



Perkins County High School senior and football player Austin Thelander (right) reads to a captive audience of first graders as part of DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) on Friday, Nov. 2 at Perkins County Elementary. Plainsmen football coach Chip Kay and counselor Geraldean Walker teamed up with the idea as a way for football players to give back to their young fans, as well as encourage the good habit of reading. The elementary school periodically holds DEAR events to keep young students engaged with an out-of-the-ordinary activity. (Photo by Shari Friedel)