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Harrington Breast Center Mobile Coach Coming to Spearman

The Harrington Breast Center Mobile Mammography Coach will be in Spearman at the Hansford County Hospital on Wednesday, August 22nd from 9:15 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. to provide women 40 and older in the area with their yearly mammograms.

Featuring the largest program of its kind in the state of Texas, the Harrington Breast Center Mobile Mammography Coach has provided mammograms to women of the High Plains region since 1989. Our program features full-field digital mammography equipment, screenings performed inside our self-contained unit, fast appointments at convenient times and quick reporting back to patients.

For appointments and cost information, please contact the Harrington Breast Center at 1-800-377-4673. The Hansford County Hospital is located at 707 S. Roland. We look forward to serving you during our visit.



Weekly Update

Texas, August 13 - Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 4.4 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.48/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that has increased 5.4 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.67/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were 0.4 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 25.3 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 24.8 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 5.7 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"The national average has spiked 25-cents per gallon just in the last month, thanks to an onslaught of refinery problems—mainly in the Great Lakes and California," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "While these situations are temporary in nature, it goes to show this nation's dependence on domestic refineries. While oil prices have gained in recent days, there is some light at the end of the tunnel for motorists: driving season will be over in less than a month and soon thereafter the EPA also relaxes gasoline mandates, meaning cheaper winter fuel," 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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the north around 5 mph after midnight.

THURSDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph shifting to the northeast 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

FRIDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70.

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70.

MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 70.

TUESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.

Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/forecast/w-Spearman-Texas.html#ixzz22vZU2XxR>

Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors for August 14, 2012: The region continued to be hot and dry. Soil moisture levels were short to very short. Corn was mostly in fair condition. Soybeans were in fair to good condition. Cotton was very poor to good, with most counties reporting fair to good. Irrigated crops looked good where water was plentiful, but irrigators were pressed trying to keep up with crop demands. Rangeland and pastures were in very poor to good condition, with most reporting very poor to poor.

Doug Steele Named AgriLife Extension Director

by Kathleen Phillips

Dr. Doug Steele was named sole finalist for the Texas AgriLife Extension Service director position at the Texas A&M University System board of regents meeting today.

The regents may consider approving Steele for the position after the 21 days required by state law for public notice of the appointment with the Texas Secretary of State.

"Dr. Steele returns to his roots in Texas with a wealth of experience that comes from his varied roles in education and administration across the nation," said Dr. Mark Hussey, vice chancellor and dean of agriculture and life sciences. "His proven leadership and communication style will be critical to future success in securing funding, creating partnerships and growing collaborations for A&M AgriLife efforts."

Steele currently is vice president for external relations and director of Extension at Montana State University. He also currently chairs the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy, which provides leadership and direction to the national Extension system.

As AgriLife Extension director, he will be returning to lead the agency where he started his career in 1981 as an assistant agent for agriculture and natural resources in Potter County.

"The general principle that education should influence people's lives beyond the boundaries of the classroom continues to have a profound effect on the mission of

Extension," said Steele. "The success in completing the mission and vision of any institution is incumbent upon shared governance, valuing everyone's contributions and adequate support for identified initiatives. Excellence is obtained when objectives are clearly stated, accountability factors are understandable, and there are open lines of communication."

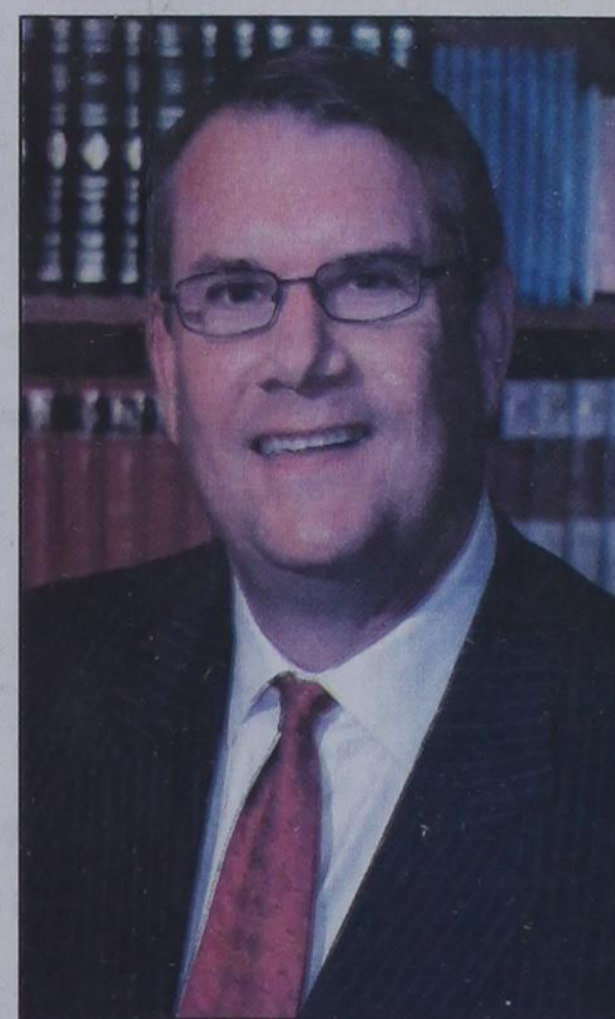
From 1985-88, Steele served as AgriLife Extension agriculture program director in Hutchinson County before going to Texas A&M to work on his advanced degrees. There he was an Extension associate for community and economic development from 1988-90, and an AgriLife Extension 4-H youth development specialist and assistant professor from 1990-93.

Steele then went to Purdue University as Extension 4-H youth development specialist and assistant professor in the College of Education from 1993-1997 and to Colorado State University as assistant director of Cooperative Extension and state 4-H program leader from 1997-2004.

Montana State University hired Steele as vice provost and director of Extension in 2004, a position he held until assuming his current position in 2010.

Steele earned his bachelor of science in animal science and agri-business from Panhandle State University in 1981, his master of agriculture in agronomy and horticulture from West Texas A&M University in 1985 and his doctorate in educational human resource development from Texas A&M in 1992.

He has been a speaker at Extension and



Dr. Doug Steele
(Photo courtesy of Texas AgriLife Extension Service)

university conferences throughout the U.S., is widely published in his area of expertise and has served in professional and community leadership roles throughout his career. More information is available at <http://bit.ly/QZWN0m>



On August 11th The Hansford Agency hosted the annual watermelon feed for the Spearman Lynx football teams. What a refreshing way to end practice! Thank you to The Hansford Agency. (The attached picture shows Roger & Kelly Buchanan serving watermelon)

Some dates to remember: August 21st at 7:00 is Meet the Lynx at the football stadium. This is a chance for the community to get to know players. August 31st Booker will host the Spearman Lynx to open the 2012 football season.

Spearman's Wounded Warrior

22-year-old Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy Frost was injured when he stepped on an IED in Afghanistan on Friday, July 6, 2012. As a result he lost his left leg from just below the knee down, fractured his left hip and his right leg, suffered a ruptured left ear drum that will require surgery to try and restore hearing to that ear, and a mild traumatic brain injury.

Rick and Jan Howard, Jeremy's parents-in-law, are selling Wounded Warrior t-shirts to raise money for Jeremy and Kylee.

The t-shirts have Frost's dog tags on the front and the words "Wounded, Not Defeated" on the back as well as the Bible verse, Jeremiah 19:11. (Jeremiah is Jeremy's full first name.)

Jeremy is married to Kylee Howard Frost. He is the son of Stacie and Glenn Ruga of Spearman and Matthew Frost of

Amarillo. He has three younger brothers, Dustin Frost who is also serving in the Army, and Patrick and Nathan Ruga. Kylee is the daughter of Jan and Rick Howard of Spearman.

For individuals who would like to honor this young man and his sacrifice, there is a fund set up for him at the First National Bank of Spearman under his name, Jeremy Frost. (The Army will cover Jeremy's medical expenses. This fund was established by friends of Jeremy and Kylee to help defray the costs incurred during his recovery, and to allow Kylee to spend as much time as possible with Jeremy while he is in the hospital and in physical therapy.)

Anyone interested in purchasing t-shirts may contact The SportZone at 806-644-9663 or Rick or Jan Howard at 806-330-0388.

Spearman ISD Hosts Back-to-School Open House

Spearman ISD will host a Back-to-School Open House on Tuesday, August 21. Campuses will be open at the following times: Elementary - 5-6 p.m., Junior High - 5:30-6:30 p.m., and High School - 6-7 p.m.

Meet the Lynx/Lynxettes will be held at the Lynx Football Stadium at 7 p.m. The Spearman Cross Country team, Football team, Band, and Cheerleaders will be introduced at this time. Ice Cream and cookies will be served afterwards by the Spearman Athletic Booster Club.

Hope to see you all there!

In Recommendation of Jack Haile

by Rev. Gary C. Smith, Minister, First Christian Church of Stratford

I am writing this as an endorsement and recommendation of Jack Haile for the Texas Peacemaker Award.

Haile is a lifelong citizen of Sherman County, Texas, the place where he currently serves as sheriff. Currently, because Jack is retiring this fall.

There was genuine sadness in the community when Haile announced his retirement.

When speaking of his retirement, I have yet to hear one person who has not lamented the "leaving" of our "beloved sheriff."

But, Haile will continue serving people regardless of his employment circumstances. He has a genuine concern for people.

I have heard him say numerous times that he was not so much a law enforcement officer as he was a "peacemaker." Perhaps, the reason for this is that he is genuinely a man of faith.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers." I cannot help believing that Jack is a person who is blessed.

If asked to describe Jack, I would say that he is honorable, noble, strong and kind.

I think that one of the things that has made him so successful in his career is his disarming personality. He has this remarkable capacity to cause people to like and trust him. He is also a world class storyteller.

The people of this community have trusted him to protect their property and their lives. We have not been disappointed.

It would be unfair to speak of Jack without saying something about his family. His influence on them has encouraged them all to be servants to others.

I have known Jack as a friend and a parishioner. I have personally said, many times, "I wish that there were more people like Jack."

Jack Haile is a man of sterling character.

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Texas Historical Commission Honors Lipscomb County with The Distinguished Service Award

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) recently recognized Lipscomb County with the 2011 Distinguished Service Award. The honor was presented during a meeting of the Commissioner's Court on Monday, August 13. This year's award is the fifth consecutive year for the Lipscomb County Commission to receive the award and they are one of two counties in the Texas Plains Trail Region of 52 counties to receive the award. The award recognizes the County Historical Commissions (CHCs) that work toward substantial preservation efforts that lead to a greater understanding of state and local history. These efforts also promote stewardship of our cultural and historical re-

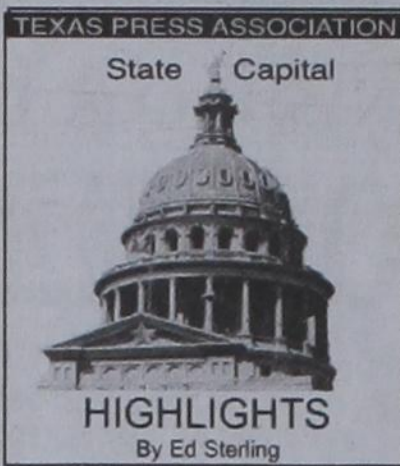
sources, encourage economic development within urban and rural areas of our state, and generate interest in the history and character of Texas.

"CHCs have a passion for telling the real stories of Texas and we are honored to provide services that support their hard work and invest in our communities," said THC Executive Director Mark Wolfe. "The Lipscomb County Historical Commission is our valued partner and we hope you will join us in honoring them for receiving this Distinguished Service Award."

Unlike most states, Texas counties have the legislative authority to establish CHCs to identify, preserve, and promote cultural and historic resources to enhance the livelihood of their

communities. These CHCs are made up of unpaid county appointees who reported more than \$8.6 million statewide in volunteer hours in 2011 towards the preservation of Texas' historic assets. The THC provides services to CHCs, as well as citizens across the state, to preserve Texas' heritage for the use, education, enjoyment, and economic benefit of present and future generations. CHC contributions include the preservation of countless historic buildings, artifacts, documents, and other components of Texas' rich history.

For more information about the Distinguished Service Award, visit www.thc.state.tx.us or contact the History Program's Division at 512-463-5853.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS



by Ed Sterling

Education agency explains progress score

AUSTIN — Forty-four percent of Texas campuses met federal Adequate Yearly Progress targets this year, the Texas Education Agency announced Aug. 8.

The agency attributed Texas' score to steep increases required by the No Child Left Behind Act, and mentioned that the state's request "to use a similar approach with the federal system" and carry over the 2011 AYP ratings into 2012 as the state transitions to the new STAAR testing program (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness) was denied by the U.S. Department of Education.

Under this federal school accountability system, the TEA explained, a school or district this year met AYP requirements if 87 percent or more of their students passed the state reading/English language arts test; 83 percent of their students passed the state mathematics test; 95 percent of their students participated in the state testing program and, depending on the grade level, had either a 75 percent graduation rate or a 90 percent attendance rate. Twenty-eight percent of Texas districts met these high standards, the TEA said.

Those requirements are comparable to Recognized or Exemplary level performance in the 2011 state accountability system.

Shoulders increase safety

The Texas Department of Transportation on Aug. 9 published its finding that state highways are safer thanks to the adding of shoulders and width to more than 1,000 miles of rural, two-lane highways.

Texas Transportation Institute's study of three years of pre-and post-improvement data on more than a thousand miles of narrow two-lane highways show that on 1,159 miles of recently added highway shoulders, there were 133 fewer fatalities and 895 fewer injuries compared to prior to widening, TxDOT reported.

The Texas Transportation Institute, part of The Texas A&M University System and headquartered at College Station, was founded in 1950.

Funding for such state highway improvements comes from 2003, when

voters gave the Texas Transportation Commission the authority to issue \$3 billion in bonds to pay for state highway improvements, TxDOT explained. The law stipulated that 20 percent of that amount must be used to fund projects that would reduce crashes or correct or improve hazardous locations on the state system.

Tax revenue climbs again

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced Aug. 8 that state sales tax revenue in July was \$2.05 billion, up 10.1 percent compared to July 2011.

"Business spending in the oil and natural gas industry and other sectors continues to be robust," Combs said in an agency news release. "That spending, along with increases in consumer sectors such as retail trade, continues to boost sales tax collections. State sales tax revenue has now increased for 28 consecutive months."

Combs said August local sales tax allocations totaling \$632.1 million will be returned to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts.

Graduation rate calculated

The Texas Education Agency on Aug. 3 announced the statewide "on-time" graduation rate climbed to an all-time high, reaching 85.9 percent for the Class of 2011.

The reported rate is 1.6 percentage points higher than the previous record set by the Class of 2010, and more than 92 percent of the 319,588 students in the Class of 2011 either gradu-

ated in four years or continued high school for a fifth year, the agency added.

'FirstNet' permit OK'd

The Federal Communications Commission has authorized a permit for Texas to operate a broadband network designed for first responders to share more data and access to communication resources, the Texas Department of Public Safety announced on Aug. 3.

In gaining permission to operate the network, Texas joins the nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network, called FirstNet. The federal 9/11 Commission recommended the implementation of such a system.

DPS Director Steven McCraw said, "The ability to immediately share information across law enforcement jurisdictions and among emergency responders is critical to public safety."

Man executed for murder

Marvin Lee Wilson, 54, was executed by lethal injection in Huntsville by the State of Texas on Aug. 7 for the murder of 21-year-old Jerry Robert Williams in 1992. He was the 484th death row inmate to be executed since the Texas death penalty was reinstated in 1982.

Wilson's score of 61 on an IQ test, interpreted as indicating mental retardation, set off debate as to the suitability of the sentence.

According to Texas Department of Criminal Justice information, after a physical confrontation between the two men in Beaumont, Wilson abducted and shot Williams.

Our Sympathy

WAYNE WINKS

BORGER — Wayne Winks, 64, of Borger died Sunday, Aug. 12, 2012.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery with Jake Minton officiating. Arrangements are by Minton-Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mr. Winks was born Feb. 7, 1948, in Mountain View, Mo., to Earl Wayne Winks Jr. and Lottie Souders Winks. Wayne worked in the oil field for most of his life.

Survivors include his mother, Lottie Parker of Borger; three sons, Gary Winks of Borger and Mickey and Budy Winks, both of Amarillo; a daughter, Holly Davis of Borger; two stepdaughters, Terri Hysmith and Denise Jones, both of Borger; three sisters, Deborah Quezada of Amarillo, Kay West of Fritch and Penny Helms of Bangs; a step-sister, Susan Poole of Spearman; two stepbrothers, Larry Parker of Borger and Terry Parker of Austin; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Crown of Texas Foundation for Hospice Care of the Southwest 6600 Kilgore Drive, Suite 110, Amarillo, TX 79106.

W.L. THOMAS JR.

LOCKNEY — W.L. Thomas Jr., 90, of Lockney died Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2012, in Canyon.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in First United Methodist Church of Lockney with the Rev. Rick Enns of First United Methodist Church of Canyon officiating. Private burial will be in Lockney Cemetery. Arrangements are by Brooks Funeral Directors of Canyon.

W.L. Thomas Jr. was born Sept. 6, 1921, to William Lucian and Lucy Ann Casey Thomas. He graduated from Lockney High School in 1939. He married Dorothy Belle Rodgers on July 3, 1949. She preceded him in death on June 24, 1992.

He was a veteran of the Air Force, was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Lockney Senior Citizens, Lockney Roping and Riding Association, and was a lifelong member of First United Methodist Church of Lockney.

He also was preceded in death by his parents; a son, James Dale Thomas; a brother, Ernest Lee Thomas; and two sisters, Mary Grubbs and Ermine Johnson.

Survivors include two daughters, Brenda Jo Thomas of Canyon and Judith Ann Nelson and husband Dennis of Spearman; a son, Billy Arnold Thomas and wife Barbara of Pampa; a daughter-in-law, Janie Thomas of Amarillo; a sister, Meda Ruth Watts of Granbury; a sister-in-law, Midge Adams of Amarillo; seven grandchildren, Kim Kennedy and husband Doug, Kevin Nelson and wife Ginger, Kyla Sell and husband Tom, Brent Thomas, Brian Thomas, Clint Thomas and wife Sarah and Grayson Edds and husband Tyson; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, 120 W. Poplar St., Lockney, TX 79241.

Sign the online guest book at www.brooksfuneral.com.

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Hutchinson County Farm Service Agency Office Closes August 10

Hutchinson County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Rick Hargrove, reminds producers that the Hutchinson County FSA office is closed to the public as of August 10th. There are 125 Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices closing nationwide, including 15 county offices in Texas. FSA office consolidations are part of USDA's Blueprint for Stronger Service.

The new headquarter office will be Hansford County. Producers were given the opportunity to move their respective business records to a county of their choosing if a county other than the default headquarter location was more convenient. Producers who did not select an alternative headquarter county were automatically transferred to Hansford County, the default headquarter county.

The Hansford County FSA office is located at 909 West 9th Ave, Ste. B in Spearman and can be reached by phone at 806-659-3036, ext. 2.

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ACROSS

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- Semicircular mountain basin
- "Many baseball teams wear it on their chests"
- Ringworm
- Big Island flower necklace
- Long backless sofa
- Antonym of afar
- Estimated arrival
- What racers do on CBS
- "The goal is strikes"
- "a.k.a. Ringer"
- Paolo, Brazil
- Select
- Shel Silverstein's poem "Constrictor"
- Elevated state
- More agitated
- "the Lonely," song
- Daytime TV program
- Jawaharlal
- Make a reference
- Island, NY
- Cause of Titanic's demise
- Paint layers
- "-Pitch Softball"
- Slovenly person
- Make wealthy
- They oppose the ye&ahs
- Fast-food staple
- Pull one's leg

DOWN

- Back wound
- A drunk
- Afresh
- Fast interruptions
- One rejected
- Horsefly
- bar
- Dolphin home
- Trunk extension
- "Shape of an American football"
- Fixed look
- Singles
- Make dark
- Neil Diamond's "Beautiful"
- Part of a play
- Military group
- "Another form of bowling"
- It can be a tear-jerker

27. Sacrificial spot
 29. "Subject of 'A Good Walk Spoiled'"
 31. Beaks
 32. Often found under books
 33. *E in baseball box score
 34. *Named after school of same name
 36. Giant Himalayan?

38. Site of Leaning Tower
 42. PDA pens
 45. Ski downhill
 49. Gardener's tool
 51. *a.k.a. Seam bowler in cricket
 54. Do penitence
 56. Master of ceremonies
 57. Foul substance
 58. French dream

59. Black cat, e.g.
 60. Wharf built parallel to shoreline
 61. Fender-bender damage
 62. Fiona or Shrek, e.g.
 63. He took a giant leap
 64. Sandra and Ruby, actresses
 67. National University of Singapore

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Happy Birthday!

August 16
Birthdays - Corky Chapman, Ed Fry, Ronny Womble, Wayne Burchard, Ben Dunaway, Sandra Younger, Felix Sandaval, Tyce Hergert, Teresa Cook, Sharon Ross, Jason Villines, Lillie Love, Kathy Love, Nicholas Vinson, Ruben Gomez, Donetta Greene, Carlos Hernandez, Alexander Davis
Anniversary - M/M Bill Sparks

August 17
Birthdays - Christy Brown, Guy Paul Hindergart, Allison Reid, Dean Sparks, Dodie Beedy, Delinda McLaughlin, Halee Rice, Bo Bensinger, Kimberly Boyd
Anniversary - Betty & Dub Womble, M/M Danny Jackson, M/M Don Allen, M/M Wayne Ware, Kitty & Frank Edwards, David & Kim Swink

August 18
Birthdays - Brenda Dahl, Carla Johnson, Heather Murrell, Jack Weldon, Tina Wilmeth, Jerry Beth Prachar, Tammy Welch, Bob Cook, Robbin Keetch, Pat Miller, Jeanie Bennett, Glen Ward, Andrew Correll, Janet Mayo
Anniversary - M/M David Link, M/M Dennis Baker, M/M Charles Deakin

August 19
Birthdays - Diana Bradshaw, Buddy Murrell, Kenton Odum, Linda Tidwell, Carey Bridges, Perry Dixon, Mary Lou Mathews, Chris Trout, Lisa Collins, Teddy Lynn Whitefield, Melissa Harvey, Joshua Miller, Jordan Fisher, Lenny Pecha
Anniversary - M/M Kelly Smith, M/M Larry Hicks, M/M Jim Bartimus

August 20
Birthdays - David Bergin, Joyce Messer, Joyce Lackey, Irene Snider, Tony Hart, Shelley Edenborough, Joe Olivarez, Derek Irlbeck, Kathy Lewis, Jodi Hight
Anniversary - M/M Mike Grotegut, M/M Les Barkley, M/M Tommy Russell, M/M Larry Babbs

August 21
Birthdays - Lou Garrett, Lauren Hoel, Michael Lane Whitefield, Linda Lawson, Carolyn Mauldin, Brandon Babitzke, Joshua Bynum, Rick Harvey, Coy H. Kelly Jr, Shane Hill
Anniversary - M/M Dwayne Marrs

August 22
Birthdays - Amber Roberts, Autumn Roberts, Tony Hester, Michelle Davis, Tuesday Reed, Jonell Sheets, Roger Brown, Marge Papay, John Michael Sterling, Phil Garza, Kathrine Tope, Janie Perez, Garrett Griffin, Brian Robinson, Brett Winegarner, Janie Reza, Kay Snider
Anniversary - M/M Silva,

August 23
Birthdays - Ann Dorman, Reagan Baker, Eddie Reed, Donnie Mitchell, Sara Blackburn, Ralph Blodgett, Bill Jack Pittman, Kathy Lewis, Miriam Mendoza
Anniversary - M/M Billy DeArmond, M/M Chris Johnson, M/M Jimmie Vernon

August 24
Birthdays - Frances Atwood, Laci Fitzgerald, Sarah Van Buskirk, Rosio Rosales, Charlie West, Claudine Clark, Melissa Kay McLain, Lila West, Scott Houghton, Willie Lee Wilkerson, LeRoy Farris, Clayton Wilkerson, Charlie West, Travis Boyd
Anniversary - M/M Terry Austin, M/M Dwayne Mitchell, M/M Randy Brown

August 25
Birthdays - Carol Ross, Kathleen Sutton, Connie Sue Wooley, Kathy Yancey, Linda Young, Courtney Roach, Kathrine Pipkin, Gay Bowen, Michael Janzen, Katie Miesner
Anniversary - M/M Butch Lasater, M/M Roy Don Gammon

August 26
Birthdays - Wayne Kruse, Debbie Davis, Chayci Dominguez, Mike Cudd, David Archer, Juanita Tucker, Mary Thompson, Kimberly Slater, Ashley Patterson
Anniversary - M/M Eddie Clemmons, M/M Vernon Morris

August 27
Birthdays - Amy Grubbs, Brian Hoel, Pat Ochoa, June Jackson, Donald Rhea, Gregg Weaver, Chad Davis, Patricia Bevera, Virginio Ortega Jr., J. T. Sanders, Bertha Watts, Gabriel Moreno, Krystal Vela, Christopher Abernathy, Cassidy Odegaard, Dara Faries, Jean Snider
Anniversary - Jim & Pamela Morrison, M/M Jerry Bowling

August 28
Birthdays - KiKi Carthel Brabham, Amy Gillispie, Mika McLain, Linda Nunez, Kory Sheppard, Mike Pearson, Joe Bravo, Keith Burgess, Andy Jones, Mabry Sutterfield, Penny Sumner, Alana Marie George

August 29
Birthdays - Rodney Clawson, Ginny Grotegut, Monica Ward, Mark Crooks, Bill Strawn, Richeardo Espinosa, Dusty Vinson, Linda Lou Lewis, Tony Cazares, Holly Brack, Katie Bynum
Anniversary - M/M Robert Blevins

August 30
Birthdays - Joshua Blount, Roy Dale Karr, Van Lewis, Jeff Nicholson, Chelly Rigdon, Christa Urban

Our Sympathy

JOHANNA MOEN
 GUYMON, OK - Johanna Moen, 95, passed away Wednesday, August 8, 2012, at Southwest Medical Center, Liberal, Kansas.
 Johanna was born on April 3, 1917 in Bemis, South Dakota to Johanna (TeKrony) and Herman M. TeBeest. She was the youngest of their children. Johanna moved with her family to the Oslo community, south of Guymon, Oklahoma in 1934. She was united in marriage to Henry Moen at the Oslo Lutheran Church parsonage on August 12, 1938. Henry and Johanna moved from the Oslo community to Guymon in 1947. A son, Gary Wayne was born in 1948.
 Johanna was a proud homemaker, an avid gardener, and a highly regarded quilter. Her appreciation for the beauty of nature included a passion for fishing and feeding the birds and squirrels who called her backyard their home. Johanna was an active member of Oslo Lutheran Church where she was a member of the Lutheran Women's Group. She was a longtime member of the Delphinium Garden Club, the Paul's Scarlet Garden Club and the TCMH Auxiliary. After the death of her husband in 1992, Johanna continued to reside in Guymon until moving to Liberal in 2009.
 Survivors include Gary and wife Phyllis of Liberal; granddaughter, Heather D. Venable and husband Robert of Leawood, KS; two grandsons, Jeffrey S. Moen and wife Jenni of Ardmore, OK; and Eric A. Moen and wife Carly of Norman, OK; and six great grandchildren, Ethan, Dylan, Victoria, Henry, Ella and Max.
 She was preceded in death by her husband, three sisters, Esther Dahl, Gertrude TeBeest and Ruth Hull, and four brothers, Henry, Ben, Reuben and Ted TeBeest.
 Funeral services will be at 2:00 P.M., Saturday, August 11th at Oslo Lutheran Church, Gruver, TX with Rev. Arlen Lloyd officiating. Interment will follow in Oslo Lutheran Cemetery under the direction of Henson-Novak Funeral Directors of Guymon.
 Visitation will be at the funeral home on Friday, 1-9:00 PM. Memorials may be given to the Oslo Lutheran Church or a charity of choice, c/o Henson-Novak Funeral Directors, P.O. Box 1306, Guymon. Friends may send condolences and sign the online guest book at www.hensonnovak.com.



PATRICIA ANN MORGAN
 PANHANDLE — Patricia Ann Morgan, 58, of Panhandle died Friday, Aug. 10, 2012.
 Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Calvary Baptist Church in Panhandle with the Rev. James Greer, director of Missions Top of Texas Baptist Association, officiating. Burial will follow in Panhandle Cemetery. Arrangements are by Minton-Chatwell Funeral Directors of Panhandle.
 Mrs. Morgan was born Sept. 1, 1953, in Borger to Eldon Price Karr and Agnes Louise Judd Karr. She married Mike Morgan on Dec. 31, 1981, in Borger.
 Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Michaela Reane Wyatt of Stinnett and Stacy Ann Jones of Beeville; two sons, Bradley Ray Morgan of Stratford and Cody Lynn Argold of Beeville; four brothers, Mickey Karr of Pampa, Benny Karr of Borger, and Bobby and Price Karr, both of Arkansas; six grandchildren; and special friend, Linda West Uptergrove of Spearman.

WILLIAM CLAY "BILL" JACKSON
 SPEARMAN — William Clay "Bill" Jackson, 85, of Spearman died Friday, Aug. 10, 2012.
 Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. today in Holt Cemetery with the Rev. Jim Medley officiating. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.
 Mr. Jackson was born June 3, 1927, in Mangum, Okla. He married Mary Jo Steakley on Nov. 30, 1951, in Borger. She preceded him in death in 2012. Mr. Jackson was a veteran of the Army in World War II. He was a farmer and rancher, and was a member of Spearman First Baptist Church.
 Mr. Jackson's passions were his grandchildren, horses, hunting, fishing and being outdoors. He had a great sense of humor and loved to tell jokes — never forgetting one and never missing the opportunity to tell one.
 Survivors include a daughter, Devorah Bishop and husband Doak of Houston; a son, Roy Jackson and wife Aleta of Spearman; four grandsons, Clay Bishop and wife Christy of Austin and Landon Jackson, Clint Jackson and wife Jennifer and Jeffrey Jackson and wife Danielle, all of Spearman; two granddaughters, Kelley Bishop of Houston and Caroline Bishop of Dallas; four great-grandchildren; three sisters, Jo McLaughlin of Spearman, June Barkley of Gruver and Claudine Clark of San Antonio; three brothers, Pat Jackson of Hot Springs, Ark., George Jackson of Spearman and Dan Jackson of Huntsville, Ark.; and caregivers, Renee Griffin and Taydawn Hawkins, both of Spearman.
 The family suggests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 S. Roland St., Spearman, TX 79081; or Holt Cemetery, 10239 Farm-to-Market Road 281, Spearman, TX 79081.

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Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.
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Worship: 10:30 a.m.
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Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m.
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
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Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed.
Pastor - Toni Bailey
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31 S. Endicott • 659-2644
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
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1102 S. Archer • 659-2783
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
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Pastor - Philip Hudson
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502 E. 7th • 659-3991
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Worship: 10:50 a.m.
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Pastor - Scott Curry
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209 King • 733-2760
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Worship: 10:20 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wed. Worship: 7:00 p.m.
Minister - Gaylord Cook
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510 King • 733-2960
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Youth: 7:30, Sunday
Adult Bible Study: 7:30, Sun.
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 - Morse**
 - Morse Baptist Church**
733-2757
Pastor - Gary Stevens
 - Waka**
 - Church of Christ**
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202-7126
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Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Preacher - Ed Jenkins

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

John DeLaRosa
A medical account has been opened for John & Deborah DeLaRosa at First National Bank. John has been diagnosed with oral cancer. He will be going through radiation and chemo treatment.

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

Farmer's Market
The local Farmer's Market is held every Wednesday afternoon. Anyone interested in participating is asked to contact Linda Venneman at 806-898-0969.

BBBS Big Fun Run
The 5th Annual Big Fun Run and Family Fun Walk will be held Saturday, August 25th at 8 a.m. starting at Perryton High School. A Family Fun 1 Mile Walk immediately follows at 8:30 a.m. Proceeds will benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters in Perryton, Spearman and Gruver. To register for the 5K race or one mile fun walk call the BBBS office at 434-0016 or on our website: bbbstpan.org. Registration will be available the day of the event. Registration is \$25. Members of SWFTR or Lone Star Runners Club pay \$20. Family Fun Walk Package (family of 4) is \$90. Male and female first and second place prizes will be awarded in four divisions: 14 & under, 15-25, 26-40, and 41+. Register by August 10th to guarantee shirt sizes.

GHS Cross Country Workouts
All high school students (boys and girls) planning to run cross country must report for practices on Monday, August 13th at 7 a.m. behind the old varsity gym. A swimsuit and bike will be needed on Tuesday (14th) and Thursday (15th). Contact Coach Morrison if you have any questions.

ACT Test Deadline
Attention High School Juniors and Seniors. Aug 17th is the deadline to register for the Sept 8th ACT test.

7th-12th Grade Parent/Student Meeting Drug Testing Procedures & Policy
Gruver ISD will be holding a parent/student meeting for all students in grades 7th -12th about the new drug testing procedures and School Board policy that will be implemented this school year. Mr. Seagler, Coach Felderhoff, Coach Callaway, and Mrs. Gaillard will be present at the meeting to discuss the policy and testing procedures. All students who will be participating in athletics, band, choir, FFA, FCCLA, UIL, cheerleading, One Act Play, annual staff, class or organization officers, students that park in the school parking lot, or any and all other extra-curricular activities must take part in this drug testing policy to be eligible for their specific activity. The meeting will be held in the High School gym at 7:00 pm, August, 21st. Parents/Students will need to be prepared to sign and complete some paperwork at this meeting. If parents or students can not attend, all paperwork will be distributed on the first day of school and will need to be signed and return the next day.

Gruver Jr High Load Your Locker
Gruver Junior High students are welcome to come to the jr. high building on August 23rd and 24th to bring their school supplies and set up their lockers.

Pringle-Morse Welcome Back to School
Pringle-Morse ISD will host a Welcome Back Event for parents and students. Come in for registration packets, meet the teachers and bring your school supplies to Pringle-Morse School on Tuesday, August 21st through Friday, August 24th. Times are as follows: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Office open (Tuesday-Friday), 1-3 p.m. Meet the Teachers (Tuesday-Thursday), 9 a.m.-12 noon Meet the Teacher (Friday), and 6-7 p.m. (Thursday ONLY). This will be a come and go opportunity before school starts for parents and students to bring school supplies, meet the teachers and fill out registration packets. Door Prizes will be given to each family that attends and returns completed registration packets. If you have any questions, please call the school office at (806) 733-2507.

Gruver Yearbooks Are In
The yearbooks are in! If you ordered one last year, you can pick it up between 6:00-7:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 14. Or you can come by room 110 in the high school August 15, 21-24 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. There are a few extra books that will be on sale for \$50.00, so if you didn't reserve one last year, come by! Hurry! Supplies are limited!

Coffee Memorial Blood Center Spearman Blood Drive
Coffee Memorial Blood Center is hosting a Spearman Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, August 21, 2012 from 1-7 p.m. at The O'Loughlin Center. Every eligible donor who presents to donate will receive a free Boots vs. Badges t-shirt and can enter to win a \$500 VISA gift card. (Weekly drawings) Vote for your favorite local hero (law enforcement or firefighters). Photo ID or Donor Card Required. Must be at least 17 years old to donate. WALK-INS WELCOME. 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!

Spearman High School Registration
SHS students may pick up their 2012 - 2013 class schedules on Tuesday, August 21, 2012, according to the following schedule: *9th Grade - Fish Camp - All incoming 9th graders will need to plan on being at the high school from 8:30 - 10:30; *10th Grade - 10:30 - 11:00; *11th Grade - 11:00 - 11:30; and *12th Grade - 11:30 - 12:00. Students new to the district may register from 1:30 - 3:00 pm on Tuesday, August 21, as well. New students need to bring a copy of their shot record and a current transcript.

Gus Birdwell Registration
Registration for new students will be held August 15-17 at the office. Times are from 8:30-11 a.m. and 12-3 p.m. Parents are asked to bring their child's Birth Certificate, Social Security Card and Immunization Records.

Irrigation Management Seminar
An Irrigation Management Seminar will be held August 22, 2012 at the Ochiltree County Expo Center. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Tours start at 9. Topics include: Corn Irrigation Management, Soil Tensiometer Technology, Irrigation Budgeting Technology, and Sorghum Irrigation Management. Field Tours will be given of the North Plains EPIC and 200/12 Reduced Irrigation Project. Lunch will be provided. 3 CEUs for Pesticide Applicators. For More Information Contact: Scott Strawn, Ochiltree County Extension Agent Texas AgriLife Extension Service, 806-435-4501; JR Sprague, Lipscomb County Extension Agent Texas AgriLife Extension Service, 806-862-4601; Kirk Welch, Assistant General Manager-Outreach NPGCD, 806-935-6401

SHS Booster Club Membership Drive
The 2012-2013 Spearman Athletic Booster Club Membership Drive is underway. Membership forms can be downloaded and printed at www.spearmanlynx.org. The Booster Club officers for the 2012-2013 school year are very eager and excited to work as a team with parents, students, coaches and the community to fulfill the many needs of the SHS Athletic program. Your support is greatly appreciated! Go Lynx & Lynettes!

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

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister



In the twelfth week of the Season of Pentecost we learn about "Wisdom", about living wisely, and about the bread of life. We study Proverbs 9: 1-6, Psalm 34: 0-14, Ephesians 5: 15-20, and John 6: 51-58. The personification of "Wisdom" is present when God creates the world. In this passage she is shown as building her house, forming her pillars, butchering her meat and mixing her wine in preparation for a feast. She sends her servant girls (presumably with invitations to eat with her) and calls from the highest places for those without understanding to come dine with her. She enjoins them to lay aside immaturity and live and walk in the way of insight. "Wisdom" is female and her actions in this passage reminds us of the characteristics of the Holy Spirit. (Note that the 'Holy Spirit' was considered feminine in the early Church; the Holy Spirit was only considered masculine after Jerome translated the Bible from Hebrew to Greek in the Fourth Century). Dining at the table was a metaphor for acquiring wisdom. For the devout Jew, "wisdom" is the Torah. We can learn from this that ascribing gender to God is something we do to try to understand his steadfast love for us. Also, it is through the Holy Spirit that our faith in Jesus Christ is enabled and we are marked as children of God.

The Psalmist continues his song that tells us that those who fear the Lord lack nothing. He advises all to keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit. What then does it mean to fear God? I like a comment by Martin Luther who once said, "I fear God because God can squash me; I love God because God does not". If we abide in God we lack for nothing because we need nothing more. God's steadfast love is with us always. Our 'fear' is love, respect and obedience.

Paul exhorts the Ephesians to "live wisely" by making the most of their time (here on Earth) and to be thankful to God at all times in the name of Jesus Christ. If we live each day 'in the Lord' we lack for nothing else, we need nothing else. Because God loves us, we love others. Whatever we do, we must do it in the Lord and this will keep us from the day's evil.

Jesus continues to describe himself as the "bread of life". He confounds "the Jews" by saying, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day". Consider the sacrament of the Eucharist (Communion). We eat the bread (The Body of Christ broken for you); we drink the wine (The New Covenant in my blood, shed for you); as we participate in this sacrament, we "take" Christ into us; he sustains us. When we abide in Christ, he abides in us. We need nothing more.

May the Holy Spirit enable you to attain "Wisdom" that you may live wisely and abide in Jesus Christ.

Thank You!

With sincere gratitude:
Thank you to each one as you showed your love and concern for Alton and us, his family, during the five months he was so ill in the hospital and manor and during these days since he entered into his heavenly home. We have received blessings, strength and comfort through your prayers, visits, cards, bouquets, phone calls, encouraging words and warm hugs.

Our Hansford Hoospice staff deserves our highest praise and gratitude. They were always near or on call to see to our every need. Also, a big thank you to the Hospice volunteers who provided food and care when Alton was placed in Hospice.

Also, an ever so grateful acknowledgement is expressed to Dr. Garnett, Dr. Cotter and the wonderful nursing staff and all the employees of Hansford Hospital and Hansford Manor Each one went above and beyond for Alton's needs and comfort.

We greatly appreciate our pastor and his wife, Jim and Lana Medley, for their constant ministry to our family.

There have been so many acts of kindness, uplifting words and generous deeds performed that we want each and everyone to know they were very much noticed and appreciated. God has certainly blessed us with loving famojo, friends and community. We pray His greatest blessings back to all.

Peggy Ellsworth; Gary & Jan Ellsworth & Families; Archie & Gayle Smith & Families

You are invited to a **Wedding Shower** honoring **Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith** (nee Jill Hall) on **Saturday, August 25, 2012** from 2-3 p.m. in the home of Brenda Winegarner 321 S Barkley Spearman, Texas Selections at Medic Pharmacy, Target, and Bed, Bath & Beyond

You are invited to a **Bridal Shower** honoring **Lauren Sterna** (bride-elect of Collin Gillaspie) on **Sunday, August 26, 2012** from 2-3:30 p.m. in the home of Lynna Renner 900 S Barkley Spearman, Texas Selections at Medic Pharmacy, Prairie Garden, Target, and Bed, Bath & Beyond

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Spearman ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, August 27, 2012 in Spearman ISD High School Library, 403 E 11th Avenue. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.199600/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	1.02 % increase
Debt Service	-0.38 % decrease
Total expenditures	0.89 % increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$459,241,120	\$478,824,461
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$2,638,250	\$3,142,515
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$406,306,581	\$417,667,950
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$2,611,867	\$2,828,263

*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$9,830,000

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.206040*	\$1.246040	\$6,410	\$4,706
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.038250	\$0.213900*	\$1.252150	\$6,375	\$4,540
Proposed Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.199600*	\$1.239600	\$6,393	\$4,378

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$67,430	\$65,396
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$45,687	\$43,857
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.246040	\$1.239600
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$569.28	\$543.65
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$-25.63

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.239828. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.239828.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$3,254,963
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$174,939

Spearman Lions Club Installs New Officers

Ed Hansen installed as Boss Lion. District Governor installs Spearman Lions Club Officers.

The 2012-2013 officers of the Spearman Lions Club were installed by Dr. David Bonner, District Governor of Lions International District 2T-1. Ed Hansen, Spearman City Manager, was installed as Boss Lion. Other officers are Larry McCollum as 1st Vice-President, Eric Flores, 2nd Vice-President, Grace Calvert, Third Vice-President and Flag Chairman,

Secretary Tindle Ramon, Treasurer Cecil Biggers, Tail Twister and Song Bird, Richey Thompson, Assistant to the Tail Twister Bret Burgin, Membership, Brian Gillispie, 1 Year Director, Robert Baker, 2 Year Director, James Cunningham, 1 Year Director Tim Cooper, 2 Year Director Clay Schnell, Lion Tamer Clayton Montgomery and Past President Britt Jarvis.

The spouses of the member were invited. Susan Baker, Karen Thompson,



Kristi Ramon, Hazel Stumpf, and Faye Cunningham were in attendance.

Dr. Bonner discussed his priorities for his term as

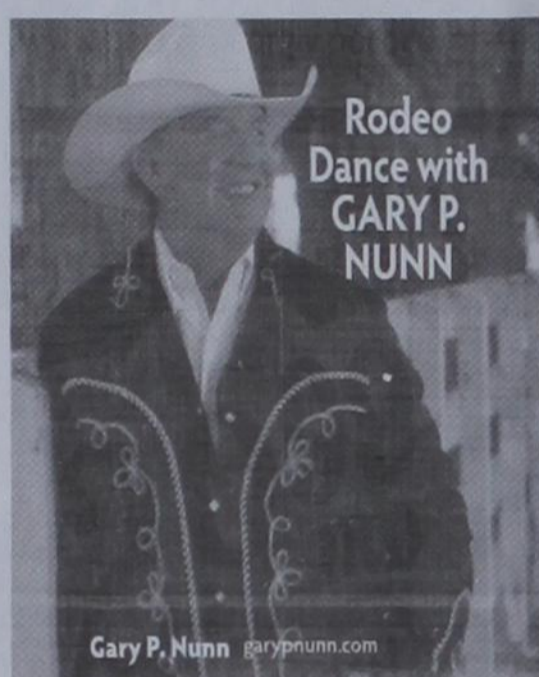
District Governor. His number one priority is membership. The Lions club locally supports over ten local causes with spe-

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Chamber & Economic Development News

by *Tex Kopke*

Our first big project coming up for the Spearman Chamber will be the annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament which will be held on September 15. The golf tournament is planned to fall on homecoming weekend. So, if you have family or friends coming in for homecoming, get them signed up for the tournament as soon as sign ups are announced. Please call the Chamber at 659-5555 if your business would like to sponsor a hole this year or if you would like to sponsor the same hole you sponsored last year.

The golf tournament is one of the major fundraisers for the Chamber and the Chamber depends on your sponsorship to fund projects throughout the year, so please call to support your community and the Chamber. You do not have to run a business to sponsor a hole at the tournament. Anyone can sponsor a hole or donate money or prizes for the tournament.

In the last couple of weeks since the Chamber office reopened I have been contacted by people looking to rent or buy homes, and by a couple of people looking to rent retail property in order to open a business. No houses or retail properties are currently listed in the paper or on-line for rent. However, there are many vacant homes and retail properties in town. People can't move here for jobs or open businesses without somewhere to live or somewhere to operate a business, so if you have something available to rent or for sale, please let me know and please get it advertised in the paper or on-line. It isn't doing anyone any good just sitting there empty. People can't guess who owns the property or if it is for sale or rent if it isn't advertised. Spearman needs these vacant properties to be used if we are to grow.

I recently talked to the folks from Perryton's Texas Farms while they were over here conducting a job fair.

They hired 5 more employees from Spearman at the job fair and said they now have between 40 to 50 employees and their families living here in Spearman. If more homes were available, Spearman could be growing even more.

Speaking of homes. Did you know that there are currently 4 new homes under construction here in Spearman? When was the last time that happened? Talk to Charles Elliott about having your own new home built. The Spearman Economic Development Corporation is currently offering great new home building incentives, and Charles would be glad to build a house for you, too.

Last week I mentioned the recent improvements to Tong's Restaurant. Have you also noticed the improvements to the library? With help from the Spearman Economic Development Corporation, the crumbling stucco has recently been repaired and all the outside painted surfaces

have been repainted. The building is now back in prime condition and looking great on Main Street. If you haven't been paying attention you may not have noticed that B&B True Value Hardware has gone through a complete remodeling and is looking great, and isn't Lowe's Grocery looking great after all the remodeling also?

The Spearman shopping mall is now completely full with one space currently undergoing remodeling. The newest businesses are Bambaky's Ice Cream Shop, a Zumba dance exercise class, and a car detail shop located in the rear of the Country Market. Please stop by to check out these new businesses soon. Don't forget to check out the new Prairie Garden flower and gift shop and see what is new at Medic Pharmacy (formerly Gordon's Drug) with the new ownership there. And don't forget the Farmers Market each Wednesday from 12-5 on

Main Street.

I enjoyed a great lunch buffet Saturday at Jeanie's City Cafe and Donut Shop. With the changes in ownership structure, watch to see the great new things will be happening there. Along with the cafe, Mark Murry is also buying the old Clarks Aerial Spraying building with the 4 garage bays on Hwy. 207. This building is near Mark's own crop spraying business and near his Jeanie's Cafe, so it should be interesting watching him run between the 3 businesses. When does this guy ever sleep? He really has great plans for the Sparks Brothers building, but we will let him finish reorganizing the cafe before we start talking about what he is going to be doing next.

When you stop to think about it, Spearman really is a busy place these days.

If you have news about other business happenings or improvements around town, please let me know. I want everyone to be aware of all the great improvements and growth going on here. Your Chamber has several other things in the

planning stages, but we aren't ready to let the cat out of the bag yet, so stay tuned and don't forget to pick up a piece of litter today. Have some Spearman Pride and don't let anyone get by with trashing our town!

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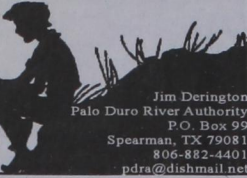
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This doe and fawn were seen near the intake structure on Horse Creek.

have been showers available at the restrooms on the north side of the dam. The board decided to use money from a fund for Improvements that had been kept for many years to do this project. Taxes will not be raised to pay for them.

There were 6 RVs camping behind the dam and 4 on the office side this weekend.

Jim saw only one bald eagle this week. Again it was flying with the buzzards. I don't know if it is the company appreciated or just that the air thermals are right for soaring despite the company.

Lately much of the fishing has been done at night. The catch is mainly small fish. I am not sure if this is throwback size or a good eating size.

Big Freeze

A recent e-mail from Panhandle Historian Cleon Roberts of Hereford

brought us another puzzle. We have several references to the big blizzard of 1886 but this is the first one I've seen that mentions a bluff on the Palo Duro and the stage road. Usually the story goes into how many dead cattle had piled up north of the drift fence. I hope some reader can figure out the probable bluff.

"I found a reference in the Leadville, Colorado Herald Democrat of February 9, 1886," setting the month of the big freeze as the recent January. Recollections of old timers had been unclear to me. A Mr. Markham reported on the above date that one herd of cattle huddled under the bluff of a creek in the Panhandle and died there. "The carcasses were strewn from Palo Duro Creek hundreds of yards across the stage road and had to be hauled away before stages could be driven through."

Lake Level--August 13, 2012--26.38 feet

The showers last week brought .07 inch to the office gauge and .12 to Ramon's gauge. The forecasters give us a better chance this week, so we can hope we are in a favored spot.

Jim reports that Charles Elliott is building new showers to go with the restrooms on the office side. For some years now, there

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