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IN THE NEWS

WORLD NEWS

Israeli Forces Strike Gaza
 GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — An Israeli helicopter fired two missiles in Gaza City after nightfall Wednesday, one at a building in the Zeitoun neighborhood, witnesses said, setting a fire.

Al-Sadr Takes Najaf Deal
 NAJAF — Radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr accepted a peace plan Wednesday for Najaf that would disarm his militiamen and remove them from a holy shrine where they are hiding out, according to a spokesman. However, Al-Sadr wanted to negotiate how the deal would be implemented.

Al-Qaeda Concerns
 SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — Salvadoran authorities are working with the FBI and other international organizations to investigate alleged al-Qaeda threats against El Salvador for its support of the U.S.-led mission in Iraq, police said.

Two Die in Abu Ghraib Brawl
 BAGHDAD — U.S. military police shot and killed two detainees and wounded five others in an effort to put down a massive brawl that broke out Wednesday at the notorious Abu Ghraib prison facility west of the Iraqi capital.

Pakistan Hunt Goes Public
 ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan published photos Wednesday in newspapers across the country of six terror suspects — including a senior al-Qaeda operative — it says were behind attempts to assassinate the nation's president and offered a large reward for their capture.

China Urges Nuke Talks
 BEIJING — China appealed to North Korea on Tuesday to join working meetings before a new round of six-party talks on dismantling its nuclear program, despite the North's declaration that it saw no point in attending.

Arafat Admits "Mistakes"
 RAMALLAH, West Bank — Yasser Arafat admitted to "mistakes" and promised to rein in corruption, but lawmakers complained that a long-awaited speech by the Palestinian leader Wednesday fell far short of expectations, offering no way out of the current chaos plaguing the Palestinian territories.

State Dept. Presses Case Against Iran
 WASHINGTON — The Bush administration will end using diplomacy to try to end Iran's drive for nuclear weapons, but there is no sign yet that Iran — or North Korea — has decided to follow Libya's lead and abandon its dangerous goal, a senior Bush administration official said Tuesday.

Possible Flaw in Evidence
 ALBANY, N.Y. — A key piece of evidence against a jailed mosque leader accused of supporting terrorism has come into question, with federal prosecutors acknowledging that a note found in a terrorist camp may have been mistranslated.

Reality Sets In After Hurricane
 PUNTA GORDA, Fla. — Still smarting over the loss of their homes, Hurricane Charley's victims turned out by the hundreds in 90-degree heat Tuesday to cope with the storm's latest blow to their lives — the mass shutdown of businesses that has left them without jobs.

Mystery Illness Hits Lake Erie
 PUT-IN-BAY, Ohio — A mysterious illness on Lake Erie's South Bass Island has sickened dozens of tourists and residents, baffling health officials who are searching for a connection. EPA workers plan to take more well samples today.

Many Skeptical of War Effort
 WASHINGTON — Public opinion favored President Bush's decision to go to war in Iraq about 2-to-1 soon after Saddam Hussein's capture, but months of chaos and casualties have taken a heavy toll on public support for the war.

WASHINGTON NEWS

Senators Pitch Intel Changes
 Two influential Senate Republicans are putting forward competing proposals to change the intelligence community's leadership structure, despite words of caution from top Pentagon officials.

Welcome But Wary of al-Sadr
 The Bush administration reacted cautiously Wednesday to reports that the radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr had accepted a peace plan to end fighting in Najaf.

GOP Rep.: Iraq Unjustified
 LINCOLN, Neb. — A top Republican congressman has broken from his party in the final days of his House career, saying he believes the U.S. military assault on Iraq was unjustified and the situation there has deteriorated into "a dangerous, costly mess."

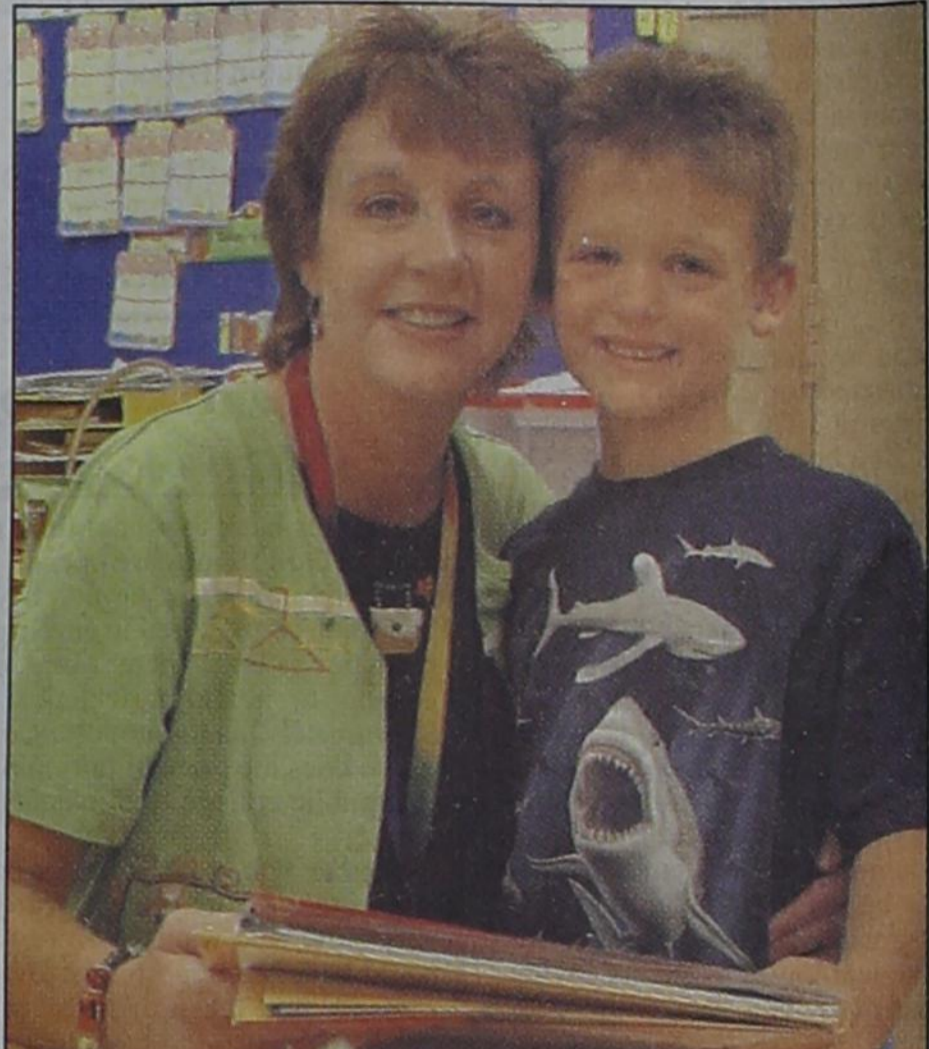
Gitmo Lawyers Dispute Tactics
 Four war crime defendants held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, are expected to challenge the conditions of their interrogations, the senior official overseeing their tribunals said Tuesday.

TEXAS NEWS

Texas Army National Guard Troops Mobilized
 Fort Worth — The largest combat mobilization of Texas Army National Guard troops since World War II is underway. Statewide, about 3,000 members of the 56th Brigade of the Guard are preparing for deployment in Iraq. About 600 soldiers reported for duty this week at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base.

Texas Schools Adding Random Drug Testing
 Houston — Schools across Texas are adding random drug testing and increased locker inspections this year, officials say. At least three school districts in the Houston area will begin random drug testing this year. One company that provides testing for Texas schools has signed up nearly 30 districts across the state.

For full coverage of these and other stories, visit www.usatoday.com.



"I like school, and I love my teacher," Spearman kindergarten student Dylan Kemp says. Dylan and his teacher Jan Howard go over the day's assignment as the class learns colors.



Tuesday was Red Day for Spearman kindergarten students (left to right) Josh Coffey, Zariah Arzate, and Erin Wiggins who display their colorings of red items. The kindergartners began their first day of school Monday.

Local Schools Post First Day Enrollment

by Harletta Carthel

School bells rang at both Spearman and Gruver Schools Monday while Pringle Morse School began classes Thursday, August 19. Enrollment figures at both Spearman and Gruver reflected a slight drop from first day figures from last year.

Spearman listed 735 students with 350 in elementary (does not include pre-k), 155 in junior high and 230 in high school.

Gruver's first day enrollment was 395 with 150 in elementary (pre k- 4th), 117 in junior high, and 128 in high school.

First day enrollment in Spearman schools last year were 352 in elementary, 158 in junior high, and 218 in high school for a total of 728.

Gruver school numbers for last year were 148 in elementary, 134 in junior high, and 119 in high school for a total of 401.

Figures for Pringle Morse were not available at press time and will be published next week.

Gruver ISD First Day Enrollment	Spearman ISD First Day Enrollment
2004 - 395	2004 - 735
2003 - 401	2003 - 728
2001 - 391	2002 - 751
2000 - 433	2001 - 739
1994 - 487	2000 - 740
	1994 - 855



Austin Cunningham, center field, making a spectacular catch of a line drive hit over his head during the fifth inning. Helotes won the game 2-1 against the Latin America champions, Venezuela, bring their record to 2-0 in the Senior League Baseball World Series.

Cunningham Plays in Senior League Baseball World Series

Austin Cunningham may have made it to the Big Apple a couple of times, but he has never been to Maine - until now.

The National Senior All-Stars from the Greater Helotes Little League, fresh off a dominating 5-0 run in the Southwest Senior Regional tournament, are competing in the Senior Little League World Series in Bangor, Maine.

Helotes opened against the Netherlands on Sunday, defeating them 5-2.

They took on Venezuela of Latin America, winning 2-0, on Monday.

Helotes is a team of 15-16-year-olds from O'Connor, Taft and Warren high schools in San Antonio. They outscored their opponents 72-14 in five games during the Southwest regional tournament.

In All-Star play, Helotes has put up a 14-0 record and has hit .355 as a team. Four of the 13 players are hitting .400 or better. Six American teams — host Bangor did not have to qualify like the five others — and four international teams began pool play Sunday.

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Gus Birdwell Elementary Welcomes New Principal

by Harletta Carthel

Spearman kindergartners shared an experience Monday with Principal Garry Dodd. It was the first day of class at Gus Birdwell School for both.

Dodd, former assistant principal of a third and fourth grade campus at Mount Pleasant (100 miles north of Dallas), enjoyed his first class day as principal of Spearman Elementary.

"When we were looking for a home here, everyone told us how outgoing, welcoming, and friendly Spearman people were," Dodd said. "Now that we are here, I find it's true. It is so homey, it's great."

Dodd is familiar with Spearman from his early life in Stinnett where he lived and attended school until seventh grade.

Although his family moved to Wyoming, they eventually returned to Texas, and Dodd graduated from Winnsboro High School.

He attended East Texas State University for two years before opening his own business, a Pizza Inn restaurant which he operated for 14 years. He returned to East Texas State (now Texas A&M University at Commerce) for his Bachelors degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, and again in 2000 for his Principal's Certification.

During his final year of study at the university, he worked concurrently as assistant principal.

As the head of Spearman Elementary, Dodd's goals is for all students to be successful and happy, and to learn.



Garry Dodd is the new principal at Gus Birdwell Elementary in Spearman.

"It is important to me that both the students and the staff have a great year," Dodd said.

Dodd and his wife Debbie, who is a sixth grade science and social studies teacher at Spearman Junior High, are both veteran teachers. Dodd has over eight years of experience as a fifth grade reading and language arts teacher while Debbie has taught second grade for thirteen years.

The couple has two daughters. Their oldest daughter Bree Bakke was married in July and is a third grade teacher at McKinney. Daughter Talia is a student at the University of North Texas.

While Dodd states that his interests are traveling, reading, and yard work, he adds with a smile, "Please don't look at my yard yet, I just haven't had time."



Burnin' rubber. Lindsey Clift (left) and Liz Lopez, do "wheelies" as they work their way through an early morning cross country practice Tuesday in Gruver.

WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY - Cloudy. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms then a chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 80s. East winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the northwest in the afternoon. Chance of showers and thunderstorms 30 percent.

THURSDAY NIGHT - Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 60. North winds 5 to 10 mph.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.

SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

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SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

ET CETERA

Hansford County

Hansford Golf Club Day/Night Tournament
The Hansford Golf Club held its annual Day/Night Tournament on Saturday, August 14, 2004. Forty people participated in the tournament that began the day round at 6:00 p.m. and finished up the night round at approximately 12:30 a.m. Hamburgers were served in between rounds to all of the players. For those who may not be familiar with this format, the daytime round is played with traditional golfing equipment, but the night round uses golf balls that have small "glow sticks" in the centers. Larger "glow sticks" are placed on the flag sticks, and small "glow-in-the-dark" disks are placed in the bottom of each cup to help players locate pin placement in the dark.

Winners of this year's tournament in the Championship Flight were the team consisting of Billy Kelly, Freddy Walton, Justin Boyd and Hank Sutterfield. The first flight winners were Kyle Irwin, Toby Wynn, Brent Stedje and John Haynes. Second flight winning team included Charlie Salgado, Danny Parker, Jan Hartsell and Arizando Martinez.

Closest to the pin winners for the tournament were Chad Logsdon, Lance Kemp and Michael Lusby. Even though the evening round was a little cool and windy, the crowd seemed to have a great time. Thanks to Curtis Covington for serving as this year's chair of the event!

Spearman

Condolences Expressed
The community's sympathy is expressed to the family of Don Kunselman.

Mr. Kunselman was a wonderful, hard-working man who loved his family and his community. He will be greatly missed.

Fisher Bids "Hello"

Zack B. Fisher sent an update

on his mother, Helen Fisher. Helen moved to Memphis last month so she would be closer to her son.

Zack states that Helen is doing fine, but misses her friends and being able to visit with them from time to time.

He also said that she appears to be in a little better health.

He said the nursing home keeps her busy playing bingo, and that she is getting whipped by another lady in dominoes on a daily basis.



Chelcie Bonham Departs for Denmark

Chelcie Bonham recently departed to Denmark as a student foreign ambassador. Chelcie will spend the next eleven months completing her junior year at the Academy of Sorø. (Sorø is located on an island approximately 80 kilometers west of Copenhagen.)

Chelcie is traveling with American Field Service. She has been preparing by learning the Danish language as all of her academic classes will be taught in Danish.

Chelcie communicated with her host family via e-mail prior to her departure. The Pedersen family consists of Keld (father), a manager at a biotech company; Nané (mother), a textile designer and homemaker; and two children, Eric and Eva. The Pedersen family speaks several different languages and have lived in Indonesia for the past four years. They have returned home to Denmark and are excited about hosting Chelcie.

Chelcie will return home in June 2005, and will complete her senior year at Canyon High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, and the Canyon High School Soccer Team.

She is the daughter of

Thomas and April Newton of Canyon and Jeff Bonham of Gruver. She is the granddaughter of Jimmy Joe and Bonnie Bonham of Gruver, Sam and Debbie Abston of Spearman, and Patty and Jerry Black from Grand Junction, CO.

Brown Family Reunion

The descendants of Lovic Pierce Brown and Hollie Bell Wilson Brown gathered in Spearman recently for a Brown Family Reunion. The Browns originated in Arkansas eventually moving west and settling in Ochiltree County, Tx. To this union were born seven girls, Ethel Cookston, Myrtle Russell, Tressie Maize, Bertie Birdwell, Edith Ferguson, Irene Close and Holly Riley; and two boys, Bill & Lee Brown.

The festivities began on Thursday evening, August 12th, with a cook-out hosted by Anne Riley Northcutt and husband Pat who invited the family to their farm near Spearman for a wonderful evening of food fun and fellowship. Idella Close Randall hosted the family for a lovely dinner and visiting on Friday evening. Saturday hosts were Don & Lynanne Maize. The family enjoyed much reminiscing with the telling of tall tales and the viewing of old pictures of the various families and prior reunions. A wonderful and fun-filled week-end was had by all those attending.

Those attending from Spearman were Don & Lynanne Maize, Idella Close Randall, Cecilia Randall, June and Earl Spencer, Billy and Joan Brown. Out of town guests were Anne and Pat Northcutt, Amarillo; Wanda Brown, Midland; Billy and Wanda Close, Sunray; Wayne Ferguson, Lewisville; Tommy Ferguson, Stinnett; Susan Wilmore, Ulysses Ks; Tammi, Peyton & Slade Simpson, Borger.

Gruver

Stedje to Teach in Texhoma
Becky Stedje has been hired to teach in the Texhoma School

District this year. Becky, husband Lee and son John reside in Gruver.

Jenschke Named Top Coach

Cami (Shapley) Jenschke, softball coach of Cedar Park High School, north of Austin, has been named the Central Texas Softball Coach of the Year for 2004.

This honor comes on top of Jenschke being named Williamson County Coach of the Year.

Jenschke, in her first year as head coach at Cedar Park, guided her girls softball team to the quarterfinals of regional play.

Jenschke is a 1987 graduate of Gruver High School and the daughter of Tony and LaNetta Shapley.

Condolences Expressed

The community's sympathy is with the family of Joyce Duncan whose memorial service was Tuesday.

Mrs. Duncan was one of the sweethearts of Gruver and was a seamstress supreme.

Clift Runs for WTAMU

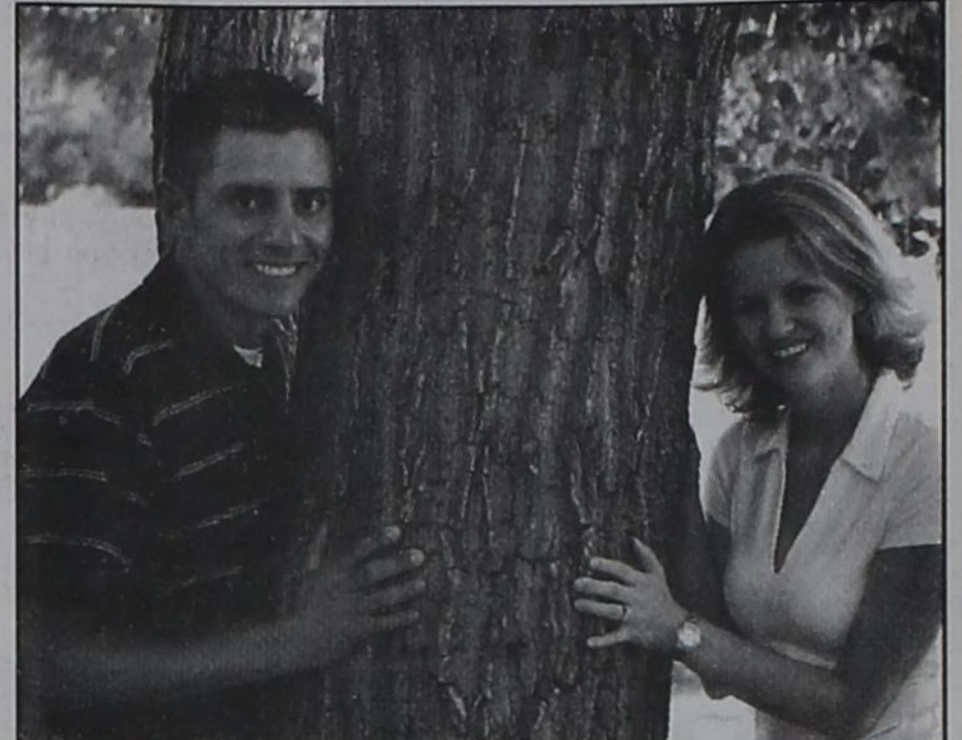
Christi Clift, a 2003 graduate of Gruver High School, is a member of the West Texas A&M University Cross Country team.

Clift, a sophomore at the university, was a walk on who won a scholarship in cross country for the upcoming season. She was an outstanding member of the Lady Hound track and basketball teams.



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Engagement Announcement

Engaged to marry on Saturday, September 4, 2004 are Brandi Jo Lee and Mario Puentes. The ceremony will be held at the Church of Christ in Spearman.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. Kenneth Lee of Noble, OK and Mrs. Lisa Unruh of Spearman. She is a graduate of Wayne High School in Wayne, OK and Frank Phillips College in Borger with a degree in cosmetology.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benito Puentes of Spearman. He is a graduate of Spearman High School and is employed with Venable's Construction Co. in Dumas.

Superintendent's Corner

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I look forward to the 2004-2005 school year with much enthusiasm. I have asked the staff to join me in re-kindling the flame and to remain focused on the students we serve. The new school year is a time to start over. The past is the past, and what is important is what we do now!

Dreams can come true. It doesn't matter who you are or what part of town you come from, the opportunity is there. We tell our students that they can become anything they want to become; however, they have to work at it.

I ask that you join us this year at school and at school events to see our students grow and blossom into young adults. I hope that you, too, will be as proud of them as I am. There is nowhere better than the Spearman Schools. The staff and I are proud that we are associated with the BEST kids in the world!

Please join us for a Wedding Shower

honoring

Lindsay (Korell) & Rob Schnell
on Saturday, August 28, 2004

from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

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Bridal Registry

Kena Freeman & Andrew Martin - Aug. 21, Morse

Lindsay (Korell) & Robert Schnell - Aug. 28

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by Dorothy Hudson

Out At The Lake



Mark Brown is pictured with a 7.5-pound bass that he caught at Lake Palo Duro.

Lake Level--August 9, 2004--35.92 feet (-0.37)

Lake Level--August 16, 2004--35.55 feet

In his Monday morning report on August 9th, Jim said a little water was running into the lake from the Palo Duro Creek. It had started, according to Ryan Buschman, Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. The office gauge showed .60 from the Saturday night rains.

Friday and Saturday (August 6th & 7th) night campers were the Johnny and Ronnie Williams families, and David Miner, Buster Davis, and Steve Ryan families, all from Gruver.

The children of Robert Novak, former member and President of the PDRA, have donated his collection of a mounted bobcat, a fox head, and two deer heads with antlers to be used in the office building at the Park.

When Jim raised his garage door this morning to release his dog Scooter, the dog saw a bobcat on the pavement. Knowing his job as Chief of Security, Scooter immediately gave chase. The bobcat seemed unconcerned and sauntered on, but when Scooter got close, he turned and made a swipe at him. The dog yelped and turned tail momentarily, but then regained his composure and chased again. This off and on chase continued until Scooter felt he

had ejected the cat from the territory close to the office and house.

Three weeks ago, we theorized that the horned lizard population was increasing. A recent Amarillo Globe-News headline confirmed this saying "Horned lizard population on rise in Panhandle." Rich Kazmaier, assistant professor at WTAMU, has researched horned lizards for nine years. With a doctorate in zoology, Kazmaier is a vertebrate ecologist, and it is his research that proves the headline.

When a group discusses horned lizards, someone will always ask, "is it true that these lizards can squirt blood from their eyes?" While it seems like more of a tall tale than the truth, according to Wade C. Sherbrooke's "Unique Reptiles of Western North America," horned lizards can actually do this when sufficiently provoked. Since it is rare for them to shoot blood at humans, few can describe this event from experience. Interestingly, the horned lizard can shoot blood from either eye or forward or backward for a distance of 4 feet. How do they do this? I'll report more next week on this fascinating reptile.

Light showers fell at the lake three different days during the week of August 9th-15th. None put more than .20 in the gauge, but the grass is green and still growing.

Camping was slow, but the Brandvik family had the shelter on Saturday for their annual family reunion. The Spearman Church of Christ had the shelter Sunday evening.

Fishing varied. Mark Brown, pictured with his nice bass caught at night midweek on spinner-bait, was one of the winners. Joey Sharp had Jim weigh a blue cat that tipped the scales at 17.5-pound.

There are quite a few bobcat sightings in various areas of the Park, but more seem to be seen at the bridge. There is a deep cave close to it that they may be using.

Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

The Union Church of Spearman brought services to the Manor on the afternoon of the 8th. Thank you for sharing your time and the word of God with us.

Monday morning was an informative Newscurrents program. Several residents attended and there were several topics covered. Some of the topics covered we discussed and decided it would have been better left unsaid!! You know there are times that you just really did not need to know something such as tearing down an icon of country music.

The afternoon was spent in the activity room in our Life Enrichment class. It was very interesting since it was comparing our personalities to different animals such as a lion. The discussion was that if you knew yourself better you could act and react in more positive manners. I find that I always could have done better if I had taken time to think. Bet none of you are like that though.

That evening the Gladiola Flower Club hosted bingo for the residents. Thank you to each of you. Speaking of the Gladiola Flower Club--Virginia Trindle has brought some of the biggest dahlias out of her garden up here that I have ever seen. They are beautiful!! JoNell Sheets has been bringing us buckets of fresh cut flowers this summer also and I just envy the beauty of them. She has such a large variety of flowers! Thank you to both of you ladies for brightening our facility with your beautiful garden flowers. We appreciate them.

Tuesday morning we rounded up 20 residents with the help of Claudine Laxton, Trevor Tindell, Melissa Lesly, June Weant, Cindy Beck, Angie Salgado, and Liz Hartzell and went out to lunch at the El Vaquero at Gruver. We were met there by Jerry Hunt, Gerry Davis, and Kay Robinson. We had a wonderful lunch. We enjoyed the food and the visits from many friends from times gone by.

After lunch we took a drive up north around Palo Duro Lake. The countryside was fresh from the rain the night before

and was a very pleasant drive. When we returned, we gathered in the living room to watch a video loaned to us by Ralph Blodgett. When that was over we had a guest from Perryton, Coy Bennett that played beautiful music on his harmonica and a didgeridoo. I had never seen one before and had to ask what it was. It makes beautiful music!

Wednesday morning donuts were shared with the residents as well as the Word of God. We had Bible reading in the living room and beautiful piano music afterwards.

The afternoon was spent in the activity room working on ceramics. Several pieces have been fired once now and they are looking really good.

Thursday morning we spent the whole morning exercising to music with little info breaks interspersed in between.

The afternoon was spent in one of the favorite pass-times--Bingo!! Thank you to the auxiliary for helping.

Friday morning we were back to exercising. Several of us went outdoors also. We watered plants, pruned flowers and generally just policed the area. Residents love the out of doors and are enjoying the courtyard.

After lunch we had a really fun time. We played musical cake walk. The residents travel in a circle throughout the living room and dining room as the

music plays. When it stops, they get on top of the closest number that has been taped to the floor. A number is then drawn from a hat and whoever is on that number wins. I would dare to say that 75% of our residents play this game. We had a great number of volunteers on hand to help so that all who wanted to play could. It was a great week!

Summer Crops, Research Shine at Bushland Field Day, August 31st

BUSHLAND - At this year's Summer Crops Field Day on August 31, potential solutions to production problems will be presented.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Field tours will begin at 9:15 a.m. with scientists, engineers and Extension specialists discussing their latest research.

A noon luncheon will feature a keynote address on agricultural and area economic conditions. Dr. Nolan Clark, director of the USDA Laboratory at Bushland, will discuss the research milestones achieved during the past 50 years since the founding of the Agricultural Research Service.

In the afternoon, producers will have additional opportunities to see ongoing trials for weed control in sorghum and corn, forage sorghum and silage variety studies, and more, according to co-chairs, Drs. Robert Schwartz, USDA-ARS and Bean.

Continuing education units will be available for Texas certified crop advisors (2.5 CEUs) and Texas Department of Agriculture licensed pesticide applicators (2 CEUs).

For information, contact Bean at (806) 677-5600 or Schwartz at (806) 356-5762.

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PALO DURO RIVER AUTHORITY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The Palo Duro River Authority will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2004 on August 31, 2004 at 7:00 PM at the Palo Duro River Authority office. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Arthur Davidson, D.V.M., Howard Diedrichsen, Jack Lane, Jay Goodwin, Kevin Glover, P.E., Don Savage, Rod Barkley, Margarette Evans.

AGAINST the proposal: None

ABSENT: C.A. Davis

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	.128081 /\$100	.113321 /\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$.014760/\$100
Percentage decrease in rates		- 11.52%
Average appraised value	\$35,783.00	\$37,205.00
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Average taxable value	\$30,783.00	\$32,205.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 39.43	\$ 36.50
Annual decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted		-\$ 2.93
Percentage of decrease		- 7.43 %

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

NOTICE OF ROLLBACK TAX ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION TAXES)

To the Registered Voters of Pringle-Morse C.I.S.D., Texas:

(A los votantes registrados del Pringle-Morse C.I.S.D., Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on September 11, 2004, for voting in a Rollback election, to determine the tax rate.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 11 de September 11 de 2004 para votar en la Elección para determine los taxes

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCIONES DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Pringle-Morse C.I.S.D.	Pringle-Morse C.I.S.D.
Administration Office	Oficina de Administracion
100 Fifth Street	5 Calle No. 100
Morse, Texas 79062	Morse, Texas 79062

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at (La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

Pringle-Morse C.I.S.D.'s Administration Office/Oficina de Administracion (location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. beginning on August 25, 2004 (date)

(entre las 8 de la mañana y las 4 de la tarde empezando el 25 de agosto, 2004) (fecha)

and ending on September 7, 2004 (date) (y terminando el 7 de septiembre, 2004) (fecha)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)

VeAnn Clark
 (Name of Early Voting Clerk) (Nombre del Secretario(a) de la Votación Adelantada)
PO Box 109
 (Address) (Dirección)
Morse, Texas 79062
 (City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)

September 3, 2004 (date) (fecha)

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows: (La votación adelantada además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

Issued this the 10 day of August, 2004 (Emitada este día 10 de agosto, 2004)

 Signature of Presiding Officer (Oficial que Preside)

Gruver Greyhounds

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 14	Spearman (Scrim.)	Away	6:00
Aug. 20	Clarendon (Scrim.)	Home	TBA
Aug. 27	Boys Ranch	Away	7:30
Sept. 3	Texhoma	Away	7:30
Sept. 10	Panhandle	Home	7:30
Sept. 18	Highland Park	Amarillo	1:00
Sept. 24	*Claude	Home	7:30
Oct. 1	OPEN		
Oct. 8	-Stratford	Away	
Oct. 15	-Vega	Home	7:30
Oct. 22	-Sunray	Away	7:30
Oct. 29	-Booker	Away	7:30
Nov. 5	-White Deer	Home	7:30

* Homecoming - District

Date	Opponent	Team	Site	Time
Sept. 2	Stratford	JH & JV	Away	5:00
Sept. 9	Vega	JH & JV	Home	5:00
Sept. 16	Sunray	JH & JV	Away	5:00
Sept. 23	OPEN			
Sept. 30	White Deer	JH & JV	Home	5:00
Oct. 7	Stratford	JH & JV	Home	5:00
Oct. 14	Vega	JH & JV	Away	5:00
Oct. 21	Sunray	JH & JV	Home	5:00
Oct. 28	Booker	JH only	Home	5:00
Nov. 4	White Deer	JH & JV	Away	5:00

JH games will begin at 5 p.m., and the JV games will begin following the conclusion of the JH games.

Gruver Greyhound 2004 Cross Country Schedule

Date	Opponent
Sept. 4	Borger
Sept. 11	Perryton (Lake Fryer)
Sept. 18	Amarillo (Thompson Park)
Sept. 25	Lubbock
Oct. 2	Sunray
Oct. 9	West Texas A&M (Canyon)
Oct. 16	Canyon
Oct. 25 or 26	District - TBA
Nov. 6	Regionals - Lubbock, Mae Simmons Park
Nov. 13	State - Round Rock, Old Settlers Park

Texas Crop, Weather Report

by Stephanie Jeter

Texas's apple harvest continues, along with its tradition of excellence in quality and taste, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

According to Dr. Larry Stein of Uvalde, Extension horticulturist, Texas may not produce the acreage or yields of the larger apple-growing states such as Washington, New York or California, but it has an earlier harvest date and outstanding quality.

Texas apples are high quality because the state receives so much sunshine, Stein said.

"Sunshine helps grow leaves, which is where the food is manufactured," he said. "That helps give the apples their sweetness."

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: soil moisture is short to surplus with most areas reporting adequate amounts. A midweek cool front with rain was reported. Corn is rated mostly fair to excellent. Cool temperatures and periodic rain have been beneficial for this crop. Spider mite infestations are light. Corn borer moth activity continues. Sorghum is heading and rated mostly fair to good; it could use additional heat. No major pest problems have been reported. Land preparation for wheat planting is under way. Range

conditions are rated mostly fair to good. Cattle are in good body condition; they continue to be pestered by horn flies and mosquitoes.

USDA Seeks Public Comment for CRP

In 2007, 16 million acres under CRP contract will expire. Another 6 million acres will follow in 2008, 4 million in 2009 and 2 million in 2010. President Bush's directive to offer early re-enrollment and extensions of existing contracts to current CRP participants underscores a commitment to full enrollment of CRP up to 39.2 million acres.

A request for public comment on various aspects of CRP will be published in the Federal Register in early August 2004. Among other issues, USDA is seeking public comment on the following:

- How to manage the large acreage set to expire from CRP;
- How to manage future CRP sign-ups and acreage;
- How to evaluate the program's environmental effectiveness;
- How to better utilize information technology such as Geographic Information Systems that evaluate acreage for enrollment; and
- How to improve CRP, including the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, through partnerships that better address local environmental issues.

The Federal Register notice seeking public comment on CRP is available on FSA's Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> and also will be available soon at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>. Comments on the issues must be received in writing by 120 days after the date published in the Federal Register. Comments may be submitted in writing or electronically via the means provided in the notice.



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Stavlo Cook-Off Fundraiser Held

Editor's Note: The following article was written by Sonja L. Gahagan of Co. Kerry Ireland. Gahagan is a Journalist from Ireland, who was visiting with her brother and his family in Guymon, OK. While in Guymon, Gahagan attended the cook-off/fundraiser at the Stavlo Ranch, and submitted the following article. Gahagan writes a weekly column in the Southern Star, published in County Kerry, Ireland.

Indian Battle at Adobe Walls in the 1960's-1870's. In the spirit of his ancestors, he is still offering hospitality that is generous and inspiring.

On Saturday, August 7th, there were over 250 people at the Stavlo Ranch to raise money for a cancer survivor and a young woman waiting on a lung transplant. They raised over \$8,500 with the volunteer efforts of 14 cooks from Spearman, Claude, Lubbock and Gruver. All the wood was donated by Up In Smoke, 72 racks of beef ribs and nine briskets were donated by Seaboard Farms, Texas Farm, and Besner Beef. Ham, pork shoulder and sausage were also prepared all day Saturday as families set up campers to spend the night.

A Country & Western Band, Tim & Ken and the Band with No Name, from Guymon, worked hard all day on Saturday setting up a stage with lights to entertain the crowd in the evening. They played for several hours, and the dancing had just begun when the rains blew

in. I spoke with the band's drummer, Gordon Gahagan, and asked him why he wanted to be a part of this event. Gordon responded, "When I heard what the Stavlo's were doing - raising money for others in need - it was easy to become involved and the band was glad to share our music with everyone who attended. (He added that the band is playing on September 5th at Woodward's Rodeo and on September 11th at Guymon's Boss Fest at Sunset Lake. All are welcome to attend.)

Whether it was the band or the cooks, many families were on hand to join in the fun of the day. Rick Cazares, a welder from Spearman, has been involved with the Stavlo's Cook-Off since the beginning. "I just enjoy seeing others eating and having a good time," said Cazares. "not to mention the women who work hard to make the side dishes and desserts, which complete the meal."

It was an honor to be in the company of all these fine folks, listen to the stories, and see the smiles that flowed throughout the evening. I would like to applaud their efforts, and thank them for their generosity and kindness in sharing the delicious food and excellent music in the spirit of their homeland on the spacious landscapes of the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles. I hope those of you who were not able to attend this year will join in next year as the tradition continues. When we work together, indeed anything is possible!

Thank You

Special thanks to everyone who opened their hearts and made the benefit for Toni Atwood and Mandy Lusby Evans a success. Everyone attending enjoyed the fun, fellowship, music and old-fashioned eating! (Donations are still being accepted for these two ladies.)

Thanks, and God Bless, All The Cooks

The story begins four years ago, at the first cook-off hosted by Paul and Barbara Stavlo, as a fundraiser for the new local Hospice. It was a small group of folks who gathered to cook, eat and socialize while raising money for a good cause in their community. There are about 1,000 folks residing in Gruver and this first event provided entertainment and comradeship between neighbors that often had no opportunity to get together. Over the years, others began to discover this event and joined in the spirit by donating meat, and their time and volunteer efforts toward helping their neighbors.

The Stavlo Ranch has been in the family since World War II, approximately 1943, and was originally a store where the buffalo hunters would stop, have something to eat and spend the night. Paul Stavlo told me "most of the buffalo hides were being shipped to places like England during this period - after the last

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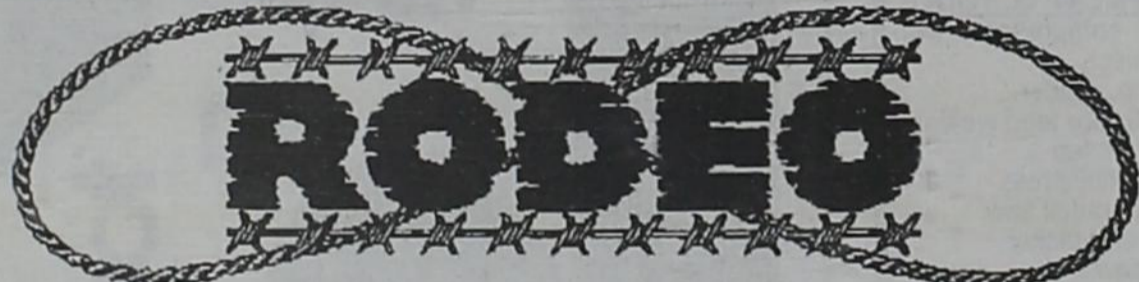
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