchcomfort.org for more information.

Health Fair

Hansford County Hospital District and the Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center will hold their annual Health Fair on Wednesday, November 1, at the O'Loughlin Center. The doors will open for business at 7 a.m. for people to get lab work and flu shots.

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Happy Birthday!

Editor's Note: This Happy Birthday list is run as a public service by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. We apologize if any names are misspelled. If you know of a name that needs to be changed, added or deleted, please call 659-3434.

Thank you, Catherine

September 21
Birthdays - Amber Murrell, Teresa Sue Dodson, Mrs. Ola Davis, Lisa Pipkin, Sharon Craig, Millie Craig, Gary Thomas, Karen Goodman, Arthur Cantu, Cathy Brown, Paul Mahaffey, Ashlee Flowers, Allene Bayless, Callie Cazares, Francis Murrell, Jacie Baker, Mike Ladd

September 22
Birthdays - Charlotte Bergin, Chelsie Beth Hicks, Leon Wilson, Robert Womble, Bobby Evans, Ray Brewer, Junior Avila, Terry Delozier, Lance Harnish, Sterling Alana Brown, Amber Conley, Janice Riley, Bonnie Cox, Haylee Miesner

Anniversary - M/M John Williams, M/M Pat Jackson

September 23
Birthdays - Larry Babbs, Rodney Dale Clawson, Floyd Dry, Melissa Davis, Wilma Clark, Ray Ortega, Tony Papay, Will Black, Jan Hartsell, Luisa Volden, Karla Flowers, Amber Coombs, Kylie Cook, Jake Coates, Andrew Jacobs, Melissa Lesly, Kylie Snider

Anniversary - M/M Harvey Atwood

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

Anniversary - M/M Bill Kuehl

September 25
Birthdays - Brooke Salmans, Ann Taylor, Charles Martin, Jesse Renteria Jr., Cecil Slater, Stacy Lesly, Marcy Vitela, Pedro Vargas, Teresa Blan, Sandy Zamora, Chuck Cook, Edwin Percy, Andrew Dalton, Raper, Erynn Saenz, Sally Pittman

Anniversary - Bob & Wanda Burke, M/M Steve Holton, M/M Arturo Vargas

September 26
Birthdays - Whitt Barkley, Mandy Derington, David Tomlison, Tamera Shedd, Von Close, Idella Randall, Cari Babitzke Baker, Jennifer Martin, Wayne Cummings, Regan Boxwell, Wanda Reed, Sharon Whitefield, Joy Graham, Grace Davis

Anniversary - M/M John Patterson

September 27
Birthdays - Jim Davis, Jon Hart, Kathy Slough, Nathan Watkins, Garland Hopper, Joe Gomez, Norma Hill, Dennis Randall, Kristina Poole Howell, Sara Shufeldt, Holly Simpson, Tindle Ramon

Anniversary - M/M David Bergin

September 28
Birthdays - Will Crane, Mike Grotegut, Beverly Hintergardt, Mike Yanke, Kim Brock, Teddie Whitefield, Judy Reed, Jimmie Vernon, Linda Lowenhagen, Julio Garcia, Sherry Moore, Jeff Gresset, Mone Borunda, Amanda Bain

Anniversary - James & Nell Cummings

September 29
Birthdays - Dick Hintergardt, Kelly Vernon, Meguel Espinosa, Jeff Vanlandingham, Vi Kjos, Charlie Salgado, Sue McCloy, Gabriel Rodriguez, Dave Laughlin, Ruben Olivarez, Christy Lang, Phillip Terry Moore, Travis Burgess, Tara Duke

September 30
Birthdays - Aaron Boyd, Chile Favala, Kyle Williams, Tanya Adkins, Cindi Nash, Stan Seagler, Naomi Fryrear, Jana Tindell, June Spencer, Roger Jones, F.W. Thomas, Sandy Cummings, Jean West, Dixie Williams, James Whitaker, Patrick Jerman, Sharon Bailey, Jade Shaver, Chris Cudd, Jenn Schnell, Justiin Parker, Glenn Robinson

Anniversary - M/M Aaron Brown, M/M A.D. Reed Jr., M/M Leon Wilson, M/M Charlie Salgado

October 1
Birthdays - Royce Mathews, Galen Slough, Merri Gale Sparks, Hector Nava, Beatrice Renteria, Brenda Pierson, Willie Clement, Sheila Watley, Colene Schaefer, Randall Schell, Angela Rodriguez, Laci Ortega, David Nash, Betty Perry, Robbie Dewberry, Jeff Shields

Anniversary - M/M Elwyn Young, M/M Charles Newcomb

October 2
Birthdays - Kyler Barkley, Wayne Garrett, Jeremy Tunnell, Richard Wagner, Della Reed, Kathi Gilley, Kelly Trout, Angelita Cruz, Pamela Ring, Robbi Dewberry

Anniversary - Glen Ray & Laura Mackie

October 3
Birthdays - Ruth Ann Jones, Lloyd Carroll, Doris Bateman, Eulalia Blankenship, Brian Watley, Teresa England, Timber Barkley, Chad Brown, Arlene Kennedy, Lynda Tunnell, L.A. Williams, Griffin George, Marsha Murphy

Anniversary - M/M Scott Davis, Jim & Linda Beeson, M/M Jeff Hawkins, Mr. & Mrs Dan Desimone

October 4
Birthdays - Debbie Garrett, Jan Stedje, Pam Stork, Abbi Yanke, Theresa Johnson, Jeff Gresset, Monty Hawkins, Karl Smith, Kandy Martin, Adam Red Bennie Brogdan, Francisco Borunda, Taryn Snider

Anniversary - M/M Craig Vinson, M/M Andres Rodriguez

October 5
Birthdays - Ernestina Salgado, Richard Lesly, Sue Felder, Kelly Harper, Gladys McIntyre, Carl Kizzar, Glenda Johnson, Kermit Boone, Kelly Cox

Our Sympathy

GREG SHERWOOD



Greg Sherwood, 70, of Lubbock, Texas died Friday, September 15, 2006.

Services were 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 19th at Broadway Church of Christ, 1924 Broadway in Lubbock. Burial was 11 a.m., Wednesday, September 20th at Panhandle Cemetery. Arrangements were by Sanders Funeral Home, 1420 Main St.

Mr. Sherwood was born September 9, 1936 in Woodward, Oklahoma but he "got to Texas as quick as he could" at age five months. He graduated from Panhandle High School in 1955. He received his BA degree from the University of Texas and his Master's from WTSU.

During his coaching career he touched lives at Baker Jr. High in Austin, Comanche, Tx; Dalhart, Tx; Liberal, KS; Kermit, Tx; Spearman, and Plainview. He also served as principal in Vega, Tx. He was the athletic director for Lubbock ISD until he retired in 2001.

He married Jaquelyn Hartsell on Dec. 17, 1955 in Panhandle. He was a member of Monterey Church of Christ, Texas High School Coaches Association, and Texas Athletic Directors Association.

Mr. Sherwood was preceded in death by his parents Helen and Weston Sherwood.

He is survived by his wife, Jaquelyn, of the home; two sons, Scott & wife Brenda of Panhandle and Stan & wife Kelly of Celina, Tx; brother, Marshall Sherwood of Panhandle; and his utmost joy, his grandchildren, Brock, Austin, Chandler, Greg, Harrison and Grayson; nephew, Stephan Sherwood of Austin; two nieces, Sheryl Oliver of Panhandle and Susan McCabe of Abilene; as well as hundreds of former players that meant so much to him.

Family would like to express its appreciation to Dr. Martinez, Gail Hargrove and the staff of the Lubbock Cancer Center and to the special nurses on the 10th floor of Covenant Hospital for 15 months of loving care.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

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TROY M. MAYS
 Troy M. Mays, 82, of Amarillo died Friday, September 15, 2006. Memorial services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday, September 20, 2006 in First Baptist Church with Dr. Winfred Moore, pastor emeritus, and Dr. Howard Batson of First Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Llano Cemetery by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 S. Georgia St.

Mr. Mays was born January 13, 1924, in Searcy County, Ark., to W.A. and Agnes Mays. His childhood was spent in the Harrison, Ark., area and in St. Louis for a short time. The family moved to Amarillo in March 1936. After graduation from Amarillo High School in 1941, he attended Baylor University until the attack on Pearl Harbor. He joined the Navy in 1942 and spent three years as a quartermaster on a landing ship median.

He returned to Amarillo after World War II and went into the auto finance business with his father and an uncle. The family branched out and formed numerous companies and trusts with interests in ranching, apartment complexes and shopping centers. He was president of First State Bank for a short time, a former partner in Texas Salvage Sales and previous owner of Cathey-Fullingim Hardware and Eva's Fashions.

He had been a faithful member of First Baptist Church since 1936. Mr. Mays was a longtime member of and president of the High Plains Kiwanis Club, where he received the George Hixon Fellowship award in 1998. He spent nine years each as a trustee of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch and High Plains Baptist Hospital. He was an active member of the Mainland Advisory Board of the Hawaii Baptist Academy and was a past trustee of Park Place Towers. From 1976 until 2005, he was a driver for Meals on Wheels and was a past board member. Mr. Mays loved working with the family foundation and trying to do good deeds for the Amarillo community and various Baptist causes. He received the distinguished Benefactor Award from Wayland Baptist University in 2004.

At Baylor University, he was a member of the Development Council and loved anything connected with the university. A dedicated sports fan, Mr. Mays was a member of the President's Circle of the Baylor Bear Foundation. The Troy and Betty Lou Mays Endowment for the Director of Student Foundation was established in 1993 and the Betty Lou Mays Memorial Soccer Field was dedicated in 2000. Mr. Mays was a member of the Endowed Scholarship society and was honored twice at yearly philanthropy banquets. On Jan. 30, 2006, Mr. Mays was awarded Baylor's highest honor, to be named a Founder of Baylor University.

Special thanks to his wonderful caregivers the last few weeks - Ed, Samantha, Lori, Annette and Brandie.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Taylor P. Mays; and his first wife, Betty Lou Mays, in 1998.

Survivors include his wife, Billye B. Mays; two daughters, Stacy Sharp and husband Randy and Karra Hill and husband Todd, all of Amarillo; two stepsons, Bill Henderson and wife Judy and Lewis Henderson Jr. and wife Vicki, all of Amarillo; and six grandchildren, Meredith Sharp Genuchi and husband Matt, Austin Sharp, Troy Sharp, McKay Sharp, Christopher Hill and Heritage Hill.

The family suggests memorials to be to First Baptist Church Music Ministry, 1208 S. Tyler St., Amarillo, TX 79101; Mays Endowed Scholarship Fund, Baylor University, 1 Bear Place - 97026, Waco, TX 76798-7026; or Hawaii Baptist Academy, 21 Bates St., Honolulu, HI 96817.

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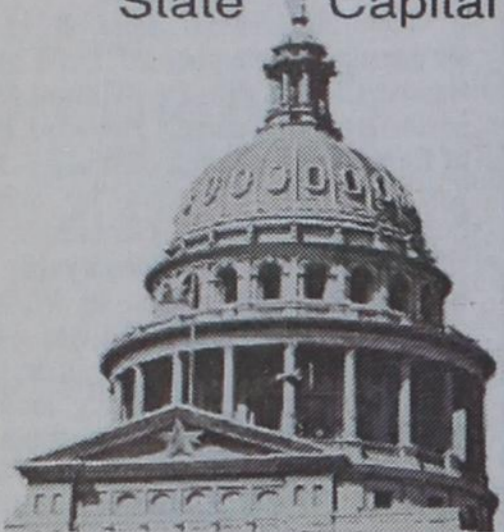
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TEXAS MOURNS DEATH OF FORMER GOVERNOR RICHARDS

Former Gov. Ann Richards, 73, died at her home in Austin on Sept. 13.

Gov. Rick Perry ordered flags to be flown at half-staff at state buildings in memory of the former governor through sunset Sept. 18.

Richards had battled cancer of the esophagus for six months before her death.

She served one term as governor, from 1991-95, two terms as state treasurer, 1982-90, and two terms as a Travis County commissioner, 1976-82.

She inspired many Texans to a life in public service and stood out in her appointing of women and minorities to posts in state government.

The former governor's body lay in state in the state Capitol rotunda Sept. 16-17. A Sept. 18, public-welcome funeral was held at the University of Texas' Frank Erwin Center. Burial followed in the Texas State Cemetery.

Former Texas governors still living include Dolph Briscoe, Mark White, Bill Clements and George W. Bush.

FOOD BORNE ILLNESS SKIPS TEXAS

The Texas Department of State Health Services reported no known Texas cases of E. coli infection traceable to the consumption of bagged fresh spinach grown in California.

Across the nation, grocery stores emptied their shelves of the product that reportedly caused E. coli infections in other states.

Symptoms of the infection include intestinal cramping, diarrhea and vomiting.

Next to California, Texas is the second-largest producer of fresh spinach. Nearly all of Texas' commercial spinach crop comes from nine counties in Southwest Texas known as the Wintergarden region. No cases of E. coli are traceable to the Texas crop.

CREDIT REQUIREMENT MAY INCREASE

Students who are now in eighth grade would need two more credits to graduate from high school, under a plan endorsed by the State Board of Education.

That translates to one more math and one more lab-based science course.

While such a plan should better prepare students for college and professional ambitions, concerns were raised over the cost of building labs and the difficulty finding enough qualified teachers for advanced courses such as statistics and pre-calculus.

A final vote on the plan will come in November.

BREAK POSSIBLE FOR 10 PERCENT RULE

Texas high school students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their class are admitted to the Texas state college or university of their choice.

The so-called 10-percent rule was enacted to increase minority enrollment. Now state Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, one of the chief proponents of the rule, is suggesting it might be worth it to stop enforcing it for a couple of years to see what will happen.

If the Legislature passes a moratorium on the rule, the University of Texas and other public schools will have a chance to prove how well they're doing at enrolling minority students.

TXDOT AIR DIVISION LOSES MONEY

The Office of the State Auditor released a report concluding the Texas Department of Transportation was not operating the state fleet of aircraft in a cost-effective manner in fiscal year 2006.

The office estimated losses incurred by the Flight Services Section of TXDOT's Aviation Division at close to \$1 million over the period.

The section provides air transportation to state officials and employees traveling on official state business, maintenance and repair services to state-owned aircraft, and fuel and hangar storage services for Austin-based state aircraft.

LAWMAKER ASKS FOR AG OPINION

If a registered sex offender moves to town, what is the minimum number of feet their dwelling must be from a school campus?

State Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville, asked for an attorney general opinion on whether Texas law limits cities' authority in restricting where a registered sex offender may live.

A number of cities, including some in Nelson's district, have passed ordinances prohibiting registered sex offenders whose victims were under age 16 from living within 1,000 or 2,000 feet of places where children commonly gather, like schools.

It may take several months for the opinion to be rendered.



Engagement Announcement

Nelson and Darlene Eckert of Snyder, Texas wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet Michelle Eckert, to Kevin Patrick Cummings of Perryton. Kevin is the son of David Cummings of Dumas and Sharon Cummings of Perryton.

The couple plan a December 2, 2006 wedding at the First Baptist Church in Hermleigh, Texas. A reception will follow the ceremony in the fellowship hall at the church.

Janet is a 2001 graduate of Hermleigh ISD and a graduate of West Texas A&M, with a bachelor of science. She works at First State Bank of Spearman as a bookkeeper.

Kevin is a 1999 graduate of Perryton High School and a graduate of West Texas A&M, with a bachelor in business administration and a masters in professional accounting. He is employed at Brown, Graham & Co. of Spearman.

With joyful hearts, we ask you to be present at the ceremony uniting **Christen Mariah Ferguson**

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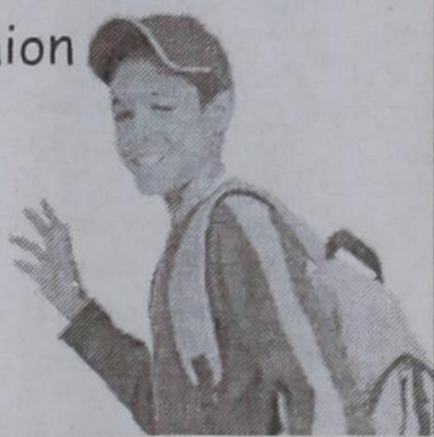
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Task Force on Appraisal Reform to Hold Hearings in Lubbock, Amarillo

The Task Force on Appraisal Reform will meet Thursday, Sept. 21, in Lubbock and Friday, Sept. 22, in Amarillo to take testimony on recommendations on how to address Texans' continuing concerns over skyrocketing property appraisals.

These hearings are the first in a series of public hearings the task force will hold across the state to gather input from Texans on their recommendations to improve the current tax appraisal process.

The 15-member, bi-partisan task force was created by Gov. Rick Perry in August. He appointed Tom Pauken of Dallas to chair the advisory group. The other members of the task force are Gerald "Buddy" Winn of Bryan, Robert A. Eckels of Harris County, Avis Wukasch of Georgetown, Calvin W. Stephens of Dallas, John E. Nichols of Freeport, Michael S. Stevens of Houston, John R. (Bob) Garrett of Tyler, L. Curtis Culwell of Garland, Timothy P. Roth of El Paso, John David Franz of Hidalgo, Gary O. Boren of Lubbock, Robert E. Garrett of Amarillo, Brooke Leslie Rollins of Fort Worth and Rolando B. Pablos of San Antonio.

"Earlier this year, we provided Texas property owners with the largest property tax cut in state history - a 33 percent reduction in their school property tax rates over the next two years," Perry said. "Now we need to address the rest of that equation: the silent tax hikes of rising appraisals."

Perry wants the commission to develop its own independent recommendations while keeping the plight of the taxpaying public foremost on its mind.

Details of Task Force's meetings are as follows:

Friday, Sept. 22, 9 a.m. - Amarillo - Task Force on Appraisal Reform to hold public hearing, Amarillo College Polk Campus Business and Industry Center, Room 112, 1314 South Polk Street, Amarillo, Texas

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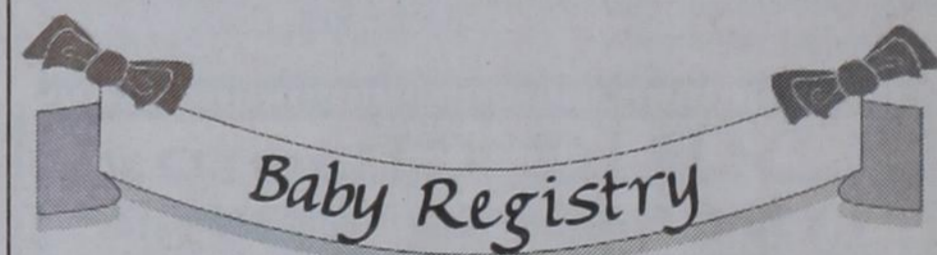
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- Janet Eckert & Kevin Cummings - Oct. 28
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- Kassandra Drennan & Donnie Davis
- Micha (Lewis) & Brandon Casdorff
- Laura (Long) & Kolby Sumner
- Farrell (Farley) & Garrett Griffin
- Lori (Green) & Eric Vasquez
- Marcy Cherry & Taos Weldon
- Kassi Wilson & Steven Foster
- Laurie Soane & Chris Strawn
- Halee Beasley & Steve Scott
- Christen Ferguson & Bradley Brown



- John & Elissa Holt - Sept. 24
- Sara (Jones) & Jeremy Farmer - Nov. 19

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Shower Dates

- Sarah Martin & Brad Newman - Oct. 14
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- Marcy Cherry & Taos Weldon
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- Laurie Soane & Chris Strawn
- Kassandra Drennan & Donnie Davis
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Spearman Lynx

Spearman 26, Texhoma 7

Roberto Flores ran 22 times for 171 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Lynx to their third straight win. The Lynx topped the Red Devils, 26-7.

Spearman jumped to a 12-0 half-time lead as Flores scored on a 2-yard run and Aaron Mestas added a 20-yard scoring run.

Collin Gillaspie added a 60-yard touchdown run, and Flores tacked on a 12-yard scoring run in the second half.

Flores has rushed for a total of 423 yards in the first three games of the season. Gillaspie has rushed for 138 yards and has passed for 180. Bryn Garnett is the leading receiver for the Lynx, with 137 yards.

The Lynx have rushed for a total of 881 yards this season and passed for 209 more for a total of 1090 yards. They have allowed a total of

only 385 yards, 283 on the ground and 102 in the air.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE: Roberto Flores, 145-pound senior runningback, rushed for 182 yards on 22 carries, scoring 2 touchdowns;

DEFENSE: Keifer Sumner, 214-pound tackle, had 3 unassisted tackles and 5 assisted tackles; **Nic Cenicerros**, 176-pound senior end, had 8 unassisted tackles and forced one fumble

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Final
Spearman	0	12	0	14	26
Texhoma	0	0	7	0	7

SCORING

S: Roberto Flores 2 run (kick failed).
S: Aaron Maestas 20 run (pass failed).

failed).
T: Blake Perkins 21 pass from Ben Mitchell (Tim Moore kick).
S: Collin Gillaspie 60 run (Bryn Garnett kick).
S: Flores 12 run (Garnett kick).

STATISTICS	SL	TRD
First downs	17	10
Yards Rushing	317	125
Yards Passing	30	28
Total Yards	347	153
Comp-Att-Int	4-11-2	2-7-1
Punts-Avg.	1-41	4-28
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-2
Penalties-Yards	7-55	4-25

The Lynx will face Wellington on Friday in Wellington. Kickoff will be at 7:30 p.m.

Wellington has a season record of 1-2, losing to Hale Center (7-14) and Ralls (6-24) and defeating Hollis, OK (20-6). They have rushed for a total of 295 yards and passed for 315. They have allowed 322 rushing yards and 164 passing yards.

Next Friday, September 29th, will be homecoming for the Lynx. They will host the Childress Bobcats. Kickoff will be at 7:30 p.m., with pre-game activities scheduled prior to that time. The Spearman FFA will host their annual Homecoming dinner from 6-8 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door.

The homecoming coronation pep rally will be held Friday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the varsity gym. Everyone is invited to attend.

A snake dance will be held on Thursday night at 8 p.m., after the JV game against Gruver. The Powder Puff football game is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday night.

Gruver Greyhounds

Panhandle 53, Gruver 0

Not only did Panhandle keep its undefeated streak alive Friday night, but the Panthers still have not allowed a point this season.

Panhandle (3-0) got another stellar performance from its defense, defeating Gruver 53-0.

Gruver (0-3) made only four first downs, 34 yards rushing and 37 total yards, and were forced to punt nine times.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Final
Panhandle	21	13	19	0	53
Gruver	0	0	0	0	0

SCORING

P-J.W. Benavides 8 run (Johnathan Offringa kick)
P-Travis Gray 11 run (Offringa kick)
P-Colby Skidmore 54 run (Offringa kick)
P-Trenton Jones 3 run (kick fail)
P-John Ruzich 60 punt return (kick fail)
P-Austin Sherwood 16 run (kick fail)
P-Jones 2 run (Offringa kick)
P-Caleb Fields 24 run (kick fail)

STATISTICS	PP	GG
First Downs	23	4
Rushing Yards	282	34
Passing Yards	0	3
Total Yards	282	37
Comp-Att-INT	0-8-0	1-8-1
Punts-Avg.	1-30	9-25
Fumbles-Lost	0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	4-40	2-10

The Greyhounds will travel to Clarendon on Friday with a 7:30 kickoff.

Clarendon has a season record of 2-1, defeating to Boys Ranch (30-8) and Bovina (26-22) and losing to White Deer (8-18). They have rushed for a total of 440 yards and passed for 187. They have allowed 566 rushing yards and 95 passing

yards. Next Friday, September 29th will be homecoming for the Greyhounds. They will host West Texas. Kickoff will be at 7:30, with pre-game activities scheduled prior to that time.



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BP is working to educate the public about pipeline safety with respect to gas leaks. While it's very rare to have any type of incident with a pipeline, there are a few safety tips to keep in mind if you live by a pipeline.

1. How to know if there is a pipeline on your property or nearby:

On Your Property: If you own a homeowner gas line from BP gas well, you should hire a qualified plumbing inspector to locate the line for you if you are contemplating any digging operations.

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Area high school foreign exchange students recently enjoyed a bar-b-que at the home of Bobby and Stacie Reid in Guymon. Some of the kids who attended include (l to r, around the table) Michael Scheel of Germany, Natalie Seifer of Germany, Nick Kempkes of Germany, Houston Moser of Guymon, Andrew Vacek of the Czech Republic, Alex Moravcova of Slovakia, Soo Jin of South Korea, Matthias Bores of Germany, Andre Silva of Brazil, Lindsay Ledbetter of Guymon, Dominick Lammes of Guymon, and Matthias Wiesel of Germany. The students attend Guymon and Yarbrough High Schools in Oklahoma and Gruver High School in Texas. Local Coordinators are Stacie Reid and Melyn Johnson. Host families for the students are Sharol Ledbetter of Guymon, Reids, Jeremy and Treena Moser of Guymon, Kim Neal of Yarbrough, Chris and Melyn Johnson of Gruver, Eric and Alka Lammes of Guymon, and Misty Viner of Yarbrough. Andre (Andy) Silva and Matthias (Matt) Bores are living with Chris and Melyn Johnson and attend Gruver High School.

Home Team Build Your Own Home

We are proud to announce the ribbon cutting ceremony for Lake Conroe area's newest concept in custom homebuilding—Home Team Build Your Own Home. The ceremony was held at 3301 W. Davis, Suite B, in Conroe at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 2006.

Home Team is a family-owned business led by Travis Francis, a third-generation custom homebuilder who has built exclusively in the Lake Conroe area since 1998, and Steve Benton, who brings over thirty-five years of business experience to this new concept in homebuilding. They have developed a program in which homeowners can save thousands of dollars building their new home by taking on some of the administrative duties themselves and using Home Team's guidance and extensive expertise for the more technical issues involved. While "build your own home" programs are not new, Home Team's unique approach is.

They have successfully combined the cost savings of "build your own" with the personal attention traditionally received only from a custom builder. Home Team's goal is to help the homeowner realize significant savings while building their custom home and to facilitate a seamless flow from beginning to end. At the end of the project, the customer will be proud to have

played such an integral role in the creation of their new dream home. Steve and Sheri Benton and their daughter, Kellie (McWhirter) Francis would like to invite any of their friends in Spearman who might be traveling in the Conroe area to stop by and see them at their new location in the yellow retail center across from Conroe High School on Highway 105.

National Merit Semi-finalist

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Justin was the UIL state champion in physics, a state qualifier in number sense and brass ensemble. He enjoys reading, playing football and collecting coins.

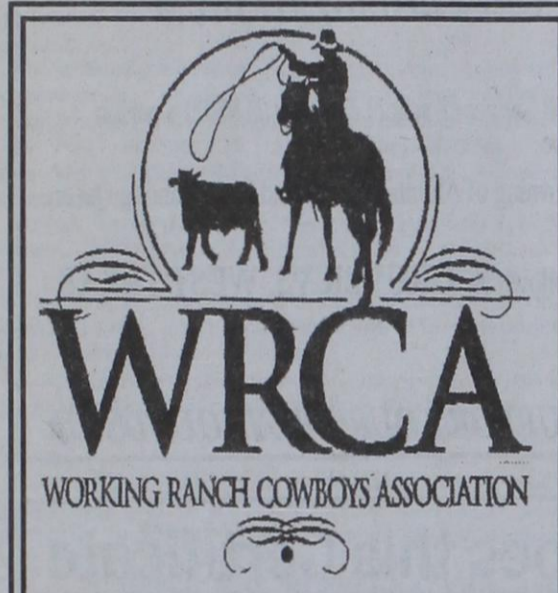
Justin enjoys the slow pace of a small town and appreciates the ability to participate in everything and know everyone at Gruver High School.

After graduation, Justin plans to

attend Texas A&M, majoring in Aerospace engineering.

Merit Scholarship winners of 2007 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join more than 242,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.

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On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, I would like to say Thank You to all the businesses that made our annual Golf tournament a huge success. It was a great weekend other than a light breeze on Saturday that tested the golfers' skills. I would especially like to thank the Hansford Golf Club & Larry Wahlburg for hosting our event and working hard to get the golf course in excellent condition. Everyone needs to go out and play a round while it is all green and lush.

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Pauline Heinz Recognized for 20 Years of Registered Service

by Sonya Harris

Pauline Heinz, Coordinator of the Laverne Emergency Services, was recently recognized by the Board of Directors of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) for achieving 20 consecutive years as a National Registered EMT. This distinction is an honored by few EMTs.

To maintain her status as a National Registered EMT, Heinz completed, on a biennial basis, the most comprehensive recertification program for Emergency Medical Technicians in America. She not only completed courses to refresh her fundamental knowledge and skills but also attended a minimum of two hours per month of additional continuing education courses to advance her knowledge on new lifesaving skills.

By maintaining her Nationally Registered status and completing regular continuing education courses, Heinz is among the few elite EMTs with the most training in pre-hospital emergency medical care in the nation.

Pauline was Nationally Registered as an EMT in 1986 and has been serving the Laverne community prior to that time. She began her EMT career in 1971, prior to registering with the NREMT. So her actual time in serving her community has been 35 years.

The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians serves as the national EMS certification organization by providing a valid, uniform process to assess the knowledge and skills required for competent practice by EMS professionals throughout their careers and by maintaining a registry of certification status.

A certificate was sent to Pauline, which was officially presented to her by Laverne Ambulance Board. The certificate reads:

Nationally Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians Hereby Recognizes Pauline L. Heinz for Twenty Years of National Registration. The above named individual has served the community by providing care to fellow citizens in their moment of need. The Board of Directors and the entire EMS community, appreciates and commends this extraordinary contribution.

It is an extremely rare achievement that an EMT maintains this many years of continually service to their community. Laverne's Emergency Medical Service would not be what it is today, if it had not been for the direction, dedication and service of Pauline. She has provided outstanding care to the citizens of not just our community, but the surrounding communities as well. She has served as a trainer for other EMTs, and is also there to support and encourage her emergency service personnel as well as others who serve in all areas of emergency services. She has served as a confident and friend to all personnel as well as to the people they serve. Everyone can rest assured that as long as Pauline is able, she will see to it that Laverne has the best ambulance service available.

On behalf of those you serve as well as those who serve with you, we applaud and appreciate your dedicated service.

Pauline is the daughter of Ruby Riley of Spearman.



Gus Birdwell Elementary Student of the Week

Aug. 28-Sept 1

Spearman Elementary's student of the week for September 1 is Trace Patterson. Trace was nominated by his third grade teacher, Mrs. Rodgers. Mrs. Rodgers says Trace is very kind, listens well and has good character. Trace is the son of Lana and Travis Patterson. He has an older sister, Lauren and a younger brother, Zane. Trace says his favorite thing in school is reading and his favorite television show is Drake and Josh. When Trace grows up he wants to be a photographer.

Congratulations Trace, on being Gus Birdwell's Student of the Week.

Sept. 4-8

Spearman elementary's Student of the Week for the week of September 4th-8th is Reid Harrell. Reid is in kindergarten. He was nominated by his teacher, Mrs. Howard. Mrs. Howard says Reid listens well and is a good leader. Reid is the son of Rick and Kara Harrell. He has a sister in third grade named Payton and a cat named Penny. Reid says his favorite thing in school is recess and his favorite cartoon is Tom and Jerry. When Reid grows up he wants to be a street ball player!

Congratulations Reid, for being selected Student of the Week.

Gruver ISD Greyhound News

Elementary Students "Caught Being Good"

Fernando Villalobos, Gabriel Mundo & Luz Gaspar were caught being good at Friday Night's Football Game by Mrs. Mayhew and their teachers.

Keep Up the Good Work!

Mexican Pile-On Dinner Friday, Sept. 22nd

From 5-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22 we will be hosting a Mexican Pile-On Dinner in the school cafeteria. The cost is a \$5.00 donation (\$3.00 for children 8 and under) to the Bronco Band Boosters. We welcome any and all members of the Gruver school system and community to join us in this meal to support our music program.

JH, JV Game Schedule Change

The JH & JV games that were scheduled to be played in Sunray this coming Thursday (9/21) will

be played here instead.

Sunray is resurfacing their track and they need to keep people off and away from it for a while. So we have agreed to flip the JH/JV games, and we will go to Sunray on 10/26.

JH beats White Deer

The Gruver Junior High football team beat White Deer 12-8 on Thursday night. Good Job, boys!!

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

We continue our search for the God who intervenes in our lives by studying Jeremiah 11:18-20, Psalm 54, James 3:13-4:8, and Mark 9:30-37. The prophet was shown the evil deeds of the people by God, when he spoke of their evil, they sought to destroy him. The prophet who has remained loyal to God asks God to allow him to see God's retribution on the people. Similarly, the psalmist sings a song of imprecation of and salvation from his enemies. The Psalmist remains loyal to God and prays for the punishment of his enemies. Being believers does not always allow our hearts to overflow with love for our enemies; sometimes we wish to be vindicated or avenged, yet, we remember "vengeance is mine, says the Lord". It is better to vent our anger to God and allow Him to deal with it, rather than to take matters in our own hands.

James addresses the problems of conflict and disputes among Christians. The Christian who has wisdom is pure, peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. [This old testament view of "Wisdom" is seen by today's Christian as "Holy Spirit"]. Where then do these conflicts come? James says that they come from human cravings that are unfulfilled. These cravings cause us to come to abuse and despise others who interfere with the satisfaction of our cravings. If we pray to the Lord, "O Lord, please buy me a Mercedes-Benz", we may be disappointed in the outcome. God is first interested in your spiritual health. He then attends our other needs. If we pray that God's will be done, that the hungry be fed, the sick comforted, the faith community strengthened, we may be heartened by the response. If we desire to be a teacher of the Word, we must abandon arrogance, bitterness, and embrace humility. Christian humility is about being genuine and not finding our sense of worth by making others smaller than ourselves.

Jesus leaves the relative safety of the north, to take the first steps toward Jerusalem and the cross. He tells his disciples that he will be betrayed and killed but he will rise again in three days. His disciples then argue over which of them will be the "greatest" in His kingdom. Jesus calls the twelve, sits as a rabbi, and tells them they have missed the point. Whoever wishes to be the "greatest" in the Kingdom of Heaven must be last and servant of all. He illustrates with a child. If a believer welcomes a child in Jesus name, welcomes one who has no influence, one who bears no gifts, one who does not advance your career, then the believer has welcomed Jesus and God. Our duty dear Christian is not to be first in the door of heaven, but to make sure that others get there.

May the Holy Spirit increase in your wisdom and humility that your anger may be changed to blessing.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS

SPEARMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S STATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

Spearman Independent School District will hold a public meeting on October 9, 2006 at 7 p.m. in the Spearman High School Library, 403 East 11th Avenue, Spearman TX 79081. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's performance under each of the 21 indicators of the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST). Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The FIRST Ratings are based upon analysis of staff and student data reported for the 2004-2005 school year, budgetary and actual financial data for the 2005 fiscal year (ending August 31, 2005). The FIRST rating system was developed by the Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999. The primary goal of the FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of the school district's financial resources.

PUBLIC HEARING

Date: October 9, 2006
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Spearman High School Library
Subject: Financial Management Report



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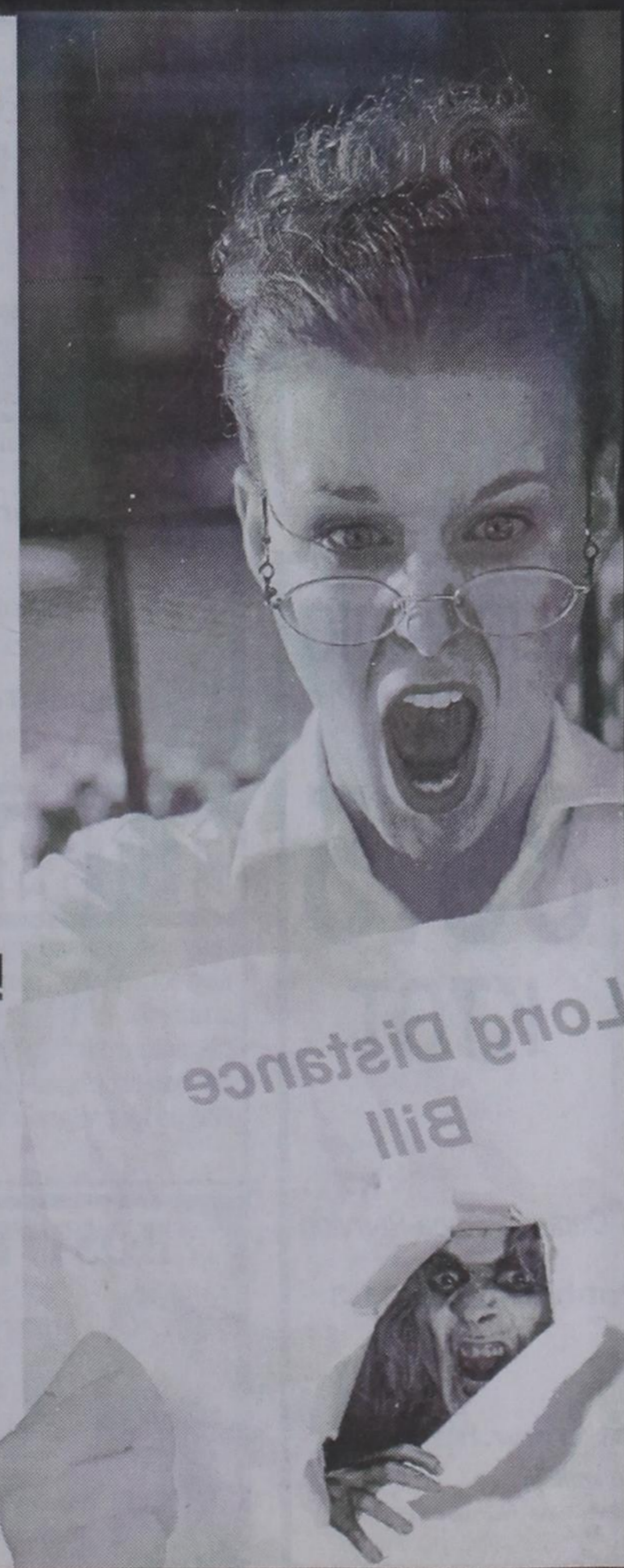
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Meetings & Minutes

SPEARMAN ISD

The Board of Trustees of the Spearman Independent School District met in a Regular Meeting at 7 p.m. on September 11, 2006 in the High School Library.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dwayne Mitchell, President of the Board of Trustees, announced that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In honor of the fallen victims of September 11.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

A special recognition to introduce and to welcome the new professional employees for the 2006-2007 school year provided time for Board members to get acquainted with the new staff members. New teachers include Amber Barnes, Treva Braun, Jolene Clement, Nan Cook, Lexy Glass, Leslie Harman, Jim Reeves, Sandra Reeves, Leana Walker, Shane Whiteley, Chad Wilkerson, and Scott Wilkerson.

Mark Sheets and Mark Allen, former Board members, were recognized for their service to the Spearman I.S.D. Board of Trustees. Also, recognized were Arturo Cantu for Perfect Attendance for 2005-2006, Ellen Graham on her retirement, and Bill Belger for being selected as the Region 16 TASSP Secondary Principal of the Year.

HEAR FROM PATRONS OR STAFF

A parent addressed the Board concerning the issue of students taking medication belonging to another family member when they have the same illness or being given medication that is over a year old that could possibly show up positive in a drug test.

ACTION ITEM(S)

- Approved consent items:
 - Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 14, 2006 and the Budget Hearing/Called Meeting of August 28, 2006.
 - Paying the bills in the amount of \$704,091.80.
 - The gas and diesel bid was awarded to Golden Spread Sales for the month of October 2006.
 - Mr. Dodd and the first grade teachers provided information via a PowerPoint presentation and discussion on the first grade schedule for the 2006-2007 school year. They provided information as to why the schedule is set up with only one recess due to working around time frames involving special programs, music and P.E.
 - Selected Glen Ray Mackie as the Board representative to replace Bob Boxwell on the District Education Improvement Committee for a two-year term

ending in 2008.

- Approved Bill Belger, Shane Whiteley, Garry Dodd and Rodney Sumner as PDAS appraisers with the appraisal calendar from September 4, 2006 through April 30, 2007.

- Approved the Spearman ISD Crowd Management Policy for 2006-2007. Mr. Sumner said that letters were sent to all elementary and junior high parents explaining the District's expectations of behavior at extra-curricular events and activities.

- Approved increase in insurance coverage to \$5,000,000.00 for an additional cost of \$5,390.00 and asked the insurance agent to come back with costs of increasing coverage to \$10,000,000.00.

- Suspended Section 6.2 of the random drug test policy for the remainder of the current school year due to an ambiguity created by the District in sending parents conflicting information about off-campus notification by law enforcement. The Student Random Drug Policy was left in place and will be enforced according to Board policy; however, 6.2 (only) was suspended for the remainder of the school year in the effort to be fair to all involved. The Board indicated that they would like to address this provision again next spring in order to make the necessary changes to go into effect to start the 2007-2008 school year.

- Discussed the Kindergarten enrollment and staffing needs due to the large kindergarten class. The Board instructed the administration to look into advertising for a kindergarten teacher to see if they get any applicants for this position if needed. Mr. Sumner said they would advertise for the position, but would not hire someone just to ease the number unless the right person could be found. He said that they were at a dilemma for classroom space and would have to make space if a suitable candidate was hired. Mr. Sumner added that other options were being considered to help the classroom teachers work with the increased number of students at the kindergarten level.

- Declared items found in buildings to be demolished as surplus, and authorized Larry Murphy to dispose of these items in the best interest of the school district.

- Authorized Larry Murphy to negotiate the demolition of the house at 421 Dressen.

- Approved the Hansford County Appraisal District Budget for 2006-2007.

- Approved resolution to remove Mark Sheets, former Board member, and to add Dwayne Mitchell, Board President, to the signature

card for the Gibner Trust.

- Approved changes made to the campus handbooks for the High School, Junior High and Gus Birdwell Elementary, the Student Code of Conduct and the Employee Handbook.

- A questionnaire was reviewed from Region 16 ESC to rank the topics for School Board training.
- Approved purchasing fifty 8-foot cafeteria tables for the new cafeteria at a cost of \$24,000.00.

INFORMATION ITEM(S)

- The student enrollment of Spearman ISD is 759 on September 11, 2006.

- Set the date of Monday, September 18, 2006 for the Board Planning and Goal Setting Workshop to be held at the Palo Duro River Authority conference room.

- Mr. Sumner reviewed the ACT College Readiness Report for Spearman ISD which reflects the achievement of graduates on the ACT for the period from 2001-2002 through 2005-2006 showing an indication of the extent to which students are prepared for college-level work.

CONSIDER ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF CAROLINE KENEALY

- Accepted the resignation of Caroline Kenealy effective September 11, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 11:29 p.m.

CITY OF GRUVER

The Gruver City Commission met in regular session on September 13th at 5 pm at the Gruver City Hall with the following members present:

Mayor Mark Irwin, Commissioner Chad Logsdon, Commissioner Johnnie Williams, City Manager Linda Weller.

Also present were: City Secretary Kayla McLennan, Director of Public Works Mark Washburn, Police Chief Dee Mayfield, Fire Chief Sam Gruver, Jake McCullough, Kevin Babbs and George Reust Jr. with G & G Electronics.

Upon a motion by Chad Logsdon, seconded by Johnnie Williams, the City Commission approved the minutes as written for the August 16, 2006 meeting with a

unanimous vote of 3/0.

Upon a motion by Johnnie Williams, seconded by Chad Logsdon, the City Commission approved the bills for the month of August 2006 as presented with a unanimous vote of 3/0 with the exception of Mark Irwin not approving payments to Gruver Ford or Gruver State Bank.

Upon a motion by Johnnie Williams, seconded by Chad Logsdon, the City Commission approved an ACH ODFI Originator Agreement with Gruver State Bank. Mark Irwin abstained.

Upon a motion by Johnnie Williams, seconded by Mark Irwin, the City Commission approved casting a vote for Greg Ingham to serve as Board of Trustee for the TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool with a unanimous vote of 3/0.

The City Commission discussed entering into a contract with West Texas Gas for the purchase of Natural Gas. No action was taken.

Upon a motion by Chad Logsdon, seconded by Mark Irwin, the City Commission approved an Accounting Procedures Policy for the City of Gruver with a unanimous vote of 3/0.

The City Commission reviewed the City of Gruver Investment Policy, no changes were recommended.

Upon a motion by Mark Irwin, seconded by Johnnie Williams, the City Commission passed Resolution #07-06 recognizing September as being National Preparedness Month with a unanimous vote of 3/0.

Upon a motion by Mark Irwin, seconded by Chad Logsdon, the City Commission passed Resolution #08-06 denying the rate increase proposed by the Southwestern Public Service Company and requiring the reimbursement of Municipal rate case expenses with a unanimous vote of 3/0.

The City Commission discussed possible radio purchases to improve response capabilities for Gruver EMS.

Upon a motion by Chad Logsdon, seconded by Johnnie Williams, the City Commission approved amendments to the FY 05-06 annual budget with a unanimous vote of 3/0.

The City Commission conducted a public hearing for the FY 06-07 annual budget and tax rate.

Upon a motion by Mark Irwin, seconded by Chad Logsdon, the City Commission passed Ordinance #316 Adopting a Budget for the FY 06-07 with a unanimous vote of 3/0.

Upon a motion by Mark Irwin, seconded by Johnnie Williams, the City Commission passed Ordinance #317 Adopting the 2006 Tax Rate with a unanimous vote of 3/0.

of Update 78; House Bill 1200 information; Finance Report - Revenue/Expenditure

Motion by Traci Venneman, seconded by Lee Bob Harper to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

GLADIOLA FLOWER CLUB

The Gladiola Flower Club met September 7, 2006 at Judy's Place. Dickie Allen was hostess.

JoNell Sheets gave an interesting program on her and Claude's recent trip to Africa. She also had pictures and some jewelry that she brought back.

President Muriel Boyd called the meeting to order. Roll call was answered with "Things that keep me busy..." The treasurer's report was given.

Pecan sales were discussed, and it was decided to sell them again this year.

The home tour was also discussed. Dickie and Pam will be in charge of publicity. Wanda will be in charge of Hostess gifts.

Home-grown flower was won by Virginia Trindle and specimen was won by Dorothy Buzzard.

Those present were: Norma Jean Mackie, Kathleen Sutton, Estelle Jackson, Pam Schnell, Wanda Brown, Margarette Evans, Judy Nelson, Eloise Renner, Dorothy Buzzard, Betty Jean Davis and guest JoNell Sheets.

The next meeting will be a field trip to Lake Tanglewood with Norma Jean Mackie serving as hostess.

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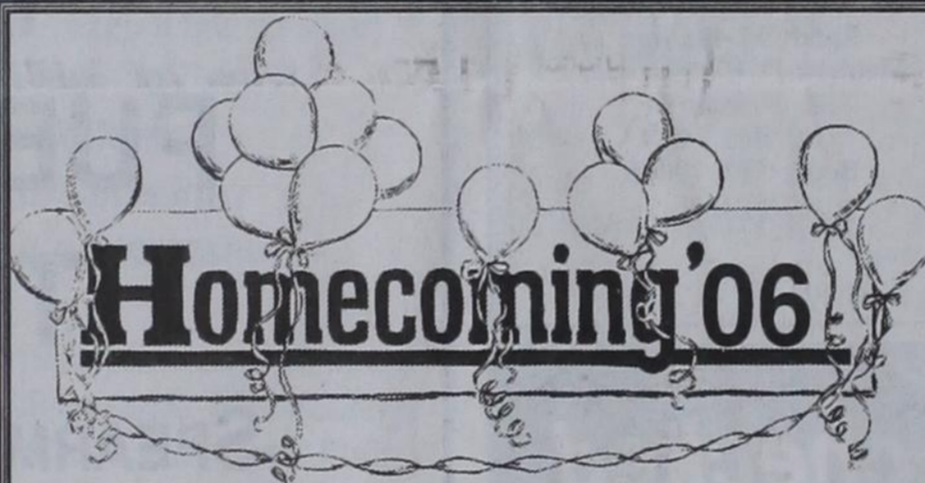
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- Do not drink alcohol. You don't want to gain weight, get zits, or zone out on the big test. Say "no" however you want to. But saying no may be the best decision you make. Besides, it's illegal for you to drink.
- Don't get in the car with anyone who has been drinking. Even a little bit.

If you really want to be independent and think for yourself, what is more "alternative;" drinking alcohol because everyone else does or choosing not to drink? There is a radical theory out there that says you don't have to drink to have a good time.

- If you think about drinking because you are bored, then you aren't really trying that hard to find something else to do.
- If you think about drinking to escape your problems, the problem will still be there and you might create other problems like saying or doing something you might regret.
- If you think drinking will make it easier to meet people, people aren't meeting the real you anyway, so what's the point?

Underage drinking is more likely to kill more young people than all illegal drugs combined. And you shouldn't be surprised when we tell you that alcohol is a factor in the three leading causes of death for teens: homicides, suicides and unintentional deaths like car crashes, alcohol poisoning and drowning. Just think about your friends and your school - how many bad things have happened as a result of alcohol?

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Keith Sumner (72), Brynr Garnett (81) and Nic Cenicerros (77) move in on a Texhoma Red Devil during Friday night's game.. Photo by Gary Smith

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Aaron Maestas (40) blocks for Roberto Flores (22). Flores rushed for a total of 182 yards against Texhoma. photo by Gary Smith

Gruver Hounds

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The Greyhound offensive line protects quarterback Diego Luciano (4) during Friday nights game against Panhandle. Photo by Charlie Johnson

by Dorothy Hudson

Out At The Lake



Frank Edwards' picture of a Burrowing Owl chick.

Lake Level--September 18, 2006--18.73 feet (-0.23)

Jim reported 2 small rains that together didn't add to a quarter inch. However, the Park is very green and pretty.

A pipeline inspector and his wife have left after spending 3 weeks at the Park. This Louisiana couple really enjoyed the wild life. They said weekdays were best to see the deer and turkeys, as the people that came weekends kept them away. They tried to walk the Nature Trail every morning. To camp at the Park meant he had to keep driving farther each day with his work, but they felt it was worth it.

There were nearly 20 campers at the Park this weekend. The Top of Texas Airstream Club and The Loners on Wheels both had groups. The Loners, mostly from Amarillo, are women who had camped with their husbands. After they became widows, they continued camping.

Francis Biles also made reservations for a group from Spearman. This may have been in connection with the Church of Christ having the shelter Sunday at noon.

Jim said a 6-point buck came out of a little draw and ran side by side with him and then crossed in front of his vehicle one early morning. The sun was on the antlers which looked blood red.

The little burrowing owl chick is the last of the four Frank Edwards pictures we have. He shot it at a prairie dog town north of Gruver. The long legged, short tailed little burrowing owl is usually the only owl we see out and around in the daylight.

They pick a deserted prairie dog hole for their home. Rattlesnakes prey on both the dogs and owls in a prairie dog town. In defense the owls have learned to imitate the sound of rattlesnakes.



Zack Nollner (33) doesn't quit - he grabbed the ankle of this Red Devil, breaking his run. photo by Tami Hargrove



Chandler Miner (15) wards off a Panhandle Panther during Friday nights game in Gruver. Photo by Charlie Johnson

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