



Frost Returns from Iraq



Dustin Frost

Dustin Frost recently returned to Spearman for a visit. Dustin is in the infantry in the United States Army, where he is stationed at Shofield Barracks in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dustin served a year in Iraq, returning to Hawaii on June 4, 2011. After being in Honolulu for a month, Dustin is on leave for a month, and is spending it in Texas and Oklahoma, visiting family, friends, and his girlfriend, Matison Jones.

Dustin spent the first six months in Iraq patrolling, and the last six months training Iraqi soldiers.

Dustin is a 2009 graduate of Spearman High School. He is the son of Stacie and Glenn Ruga of Spearman and Matt Frost of Amarillo. He has three brothers, Jeremy (and wife, Kylee) Frost, who live in Fort Stewart, GA, and Nathan and Patrick Ruga of Spearman.

Weather Forecast

WEDNESDAY - Partly cloudy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning - then a chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 90s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the lower 70s. Southeast winds around 5 mph.

THURSDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 103.

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

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 100.

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

SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs around 102.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 70.

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs around 100.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 70.

Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/forecast/w-Spearman-Texas.html#ixzz0xgJSWQkT>

by GasBuddy.com TexasGasPrices.com Weekly Update

Texas, August 1- Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 0.1 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.61/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that has increased 1.1 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.70/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices yesterday were \$1.07/g higher than the same day one year ago and are 19.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 13.2 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 95.5 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

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.

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A Soldier's Surprise

Editor's Note: Tyler is the grandson of Pete and Shirley Stafford of Spearman. He attended 1st grade in Spearman, where he was taught by Mrs. Kristi Ramon.

by Rowynn Ricks, The Woodward News, July 8, 2011

Woodward, Okla. — Sherryl Kinsey could almost tell something was up.

As she sat at a corner table at Big Dan's Steakhouse with her husband Jim Kinsey waiting for their lunch order to be delivered, she looked around, noticing several familiar faces.

Sherryl Kinsey thought back to how her husband had prodded her to go out for lunch, saying "I'm in the mood for a steak today" and "Why don't we go to Big Dan's?"

She had thought about telling him that she just felt like staying home, but he persisted and she agreed to go.

In the end she was glad she did because in addition to her chicken fried steak dinner, the waitress also brought out a special surprise.

"So who ordered the chicken fry?" asked Sherryl Kinsey's son, Sgt. Tyler Rea as he followed the waitress out to his mother's table.

The uniformed Rea caught his mother's stunned, but smiling reaction on a camera he was carrying to video the surprise reunion.

The 2 then embraced in a welcome home hug as Rea is home on a 15-day leave from a tour of duty in Afghanistan. Rea serves as a light infantryman with Charlie Co. 2-34 Combined Arms Battalion and when he isn't serving overseas is stationed at Fort Riley, KS.

Sherryl Kinsey knew her son was getting to come home some time in July, but she wasn't expecting him to join her for lunch Friday.

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Army Sgt. Tyler Rea embraces his mother Sherryl Kinsey after surprising her at lunch at Big Dan's Steakhouse Friday afternoon. Rea is home on a 15-day leave from a current tour of duty with Charlie Co. 2-34 Combined Arms Battalion in Afghanistan.
Photo by Rowynn Ricks

Memorial Day Service Held

Editor's Note: The following transcript was written and read by Joe Potts during a Memorial Day Service at Gruver Cemetery on May 29, 2011 at 3 p.m. Seven local World War II veterans who were killed in action were honored. They are: Harland Roper, Ira Lee Tomlinson, Gunder Stavlo, Jesse Ralston, Walter M. Hart, John T. Utley Jr., and Bill Turk.

submitted by Joe Potts

150 years ago the Civil War began. 5 years later the war was over; 4 million Americans had gained their freedom and the Union had been preserved. But the President had been assassinated, 650,000 soldiers had been killed and the country was still bitterly divided. In 1868, in a gesture of reconciliation, General Logan, Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, ordered that flowers be placed on Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery on May 30th. Today we call it Memorial Day and a flag is placed at each US Veterans grave.

For 35 years I have mowed and trimmed around this stone with the 7 names we specifically honor today. All these young men who gave their lives to protect this country in WW II were beloved sons and brothers of Gruver families. All attended Gruver High School, 4 were killed before reaching the age of 24. 2 are buried in this cemetery, 2 are buried in foreign countries, 1 is buried in Hawaii, 2 were lost at sea and never found. 3 left widows. None had children. Today they are remembered by their families.

There are over 160 flags on Veterans graves in this cemetery. There is a story

under each flag that should be told on Memorial Days to come. Tell your loved ones story. It's part of our heritage.

Taps was played after the audio salute to these 7 soldiers. Taps was first played in 1862 during the Civil War on the Union side. Within months it was also played by Confederate soldiers.

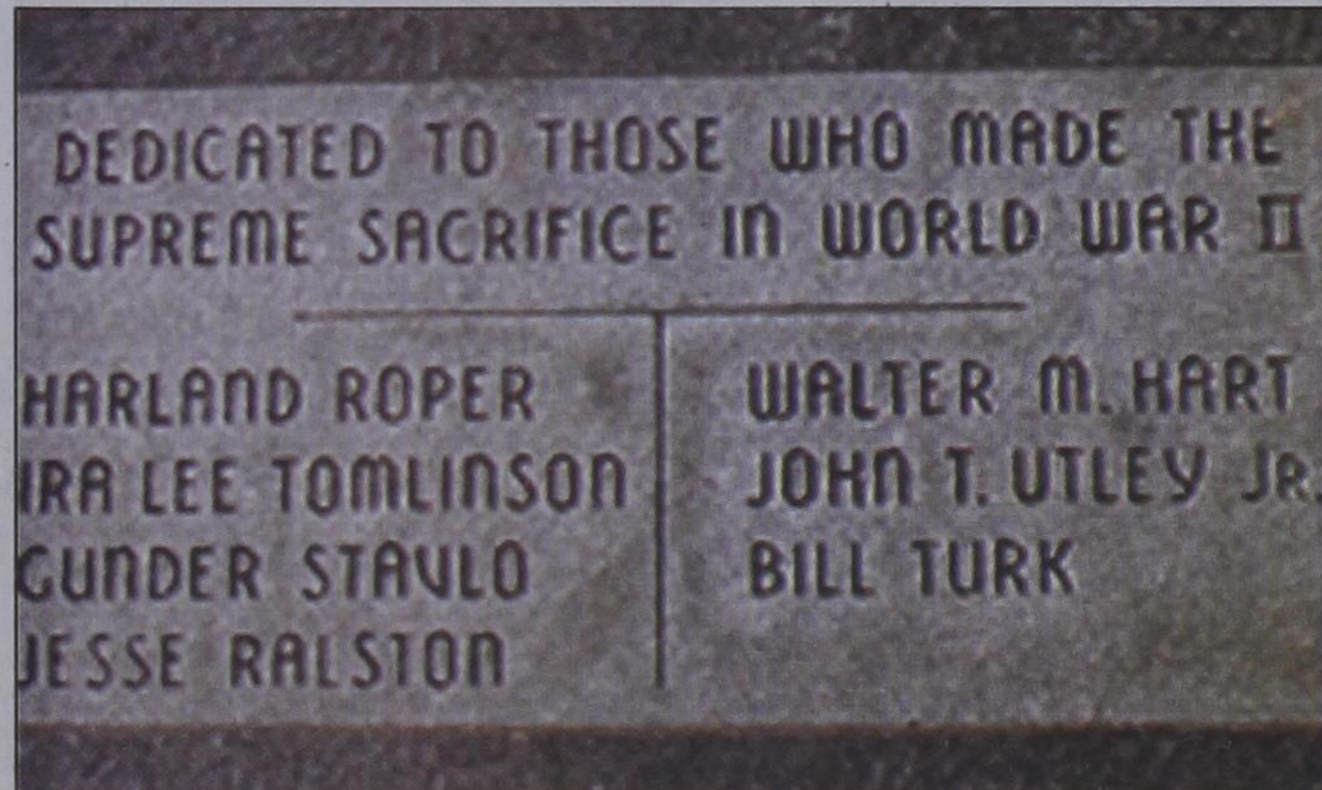
*Day is done, gone the sun,
From the hills, from the lake,
From the sky.
All is well, safely rest,
God is nigh.*

*Go to sleep, peaceful sleep,
May the soldier or sailor,
God keep.
On the land or the deep,
Safe in sleep.*

*Love, good night, Must thou go,
When the day, And the night
Need thee so?
All is well. Speedeth all
To their rest.*

*Fades the light; And afar
Goeth day, And the stars
Shineth bright,
Fare thee well; Day has gone,
Night is on.*

*Thanks and praise, For our days,
'Neath the sun, 'Neath the stars,
'Neath the sky,
As we go, This we know,
God is nigh.*



HC 4H Livestock Team Wins Oklahoma Contest



Hansford County 4-H Senior Livestock Judging Team
Coach Bret Burgin, Callie Stedje, Audrey Lieb, Jennifer Crowl, and Travis Stedje.

The Hansford County 4H livestock judging team competed in their first contest of the season at OSU Beef Cattle Field Day, July 20th, in Stillwater, OK.

This contest hosted 1171 students competing on 281 teams in 4 divisions: Jr FFA, Jr 4-H, Senior FFA and Senior 4-H. Hansford County was up against 47 teams in the Senior 4H division and came in first place, beating the 2nd place team by a wide margin of 32 points.

Individually, each of the four members placed in the top 30 of the 127 senior 4-H contestants. Senior 4-H over all rankings were: Travis Stedje - 1st, Audrey Lieb - 5th, Callie Stedje - 12th, and Jennifer Crowl - 28th. Furthermore, their team score, 1117 out of a possible 1200, was the second highest score out of all 4 of the combined divisions. Travis Stedje's 1st place score of 381 was the second best of all 4 divisions of the 1171 students.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott
MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

Well, we have had better weeks at the museum than last week. We were expecting to be busy and it started on Wednesday with getting ready for Saturday's big event. We agreed to come on Friday and move the cases, etc., and to arrange our front area for the tea. Unfortunately we had a mishap and Fern McGee was injured and a display case was terminally wrecked. Fern is OK and she and I are still kicking ourselves for trying to be super women. Lesson learned is that we will not attempt to move anything that does not have wheels.

The Tea on Saturday was very successful with over 40 people attending. Dolores Cross, granddaughter of J.B. and Mary Margaret Webb Turner, presented a

touching program about the arrival of her grandparents in Lipscomb County. She also displayed some clothing and belongings of her grandmother. Before and after the presentation, attendees were able to examine the clothing and visit with Dolores about her family history. Many members of the Turner family were in attendance. Dolores and her husband, Larry, are restoring the family ranch house in Lipscomb County for the use by the family. Dolores lives in Amarillo and presents her program to various groups in the area.

On Wednesday of this week, Georgia and I will have left to travel to Irving for the annual meeting of the Texas Museum Association. So next week I will report on the state of the union in Texas Museums. This is the final meeting for

the year on a state level and promises to be informative.

MUSEUM MUSINGS

This past week was a sad one when we learned that one of our most treasured members of our museum family had passed away. Rene Heil was one of our greatest supporters. He was always here to take photographs of our events, bring us his latest book and to arrange a book signing to assist us in raising money for our projects and building. He was always willing to provide us with his photos. We have a collection of his photographs of the drilling of one of the first wells in the "new" oil boom in the '90's. His memorial service was Saturday in Follett and was a tribute to his life.

Rene left us with a wonderful historical legacy of the ranches from Mexico to Montana. Each year beginning in March, he would load his van with a bedroll, ice cooler, and camera equipment to spend the next four months traveling. He captures the sights of Spring Roundup in ranch country. His son, Kirk, has assured us that his sixth book will be available in the future.

We will miss him.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum

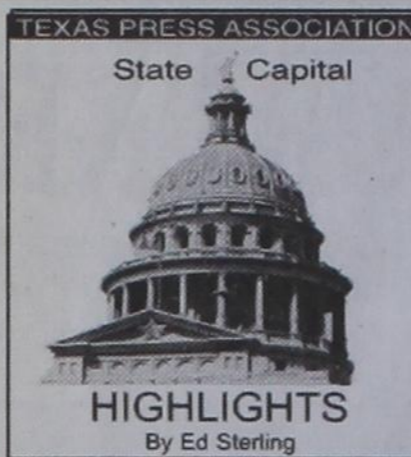
Museum Hours: Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Special hours upon request.

Museum Information:
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Business of Texas proceeds as national debt decision nears

AUSTIN — With Congress and the White House in a rolling boil over how to handle the nation's mountainous debt before entering default, Texas continued plowing along.

If the nation's debt ceiling is not increased to avoid default, one of many big questions is what effect, if any, a possible downgrading of the United States' credit rating might have on the Texas economy.

At any rate, Gov. Rick Perry ceremonially signed House Bill 1 and Senate Bill 2, legislation passed in the recent regular and special legislative sessions, respectively, to balance the state budget for the 2012-13 biennium:

- without raising taxes
- without tapping the state's \$6 billion Rainy Day Fund; and
- extending the small business tax exemption to 2014.

Perry also signed House Bill 274, "loser pays" lawsuit reform legislation which he said:

- allows a trial court to dismiss a frivolous lawsuit immediately if there is no basis in law or fact for the lawsuit;
- allows a trial judge to send a question of law directly to the appellate court without requiring all parties to agree if a ruling by a court of appeals could decide the case;
- allows plaintiffs seeking less than \$100,000 to request an expedited civil action;
- encourages timely settlement of disputes; and
- helps prevent a party from extending litigation by seeking a "home run" if they have already been offered a fair settlement.

In other news last week, on July 28, the governor's office reacted to the arrest of Pfc. Naser Jason Abdo, an absent-without-leave Fort Campbell, KY, soldier named as a suspect in a plot to bomb a business frequented by Fort Hood soldiers in Killeen.

Perry said after the arrest the incident "underscores the importance of citizens reporting something that doesn't seem quite right immediately to law enforcement."

Meanwhile, on the governor's calendar for Aug. 6, is an event he has publicly endorsed: The Response, a seven-hour public prayer and fasting forum to be held at Reliant Stadium in Hous-

ton. And, the watch continues as to the extent of Gov. Perry's presidential aspirations.

TEA releases new ratings

Accountability ratings for 8,526 public schools and 1,228 districts were released by the Texas Education Agency on July 29.

Increasing standards and the elimination of the Texas Projection Measure calculation resulted in fewer schools and districts earning the highest rating of "Exemplary" in 2011.

In fact, the number of Exemplary districts fell from 241 in 2010 to 61 this year while the number of campuses earning the highest rating dropped from 2,637 in 2010 to 1,224 today.

And, the number of districts with the state's lowest rating, "Academically Unacceptable," increased from 37 in 2010 to 88 in 2011, and the number of Academically Unacceptable campuses increased from 104 to 569. However, only about 7 percent of the districts and campuses in the state received the lowest rating, according to an agency news release.

In 2013, the TEA will use a new accountability system titled "State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness" in response to House Bill 3, which passed in 2009.

Speaker pro tem to retire

State Rep. Beverly Wool-

ley, R-Houston, last week announced she would retire at the end of her current two-year term.

Woolley, 72, is in her ninth term as a House member and currently holds the title of speaker pro tempore. She also serves on the House Committee on Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence and the House Committee on Ways and Means.

When the House is in session, in the absence or inability of the speaker, the speaker pro tem may call the House to order and perform all other duties of the chair in presiding over the deliberations of the house and perform other duties and exercise other responsibilities as may be assigned by the speaker.

Fund enrollment to start

Enrollment for the Texas Tuition Promise Fund commences Sept. 1 and ends six months later, on Feb. 28, 2012.

The fund allows prepayment of all or part of undergraduate tuition and required fees at Texas public colleges or universities at today's prices. The idea is to enroll infants and small children as early as possible to allow time to build a substantial account.

Texas public colleges and universities bill an enrollee's fund account for tuition and required fees when their child enters higher education. The plan is administered through the state comptroller's office.



by Ed Sterling

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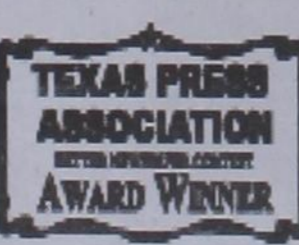
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Anniversary - M/M Don Schroder, M/M Shane Reagan

August 4
Birthday - Jim Derington, Marjorie Hendricks, Penny Gammil, Mrs. Dick Kilgore, Cindy McGhee, Jeanetta Montgomery, Billy Joe Rhea, Mike Riley, V.L. Williamson, Nikki Swenn, Misty Pointer, Shelly Rook, Ramon Rosales, Renee Allen, Joe Allen Bullard, Bond Grace Pittman, Lee Blevins, Lane Salmans, Rachel Abernathy, Ronnie Cogdill, Karen Hartgraves
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August 5
Birthday - Chase Reagan, Beth Ann Holt, Tina Adams, Billy Miller, Shirley Stafford, Erin Boxwell, Stephen Poole, Emidia Borunda, Paul Winn, Maria A. Parra, Susan Renick, Rodney Sumner
Anniversary - M/M J Garnett, M/M Roy Flowers, M/M Samuel Sanchez, Danny & Debby Herrington

August 6
Birthday - Paul Winn, Scott Pipkin, Ladd Gafford, Carolyn Hahn, Raymie Porter, Hoyt Biles, Kathy White, Sharon Swan, Eoldia Bravo, Monica Lara, Susan Rason, Heather Gallimore, Debra McNeely, Marlyn Pecha
Anniversary - M/M Murl Pearson, M/M Rocky Sharp, M/M Tim Stedje, M/M Mack Hoel

August 7
Birthday - Brandon Casdorph, Scott Duncan, Roy Don Gammon, Elwyn Young, Roger Odegaard, Mark Sheets, David Thomas, Marie Sparks, Cassandra Papay, Hilary Biggers, Jean Holland, Patty Sparks

August 8
Birthday - Billy Pat Underwood, Ed Berner, Junior Vela, Hosa Casas, George Young, Frankie Dominguez, Kathy Boyd, Jenna Abernathy, Ryan Schnell
Anniversary - M/M Leonard Garrard

August 9
Birthday - Christopher Layton, Reba Miser, Inell Trahan, Roy Dunaway, Karla Latta, Anita Garrard, Bob Rylant, Holly Pipkin
Anniversary - M/M Buddy Dosssett, M/M Steve Beville

August 10
Birthday - Clint Bell, Kyle Deeds, Monica Garcia, Ralph Mireles, Bob Tolleson, Jamie Gomez, David Hagar, Ronnie Burke, Tim Woodington, Chris Strawn, Karen Moyer, Danna Irlbeck, Abbey Edwards, Christopher Vela, Rodney Nickel
Anniversary - M/M Lucio Vela, M/M Riche Randall, M/M J.L. Brock, M/M Erwin Wright, M/M Felipe Alvarez, Jim & Karen Johnson

August 11
Birthday - Preston Miller, Autumn Bateman, Jake McCullough, Clint DeArmond, Jody Rex, Dean McLain, Tootsie Scroggs, Simon Nelson, Kam Taylor, Hank Sutterfield, Tammy Herndon, Tayshia James
Anniversary - M/M Gary Johnson, M/M Ervin Wright, M/M Junior Crossland

August 12
Birthday - Hix Spivey, Norma Swink, Verna Gail Keim, Angela Gaither, Judy Nelson, Randy Hargis, Julian Rodriguez Sr., Wade Nobles, Devonna Boyd, Janice Bannister, J.C. Harris
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August 13
Birthday - Brendy Brown Kirkland, Mike Coomer, Denise Karlin, Blake Trantham, Wanda Jones, Anne Foster, Adrian Robertson, Lorrie Bowen, Joe Dean Clement, Jim Miller, Crystal Boyd
Anniversary - M/M Gary Flowers, M/M Gerald TeBeest, Jeremy & Cindy (Flores) Burch

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Anniversary - M/M Monty Lusby

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Birthday - Kelly Armes, Mary Jane Henson, Ryan Winger, Buddy Gaither, Cole Umphress, Sara Butt, Vanessa Ortega, Dub Womble, John Booth
Anniversary - M/M Billy Baker, M/M David Hall, M/M Buddy Murrell, M/M Billy Logsdon Jr., M/M James Nicholson

Our Sympathy

SHARON L. BAILEY



SPEARMAN - Sharon L. Bailey, 60, died Thursday, July 28, 2011.

Funeral services were held on Monday, August 1, 2011 at 10 a.m. at the Spearman Church of Christ with Monty Joiner and Larry McCollum officiating. Cremation was by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Sharon was born in Amarillo on September 30, 1950. She had lived in the area for her entire life. She married Bruce D. Bailey on April 17, 1980 in Spearman.

Sharon was a member of the Westside Church of Christ. She worked for Gordon's Drug as a sales clerk for 20 years.

Survivors include her husband, Bruce; a son and daughter-in-law, Pete and Jennie Mauk of Waxahachi, TX; three brothers, Darrell and Rhonda Tope of Tulsa, OK, Jerry and Linda Tope of Dove Creek, OK, and Jim Tope of Spearman; one sister, Karen & Keith Goodman of Follett; 4 grandchildren; 4 nieces; 2 nephews; and 8 grandnieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Avo Tope and a nephew, Ryan Tope.

The family requests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 S. Roland, Spearman TX 79081.

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BYRON LODGE GROVES

WAKA - Byron was born in Kansas City, MO on June 7, 1946. He was adopted by Marvin and Ellen Groves of Waka, TX when he was only a few weeks old. He grew up on a farm and went to school in Spearman, then to Ponca Military in Oklahoma. He attended college at Oklahoma State for Agriculture. He later drove a truck for 35 years before returning to farming full time.

He loved the farm and working in his shop making things for the farm and set up a car restoration shop to restore a 1938 Olds Businessman's Coup that had been in the family since it was new. He loved working in his shop with his wife, Loran, who enjoyed just being with him and helping him.

In the last year, Byron was confined to a wheelchair and needed help getting up and into bed. He had Myasthenia Gravis; Parkinson's and was a mild Diabetic. He had been in constant pain for a long time.

Byron was known in the community as a caring and loving giant of a man. He had wanted to find his biological mother for many years. Loran was able to find a nephew who was his mother's grandson. He called Byron on Monday, July 25th, and two days later, Byron held a picture of his mama in his hands and looked into the eyes of the woman who gave him life. His life long dream had finally come true.

Byron passed away at home in his sleep on Saturday, July 30, 2011. His wife was by his side as were his dear friends, Paul and Robin Bushman. Byron was laid to rest beside his parents at Hansford Cemetery on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at 11 a.m., under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home, who presided for his mother and father.

He's survived by his loving wife, Loran Groves; a grandson, Dakota Groves; a great-granddaughter, Autumn Sky Groves; and several cousins and a nephew.

"I love you, Byron. You were the only man I've loved and I'll keep up the farm and projects per your wishes. Be at peace in Heaven with your parents and loved ones. I'll miss you until the day they lay me to rest beside you and we see each other again in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. Love, Loran"

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Micah 6:8

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Medical Fund Established At FNB for Dynell Moore
Shawn and Dynell Moore, children of Johnny and Brenda Vera and Terry Moore of Spearman, have recently relocated their family to the Dallas-Fort Worth area. In March, Dynell was diagnosed with stomach cancer. She will be receiving treatments at MD Anderson in Houston and Baylor Medical Center in Fort Worth. After the birth of their second child, three tumors were discovered, two of which contained malignant cells. The tumors were safely removed at Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg, VA. At which time, Dynell began oral oncology treatment to keep the cancer from spreading. The Moore's made the decision after consulting with their physician to continue an aggressive treatment program at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston as well as their sister facility in Fort Worth. There has been a Medical Fund established for the Moore family at First National Bank in Spearman to aid in treatment expenses. The Moore's feel extremely blessed with the early diagnoses of Dynell's condition and the support they have received from family and friends.

Farmers Market in Spearman Each Wednesday
Spearman has its own Farmers' Market on Wednesdays from 7 a.m.-noon in the old Celebrate building, 203 Main. Growers are welcome to sell their produce. Call Linda Venneman at 806-882-4635 if you are interested in being vendor. e. Bring a friend. Bring a salad for the noon luncheon.

Wheatheart Wheat Conference
Texas Agrilife Extension Service is hosting the 13th annual Wheatheart Wheat Conference at 8 am Thursday August 4, 2011 at the Ochiltree County Expo Center for all area wheat producers. Those attending the event will hear educational topics related to insect management, disease management, weed management, variety selection, wheat market outlook and cattle market outlook. Registration is \$10 at the door and all registered participants will be eligible to win a \$300 card. Three CEU's will be offered to pesticide applicators and lunch will be provided. For more info, contact Ochiltree County Extension Agent Scott Strawn at 806-435-4501.

Spearman Soccer Association Sign-ups August 5th
Spearman Soccer Association will hold sign-ups on Friday, August 5th from 5-8 p.m. for grades Pre-K thru 3rd in the Hungry Cowboy Meeting Room. For more information, contact Patricia Hernandez (338-0714 or phernandez@pts.net) or Abby Pipkin (659-9858).

Panhandle Crisis Center Offering Computer Monitors
The Panhandle Crisis Center is offering free computer monitors and keyboards, while they last. All have been examined and deemed in working order. If you would like one, pick it up at the Crisis Center Resale Store on Hancock Street just off of Main Street in Spearman.

"Back in Control" Parenting Workshop
S.T.A.R. (Services-To-At-Risk Youth & Their Families) brings you "Back in Control" Parenting Workshop on Saturday, August 27, 2011 from 8:45 AM-4:00 PM in the TPC Children's Services Building, 1500 S. Taylor Street, Amarillo. Must pre-register by calling 359-2005. Instructor is Janice James, MA, QMHP. CEUs available for LPCs & MSWs; General CEUs available, also. (Must attend full class for certificate) NO CHARGE. Seating is limited. No childcare is provided. STAR is a TDFPS funded program of TPC.

Tri-City Community Concert Association
Janie Kunselman is the representative for the Tri-City Community Concert Association of Borger and Liberal, and is selling memberships to attend concerts for the 2011-2012 season. Concerts are as follows: Borger - The Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats - September 22nd, 7:30 p.m.; Guy Penrod, February 13th, 7:30 p.m.; Shawn Bellon-Miller - TBA. Season memberships are: Adults - \$40, Sr. Adult - \$35, Students - \$20, and Family - \$100. For information, call Janie Kunselman at 659-2631. Tickets purchased from Tri-City Concert Association admit members to concerts in Pampa and Plainview.

Liberal Community Concert Association
Janie Kunselman is the representative for the Liberal Community Concert Association of Liberal, KS. The Liberal Community Concert Association is selling memberships to attend five special concerts in the 2011-2012 season. Concerts are as follows: October 4th - Deborah Henson-Conant; November 8th - The Indigo Ensemble; January 30th - Mark Masri; February 16th - Guy Penrod; April 26th - Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats. Season memberships are: Adults - \$50, Students - \$25, and Family Pass - \$125. For information, call Janie Kunselman at 659-2631 or James Jackson at 620-624-5995.

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Perryton Area Parkinson's Disease Support Group
The Perryton Area Parkinson's Disease Support Group will meet Friday, July 8, 2011 at the Perryton Mennonite Church, 2921 S. Ash (across from United). Lunch will be provided for the 12 noon meeting. Speaker, Jo Bidwell from Lubbock, (who was unable to come at the last minute last month) will be our guest. She will be able to answer any and all questions you might have dealing with PD. Anyone or any family member who has PD is welcome to attend. Contact Bev Burger at 435-3437 or 435-0579 for more information.

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister



In the eighth week of Pentecost, we study 1 Kings 19:9-18, Psalm 85:8-13, Romans 10: 5-15, and Matthew 14:22-33. We see something of God's grace in bringing us into a right relationship with him through faith.

Elijah, the prophet, has just defeated the priests of Baal in a miraculous face-off in which Elijah slays four hundred of the priests of Baal. Despite Elijah's victory, he loses courage at the wrath of Queen Jezebel and he flees. While hiding in a cave, the Word of the Lord, comes to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" Elijah answers that he is the only prophet of the Lord who is left and 'they' are seeking to kill him. God commands Elijah to go out on the mountain for God is coming by. There is a great wind, but God is not in the wind; there is a great earthquake, but God is not in the earthquake; there is a great fire, but God is not in the fire. Afterwards, there is a sound of sheer silence, and in the silence was the voice of God. God sends Elijah back to anoint Hazael as King of Aram, Nimshi as King of Israel, and Elisha as prophet in place of Elijah. God tells Elijah that there are seven thousand in Israel who have not knelt or kissed Baal. We learn that even those who have experienced great acts of faith can lose heart. We learn that if we seem alone in our faith, God has others. Yet, in all our experiences God is with us.

The Psalmist sings in the midst of crisis a message of reassurance. Through God's steadfast love and faithfulness, we are made righteous. God's grace redeems us.

Paul continues to struggle with Israel's lack of response to the gospel. He writes that God came near to Israel through his law. He tells the Romans that Jesus is the end (goal) of the Law. Likewise, we need not go up to heaven, because Christ has already come to us; likewise, we do not need to go to the grave, for Christ is not there. That we receive our salvation by confessing with our lips that Jesus The Christ is Lord and that God raised Jesus from the dead. This is an early creed of the Church. Paul then worries, "But how are they to call on One in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in One of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?" We who have been called to the disciple life must share the faith we have been given, or as Paul concludes, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

After the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand, the crowd comes again the next day to force Jesus to be their King. Jesus sends the disciples away and prepares to meet this challenge on his own; he dismisses the crowd and goes up on the mountain to pray. Meanwhile, the disciples in their boat are being battered by the waves. The next morning Jesus comes to them walking on the sea. The disciples are terrified thinking the being approaching them is a ghost! Jesus tells them, "Do not be afraid." Peter, not sure of the being's identity, challenges, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water". We are all familiar with the story, Peter walks toward Jesus on the water and when he notices the waves and wind, he begins to sink, crying out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus takes Peter's hand and they both get in the boat. The other disciples worship Jesus, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." Learn from this that in our hour of need, Christ comes to us, even those of us with little faith and with doubts.

May the Holy Spirit lead you to faith and righteousness in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gladiola Flower Club News

June 16, 2011

The Gladiola Flower Club met on June 16, 2011 at the First Baptist Church with June Jackson hosting. Roll call was answered with "What was the first thing you learned to cook?"

Lynn Woolley gave a program on what had been done at the walking park, including the progress of the grass and trees that were planted. Lynn talked about the brick walkway that had been built the high school students helped to clean the brick and lay it.

Members present were: Muriel Boyd, Betty Jean Davis, Margarette Evans, Ann Flowers, Estelle Jackson, June Jackson, Kathleen Sutton, Virginia Trindle and Judy Yarbrough.

July 7, 2011

The Gladiola Flower Club met on July 7, 2011 in the home of Helen Holt.

Roll call was answered with "What was your best friend's name in grade school, and what did you like about her?"

A fun program was given by Patty Sheppard called "The Family" by Erma Bombeck.

Helen Holt won house plant.

Members present were: Dorothy Buzzard, Margarette Evans, Ann Flowers, Helen Holt, Estelle Jackson, Pam Schnell, Virginia Trindle, and Judy Yarbrough.

July 21, 2011

The Gladiola Flower Club met on July 21, 2011 in the home of Virginia Trindle.

Roll call was answered by "What is your worst fear?"

A wonderful and interesting program was given by Lind Davis on "A Trip to Israel."

The Gladiola Flower Club will be helping with Bingo at the Manor for the month of August.

Members present were Muriel Boyd, Dorothy Buzzard, Betty Jean Davis, Margarette Evans, Ann Flowers, Estelle Jackson, June Jackson, Gwen Smith, Kathleen Sutton, Virginia Trindle and Judy Yarbrough.

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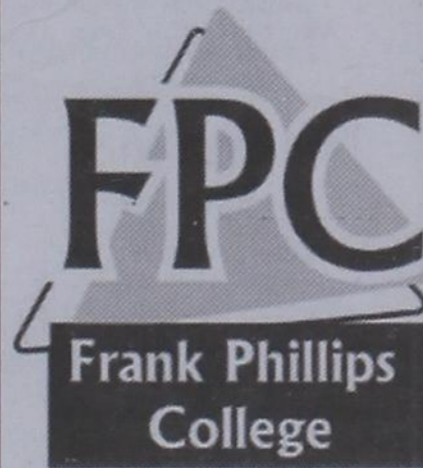
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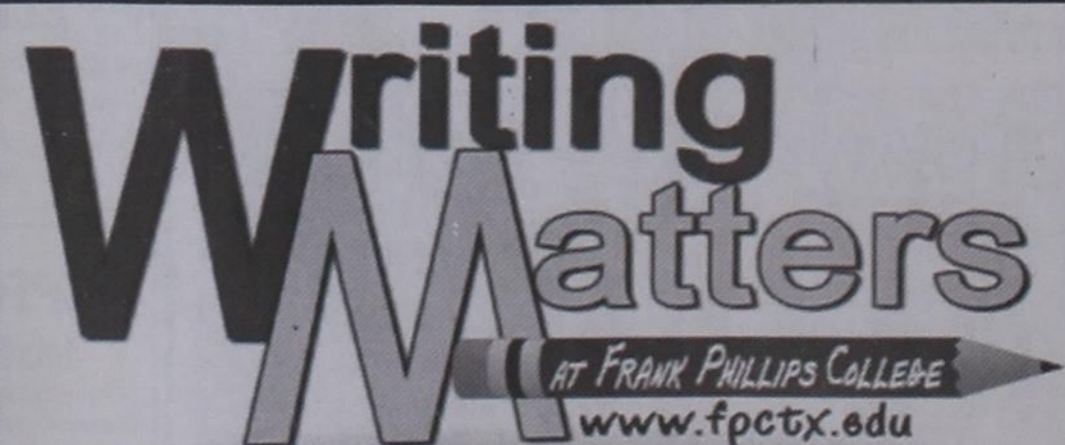
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HC 4H Competes in State 4H Livestock Judging Contest

Hansford County 4H competed June 15 at the State 4H livestock judging contest held on the campus of Texas A&M University in College Station.

For the first time in history, Hansford had two teams qualify for the competition. The first team finished a respectable albeit disappointing seventh. They were 3rd in swine and 7th in reasons. The team was led by Callie Stedje who was individually recognized for 7th in swine, 10th in reasons, and 20th overall. The team also got solid performances from seniors Brenna Reid, Jacob Lieb, and John Bergin.

The junior varsity team, made up entirely of Sophomores and Freshmen, placed 10th in sheep and 18th overall. They were led by Jace Lane who individually placed 14th in sheep and 25th overall. Rounding out the team was Jennifer Crawl, Travis Stedje, and Audrey Lieb.

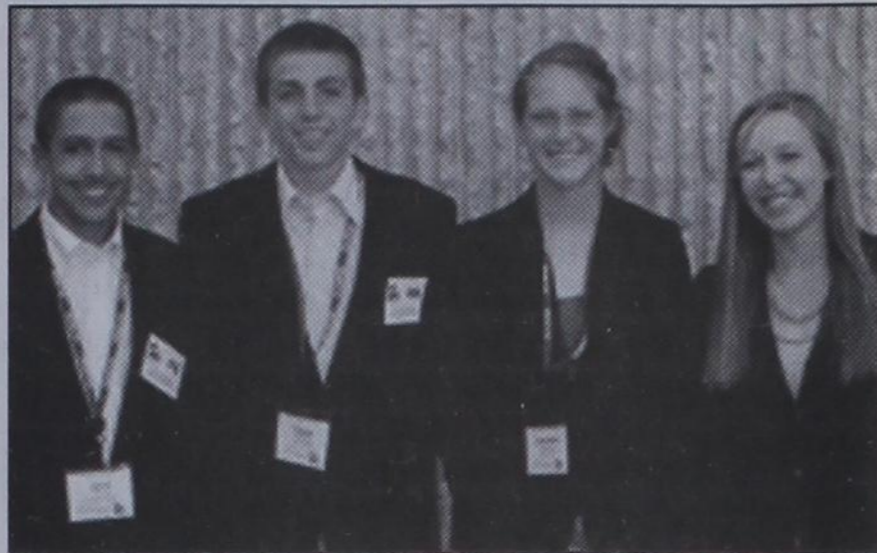
This year's competition had 129 contestants representing 33 teams. Each

team had to qualify by placing in the top three in their respective districts.

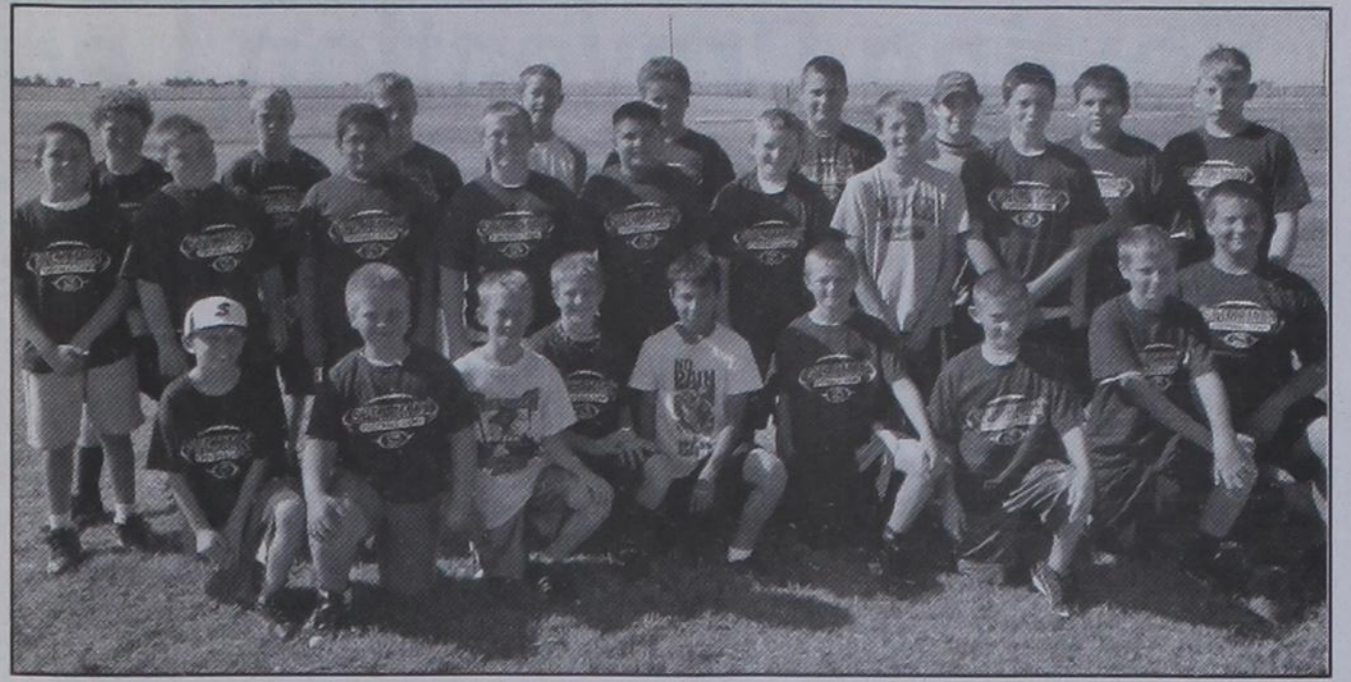
The team is coached by Bret Burgin and Burt Williams.



Hansford County 4-H Senior Livestock Judging Team



Hansford County 4-H JV Livestock Judging Team



Pictured above are the Future Lynx who improved their skills at Football Camp this past week.

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For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Shane Whiteley, at 505 S. Townsend, Spearman, Texas 79081, (806) 659-2563, and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Shane Whiteley, at 505 S. Townsend, Spearman, Texas 79081, (806) 659-2563.

A Soldier's Surprise

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"The last time I had talked to him, he said everything had got pushed back," she said, glad that she didn't really have to wait a few more days to see him.

ANOTHER SURPRISE
Sherryl Kinsey then fought back more happy tears as Rea was treated to his own surprise, with hugs and thank-yous from several community members who were on hand to witness the homecoming. Rea was humbled as Woodward Main Street Director Janet Fitz presented him with gift certificates to Main Street merchants for him to use during his leave.

Rea's dad Jim Kinsey smiled, happy in helping to orchestrate both surprises.

"Since he was going to get his mama, I thought I'm going to get him," Jim Kinsey said.

In presenting the gift to Rea, Fitz said the Main Street organization members "just wanted to do something for you because of what you and your fellow soldiers are doing for us."

As a thank you for their kindness, Rea presented Fitz with a patch from his uniform.

Fitz said she hoped Rea could use the gift certificates to buy some new clothes as his baggage had got left behind in Atlanta on his way home.

In fact, the missing baggage almost led to the undoing of Rea's surprise for his mother when she became curious as her husband tried to carry some bags out of the house Thursday night.

"I was trying to sneak him some clothes, but mom caught me," Jim Kinsey said, noting he had to come up with a quick excuse so

as not to let her know that Rea was already home.

Spotting more friends who had come to the restaurant to welcome him home, Rea admitted to his mother, "I think all of the town knew I was home before you did."

"Mom's always the last to know," Sherryl Kinsey said with a smile.

A JOB THAT MATTERS
"It's good to be home," Rea said, noting he is looking forward to enjoying some down time before having to head back to Afghanistan on July 23.

"I'm going to spend time with family and friends, and just relax," he said.

He is also looking forward to enjoying a special celebration, noting "I'm lucky to be home for my birthday next Thursday."

The soon to be 26-year-old has been in the Army since he graduated from high school and has previously served 3 tours in Iraq.

The sergeant said he couldn't remember exactly what pushed him into military service, but that it was a combination of things.

First, serving in the military was a bit of a family tradition.

Jim Kinsey served in both the Marines from 1975 to 1978 and the Army from 1983 to 1986.

In addition, Jim Kinsey noted, "I have 2 sons in the military. My second oldest

boy served in Korea, where he was a linguist."

Second, Rea said he chose the military because he wanted a worthwhile job.

"I had graduated high school and thought 'what's next? What can I do that matters?' And this (joining the military) was the first thing I thought of," he said. "I'm not sure what I do matters, but it gives me a better feeling at night."

His mother assured him that what he does is extremely important.

"What you're doing and what everybody else has been doing is awesome. The world would not be what it is without your work; we're free because of you all," Sherryl Kinsey said.

However, Jim Kinsey said he could understand his son's humbleness.

"Most veterans are uncomfortable with being acknowledged and recognized because we look at it as doing our job," he said.

Although Rea described his service just like that, "it's just another job," he also said "it is a job that has to get done."

"We're just going to end up back over there with our kids fighting the same war in 20 years if we don't take care of it now," Rea said of the military efforts in the Middle East.

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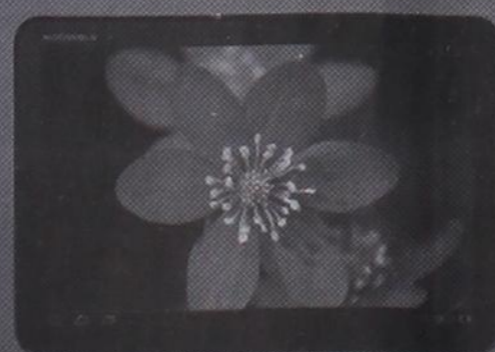
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Sexting Prevention Legislation Signed Into Law

by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott

A disturbing new practice known as sexting has become increasingly common among teenage children. This term is used to describe sending or receiving sexually explicit images via mobile telephones. When sexting involves images of minors it can become an issue for law enforcement, because sending or receiving sexually explicit images of persons under the age of 17 can constitute the promotion of child pornography.

But what happens when a high school student receives an explicit image of a boyfriend or girlfriend? Worse, what happens if the message is forwarded on to a friend? Until recently, Texas teenagers who engaged in sexting could have faced the possibility of criminal prosecution, felony convictions, and lifetime registration as a sex offender—life-altering consequences for youthful mistakes.

Imposing these severe long-term consequences on young Texans simply did not make sense. Because the Penal Code's remedies

for this conduct were so severe and inflexible, Texas prosecutors and law enforcement were justifiably reticent about pursuing these cases. But harmful and improper conduct with no adverse consequences is difficult to prevent—and sexting is a dangerous practice that must be curbed.

With the Texas Legislature poised to convene for the 82nd Legislative Session, we recognized that law enforcement and the courts needed new tools to prevent teenagers from sexting without having to resort to measures that correctly apply to child pornographers. Fortunately, we found a forceful and creative ally in Senator Kirk Watson (Austin), who recognized the importance of creating an innovative statutory solution to this problem.

The result of our collaboration was Senate Bill 407, which was sponsored by Rep. Tom Craddick (Midland) and Rep. Pete Gallego (Alpine) in the House of Representatives. Under this bipartisan legislation, which Governor Perry signed in June and becomes effective on Sep-

tember 1, the Penal Code will have a new offense that prevents minors from intentionally and knowingly promoting or possessing text messages that contain explicit images of those 17 years old or younger. Importantly, the new offense is a misdemeanor—not a felony—and does not require that minors register as sex offenders in the state.

First-time violators who send or possess these illicit messages face a class C misdemeanor. Subsequent violations could be upgraded to a class B misdemeanor. The upgraded charge is also available for defendants who promote these explicit "with intent to harass, annoy, alarm, abuse, torment, embarrass, or offend another." Minors who have two or more sexting promotion or possession convictions could face a class A misdemeanor for a third offense.

Under SB 407, there are several defenses to prosecution—including affirmative defenses for communications between minor spouses or minors within two years of age who are engaged in a dating relationship. Separate de-

fenses were also created for law enforcement officials or school administrators who confiscate a sexting messages from minors and handle them in accordance with the law.

Minors charged with violating the new sexting law are required to appear in court. Under the new law, judges are required to compel not only the minor offender—but also their parents—to make the required court appearance. These provisions are intended to teach children and their parents about the seriousness of their offense—but do so in a reasonable way that holds them accountable without imposing severe criminal penalties. At the sentencing phase, the new law authorizes courts to require that minors complete an educational program about sexting's long-term, harmful repercussions.

In addition to court-ordered educational programs, the Texas School Safety Center and the Attorney General's Office are required to develop educational programs that school districts can use to teach students about sexting. The

course addresses not only the potential legal consequences of sexting, but also the social consequences—such as lost educational or professional opportunities as well as potential removal from school-related activities.

Under SB 407, every Texas school district must make these sexting-prevention programs available on a yearly basis beginning in 2012. However, school districts have the flexibility to determine how to distribute sexting-prevention information to parents and students. The districts are also given discretion to determine which grade-levels should be required to participate.

Consistent with SB 407's

goal of imposing some punishment—but not life-altering consequences—the bill allows many minors convicted of sexting offenses to expunge their convictions before they apply for college. Under the new law, eligible minors can seek an expunction order from the courts on or after their 17th birthday.

Thanks to a joint effort between Sen. Watson, Rep. Craddick, Rep. Gallego and the Attorney General's Office, law enforcement and educators will have new legal tools that allow them to hold teenagers accountable for sexting—without imposing long-term and life-altering consequences for youthful mistakes.

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2011 Property Tax Rates in Hansford County

This notice concerns the 2011 property tax rates for Hansford County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:		
Last year's operating taxes	\$2,120,158	\$506,057
Last year's debt taxes	\$0	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$2,120,158	\$506,057
Last year's tax base	\$758,608,129	\$754,430,663
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.279480/\$100	\$0.067078/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$2,118,372	\$505,572
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$671,455,642	\$668,756,536
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$0.315489/\$100	\$0.075598/\$100
Total effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$0.391087/\$100	
This year's rollback tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)	\$2,118,372	\$505,572
- This year's adjusted tax base	\$671,455,642	\$668,756,536
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.315489/\$100	\$0.075599/\$100
x 1.08=this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.340728/\$100	\$0.081646/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0/\$100	\$0/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$0.340728/\$100	\$0.081646/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$0.422374/\$100	

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Hansford County adopts a 2011 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.391087 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2010 taxes by \$7,557.

Schedule A: General Fund - Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operations	3,900,000

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 14 NW Court, Spearman, Tx 79081.

Name of person preparing this notice: Linda Cummings
Title: Tax Assessor-Collector
Date Prepared: 07/28/2011

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Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$2,143,479
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$2,143,479
Last year's tax base	\$753,215,826
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.284577/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$2,141,661
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$671,455,642
= This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$0.318957/\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)	\$2,141,661
- This year's adjusted tax base	\$671,455,642
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.318958/\$100
x 1.08=this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.344474/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.344474/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Hansford Hospital District adopts a 2011 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.318957 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2010 taxes by \$6,198.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operations	7,018,600

Schedule F - Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures

The Hansford Hospital District spent \$17,185 from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$0.

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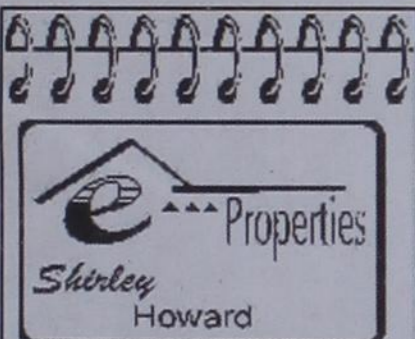
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A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the City of Spearman in an amount equal to not less than five percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen days after receipt of Contact Documents, enter into a contract with the City of Spearman and will execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. Any bid received after the time and date listed above will be returned unopened and will not be considered.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions. A MANDATORY PREBID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT 10:30 A.M., SEPTEMBER 1, 2011 AT CITY HALL, 30 Southwest Court, Spearman, Texas. Bidders must attend the prebid conference to be eligible to bid.

Contract Documents are on file and may be examined in the office of the City of Spearman, City Hall, 30 SW Court Street, Spearman, TX 79081-2649, phone (806) 659-2524.

Plans and Specifications may be obtained from the Engineers, Brandt Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, phone (806) 353-7233 in the following manner:

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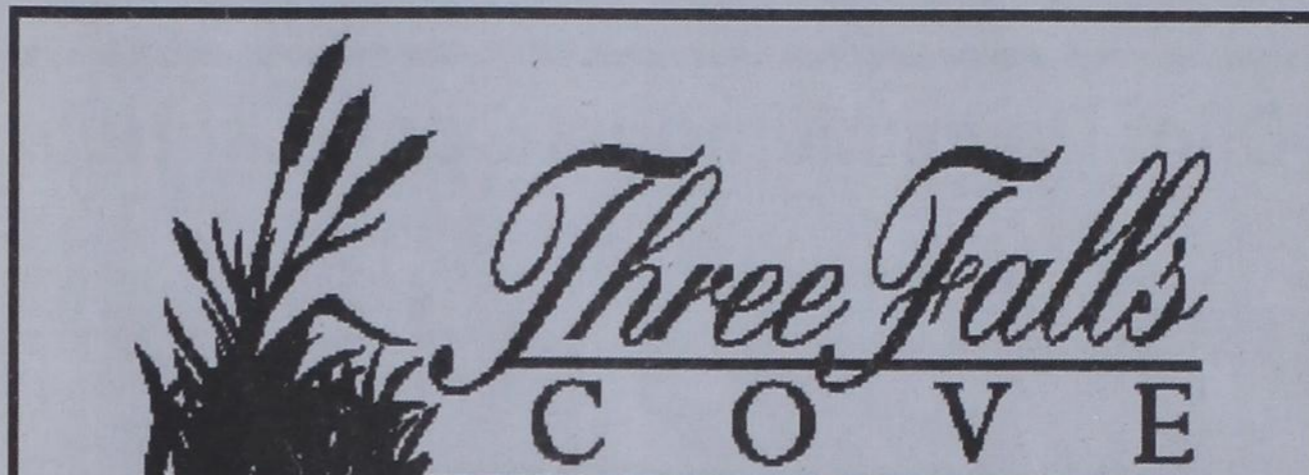
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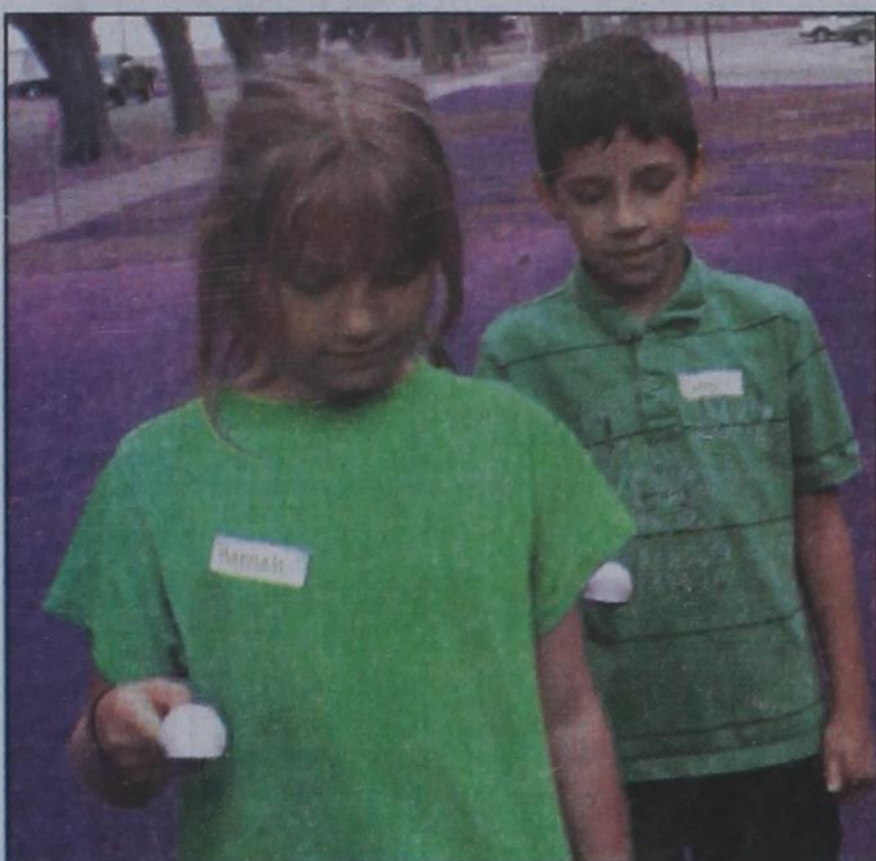
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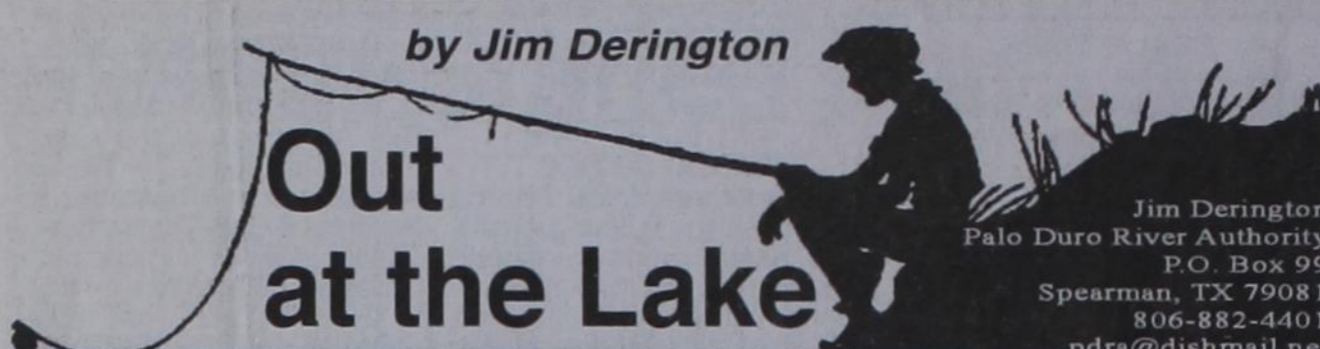
College Students, Public School Students Team up to Learn



Hannah, daughter of Jerry and Beth Mihelic, and Cayden, son of Tenoch and Renee Ramon, compete in an egg relay. The young students had to complete tasks at various stations and then read clues given to figure out the next station. This fun competition concluded the 6-week class that educated college students as well as public school students.—Jerry Mihelic photo

By Laura Hays
Some education students at Oklahoma Panhandle State University engaged in a service learning project over the summer. The Diagnostic and Prescriptive Teaching of Reading class, taught by Jerry Mihelic, offered college students an upper level 6-week summer class that focused on helping public school students with their reading. OPSU proudly continues its tradition of remaining engaged in the community while educating its students.

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This is a picture of the bridge at Lake Palo Duro.

August 1, 2011 - Lake Palo Duro level - 36.83

Lake Palo Duro has slowed down to the typical late summer activities. It is hot and dry, but not unusual, for this time of year. We are one day closer to the much needed rains, however. The park behind the dam had four weekend campers, and two campers were on the office side. Friday evening, a woodpecker caused a power outage, for about two hours. North Plains Electric Coop repaired the problem, with much appreciation from the one camper in the park, at that time. NPEC installs protectors where possible,

to lessen the danger of wildlife, and the interruption of power.

A whitetail doe with three fawns has been seen at least four times, near the office. They were in the front yard at the house, at 6:15 one morning. One morning last week, I enjoyed watching them run and play in the back yard of the office, as the sprinkler system was running. A nice mule deer buck was spotted just south of lake property. Another was seen by a camper, near the intake structure on Horse Creek. These bucks are in the velvet stage, still growing their new antlers. The bald eagle is seen often, west of the bridge.

The picture this week shows the bridge, or what is left of it. The water continues to recede, leaving a gaping hole, in what we used to drive across. I have many questions about building the bridge back. I don't think that will happen, since it would be subject to inundation, with each big flow of the creek. The water level would have to recede below twenty four feet, and the area dry up, to even try to get equipment in that area.

Scooter, the lake dog continues to improve, from his pelvic fracture, one month ago. We are walking up to a quarter mile, each evening. It is a slow walk, but he seems to enjoy it.

Clint Davis Memorial Cook-Off Held

The 5th Annual Clint Davis Memorial Cook-Off was held July 23rd at Lake Palo Duro on the north side of the dam. The Cook-Off was sanctioned by the Lone Star Barbeque Society. There were 11 cooks entered in eight categories - Brisket, Ribs, Chicken, Beans, Calf, Sides, Desserts, and Pork Butt. After the judging of five meats, beans, side dishes, and desserts, a meal was served at \$5 a plate. This year the money that was raised went to the Hansford County Cemetery. Results are as follows:

BEANS - 1st Luis Leven; 2nd Johnny Vera; 3rd Chad Knight; 4th Blake Junell; 5th Terry Mulberry; 6th Randy Washburn
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SIDES - 1st Sheila Junell; 2nd Chad Knight; 3rd Blake Junell; 4th Chad Taylor; 5th Luis Leven
DESSERTS - 1st Sheila Junell; 2nd Chad & Cannon Taylor; 3rd Kay Snider
PORK BUTT - 1st Blake Junell; 2nd Root Davis; 3rd Terry Mulberry; 4th Jack Braswell; 5th Kyle Butler; 6th Johnny Vera; 7th Randy Washburn; 8th Chad Taylor; 9th Luis Leven; 10th Bob Norris

BRISKET - 1st Johnny Vera, Texas Road Kill; 2nd Bob Norris; 3rd Root Davis, Roots Ribs; 4th Terry Mulberry, Panhandle Pit Crew; 5th Chad Taylor, Big Boys BBQ; 6th Randy Washburn, Hefine Wash; 7th Kyle Butler, Butler's Backdraft; 8th Chad Knight, Smoke by Knight; 9th Blake Junell, 611 Ranch; 10th Jack Braswell, Beer, Butts & Briskets
RIBS - 1st Kyle Butler; 2nd Terry Mulberry; 3rd Root Davis; 4th Jack Braswell; 5th Chad Knight; 6th Randy Washburn; 7th Blake Junell; 8th Johnny Vera; 9th Chad Taylor; 10th Luis Leven, Red Neck Acres BBQ
CHICKEN - 1st Kyle Butler; 2nd Luis Leven; 3rd Terry Mulberry; 4th Johnny Vera; 5th Root Davis; 6th Chad Taylor; 7th Jack Braswell; 8th Blake Junell; 9th Bob Norris; 10th Chad

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