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Spearman Holy Week Services

Spearman Holy Week Services starting on April 2nd ending on April 6th. Location is First Christian Church, Spearman. The program/lunch will be open from noon to one.

Scheduled to host:

- Monday - First Baptist Church, Jim Bradley
- Tuesday - Union Church, Steve Hineshaw
- Wednesday - First Christian Church, Daniel Kovalev
- Thursday - Faith Lutheran/Apostolic Faith, Cecil Biggers
- Friday - Assembly of God, Fred Smith

by GasBuddy.com
TexasGasPrices.com

Weekly Update

Texas, March 19- Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 4.8 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.72/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that has increased 4.3 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.80/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 31.8 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 25.3 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 28.6 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 27.9 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"Average retail gasoline prices will likely rise this week, after a surge in wholesale prices late last week," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "Some analysts believe gasoline prices may have peaked, but I am not at all confident in such words. I still maintain that prices will likely not peak until we get closer to the month of May, as a majority of locales around the United States make eventual switch overs to summer spec gasoline," DeHaan said.

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

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs around 80. West winds around 5 mph.

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

FRIDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

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

SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 50.

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

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

MONDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy. Highs in the lower 70s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy. Lows in the mid 40s.

TUESDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s.

Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/forecast/w-Spearman-Texas.html#ixzz1njUmxyhe>

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.

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman will be closed April 10-22, 2012. We will resume regular business hours on Monday, April 23rd. (Regular hours are Monday-Wednesday, 9 a.m.-12 noon and Monday-Tuesday, 1-5 p.m. We are closed on Wednesday afternoon through Friday.)

Items may be submitted by phone (806-659-3434), fax (806-398-9080), mail (Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman TX 79081), or by e-mail (reporter@spearmanreporter.com).

For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 806-659-3434, 806-584-4879, or reporter@spearmanreporter.com

Rest In Peace, Homie
Anthony Hernandez
April 4, 1991-March 6, 2012



Antonio "Tony" Hernandez Dies in Crash Near Stinnett

By Joe Gamm

A 21-year-old Spearman student died when his Toyota Camry collided with a tractor-trailer near Stinnett late Tuesday morning, the Department of Public Safety said.

About 10:45 a.m., Antonio Hernandez was southbound in his 1992 Camry on U.S. Highway 136 three miles south of Stinnett when the vehicle went off the west side of the highway, the DPS said.

Hernandez overcorrected and the Camry went into a slide, then crossed into the north lane where a tractor-trailer tanker struck its passenger side, investigators said.

A justice of the peace pronounced Hernandez dead at the scene. Hernandez was wearing a seat belt. The driver of the tractor-trailer was not injured, the DPS said.

submitted by Christina Dettmer

On Tuesday, March 6, 2012 shock and grief hit Hansford County Hospital District as news quickly spread of the tragic and untimely death of one of our many valued employees, Tony Hernandez. As quickly as the tragic news spread throughout our district, rapidly it spread throughout our community followed by talk of Tony and the fond memories held in the hearts of all those he knew. Through tears of sadness these memories brought smiles as staff, family and community members recalled the hardworking, gentle, considerate and loyal co-worker, friend, sibling and son.

In remembrance of Tony, Hansford County Hospital District held a memorial service on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 where residents and staff gathered together to listen to Anne Snow, Manor Administrator, speak of Tony and the times he shared here at HCHD. With a mix of tears and smiles, residents and staff were then led out to the front of Hansford Manor where each one was given a balloon. After a moment of silence and prayer each balloon was released, floating into the clear blue sky, carrying the memory of a dear friend, brother, and son, to the heights we all know Tony was destined to reach.

Tony will be greatly missed by all who knew him, and even greater still by all who loved him, as Tony was loved by all. Tony was born March 4, 1991 in Los Angeles, California and moved to Spearman four years ago and was employed with HCHD for three of those four years. Tony is survived by his mother, Francisca Hernandez, two brothers and a sister.

Sunday, March 18, 2012 amarillo.com

AMARILLO GLOBE NEWS

Girls Basketball Super Team 2012

Ricky Treon and Lee Passmore / Amarillo Globe-News

Player of the Year
Morgan Ashmore, Spearman

Morgan Ashmore wasn't able to play her entire senior season at Spearman. The Lynettes star injured her non-shooting hand in the championship game of the AAA Tech/Ida, Inc. Tournament of Champions against Canyon.

"It was frustrating, just because you grow up loving and breathing basketball," Ashmore said.

"Especially since it was my senior year, it was kind of a setback, but cheering my team on was better because my team really stepped up."

"It made us better in the long run." Spearman came to expect great play from Ashmore.

The 5-foot-7 guard was named the district newcomer of the year as a freshman and earned all-district and all-state honors each year since.

The team jelled without her, though, and Ashmore returned to a strong team.

"Once I was back, everyone else was a lot better than we were before," Ashmore said. "We all kind of stepped into our roles."

With Ashmore in the mix, the Lynettes advanced to the Region 12A tournament before being ousted by Wall in the semifinals.

Though Ashmore wanted a trip to state her senior year, she is happy with the memories she gathered in four years playing for Spearman.

"It's been a lot of fun," Ashmore said. "I grew up in a small community, and the community support we had for basketball since I was a freshman is insane. It helps out a lot."

— Ricky Treon

First team
Morgan Ashmore
Spearman, Sr., 5-7, guard

Why selected: The District 12A Co-Most Valuable Player overcame an injury at the Ida, Inc. Tournament of Champions to help lead the Lynettes to a Region 12A semifinal game. A four-year varsity player, Ashmore scored 28 points in a Region 12A semifinal loss to Wall.

Second team
Madison McLain
Gower, Sr., 5-9, guard/forward

McLain averaged about 20 points and 10 rebounds during the regular season for the Lady Hawks and was named a District 12A Division I Co-Most Valuable Player.

Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors for March 20, 2012: The region had warm and windy weather with above-average temperatures for most of the week. Soil-moisture levels were mostly very short. Wheat was in poor to very poor condition. Farmers continued preparing fields and were actively irrigating wheat. Rangeland was mostly in very poor to poor condition. Ranchers continued supplemental feeding of cattle.

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Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

A good week with great weather for spring break! We had a steady stream of visitors with parents bringing in their children out on spring break...

been organized into new notebooks and labels printed so they are now proudly displayed in our new bookcase. The public is invited to use them when you are researching your family genealogy/history.

The Wednesday work day was a labeling day. Our archives of obituaries has

We are busy preparing for the first reception of the year. Mark your calendars

for Sunday, March 25th at 2 p.m. We will have a reception for Rebecca Ashley. Her collection of paintings are beautiful scenes of our county.

HISTORICAL MUSINGS

I offer you the following story from the "Panhandle Interstate" as a warning against walking in our cold Panhandle wind.

A young German, who has a claim over on Cat creek, got lost during the cold wave of last Saturday (Jan, 1888), when on his way from A.B. Moore's place to the home of G.A. Mellhop's, two mile distance in a north-east direction.

Howard saw that the German was lost, and tried to get him to come on to town with him, but he would not come. His ears and face were pretty badly frozen.

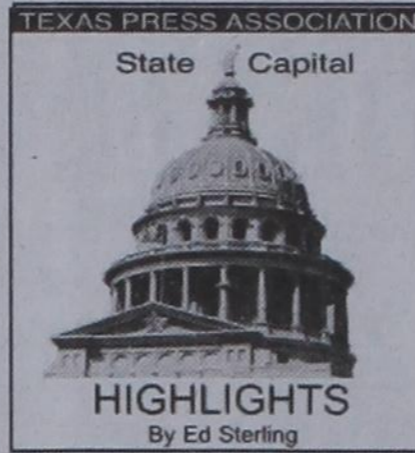
Howard reported the circumstances when he got to town, and it was feared by some that the German might again get lost and freeze to death.

Panhandle Interstate, January 20, 1888.

See you Sunday!

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum. Museum Hours: Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Special hours upon request. Museum Information: 13310 Hwy 305, PO Box 5, Lipscomb TX 79056; telephone: 806-852-2123; e m a i l : wolferk@amaonline.com; website: www.wolfcreekheritagemuseum.org

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS



by Ed Sterling

Washington rejects Texas' voter ID bill

AUSTIN — Texas' new law supporters say is meant to prevent voter fraud got a thumbs-down from the U.S. Department of Justice on March 12.

If the federal government had allowed the law to take effect in its present form, voters would have been required to present a state-approved identification card in addition to their voter registration card at the polls in order to cast a ballot.

Although passed by the Texas Legislature as Senate Bill 14 and signed into law in 2011, the law is subject to a higher level of scrutiny by Section 5 of the U.S. Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Texas' chief elections officer, Secretary of State Hope Andrade, expressed disappointment in the Justice Department's decision but state Attorney General Greg Abbott said the action was "no surprise, given the Obama Administration's denial of a similar law in South Carolina."

Gov. Rick Perry, in a March 12 statement, said the Justice Department "has no valid reason for rejecting this important law, which requires nothing more extensive than the type of photo identification necessary to receive a library card or board an airplane."

On the other hand, Section 5 is in place to hold certain states and other jurisdictions where inequality has been a problem, to more stringent requirements to uphold the 15th Amendment's guarantee that no citizen shall be denied the right to vote on account of race or color.

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Combs touts transparency rating

Texas has received the top ranking for government spending transparency in an annual report on all states issued by the consumer watchdog U.S. Public Interest Research Group, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced March 14.

Combs' office's texas-transparency.org website provides a way for citizens to keep tabs on state and local governmental finances and spending.

Apple to beef up operations here

Gov. Rick Perry on March 9 announced Cupertino, Calif.-based Apple Inc. "will expand its presence in Texas with a \$304 million investment in a new campus in Austin that will create more than 3,600 new jobs."

In exchange for Apple's commitment to create these new jobs in Texas, the state has offered Apple an investment of \$21 million over 10 years through the Texas Enterprise Fund managed by the governor's office.

SUDOKU PRESENTED BY VolunteerMatch.org Where volunteering begins. A 9x9 grid with some numbers filled in.

Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister



In the fifth week of the Season of Lent, we learn of a new covenant between God and the believer and what it means to be a "priest forever after the order of Melchizedek"; we study Jeremiah 31: 27-34, Psalm 51, Hebrews 5: 5-10, and John 12: 20-36.

Jeremiah, known as the 'weeping prophet', delivered a string of judgments to the people; but here he offers a ray of hope. "The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah."

The Psalmist sings a song of the consequence and remedy for sinfulness (probably a Hebrew 'Country/Western song'). Verse 3 shows us that sin causes guilt and remorse. Verse 4 shows us that the sinner is liable to God's judgment.

The writer of Hebrews describes Christ's role as intercessor for our sin by showing Christ as our High Priest. The entirety of Chapter 5 discusses the role of this High Priest. Christ did not glorify himself by becoming High Priest, but was appointed by God.

John tells a story of Jesus being sought after by two Greeks who ask Philip if they can see Jesus. Philip tells Andrew of the request, and the two of them make it known to Jesus.

May the Holy Spirit by God's grace strengthen your faith that you may receive this new covenant.

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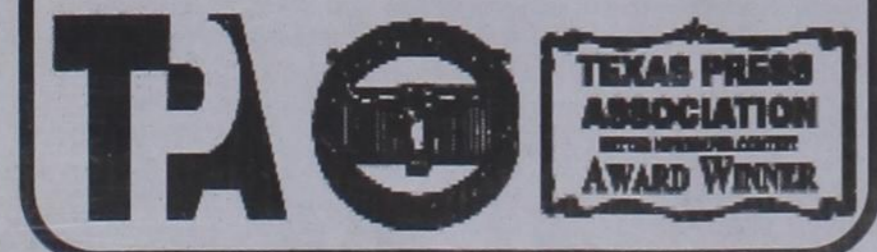
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CROSSWORD

- 24. Shaped like a tube 25. *Flight's glory days 26. Oscar nominee Davis 27. Famous king of Thebes 29. Stomach reflex 31. Rembrandt's medium 32. Nimble 33. Monotonous hum 34. *They salsa and rumba 36. One-armed bandit 38. Prayer's end 42. Singer LaBelle 45. Fiji native 49. Part of a min. e.g. 54. Fear-inspiring 56. Cancer symptom 57. Obama's right 58. Singles 59. Asian starling 60. Tropical edible root 61. Knight's chest plate 62. Neptune's domains 63. Gardening tool 64. High-pitched bark 66. Marching insect

CROSSWORD A crossword puzzle grid with some letters filled in.

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Happy Birthday!

March 22
Birthdays - Veta Alloway, Charmaine Gross, Maggie Key, Bob Miller, Payton Mitchell, Marty McCloy, Kelly Rauscher, Randie (Renner) Baumann, Roy Garrard, Rosalinda Vela, Tim Kizzar, Michael Burke, Doug Gumfory, Tavo Borunda, Jorge Soto, Carla Jones, Debbie Clement, Andy Lindsey, Reid Wilson, J.J. Gallegos
Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Benny Wilson

March 23
Birthdays - Tanner Irwin, Mercedes Perez, Dwayne TeBeest, Annie Houghton, Jamie Sterling, Beth Ann Flowers, Angela Craig, Teresa Russell, Marvin G. Wilson, Christopher Turner, Ramon Garcia Jr., Bernice Flores, Jason Evans, Carter Strawn, Wilbur Hull, Krystal DeLa Garza, Braylen Lusby
Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Tony Cazares

March 24
Birthdays - Dillon Payne, Marie Bell, Mike Floyd, Charles Haight, Frank Sursa, Lesa Deakin, Karie Coates, Patricia Pool, Lera Deakin, Jeri Diane Sterling, Chandra Lee, Carla James, Rebecca Garza, Corry Haight, Beth Phelps, Brae Puentes
Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Mike Babbs, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Breland, Mr. and Mrs. Blair Traham

March 25
Birthdays - Scott Jarvis, Jason Ward, Nellie Albrecht, Oscar Rojas Jr., Kendra Kay Burke, Mike Dixon, Donna Brogdo, Jean Schaffer, Michael Covington, Joe Baca, Amy Bridges, Chad Howe, Mario Soto, LuAnn Hunter
Anniversary - M/M Josh Reed, Charles & Christina Bowers

March 26
Birthdays - Keith Dillard, Jamie Smith, George Jackson, Tandra Taylor, James Brown, Judy Irlbeck, Greg Holladay, Ruth Baker, John Paul Molina, Danny Bass, Joann Reynolds, Kristi Ann Balderrama, Sabrina Cantu, Joanna Myers
Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Andy Riley, M/M Jimmy Morley

March 27
Birthdays - Tommy Boone, Diana Stork, Carol Scroggs, Ylanda DeLuna, Bill Stevens, Wanda Wagner, Anthony Wilkerson, Clark Dunaway, Gary Urban, Debbie Herrington, Michael McCarney, J.D. Schick
Anniversary - Steve and Debbie Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schnell, Tim & Jackie Nelson

March 28
Birthdays - Ryan Renteria, Roma Tomlinson, Janet Cudd, Mandi Lair, Ray Hawkins, Jarrett Hendricks, Ross Jarvis, Byrnic Callaway, Rick Riggins, Carlos

Our Sympathy

IMOGENE MELTON MOLLOY
 MEMPHIS — Imogene Melton Molloy, 71, of Memphis died Sunday, March 18, 2012.
 Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Church of Christ with Mark Lance officiating and Tom Anderson assisting. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements are by Hughs Funeral Home of Memphis.
 Imogene was born April 14, 1940, in Turkey to the late Mr. Hubert Melton and Mrs. Lois Perkins Melton. She attended schools in Turkey. She married Roy Alvin Molloy on June 27, 1957, in McLean. He preceded her in death on Dec. 22, 1992.
 Imogene was a homemaker and later went to work as a teller for 15 years at the Memphis State Bank until retiring in 2008. She loved playing golf and was a member of the Ladies Golf Association. She was also a member of Church of Christ.
 She was preceded in death by a son, John Michael Molloy, in 1962; and two brothers, Kenneth and Jerry Layne Melton.
 Survivors include two sons, Chris Molloy and wife Jo Ann of Jacksboro and Stevie Molloy and wife Robin of Memphis; a sister, Barbara Reeves and husband Jim of Hurst; five grandchildren, Jeff Molloy and wife Tara of Morton, Benji Molloy and wife Trisha of Spearman, Matt Molloy of Memphis, Holly Molloy of Amarillo and Renee Molloy of Memphis; and a great-grandchild soon to be.
 The family suggest memorials be to the Childress Regional Medical Center Hospice, P.O. Box 1030, Childress, TX 79204; Fairview Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 265, Memphis, TX 79245; or Memphis EMS, P.O. Box 639, Memphis, TX 79245.
 Sign the online guest book at www.hughsfuneral-home.com.

INGEBORG SOGN
 GUYMON, Okla. — Ingeborg Sogn, 98, of Guymon died Wednesday, March 14, 2012.
 Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Oslo Lutheran Church with the Rev. Arlen Lloyd, pastor, officiating and Rev. Mark Wescoat assisting. Burial will follow in Oslo Cemetery. Arrangements are by Henson-Novak Funeral Directors of Guymon.
 Ms. Sogn was born Oct. 26, 1913, in Astor, Iowa, to Jesine Kristine Rasmussen Dahl and John O. Dahl. She was always involved in Oslo Lutheran Church and Ladies Aid.
 Survivors include two daughters, Marie Niedens of Guymon and Kathryn Riggs of Lewisburg, Ky.; two sisters, Betsy Ward of Gruver, Texas and Doris Schibler of Eldorado, Ark.; seven grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.
 The family suggests memorials be to Dunaway Manor Tree of Life or a charity of choice, in care of Henson-Novak Funeral Directors, P.O. Box 1306, Guymon, OK 73942.

GLENN "BUZZY" RUSSELL
 CLAYTON, N.M. — Glenn "Buzzy" Russell, 91, died Thursday, March 15, 2012.
 Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in First United Methodist Church in Clayton with the Rev. Jay Jones and the Rev. Lynn Clay officiating. Burial will follow in Clayton Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are by Hass Funeral Directors of Clayton.
 Buzzy was born Oct. 5, 1920, in Dalhart, Texas, to Irving Russell and Mary Josie Russell. Buzzy got his name from his sister, Louise. When she tried to say "little brother," she would always say "lil Buzzer," which later became Buzzy. He attended school in Nara Visa and Tucumcari before graduating from Nara Visa High School in 1938.
 Buzzy married Dora Payne Russell on Nov. 10, 1951, in the family home in Gallegos. Dora's family was overjoyed that they finally had Buzzy in their family. Buzzy was always a cowboy. They lived and ranched near Nara Visa at the Coots Ranch and later moved to Spearman, where they worked with the Wilmeth Cattle Company, which later moved them to Texline.
 Buzzy and Dora eventually bought the ranch and made Clayton their home.
 Buzzy was also preceded in death by a son, Casey Glenn Russell, on April 13, 2005; a brother, Junie Russell; three sisters, Louise Stull, Mary Kanel and Martha Williams; and four brothers-in-law, Charles Payne, Bob Payne, Bert Stull and J.D. Frazier.
 Survivors include his wife, Dora Russell of Clayton; a daughter, Cindy Russell of Clovis; four grandchildren, Hadley Gilbert and wife Kim, Mandy Gilbert and Miles Moulder and wife Angela, all of Clovis, and Amber Russell-Hart and husband Al of Henderson, Nev.; two great-grandchildren, Bryce Glenn Moulder and Ashton Presley Hart; a sister, Sara Jo Frazier of Lampasas, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.
 The family suggests memorials be to Clayton Senior Citizens Center, 19 E. Broadway St., Clayton, NM 88415.
 Sign the online guest book at www.hassfuneral-home.com.

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 Oslo Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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 Worship: 11 a.m.
 Pastor - Arlen Lloyd

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

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

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 Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
 Youth: 7:30, Sunday
 Adult Bible Study: 7:30, Sun.
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Medical Fund for Francis Scroggs Pond

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

Spearman Food Bank 1st Thursday

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

Hansford Co. Library Thrift Shop Accepting Donations

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

March of Dimes Chili Cook-off & Fun Day

The 3rd Annual March of Dimes Chili Cook-off and Fun Day and 2nd Annual "5K Bustin for Justin and the Perryton Premies" Fun Run/Walk is being held Saturday, March 31, 2012 at Whigham Park on Main St. in Perryton. Race registration is 9-9:30 am and race start is 10 am. Chili cook-off begins at 8 am. Chili tasting, Fun Day with inflatables and bungee trampoline by Martin Entertainment Extreme, games, food, and craft booths from 12-4 pm. For more information and/or entry forms for chili entries, 5k, and craft booths go to www.bustinforjustin.org or call 228-5745. All proceeds benefit the local McGaughey Family March of Dimes Team, 5K Bustin for Justin.

SHS Booster Club to Meet March 26th

Spearman High School Booster Club will meet on Monday, March 26th at 5:30 p.m. in Coach Rodman's room. The meeting will be used to plan and discuss several items for the Sports Banquet, which will be held on May 15th.

Annual Pot of Gold March 24th

The Annual Pot of Gold Dance and Dinner will be held Saturday, March 24 at 7 p.m. at The O'Loughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt, Spearman. The cost is \$60 per person. Call 806-659-3030 for tickets or contact any Board Member

Scouting for Food March 24th

Troop 551 (Spearman Boy Scouts), Pack 578 (Cub Scouts), and Pack 250 (Cub Scouts) will be collecting food throughout Spearman on Saturday, March 24th for the local food bank on Main Street. Donations need to be placed in a sack on the front porches of homes, scouts will canvas the streets and pick up the food (canned goods or non perishable boxed goods) and delivery it to the food bank. Pick up will begin at 9:00, so be sure to put your donations out early. There will also be collection boxes at Lowes Grocery or you may call Jarvis Law Office at 659-2554 if your donations can not be out on the morning of March 24.

Caring for Those You Care About

Caring for Those You Care About, "Road Maps for the Journey," a 5 part Lunch & Learn Series, will be held at The O'Loughlin Center, 502 Brandt, Spearman from 12-1 p.m. Sessions will include: Long Term Care - March 28th, and Protecting Against Scams & Frauds - April 18th. This event is sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension. Registration Fee for the series is \$10. Participants may attend one or all of the five programs in the series for the one time fee of \$10. Lunch will be provided, followed by speaker and question/answer session. Call Peggy Winegarner, Hansford County Extension Agent, for more information, 806-659-4131.

Cutting Edge Parenting Resources Fingertips Ready

While you have been going about your daily routine, the Parent Education Advisory Board (PEAB), a partnership community agencies and organizations, have been busily preparing to launch a website with all the latest resources available to support parents raising families in the Texas panhandle area. The website has been under construction for almost two years as the board worked to get it just right for the families who would use the site. What ever you would like to know about raising kids will be right at your fingertips when you access www.peabpanhandle.org. A webinar featuring Dr. James Garbarino scheduled to occur live on Amarillo College Washington Street Campus in room 203 of the Student Union Building, March 29, 2012 from 7:30-8:30 PM. Dr. Garbarino will discuss reasons how and why parents are the solution to the challenges of raising and protecting youth today in our socially toxic environment. The points of his presentation will be based on two of his books, Parents Under Siege and Raising Children in a Socially Toxic Environment. The posting of this webinar will launch the PEAB website, officially. Any community members interested in viewing on-site may do so. For more info go to www.peabpanhandle.org or call (806) 371-5188.

PEAB Webinar

A Parenting Webinar will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 29, 2012. Viewing also available at the Amarillo College Main Campus, 2nd Floor of the College Union Building, (across from Library). Featuring Dr. James Garbarino.

Child Abuse Prevention Advocates

The 12th Annual Child Abuse Prevention Conference will be held in Amarillo on Thursday, March 29, 2012 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The seminar is entitled "Wounded Spirits & Healing Paths: Untreated Traumatized Children & the Scary Adults They Become" with Dr. James Garbarino. The cost is \$20.

Sports 7 Athletic Field Workshop

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Potter County will be holding its annual Sports and Athletic Field Education event on March 30 at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd., Amarillo. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. with the event starting at 9 a.m. and ending by 2:30 p.m., said Brandon Boughen, AgriLife Extension agricultural and natural resources agent for Potter County. The cost will be \$40, which includes educational materials and lunch. Pre-registration is required. The course will provide an overview of turfgrass selection, best management practices, weed identification and control and managing sports fields during drought conditions, Boughen said. Three pesticide applicator continuing education units will be offered to Texas Department of Agriculture license holders. Participants must preregister by March 26 by going to <http://potter.agrilife.org/forms>. Contact Boughen at 806-373-0713 for more information.

Firefighters Wanted

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

Gruver Blood Drive

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

Voter Registration Cards

Due to the redistricting issues, every voter in Texas is currently holding an expired voter registration card. Once the maps are drawn and approved and the primary date set, voter registration cards will be mailed out. However you may vote, this year, with the expired card. For further information please call 806 659-4120.



Engagement Announcement

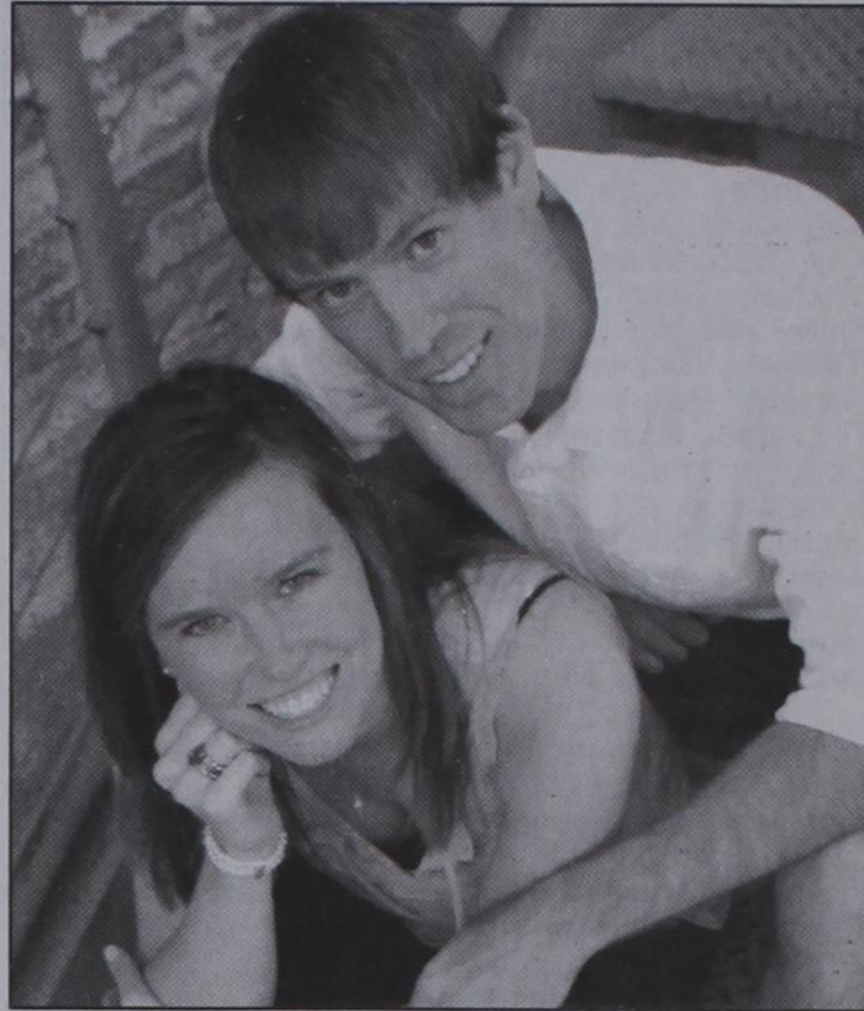
Mr. and Mrs. Brian Gillispie of Spearman and Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Davis of Amarillo announce the engagement of their daughter, Mattie Beatrice Davis, to Cody Mac Been.

Cody Mac is the son of Rod and Mica Been of Gruver. Grandparents are Betty and Irvin Davis of Spearman, Tony and Lanetta Shapely, T.J. and Donna Been of Gruver, and Clay and Charlene Dodson of Amarillo.

Cody Mac is a graduate of OSU and is the head basketball coach and biology teacher in Wheeler.

Mattie is a graduate of Texas A&M University and is studying for her master's at Texas Tech University. She is employed with The American Cancer Society.

The couple will be wed June 30 at Polk Street Methodist Church in Amarillo.



Engagement Announcement

Curt and Trisha Fitzgearld of Gruver are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Laci Dawn Fitzgearld to Christopher Chance Sutton, son of Larry and Debbie Sutton of Brownwood.

Laci is the granddaughter of CD and Linda Fitzgearld, and Ron Ivy and the late Janice Ivy, all of Dimmitt.

Chris is the grandson of Stanley and Glenda Richardson of Brownwood and Aubrey and Pam Lack of Justin.

The bride is a 2006 graduate of Gruver High School, a 2009 graduate of Howard Payne University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology, as well as a 2011 graduate of Covenant School of Nursing. Laci is currently employed by Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock as a Registered Nurse.

The groom is a 2006 graduate of Brownwood High School, a 2010 graduate of Howard Payne University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology, and is currently enrolled at Covenant School of Nursing with an expected graduation in May 2012.

The couple will be married on Saturday, June 9, 2012, at First Baptist Church of Gruver.

You are invited to a
Bridal Shower
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Bridal Shower Tea Party
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You are invited to a
Wedding Shower
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- Jennifer Baldrige & Dustin Beck - 3/24
- Christy Lang & Chuck Salisbury - 3/24
- Lindsey Mireles & Daniel Gale - 3/31
- Charity Burton & James Diaz - 3/31
- Mattie Davis & Cody Been - 4/21 (Sp) & 5/15 (Gr)
- Laci Fitzgerald & Chris Sutton - 4/21
- Amy Brown & Jon D'Zamko - 4/29
- Sara Cooper & Craig McCloy - 5/15
- Erika Offer & Ryan Ramon - 5/12
- Shelbi Roberts & TJ Vasquez - TBA
- Melissa Lesly & Kyle Harshbarger - TBA
- Clara Kern & Caleb Smith - TBA
- Jill Hall & Clayton Smith - TBA
- Heather Ford & Garrett Martin
- Dana McLaughlin & Justin Hendrick
- Kylie Knight & Tatum Rice
- Shelby Begneaud & Chase Farrar

Baby Registry

- Baby Girl of Dana & Cass Cooper - 3/24
- Baby Girl of Christina & Travis Loomis - 3/31

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Hansford County Farmer Wins \$2,500 for O'Loughlin Center

Mike McLain of Gruver has been selected as a winner in America's Farmers Grow CommunitiesSM, which gives farmers the opportunity to win \$2,500 for their favorite local non-profit organizations. The donations are available through the Monsanto Fund. McLain has designated the O'Loughlin Center, located in Spearman, to receive the award in Hansford County.

The O'Loughlin Center, McLain and a Monsanto

representative will participate in a check presentation ceremony on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at The O'Loughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt, Spearman, TX 79081.

In 1,245 eligible counties in 39 states, farmers could win \$2,500 for their favorite community nonprofit. The Monsanto Fund expects to invest more than \$3.1 million in local communities.

America's Farmers Grow Communities is part of a

broad commitment by the Monsanto Fund to highlight the important contributions farmers make every day to our society by helping them grow their local communities. Nearly 60,000 farmers participated in the second annual Grow Communities program, which is designed to benefit nonprofit groups such as ag youth, schools and other civic organizations. For more information and to see a full list of winners, visit www.growcommunities.com.

Abigail's Army



Abigail's Army is a team formed by the Jason and Amber TeBeest in Celebration of Abigail Elizabeth TeBeest.

On February 15, 2008 our lives were changed forever. Abigail Elizabeth TeBeest was born 9 weeks early. She weighed 2 pounds and 13 ounces and was 15 1/4 inches long. When Abigail was born she needed a great deal of medical intervention to survive. She spent 63 days in the NICU at BSA hospital, during this time we stayed at The Ronald McDonald House in Amarillo. Today Abigail is a healthy, beautiful,

and active little girl. We are blessed every day to have her in our lives and are grateful for March of Dimes and all they do in our community! This is our FIRST year to participate, and would love for our family and friends to support us!

There are several ways to participate!

1. Donate on-line through our web page <http://www.marchforbabies.org/team/abigailsarmy>
2. Call me and have me pick up your donation!
3. Sign-up for our team on-line and walk with us! <http://www.marchforbabies.org/team/abigailsarmy>

4. TELL A FRIEND! Have them do the same

5. Still have questions? Call or e-mail me! Amber TeBeest, ambertebeest@hotmail.com <<mailto:ambertebeest@hotmail.com>> 806-330-1180, or by mail: P.O. Box 145, Gruver TX 79040.



SHS February Students of the Month

Stefan Cook has been named March Volunteer of the Month by Big Brothers Big Sisters.

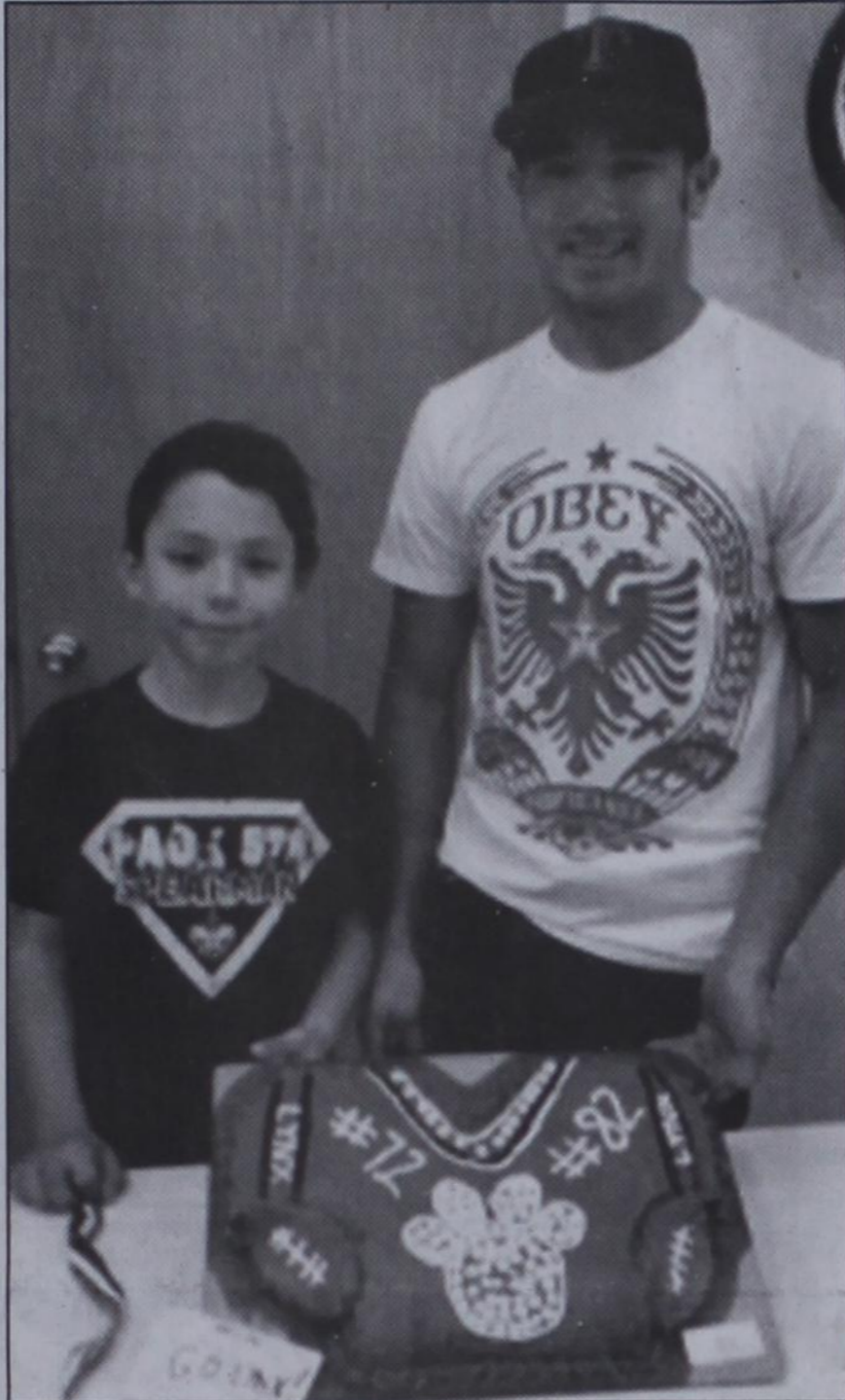
This award recognizes a "Big" who has connected with the "Little" in a special way or gone above and beyond to establish and nurture the relationship. It is designed to communicate appreciation for the difference the volunteer is making in the child's life.

Stefan and his Little Brother, Matthew have been matched since March 2010. They meet together once a week during the school year as part of the Bigs in Schools program at Gus Birdwell Elementary in Spearman. Through this program, volunteer mentors spend time with a student on the school campus during the school day with no contact outside of school. They form an intentional friendship that helps support and encourage the child.

"Stefan is a really great Big Brother," Matthew said. "He helped me with my Pinewood Derby car and even came to my Cub Scout Cake Bake! Stefan is always there for me, like a real brother would be."

"Matthew is a great kid! We spend a lot of time playing sports," said Stefan. "That just goes to show that we have a lot in common. I really enjoy spending time with him!"

Stefan is a senior at Spearman High School and the grandson of Lynn and Sharon Cook. While a student at Spearman High School, he has been active in National Honor Society, Football, Basketball and Track. Stefan plans to attend West Texas A&M and major in Kinesiology.



For information on helping a child through the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, call the BBBS office at 434-0016. The Wheat-

heart Satellite of BBBS provides mentors for over 150 children in the communities of Peryton, Spearman, and Gruver.

Conference on "Dealing with Decades of Drought" Set March 27th in Canyon

"Dealing with Decades of Drought" will be conducted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Randall County March 27 at the AgriLife Extension office, 200 North Brown Road in Canyon.

Drought production management strategies for row crops as well as cattle production will be the focus of the program, according to J.D. Ragland, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Randall County.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and presentations will start at 8:30 a.m., Ragland said. Registration is \$10 per person, and three Texas Department of Agri-

culture continuing education units will be offered for private pesticide license holders. Those planning to attend should RSVP to 806-468-5543 at the AgriLife Extension office by noon on March 23.

This conference is primarily targeted for Randall County agricultural producers, as well as others who may be interested in learning more about decades of drought conditions and the impact on Randall County agriculture, Ragland said.

Topics and presenters will be:
 - "Grain Production and Marketing Outlook as Drought Continues" - Dr. Steve Amosson, AgriLife

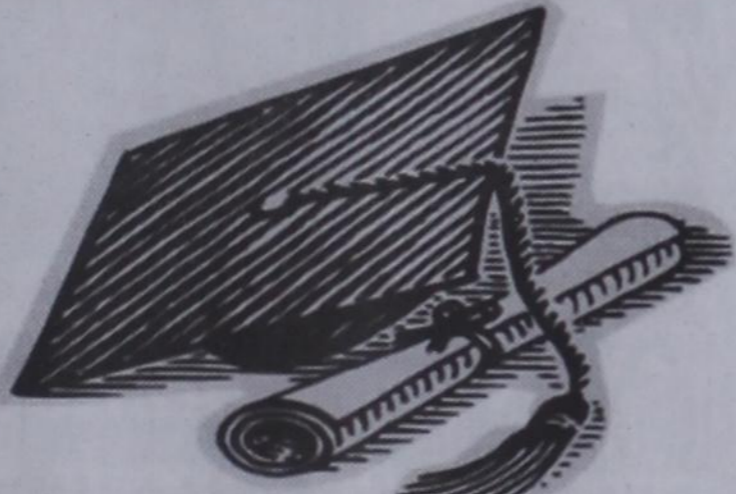
Extension economist, Amarillo

- "Dust Bowl Days - Are They Coming Back?" - Dr. Bob Stewart, director of the Dryland Institute at West Texas A&M University

- "Maximizing Summer Forage Crops When it's Dry" - Dr. Brent Bean, AgriLife Extension agronomist, Amarillo.

- "Cattle Management, The Good, The Bad, The Ugly" - Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, Amarillo.

- "Irrigation Data for Various Crops - Efficiency and Timing" - Nick Kenny, AgriLife Extension irrigation specialist, Amarillo.



PROJECT GRADUATION 2012

The parents of the Spearman High School Senior Class of 2012 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement exercises Friday May 25th. To encourage the graduates to stay the entire night, door prizes are awarded throughout the evening. In addition, graduates can earn paper money through their participation in various games so that prizes can be purchased. The graduation party will culminate with the distribution of grand prizes.

Prizes, gift certificates, and cash are needed for the evening's gifts. If you, the community, who supported and encouraged these seniors these past 13 years of school, would be willing to share in this final "class of 2012" memory, making this project "special," please call: Tini Farrar at (806) 270-0813, Jean Snyder at 659-3009, or Gwendia Hanna at 659-9949. Contributions can be mailed to: Project Graduation Gwendia Hanna, 403 S. Endicott St., Spearman, TX 79081

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Texas Girls Coaches Association 2011-12 Basketball All-State Teams

The Texas Girls Coaches Association selects All-State teams in conferences 1A-5A in basketball. Selections are made by the TGCA Basketball All-State Committee from nominations submitted by member coaches. Forty (40) athletes are selected per conference. In Conference 1A, it is split between D-1 and D-2, which have 20 selections each. Athletes need not be seniors to be selected.
1A: Kaysha Bass and Madison McLain
2A: Morgan Ashmore and Shelby Hanna

Gately Garnett Named Athlete of the Week

Gately Garnett, Spearman, Senior, Track and Field
On the track: Garnett was a force for the Lynxettes in the Greyhound Relays this past weekend. Garnett medaled in five events, including four gold. Garnett won the 100 hurdles, 300 hurdles and pole vault. She got second in the high jump and was the first leg on the winning 800 relay team.

Katy Miser\Paige Pierson, Sp def. Miller\McBee, White Deer 8-0
Malloy\Yarbrough, Memphis def. Katy Miser\Paige Pierson, Sp 8-5
Lindsey\Pepper, Memphis def. Jayme Pack\Anne Marie Comp, Sp 8-1
Morales\Hopkins, BR def. Jayme Pack\Anne Marie Comp, Sp 8-2

Mendoza\Mendoza, Gru def. Vanessa Vela\Tristian Hughes, Sp 8-0
Bell\Smith, Miami def. Vanessa Vela\Tristian Hughes, Sp 8-3

MIXED DOUBLES
Derrick Zimmerman\Cassidy Odegaard, Sp def. Brown\Cook, Vega 8-5
Wilson\Myneer, WD def. Zimmerman\Odegaard, Sp 8-5 Quarterfinals

Skidmore\Mejia, Miami def. Conner Wolf\Cynthia Mendoza, Sp 8-1
Rogers\Parsley, WD def. Wolf\Mendoza, Sp 8-1

Luis Vela\Shelby Hanna def. Rogers\Parsley, WD 8-2
Vela\Hanna, Sp def. Lookingbill\Bromman, Vega 8-3 Quarterfinals
Vela\Hanna, Sp def. Skidmore\Mejia, Miami 8-2 Semi-Finals
Vela\Hanna, Sp def. Wilson\Myneer, WD 6-4, 6-2 CHAMPIONS

BOYS' SINGLES
Clay Jackson, Sp def. Farr, Claude 8-6
Jackson, Sp def. Berry, Borger 8-6
Burzynski, Vega def. Jackson, Sp 8-1 Quarterfinals

Brittan, Groom def. Peyton Garnett, Sp 8-2
Hathaway, FE def. Garnett, Sp 8-0

Blackon, BR def. Tyler Robinett, Sp 8-3
Robinett, Sp def. Farr, Claude 8-0
Robinett, Sp def. Schlehofer, Claude 8-0
Seright, Sun def. Robinett, Sp 8-2 Consolation Semi-Finals

BOYS' DOUBLES
Brody Hargrove\Gil Molina, Sp def. Mitchell\McCamilly, WD 8-2
Hawthorne\Montgomery, Mem def. Hargrove\Molina, Sp 8-3

Harrah\Marszal, WD def. Baird\Ceniceros, Sp 8-6
Williams\Blankenship, Gru def. Baird\Ceniceros, Sp 9-8 (7-4)

Lynx Golf Team Participate in Two Tournaments

by Mikal Willimon
The Spearman Boys Golf Team participated in two tournaments prior to spring break and had good showings in both. On March 2-3 the Lynx participated in the Borger Invitational and finished 6th out of 14 teams. Lynx players and scores were as follows: Connor Willimon 78-81-159, Blaine Pack 79-84-163, Jake Willimon 86-83-169, Carson Pearson 84-91-175, Brock Schroeder 90-88-178

Team scores: 1. Amarillo High A 583 2. Randall A 607 3. Borger A 619 4. Amarillo Tascosa 623 5. Amarillo High B 655 6. Spearman 661 7. Amarillo Caprock 669 8. Randall B 690 9. Perryton 706 10. Borger B 714 11. Pampa 739 12. Amarillo Palo Duro 763 13. Hereford 773 14. Borger C 802.

The Lynx then travelled to Dumas on March 6 and finished 4th as a team, out of about 20 teams, on a very windy day. Lynx players and scores were as follows: Connor Willimon 81, Carson Pearson 83, Blaine Pack 88, Jake Willimon 90 and Brock Schroeder 100. The team total score was 342. Canyon won the tournament with a team total

score 335. In addition to the team honors, Connor Willimon placed 3rd overall and Carson Pearson place 6th over all.

The Lynx travel to Canadian on Tuesday, March 20 and Perryton on Saturday, March 24 for two more tournaments before participating in the District 1-2A Tournament on April 2 and April 4 in Clarendon. The Lynx are two time defending district champs and

hope to make it three in a row.
On March 12, Connor Willimon and Jake Willimon participated in a Northern Texas PGA Junior Golf Tournament at the Rawls Course in Lubbock, Texas. Connor tied for 1st with a 78 in the 15-16 age division and Jake finished 5th with a 92 in the 17-18 age division.

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.

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman will be closed April 10-22, 2012. We will resume regular business hours on Monday, April 23rd. (Regular hours are Monday-Wednesday, 9 a.m.-12 noon and Monday-Tuesday, 1-5 p.m. We are closed on Wednesday afternoon through Friday.)

Items may be submitted by phone (806-659-3434), fax (806-398-9080), mail (Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman TX 79081), or by e-mail (reporter@spearmanreporter.com). For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 806-659-3434, 806-584-4879, or reporter@spearmanreporter.com

2011 - 2012 District 1-1A Girls All District Basketball

Co-MVP: Autumn Chidester, Sr., Canadian and Madison McLain, Sr., Gruver
Defensive MVP: Shelley Gibson, Sr., Gruver
Gruver All-District: Kaysha Bass, Sr.; Taylor Felderhoff, Sr.; and Ashlynn Miner, Sr.

2011-2012 District 1-1A Boys All District Basketball

Gruver All-District: Korbin Irwin, Jr. and Kramer King, Sr.

2011 District 1-A Basketball - Academic All District

Boys: Korbin Irwin, Kramer King and Jace Lane
Girls: Reagan Haynes, Nikki Beasley, Kaysha Bass, Taylor Felderhoff, Shelley Gibson, Daniela Luciano, Madison McLain and Ashlynn Miner

Spearman Tennis Results

by Coach Starla Whiteley

The Spearman Tennis Team traveled to Borger on March 5th and 6th to participate in the Panhandle Tennis Tournament. Twenty-two Spearman athletes played in windy conditions among fifteen other schools. Highlights for Spearman include a Mixed Doubles Championship won by Shelby Hanna and Luis Vela and a Third Place Championship won by Kyla Walker in Girls' Singles. Spearman also had two Quarterfinal finishes in Clay Jackson, Boys' Singles and the Mixed Doubles' Team of Derrick Zimmerman and Cassidy Odegaard. Tyler Robinett also worked his way through the consolation bracket to finish in the consolation semi-finals. After Spring Break, the tennis team will travel to Borger on the 21st and Amarillo on the 23rd.

GIRLS' SINGLES

Kyla Walker, Sp def. Mc-Gaughey, Sunray 8-4
Kyla Walker, Sp def. Gibbs, Miami 8-4
Garza, Memphis def. Kyla Walker, Sp 8-6 Semi-Finals
Kyla Walker, Sp def. Duran, Memphis 9-8 (8-6) THIRD PLACE

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by Dorothy Hudson

Out at the Lake



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Lake Level--March 19, 2012--29.63 feet (-0.14)

The office gauge showed .13 inch of rain and some hail from the early Monday morning shower. Spearman registered .85 inch.

Jim reported two campers and several fishermen, but no one told him of catching fish.

The cormorants are back but in lower numbers. Many of the trees that they nested in have fallen over. Other birds he had noted this week were three pairs of cardinals, a pair of ring necked doves, and a road runner behind his house. Pelicans and ring-bill gulls were seen on the Lake.

Yellowstone Continued

In last week's column I gave an overview of the wonderful trip Amy and JP TeBeest and Alice and Randy Satrum took to Yellowstone National Park. Let me provide additional details courtesy of Randy Satrum who kept an excellent travel log.

"We decided late in 2011 to take an "educational" trip to Yellowstone National Park during the winter. Alice and Amy figured they could handle the cold and snow, while Randy and J.P. were sure it couldn't be any worse than breaking ice, hauling water and checking on cattle in winter. After a couple miles of hiking around a hot spring, we aren't so sure about that last thought.

"Taking a trip to see the wildlife and winter scenery of Yellowstone in winter isn't one of those self-guided trips you can take on your own. The National Parks Service requires that visitors use professional guides and tour operators who are familiar with the area, animals and winter hazards that may be encountered along the way and also pose serious potential threats. We found having a guide was most important and added value to the experience and education of one of our most important National Parks. Established in 1872, Yellowstone is a diverse landscape with harsh Wyoming

winter conditions preserved for the 'Benefit and Enjoyment of the People'. Our forefathers set aside this special place and through the years it has offered a glimpse of what our nation looked like to the frontiersmen of the 19th century. We saw over a dozen different species of wildlife in the Park, marveled at the "Hot Spot" and all the related thermals including geysers, mud pots, hot springs, and fumaroles in a natural setting created by the molten rock pushing up through the Earth's crust. Yellowstone holds sanctuary to over 70% of the Earth's hydrothermal features and displays a majority of those within walking distance of Mammoth Hot Springs or Old Faithful.

"Travel through the Park is restricted to snow coaches and snowmobiles as the park roads are not plowed or otherwise maintained for road worthy vehicles. The modified snow coaches use wide track "Matraks" or crawler type tracks for flotation across the snow covered roads. Matraks are fitted to 15 to 24 passenger vans with 4WD. We experienced roads covered with three to four feet of snow marked by snow stakes at the roadway edge to guide our drivers. At one point we even experienced leaving the roadway as our snow coach drove off the road into the soft snow covered shoulder during a whiteout attempting to cross the Hayden Valley. The passengers were all transferred to other snow coaches while the tour operator worked on getting the snow coach back on the road. Eventually the Park Service roadway "groomer", a John Deere 963OT was able to pull it back onto the road late that night. The 1960 vintage "Bombardier" built by the Canadian military was our favorite over the snow vehicle. It has two hatch type sun-roof openings that we could open and stand up in and take close up photos of animals near and sometimes on the road. These units had skis on the front axle and while a little

bumpy, offered excellent viewing opportunity and were well suited for travel in the Park.

Day 1, Sunday February 19th: We joined our group at 1 p.m. at the Bozeman, MT Airport and 31 of us boarded a large bus. We arrived at Mammoth Hot Springs a couple hours later after stopping along the way to view bison, elk, big horn sheep, and pronghorn.

Day 2, Monday February 20th: We boarded our bus after breakfast and spent about four hours in the Lamar Valley. We saw coyotes, sheep, otters, trumpeter swans, Canadian geese, dippers, ducks, ravens, and wolves. The wolves were reintroduced into YNP in 1995. We could see a pack of 5-6 with the naked eye, but through binoculars and spotting scopes they were quite clear. That afternoon we had a guided tour of the hot springs near our Lodge.

Day 3, Tuesday February 21st: We departed in our snow coach for a planned trip to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, the Hayden Valley and arrival at Old Faithful Lodge for the next two nights. It was a cold windy snowy day and by mid afternoon the weather worsened. Our snow coach slipped off the heavily snow packed road into the ditch. We were rescued by the other two tracked vans in our group and a Bombardier that has been used in the Park for the past 60 years (coach with skis on the front and tracks on the back).

Day 4, Wednesday February 22nd: We hiked around Old Faithful and numerous other geysers all morning (guided tour by our two guides). It was a cold, windy, snowy day but the geysers are at their best in those conditions. Amy and about half of our group members tried snow shoeing that afternoon.

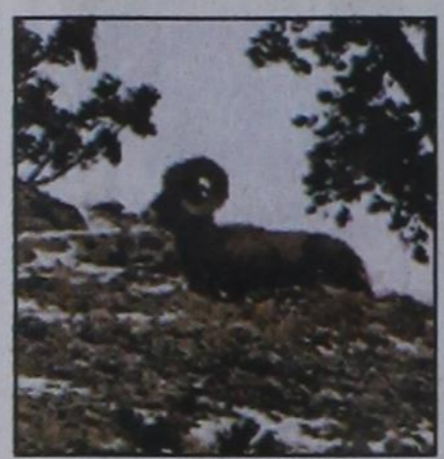
Day 5, Thursday February 23rd: The sun came out today! We watched Old Faithful erupt at sunrise. Quite a sight to see. We watched a herd of bison parade right in front of the Visitor Center on their way

to rest near the warmth of the geysers. We rode to West Yellowstone in four Bombardiers and observed a muskrat, ravens, bald eagles, more bison, elk, and coyotes. In West Yellowstone (west entry to YNY) we boarded a bus again and rode along to Big Sky, MT where we stayed at 320 Ranch in duplex log cabins and had an evening sleigh ride.

Day 6, Friday February 24th: We boarded our bus and headed back to the Bozeman Airport. Along the way we saw two moose and numerous deer. Moose are seldom seen in the Park since the huge fires of 1988 destroyed quite a large amount of the willows and other shrubs they eat.

Our trip was a National Geographic Expedition. Kurt Westenbarger was our Expedition Manager. Jeremy Schmidt was our National Geographic Expert. Both guides were superb-- and also a great deal of fun."

Many thanks to our adventure travelers for sharing their story and pictures!



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