

# IN THE NEWS

**Culture of fear: Does threat justify massive use of resources?**  
 Since September 11, the Bush administration has been fighting what it calls the 'War on Terror.' But, does the threat of terrorism justify such a massive use of resources? Are they being spent in the right way? To The Point explores America's culture of fear with sociologists and experts in homeland security, including a former advisor to President Bush.

**House passes sweeping intelligence reforms**  
 The House of Representatives on Tuesday approved a sweeping overhaul of U.S. intelligence agencies, ending weeks of wrangling over the Pentagon's power under the reforms demanded after the Sept. 11 attacks.

**Panel calls for U.S. to diversify its oil supplies**  
 To ensure affordable and reliable energy supplies in the future, the United States needs to diversify its global oil supplies, expand a world network of strategic petroleum reserves and significantly boost vehicle fuel standards.

**Bush gives Palestinians \$20 million for crisis**  
 The Bush administration on Wednesday announced it was giving \$20 million in direct aid to the Palestinian Authority to help it through a financial crisis.

**Ukraine Parliament moves to end election crisis**  
 Ukraine's parliament Wednesday approved a compromise package of laws and constitutional changes to overhaul key institutions, paving the way for a re-run this month of its flawed presidential election.

**N. Irish deal stalls over IRA arms pictures**  
 A major push to seal a political settlement for the turbulent British province of Northern Ireland stalled at the last moment Wednesday over demands for photographic evidence of IRA guerrillas scrapping their arms.

**Israel's Sharon lines up support for Likud vote**  
 Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon marshalled support for Thursday's Likud party vote to bring the Labor Party into a government that would block snap elections and pave the way for a Gaza withdrawal next year.

**UK to seek Bush support on G8 poverty goals**  
 Britain will seek Washington's support to help it achieve goals on global poverty reduction, debt relief and fair trade during London's G8 presidency next year, finance minister Gordon Brown said Wednesday.

**S. Korea's Roh makes surprise Iraq visit to troops**  
 South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun made a surprise visit to Iraq Wednesday to meet his country's troops and told them to focus on their reconstruction work -- a nod to his concern they might get dragged into a combat role.

**EU says time not right to lift China arms ban**  
 The European Union is not yet ready to lift an arms embargo on China, Bernard Bot, Foreign Minister of the Netherlands which holds the bloc's rotating presidency, said Wednesday. "We are working assiduously but...the time is not right to lift the embargo," Bot told reporters on arrival at a summit between the bloc and Chinese leaders.

**Pakistan tests medium-range nuclear-capable missile**  
 Pakistan conducted another test of a nuclear-capable, surface-to-surface ballistic missile on Wednesday as part of its efforts to boost defenses, an official statement said.

**European Union, China agree to boost ties**  
 The European Union and China agreed to boost relations Wednesday, but the EU made clear there can be no early lifting of its 15-year-old arms embargo until Beijing improves its human rights record. The EU and China also signed a declaration in which both commit to the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction by keeping them out of the hands of terrorists and rogue governments.

**Fighting rages in Iraq's rebel-held Ramadi**  
 Fighting raged between rebels controlling the western Iraq town of Ramadi and U.S. Marines Wednesday after two Iraqis were killed in clashes following a suicide car bomb attack, witnesses said. As insurgents battled Marines in Ramadi, the death toll from clashes in the northern city of Samarra climbed to six, with four civilians and two police killed, a hospital official said. Warplanes were heard over Ramadi, where witnesses said a U.S. armored vehicle was in flames and smoke rose from an American base that was hit by a mortar. Fighting spread from the center of the city to the industrial zone in the east after a suicide bomber attacked a U.S. military checkpoint and clashes killed two Iraqi civilians. There were no immediate reports of U.S. casualties.



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Eight years ago a handful of Spearman residents got together to plan a community Christmas dinner. 'Friends of Spearman' have been sharing the 'Spirit of Christmas' ever since.

"The thought behind the idea was that Spearman had many residents who were not able to be with family during the holiday," said Lyn Woolley, one of the coordinators for the project. "We thought there needed to be an alternative to spending the time alone."

A traditional Christmas dinner is served with turkey, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot rolls and a variety of salads and desserts. There is no charge for the dinner, thanks to the generosity and support of the local community.

"Volunteers cook and prepare food that is then taken to the O'Loughlin Center," said Linda Latta. "Some volunteers prepare food for the 'Spirit of Christmas' dinner in addition to their own Christmas dinner preparations. They take their donation to the O'Loughlin Center, then return home to celebrate with their own families."

"We have several families, including my own, who have made this dinner a part of their Christmas celebration," continued Woolley.

Volunteers also help on Christmas day with set-up and clean-up, providing transportation for those who are unable drive and delivering meals for those unable to get out.

Anyone interested is invited to attend, especially couples who are by themselves for the day, workers who are in town, people stranded due to weather, families, or anyone needing a little extra Christmas spirit.

The first dinner was held in spite of over six inches of snow. "So far we have not cancelled due to weather," said Woolley.

The 'Spirit of Christmas' dinner is held annually on Christmas day at the O'Loughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt, from 12-1:30 p.m.

For more information, or to schedule transportation, please call Linda Latta at 659-3584 or Lyn Woolley at 659-3550.

## Want to help?

Plans and preparations are already underway for this year's 'Spirit of Christmas' dinner. Turkeys have been purchased by 'Friends of Spearman.' volunteers are needed to cook and prepare the turkeys.

Volunteers are also needed to provide transportation.

For more information, to make a donation, or volunteer, please call Linda Latta at 659-3584 or Lyn Woolley at 659-3550.



**Angel Decor** - Spearman may be the only town in the Texas Panhandle adorned by an 'angel.' Angel Vaquera, employee of the City of Spearman, puts holiday decorations in place in downtown Spearman.

## Back in town

by Steve L. Hartgraves, CEO, Hansford County Hospital District

Well, it's true. I'm back to work here at HCHD. It was almost like I was never gone in the first place. In fact, two weeks was the official time away from work...two very long weeks!

Several people have asked what happened that made me want to come back. Did I not like my new job? Did I not like Missouri? Did I miss Spearman? Did I miss HCHD? The answer to the first question is "I don't know." I never actually reported for duty at my new job. I moved back before I was supposed to begin work.

And as for Missouri, well, let's just say it's not Texas! The landscape in Missouri is very beautiful and the people there were very nice to us, but there's just something about the people of Texas, and particularly Spearman, that drew us back to town.

Once we were actually residents of a different state it hit us... "Why would we want to leave a community that has treated us so well?" Also, there are so many opportunities left to accomplish at HCHD, and after the great past couple of years of growth, I didn't want to miss out on watching this place flourish. So, after much thought and prayer, we've decided to come back home.

I realize the past couple of months have been more than a lit-

tle unsettling, with the departure of Dr. Sharma and the uncertainty of a replacement CEO, but I know that smoother waters are on the horizon.

Next summer, our new Family Practice physician (Dr. John Hierholzer) will begin his practice in Spearman. He and his family will be a welcome addition to our strong medical community. We

also have many growth projects ready to go in the near future, so 2005 should be a productive year for HCHD.

Karen and I are so excited to be back in Spearman. We are looking forward to many years here and watching Abigail grow up with the small-town qualities Spearman has to offer. Thanks so much for welcoming my family back to town.



**First grader Taylor Varnon (left) looks on as Cindy Blackman (right) helps students plant red tulips in a planter box in front of Gus Birdwell Elementary in Spearman. The planter boxes were built by Greg Gibson's jr. high shop class and Scott Stedje's high school ag classes for Red Ribbon Week. Each student on both campuses planted a red tulip bulb to represent their pledge to stay drug free. The tulips will be a reminder to students in the spring, and for many years to come.**

## Hansford Officials Retire

Hansford County tax assessor-collector Helen Dry and Sheriff R.L. McFarlin will retire at the end of this month.

A reception will be held on Friday, December 10th from 2-4 p.m. in the Hansford County District Courtroom in Spearman. The public is invited to stop by to wish these two public servants well in their retirement.

## NOTICE

Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, the deadline for information to be included in the December 23rd and 30th issue will be Wednesday, December 15th at 5 p.m.

For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 659-3434 or CathyRSmit@aol.com. Information may also be faxed to (806) 659-3368.

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman office will be CLOSED December 20th-24th. We will be open on Monday and Tuesday, December 27th and 28th, and will be closed again December 29th-31st. We will resume regular business hours on Monday, January 3, 2004.

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*Gladiola Flower Club*

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**Spearman, Texas**  
**December 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:30 - 4:30**

Mr. & Mrs. FW Thomas 1014 Wilmet Drive	Verna Lee Shirley 719 S. Barkley
Terry & Patty Holt 8 miles South Hwy 760 7 miles East Hwy 281 1 mile North Co. Rd. 2	Mr. & Mrs. Nolan Holt 8 miles South Hwy 760 cont. South Hwy 281 West to Co. Rd. 22 S.

**Tickets \$5.00**  
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 or at the homes

**WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST**

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph. FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s.	SATURDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s. SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.
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Live,  
Laugh  
& Love



by Catherine R. Smith  
cathysmith@antden.com

My dear friends Tommy and Sandy Russell sent me the following poem. I don't know who wrote it, but I hope it brightens your holidays as it did mine.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them.

May your life be filled with special people that you spend the rest of your life remembering with love!

## Happiness

Today...  
I wish you a day of ordinary miracles-  
A fresh pot of coffee you didn't have to make yourself.

An unexpected phone call from an old friend.

Green stoplights on your way to work or shop.

I wish you a day of little things to rejoice in...

The fastest line at the grocery store.  
A good sing along song on the radio.  
Your keys right where you look.

I wish you a day of happiness and perfection - little bite-size pieces of perfection that give you the funny feeling that the Lord is smiling on you, holding you so gently because you are someone special and rare.

I wish you a day of Peace, Happiness and Joy.

May God bless and keep you; May He make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26  
Catherine :)

## Spearman Chamber Accepting Business of the Year & Citizen of the Year Nominations

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year. Nominations must be submitted to the Chamber office by 5 p.m. on Monday, January 10, 2005. The awards will be awarded at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet, which will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2005.

### Business of the Year

This award recognizes a Spearman business for achievement and leadership in business. Eligibility requirements include membership in the Spearman Chamber of Commerce; a business that has been in business for at least two years; a record of involvement in the Chamber of Commerce and other civic endeavors; and a business that promotes Spearman and the residents it serves.

Name of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In the space below, discuss in detail those achievements which, in your judgment, make this business uniquely qualified for the award indicated above.

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If necessary, please attach additional pages.

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominations must be returned to the Chamber office by 5 p.m. on Monday, February 10, 2005.

### Citizen of the Year

This award recognizes an individual for exceptional service that has contributed to the development of Spearman. The award may recognize contributions that have enhanced Spearman's quality of life, or its economic development. It may encompass exceptional achievements related to government leadership, the arts, social welfare programs, civic services, or other appropriated avenues that have enhanced life for all Spearman citizens. While the award is intended to recognize an individual for specific achievements that have occurred during the year immediately preceding the presentation, it may, however recognize an individual for distinct lifetime achievement in the area of community service. Nominations may be made by any resident of Spearman or by any Spearman social service or organization.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In the space below, discuss in detail those achievements which, in your judgment make this individual uniquely qualified for the award indicated above.

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## Sacred Heart Catholic Church New Years Eve Dinner & Dance

Fri., December 31, 2004  
7 p.m. 'till 12:30 a.m.

O'Loughlin Center • 502 S. Brandt  
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Meal prepared by Knights of Columbus  
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**Will more power for intelligence chief mean better results?**  
For nearly 50 years, a director of central intelligence has stood at the pinnacle of American intelligence agencies. Now that role is to be played by a new, even more powerful figure, a national intelligence director, created by Congress as part of its response to a series of catastrophic intelligence failures. The question is whether the changes will make much of a difference in combating terrorism and weapons proliferation, two of the major national security challenges facing the intelligence services.

**China's Lenovo buys IBM PC business for 1.25 bln dollars**  
China's largest manufacturer of personal computers Lenovo Group said it has bought IBM's PC business for 1.25 billion dollars, making it the world's number three in the intensely competitive field. "Lenovo announces the acquisition of IBM personal systems at a price of 1.25 billion dollars," Lenovo chairman Liu Chuanzhi said at a press conference in Beijing, getting applause from hundreds of Chinese journalists.

**Wall St. turns to the time out as punishment**  
Regulators are wielding a new weapon against Wall Street firms in the hope that it might hurt more than multimillion-dollar fines: temporarily shutting down certain business lines. Last week, NASD prohibited Merrill Lynch and Wachovia Securities from registering brokers for five business days on top of fining the firms: \$1.6 million for Merrill Lynch and \$650,000 for Wachovia. Each firm had failed to report to NASD on-time information including customer complaints, regulatory actions and criminal charges and convictions about its brokers. Twenty-seven other firms were also charged with late reporting, but Merrill and Wachovia faced the five-day suspension for both the sheer number of reporting violations as well as the two firms' track record of regulatory action.

**US intelligence reform bill heads for final vote in the Senate**  
After clearing the House of Representatives, landmark legislation to revamp the US intelligence network heads for an expected approval in the Senate before President George W. Bush signs it into law. The historic bill, approved Tuesday by a House vote of 336-75, by and large adopts the recommendations of the September 11 Commission on ways to stop future terror strikes against the United States, and comes after months of meetings, hearings and contentious bargaining.

**Astronaut's long career ends**  
The longest serving astronaut in history, John W. Young, announced his retirement on Tuesday. Mr. Young, who has spent 42 years at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, plans to leave the agency on Dec. 31. Mr. Young, who commanded the first shuttle mission and flew twice to the Moon, was the first person to fly in space six times and the only astronaut to pilot four different spacecraft. He flew in the Gemini, Apollo and space shuttle programs.

**Egypt sees move towards Israel-Palestinian peace**  
Egypt's official news agency said Tuesday significant progress had been made in international efforts to end Israeli-Palestinian violence, but both sides to the conflict termed talk of a deal premature. The report by MENA, quoting high-level sources, came amid the heaviest fighting in Gaza since the death of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on Nov 11. MENA said Egypt, Israel, the Palestinians and international brokers including the United States and Europe had reached "an important understanding" that could serve as a basis for a "comprehensive settlement." The report did not give details of the purported breakthrough, but it said steps under discussion included an Israeli-Palestinian cease-fire.

**Congress approves \$300B for Sudan victims**  
Congress on Tuesday approved \$300 million to help victims of violence and support peace talks in the African nation of Sudan. The bill, passed by the Senate in a voice vote, also encourages President Bush to impose sanctions on Sudan's government. The House passed it last month. It now goes to Bush, who is expected to sign the measure. The United Nations has described violence in Sudan's western Darfur region as the world's worst humanitarian crisis.

**Automakers sue to block emissions law in California**  
Toyota, General Motors and seven other automakers filed suit on Tuesday to block California's new greenhouse gas regulation, which was approved by the state in its final form in September. The suit sets up a battle between automakers and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, a Republican. Although Mr. Schwarzenegger is a fan of the Hummer, an S.U.V. with prodigious greenhouse gas emissions, he has promised nonetheless to defend the regulation, which was signed by his Democratic predecessor, Gray Davis.

**Shriver sworn in as Calif. city councilman**  
Bobby Shriver took office Tuesday as a Santa Monica city councilman, carrying on his famous family's political legacy. Shriver, the nephew of President John F. Kennedy and brother of Maria Shriver, wife of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, said during a swearing in ceremony he would focus on helping the homeless during his term. "It feels good," he said afterward. "But I still have a responsibility. I'm very determined to do what I told the people I would do."

**Gifts broke rules, DeLay trustee says**  
In violation of House rules, the legal defense fund for the House majority leader, Representative Tom DeLay, Republican of Texas, accepted donations in 2001 from registered lobbyists, the trustee of the fund said on Monday. The trustee, Brent C. Perry, a lawyer in Houston, said the money had been inadvertently accepted and was returned on Monday. The donations were uncovered by Public Citizen, a watchdog group, and were reported in the Dec. 13 issue of Newsweek.

**Four Calif. teens suspected of hate crime**  
Four white teenagers who allegedly beat a black youth at a suburban shopping center were booked on suspicion of committing a hate crime, police said Tuesday. The 17-year-old victim, who lives in the San Fernando Valley, was treated for bruises, swelling and a dislocated knee at Simi Valley Hospital and released to his parents after the attack, police said. He was not identified because he is a minor.

**Insurgents bomb 2 churches in Northern Iraq city**  
Militants detonated bombs in two Christian churches in the northern city of Mosul on Tuesday, destroying the sanctuaries in the latest of a string of attacks seemingly intended to stir religious and ethnic divisions. No one was killed in the attacks, witnesses said. Continuing the toll on Iraqi and American forces, 3 Iraqi national guard soldiers were killed and 11 wounded Monday when a roadside bomb exploded near their patrol about 50 miles south of Baghdad, said Capt. David E. Nevers, a Marine spokesman.

**Freed captive tells of ordeal in attack on consulate in Jidda**  
One of eight men who were used as human shields during the armed assault against the American Consulate here said Tuesday from his hospital bed that the most vivid moment came when the gunman who was holding him captive and firing across his shoulder ordered him to raise his hands and scream, "God is great!" The cry is one of the last things a good Muslim hopes to utter before dying, and Abdel Jabar Nirous, a 27-year-old supply clerk from Sri Lanka, was convinced that his life was at an end.

**Karzai sworn in, citing a 'New Chapter' for Afghanistan**  
Hamid Karzai was sworn in as Afghanistan's first popularly elected president on Tuesday, three years after American-backed resistance fighters swept the Taliban government from power. Mr. Karzai, who on Oct. 9 easily won election to a five-year term after serving as head of a transitional government, took the oath of office in a nationally televised ceremony on the presidential grounds before an audience of hundreds of Afghan ministers, tribal elders, political and military leaders and 150 foreign dignitaries.

**Powell trades tough talk with Russian leaders Secretary of State**  
Colin L. Powell engaged in a rancorous rhetorical battle with Russian leaders over Ukraine and regional politics on Tuesday, denying in uncharacteristically blunt terms Russian suggestions that the United States and other Western nations are interfering in the Ukrainian election. Mr. Powell's comments were a modest but significant escalation in the use of tough words by Americans, especially because they were uttered in a country that was once part of the Eastern bloc.

**New York state votes to reduce drug sentences**  
After years of false starts, state lawmakers voted Tuesday evening to reduce the steep mandatory prison sentences given to people convicted of drug crimes in New York State, sanctions considered among the most severe in the nation. The push to soften the so-called Rockefeller drug laws came after a nearly decade-long campaign to ease the drug penalties instituted in the 1970s that put some low-level first-time drug offenders behind bars for sentences ranging from 15 years to life.

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### Prairie Rivers Musical

The Prairie Rivers Musical is featured on the 3rd Saturday of each month (October through April) at Canadian Middle School. There is no admission charge. For more information, call (806) 323-6213.

### Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S. Roland, in Spearman on December 27, 2004 and on January 24, 2005. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

### Fundraiser for Christ Redeemer Catholic Church

The Christo Redentor Catholic Church of Gruver is holding a drawing for a 2004 Chevy Aveo. Tickets are \$10 each, and all proceeds will benefit the Church. The drawing will be held on December 12, 2004. Tickets are available at Sergio's Body Shop, Annie's Fashions and Amigo's Cafe, or from any member of the Catholic Church. For more information, contact Norma Vargas at 659-2018.

### Pringle-Morse CISD, Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High Saving Register Tapes

Pringle-Morse CISD, Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High are saving register tapes for educational equipment and sports equipment from Lowe's Marketplace stores. The program began September 1, 2004, and register tapes will be collected until March 31, 2005. The students and faculty of each of these schools would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from participating Lowe's grocery stores in order to help them receive their needed equipment, such as computers, science, band or sports equipment, and much more. Receipts may be given to any student. Pringle-Morse receipts may be mailed to: Pringle-Morse CISD, PO Box 109, Morse, TX 79062. Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High receipts may be taken to each school office.

### You're Never Alone - Narcotics Anonymous Group

Open meetings will be held on Thursday night from 8-9 p.m. at the First Christian Church (29 S. Bernice in Spearman) for the "You're Never Alone" group of Narcotics Anonymous. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

### Rushing Wind Emmaus Community Gathering

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will be gathering on Saturday, December 11th at the Morse Baptist Church in Morse. A pot luck dinner will begin at 6 p.m. A communion and worship service will follow at 7 p.m. Sponsors training will be held after that. Nursery will be provided. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

### Cooperative Extension offers Marketing Short Courses

The Texas Cooperative Extension will offer four marketing short courses in Amarillo this year as a part of the Advanced Topic Series. You can get help in developing a marketing plan for the upcoming feedgrains or cotton crop, learn more about marketing tools you can use to improve your bottom line and reduce your risk about marketing tools you can use to discipline in your marketing. These courses and instructors have been highly rated by past participants who have reported substantial gains in receipts based on what they have learned. Classes will be: Advanced Futures and Options, Dec. 16 & 17; Developing This Year's Marketing Plan - Feedgrains, Jan. 12 & 13; Pulling the Marketing Trigger, Feb. 15; Developing This Year's Marketing Plan - Cotton, Mar. 15. For more information, contact the the Hansford County Extension office at 659-4130, or Steve Amosson at the district office, 677-5600.

### Texas Golf Pass Makes Great Holiday Gift

The holidays are approaching and that means endless hours on your aching feet shopping for those you love. Let the American Cancer Society relieve your foot pain, save you time and avoid all the holiday shopping crowds. No longer will you have to worry about trying to find something for that special person who has everything this gift-giving season. Over 280 Texas golf courses have teamed up with the American Cancer Society's 2005 Texas Golf Pass to help raise money to fight cancer in Texas. And, it's just in time for the holidays. For a \$35 contribution, it provides golfers over 761 rounds of golf at 289 Texas courses. The Texas Golf Pass can be ordered by calling 1-800-ACS-2345 or online at www.texasgolfpass.com. The web site has a special search feature to help you find participating courses. American Express, VISA and MasterCard accepted. Thanks to the great support of so many Texas golf courses, golfers now have another way to participate in the fight against cancer, while enjoying the game they love. It also makes it possible to enjoy many different courses throughout the state when traveling for business or for fun. The Pass expires December 31, 2005. The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.

### 2005 Hansford County Spelling Bee

The 2005 Hansford County Spelling Bee will be held Tuesday, February 15 at 3:30 pm in the Spearman High School Auditorium. Private, public, parochial and home-schooled students are eligible to enter this annual competition. The bee is open to any student in grade 8 and below. The county senior champion will compete in the March 5th Regional event at the Canyon High School campus in Canyon. For more information about the spelling bee, contact Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Coordinator, Spearman ISD at 659-3233.

### Three-on-three basketball challenge nearing

The Amarillo Family Downtown YMCA is offering an adult recreational three-on-three basketball challenge to be held December 18, 2004. The registration deadline is December 11. Team fees are \$75 with a team roster limit of five players. For more information, call 806-4374-4651 or go online at www.amarillymca.org.

### Girl Scouts seek nominations for Women of Distinction Awards

The Five Star Council of Girl Scouts is seeking nominations for its 2005 Women of Distinction awards to honor women from throughout their five-state jurisdiction. The public is invited to submit the name of a woman who is a positive role model for girls. Each of the women selected will be notified of her award in January by local Girl Scouts. Recipients will be honored at a banquet in Amarillo on March 4, 2005. Nomination forms are available by calling 806-336-0096 and must be received by no later than December 10, 2004.

### Museum of the Plains to host open house

The Museum of the Plains will host its annual Christmas open house on Sunday, December 12th from 1-3 p.m. Santa will be there for children to visit with, and the children's choir of the First United Methodist Church of Perryton will perform. The gift shop will also be open.

### Anger management classes offered in Perryton

The Church of Christ in Perryton, 1301 S. Jefferson, is sponsoring a series of lessons on anger management each Sunday evening at 6 p.m. The series will deal with the topics of leadership, marriage, being bitter and Jesus, and will include discussions on anger management with a Biblical viewpoint. For more information, call 435-5901.

### Random Acts of Christmas

The Borger-Fritch Academy of Performing Arts is gearing up for a wonderful Christmas. "Random Acts of Christmas" will be performed at 7 p.m. Friday at Fritch Elementary School. The production will be catered by Creator's Cottage of Fritch with a full Italian menu, including drink and dessert. There will be a pre-show performance. Seating begins at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. The performers are students and instructors from the Borger-Fritch Academy of Performing Arts. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under and seniors 55 and over. Call 677-1706 for tickets.

### Christmas Pageant by Paramount Terrace Christian Church

The Annual Christmas Pageant presented by Paramount Terrace Christian Church at the Civic Center Auditorium has established itself as one of the premiere family-oriented holiday traditions in the entire tri-state area. The Christmas Pageant portrays the true meaning of Christmas by telling the life story of Jesus Christ with the spectacular use of music and drama. Featuring new music and a completely new script every year, the Pageant always remains fresh and exciting. This year the Pageant is entitled "The Letter Home" and is told from the viewpoint of a soldier. With the help of the soldier's wife, teenage son, and daughter, the story unfolds with the father at war and the family left at home in the states at Christmas. The dates for this year's presentations are Friday, December 17th, through Monday, December 20th. Evening presentations are at 7:30 p.m. with Saturday and Sunday afternoon matinees at 3 p.m. Tickets are free and can be obtained from the Music Ministry Office located at the east entrance of the church at 4000 Mays Ave. For more information, call the Music Ministry office at (806) 353-6615.

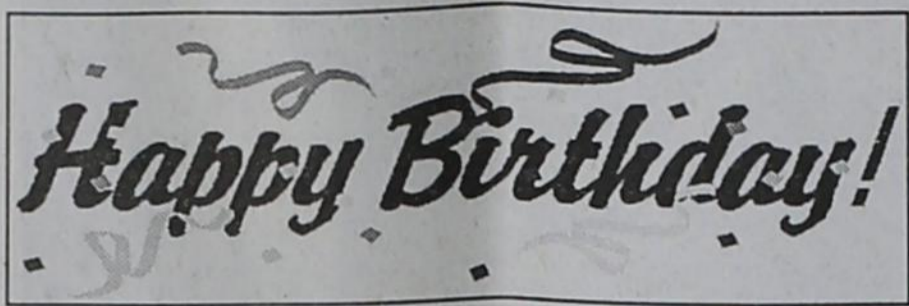
## Card of Thanks

### Thank You

Bill and I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, support and phone calls during my recent bout with cancer. I learned this week that my lungs and liver are cancer free, and I began radiation on Tuesday.

We would like to say a special thank you to Golden Spread Sales, Co. for all of your help in all you have gone through and put up with during this difficult time.

Keep your eyes on Jesus, and God bless,  
Bill and Terri Ann Porter



Editor's Note: This Happy Birthday list is run as a public service by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. We apologize if any names are misspelled. If you know of a name that needs to be changed, added or deleted, please call 659-3434.

### December 9

**Birthdays** - Clayton Smith, Verna Finley, Grant Odom, Matt Overbey, Marlene Winger, J.H. Campbell Jr., Gail Vanlandingham, Elodia Flores, Melana Papay, Shawn Cook, Juan Garcia Jr., Elda DeSantiago, Maddie Rose Stork

**Anniversary** - M/M Don Knox

### December 10

**Birthdays** - Pat Barkley, Akiko Bort, Marilyn Hart, Harold King, Brent Pittman, Aaron Jackson, Kayla Pletcher, Donald Platt, Kay Barnes, Lelia Bynum, Phyllis Collins, Linda Bartz, Bryce Reed Jarvis, Serina Diaz, Brent Wagner

**Anniversary** - M/M John Sprigg, M/M Perry Lamb, M/M Mark Irwin

### December 11

**Birthdays** - Kasey Davis, Manella Kiser, Dana Steele, Phillip Renner, Maria Martinez, Florence Fletcher, Jim Evans, Betty Dunaway

**Anniversary** - M/M Jess Wood, Irene & Butch Baker

### December 12

**Birthdays** - Gene Fletcher, Kaisi Foster, Claudia Barton, Olga Cantu, Mary Ann Martin, Jana (Pittman) Ivey, Babara Ring, Daniel Ochoa, Don Reed, Chance Johnson, Ivin Boyd, Christine Brandvik, Omar Favala, Guadalupe Trejo, Freddy Walton, Marvin Wilkerson, Justin Boyd, Brandon Sauz

**Anniversary** - M/M Jon King, M/M John Lopez, Charles & Melanie Elliott

### December 13

**Birthdays** - Betty Burk, James Burk Jr., Holly McCloy, Barbara Schnell, Muriel Boyd, Linda Butt, Bobby Smith, Jack Reed, Georgena Hart, Dan Roach, Dana Wattier, Robert Zamora, Marilyn Cline, Blythe Finley, Leaha Smith

**Anniversary** - M/M Kurt Bynum

### December 14

**Birthdays** - Bradley Clawson, Ray Etter, Todd Parker, Penny Ralston, Barbara Stavlo, Elaine Odegaard, Ron Schmehr, Bradley Sanders, Lynn Cook, Sandra Grover, Eddie Herrington, Cale Curry, Amy Gift, Betty Redwine

**Anniversary** - M/M Don Maize, M/M Chris Stork

### December 15

**Birthdays** - Dallas Henson, Harvey Proffitt, Hal Shufeldt, April Davis, Carolyn Davidson, Bob Pearson, Abbe Steger, Clarence Eller, Rosa Pierce, Stephanie Crossland, Donny Davis, Maria Ortiz, Jennie Jones, Jose Vargas, Jim Norton, Joey Bynum, Randall Sauer, LeAnn Shields, Eric Vasquez, April DeLaRosa

### December 16

**Birthdays** - Linda Lackey, Clint Patterson, Marty Bennett, Melanie Clausen, Jennifer Hughes

**Anniversary** - M/M Byron Kenney, M/M George P. Odom, M/M John Purvines

### December 17

**Birthdays** - Bobbie Novak, Patsy Beville, Sergio Favala, Charles Kruse, Stephanie TeBeest, Brandy Urban, Lupe Gueroero, Francis Floyd, Viola Hutton, Russell Shaver, Lorene Raiz, Charles Layton, Sandi Rich, Michael Park, Pam Cassidy, Jimmy Traylor, Stephanie Tyler, Art Maestas

**Anniversary** - M/M Bill Park, M/M Rick Finley

### December 18

**Birthdays** - Jimmy Faren, Ronnie Schaefer, Cassie Butt, Malory Martin, Ben Gruver, Monalisa Garcia, Juanita Vera

**Anniversary** - Tom & Rita Reed, M/M Dwayne Hart, M/M Dave Karlin

### December 19

**Birthdays** - Steve Beville, Jim Norton, Steve Watkins, Fausto Ruiz, Betty Vernon, Georgia Gaitner, Nan Nicholson, Irene Reed, Sara Dosssett, Pat Dear, Gwen McLain, Ford McIntyre, Zachary Brelans, Billy Jo Miesner, Delphine Etling, Cindy Walton, Ruby Katherine Thornton

**Anniversary** - Frank & Carol Lemons, Earl & June Spencer, M/M Ray Ethredge, M/M True Leatherman, M/M Roy Diaz, Kyle & Jennifer Nollner

## Our Sympathy

### RUTH MARY WHITSON

SPEARMAN - Ruth Mary Whitson, 90, died Monday, Dec. 6, 2004. Services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday in First Christian Church with the Rev. Gary Smith officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Whitson was born July 29, 1914, in Garber, Okla., and had lived in the area since 1934. She married Jack Whitson on Nov. 29, 1934, in Sunray. She taught fourth grade at Spearman Elementary School from 1958 to 1978. She was a member of First Christian Church of Spearman, Order of Eastern Star and Spearman Retired Teachers Association.

She was preceded in death by her husband on April 5, 1979; and her parents, Charles and Ruth King.

Survivors include three sons, Bill of Spearman, Bob of College Station and Tom of Powell, Wyo.; two daughters, Betty and Frances, both of Dumas; a sister, Barbara Jean Finley of Houston; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Jack H. and Ruth Mary Whitson Scholarship Fund, WTAMU Foundation, P.O. Box 60766, Canyon, TX 79016; or a favorite charity.

### JERRY LYNN DUNCAN

GRUVER - Jerry Lynn Duncan, 62, died Tuesday, November 30, 2004.

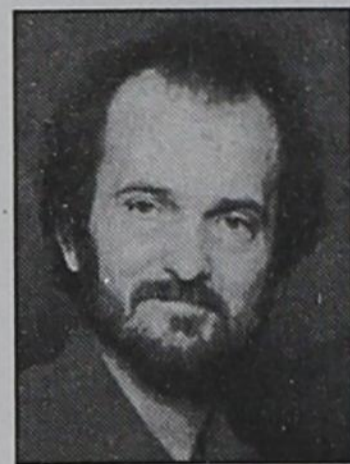
A memorial service will be held on Friday, Dec. 3, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Gruver with the Rev. Scott Curry and Rev. George Price officiating. Interment will be in Gruver Cemetery.

Mr. Duncan was born in Altus, Okla. on April 28, 1942. He graduated from Gruver High School. After graduation, he worked on the farm for several years before moving to Houston where he worked for a large trucking firm. After moving back to Gruver, he worked on the farm, when his health allowed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, T.T. and Joyce Duncan, and a son, Richie Todd.

Survivors include four sons, Kelly Don and Sylvia of Dallas, and Tracy of Dallas, Bobby and Dawn of Conroe and Justin of Gruver; a daughter, Launa and Robert Nehi of Washington, DC; nine grandchildren, including Sara Ann and Joshua of Conroe and Alexander and Miriam Page Nehi of Washington, DC; and a brother, Gene and Francis Duncan of Gruver.

The family suggests memorials be to the Gruver Ambulance Fund, PO Box 847, Gruver, TX 79040, or one's favorite charity.



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Wed. Prayer Mtg: 7 p.m.  
Pastor - Roland Haney

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401 N. Bernice • 659-2295  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:35 a.m.  
Kid's Church: 10:35 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Wed. Youth: 7 p.m.  
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Pastor - Bob Elder

**First Christian Church**  
(Disciples of Christ)  
29 S. Bernice • 659-2036  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Minister - Gary Smith

**First Baptist Church**  
123 N. Bernice • 659-5557  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.  
Men's Bible Study - Wed., 7 a.m.  
Children's Choir - Wed., 6 p.m.  
Adult Choir - Wed., 7 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
Pastor - Jim Medley

**Church of Christ**  
121 S. Haney • 659-3244  
Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m.  
KRDF Radio Program  
Living W/Christ: 7:50 a.m.  
Minister - Leonard Harper

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
901 Roland • 659-2792  
Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m.  
Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English  
(aired on KRDF-FM 98.3)  
Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish  
1:30 p.m. - Gruver - Christo  
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Rev. Guillermo Morales

**First United Methodist**  
407 S. Haney • 659-5503  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m.  
Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday  
High School: 6 p.m. Sunday  
Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed.  
Pastor - Derrel Ewins

**Grace Presbyterian Church**  
(Worships with Faith Lutheran Church)  
1101 Bernice • 659-2033  
Pastor - Beverly Cook

**Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
1101 Bernice • 659-2252  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
(Worships with  
Grace Presbyterian Church)  
Pastor - Beverly Cook

**Union Church**  
31 S. Endicott • 659-2644  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed.  
Pastor - Bill Sparks

**Fellowship Baptist**  
1102 S. Archer • 659-2783  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
Sun. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Youth/Adult Service: 7:30 Wed.  
Pastor - Gene Foster

**Primera Mision Bautista**  
502 E. 7th • 659-3991  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
Evening: 6 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.  
Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m.  
Pastor Joe Garcia Jr.

**El Aposento Alto U.P.C.I.**  
1105 S. Roland  
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Culto Evangelistico - 7 p.m.  
Jueves: Oracion - 8 p.m.  
Mier. Estudio Biblico - 7 p.m.  
Pastor - A.G. Martell  
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### Gruver

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

**Church of Christ**  
209 King • 733-2760  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:20 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Wed. Worship: 7:00 p.m.  
Minister - Gaylord Cook

**First Christian Church**  
510 King • 733-2960  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
Youth: 7:30, Sunday  
Adult Bible Study: 7:30, Sun.  
Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.  
Pastor - Gary Gurnfory

**Gruver United Methodist**  
Broadway & Garrett  
733-2651  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.  
Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m.  
Pastor - George Price

**Spanish Cristo Redentor Church**  
Sunday Mass: 1:30 p.m.  
Friday Evening Mass  
Summer - 8:00 p.m.  
Fall/Winter - 7:30 p.m.

### Oslo

**Oslo Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
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North of Gruver  
339-7709  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
Pastor - Paul Fiske

### Waka

**Waka Church of the Brethren**  
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### Morse

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### Ortega receives four-year sentence

On November 29, 2004, a Hansford County jury sentenced Louis Jose Ortega of Spearman to four years in prison for having sexual relations with a 15-year-old female.

The prison sentence comes after Ortega, 29, pled guilty to the offense the day before. The range of punishment for the sexual assault was from probation to 20 years.

District Attorney Clay L. Ballman, representing the state, recommended to the jury that they impose a maximum 20-year prison sentence. Defense Attorney David Holmes wanted probation.

At his trial, two other women testified that when they were 14, and Ortega was approximately 25, they also had sexual relations with Ortega.

After the jury was dismissed, the State and the Defense announced an agreement that if Ortega waived his right of appeal, pled to one count of sexual assault of one of the other victims, and went to jail that day, the State would recommend another four-year prison sentence to run concurrent with the sentence assessed by the jury. That plea took place this past Tuesday, December 7, 2004.

"In these situations, sexual assault can occur without any type of force or threat," stated District Attorney Clay L. Ballman. "The minimum age of sexual consent in Texas is 17."

Ortega must serve at least two years before he is eligible for parole. Upon his release, he must register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

## Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

Thank you to the Spearman Church of Christ for bringing church services to the Manor on Nov. 28th. We appreciate you!

Monday started off with a whirl and the week only went faster the longer it went but was so much fun!

Monday morning was the weekly Newscurrents program. We had a film on states. They gave facts about each state and then we had to guess which state it was. For an example: What state is famous for chickens? Ohio. It was fun to play.

After lunch we traveled on across the United States with the Route 66 program. This installment covered from Amarillo to California. It even had pictures of the Cadillac ranch in Amarillo!

The evening was filled with fun & games as the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce hosted bingo. THANK YOU!

Tuesday morning was spent in exercise classes. We worked on the brain with trivia and the body with exercises done to music.

The afternoon was spent in the activity room sipping on coke floats as everyone looked at magazines and discussed things of interest found in each one.

Wednesday morning we were blessed with Anne Whitaker leading Bible study. THANK YOU, ANNE!

The afternoon was spent busily painting on the light bulb snowmen that are in progress.

Thursday morning we had a fun filled music class to Christmas music. They can really ring those bells with Christmas music!

The faithful auxiliary hosted bingo after lunch. THANK YOU!

Friday was a fun, fun day! We received some funds from the Globe-News Empty Stocking Fund for several Residents. The certificates were for \$35.00 and redeemable at Walmart in Amarillo.

We took 2 van loads and a SUV to haul the gifts back in and headed to Amarillo early in the morning. We shopped to fill the lists of wishes requested by the different Residents as well as taking some Residents with us to shop for themselves. I was so impressed!! Some bought warm coats, some socks, some sweaters, some toilet articles and all had fun.

While we were gone playing Santa's helpers, Sandi stayed home to carry on activities with the ones at home. We got home around 5:30 with the vans loaded to the hilt. The elves have been wrapping and wrapping ever since.

THANK YOU to Claudine Laxton, Judy Yarbrough, Vicki Risner, and the 6 CNA class mates that made it possible to get it all done in one trip!!

Saturday afternoon we had a special Christmas Crazy Bunko game. I watched a silver, wind-up Christmas tree trade hands about 12 times. There were many Christmas prizes to be had and a total of 18 Residents participated. We had a great time!!



Cute kids brought sweet rewards for Hansford Hospice this week. Donations in Alco's Cute Baby Contest in October were given to Hansford Hospice. Faye McDonald, Alco Operation Group Manager, presents the check to Charla Hargis, R/N Hospice Manager and Rosetta Barrera LVN/Hospice Volunteer Coordinator.

### Holiday-lighting safety tips

Xcel Energy is promoting a safe and injury-free holiday season with always-important holiday-lighting and decoration safety tips.

- Be careful when hanging holiday lights and decorations, especially when brightening your home or business with outdoor decorations.

- First, remember to look up for overhead power lines. Be sure to keep yourself, ladders and the decorations more than ten feet away from electric lines.

- Trim your tree, home and workplace only with decorations you know are in good condition and that are safety certified by Underwriters laboratory (UL).

- Inspect your holiday light strings before hanging them. Look for frayed wires, cracked insulation or bare spots and for loose connections or damaged plugs. Don't use damaged, unsafe strings or decorations. Discard any that appear unsafe.

- If you use extension cords, make sure they are in safe working condition. If they are not, dispose of them. Don't place cords beneath carpets or rugs, where they could become a fire hazard.

- Never "adapt" a grounded, or three-prong, outlet plug by cutting off the third prong for use in a two-prong outlet. That creates a hazard.

- Don't use lights that are labeled "for interior use" outside. And don't use "for exterior use" lights inside a building. Outdoors lights burn hotter and can create a fire hazard on the Christmas tree, or ignite draperies or furniture.

- Unplug holiday lights before going to bed or leaving your home.

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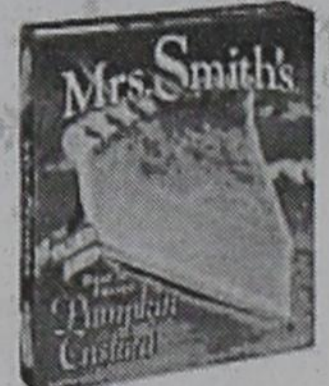


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**Spearman ISD Board discusses bond election**

The Board of Trustees of the Spearman Independent School District met in a Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on October 11, 2004 in the High School Library.

Mr. Mark Allen, President of the Board of Trustees, announced that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

**HEAR FROM PATRONS OR STAFF**

• No one came before the Board.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

• A recognition and reception were held honoring the recent GED graduates. Brenda Vera and Clifford Conley were recognized for their accomplishment of completing their GED. Mr. Sumner said that the GED program is offered on Tuesday nights free of charge to the community. Claudine Hardy is the site-coordinator. According to Mrs. Hardy, nine adults have completed their GED in the past couple of years. Mr. Sumner added that this program is another example of how Spearman I.S.D. is providing for the educational needs of our community.

**PUBLIC HEARING Overview of School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas)**

• A public hearing was held for the overview of the School First (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas). Mr. Sumner presented a PowerPoint presentation which reviewed the twenty-one indicators. Spearman I.S.D. received a Superior Rating for 2004. Mr. Sumner stated that this is the second year in a row that Spearman I.S.D. has received a perfect score (Superior) on their FIRST ratings. Mr. Sumner expressed his appreciation to Larry Murphy and the Business Office for the wonderful job that they do. A time for public comments on the report was provided.

**ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEM(S)**

• Approved consent items:  
1. Minutes of the Called Meeting of August 16, 2004, the Called Meeting of August 30, 2004 and the Regular Meeting of September 13, 2004.  
2. Paying the bills in the amount of \$138,257.19.  
• Awarded the gas and diesel bid to Spearman Equity for the month of November 2004.  
• Doug Whitt, Financial advisor of Southwest Securities, provided guidance on the timelines for a

bond election and on bond costs. He made suggestions on how the board could involve the community in soliciting input and support for a potential facility/bond package. As a result of this discussion, the board will meet again next Monday, October 18 in a called meeting to organize a citizen committee.

• Approved the Communication Agreement between Spearman I.S.D. Board of Trustees and the Spearman Classroom Teachers' Association. The Spearman Classroom Teachers have 88% membership, which exceeds the required 80% participation for the agreement.

• Reviewed and approved Update 73 to add, revise or delete (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASS Policy Service.

• The board selected Sally Swan as the Parent Representative to serve on the District Education Improvement Committee to replace Kelly Garnett's expired term.

• Mr. Sumner reviewed and discussed the evaluations for the 2003-2004 Bilingual/ESL Program and the At-Risk. Mr. Sumner reiterated the fact that the two student sub-groups (Hispanic and Economically Disadvantaged) in math and science are areas where improvement is needed and are campus and district priorities.

• Mr. Wiggins provided a demonstration of the Scan-It (TAKS Benchmark Testing) and answered questions from the board.

**INFORMATION ITEM(S)**

• The student enrollment of Spearman I.S.D. was 750 students on October 4th which is down 11 students from September 13, 2004.

• Mr. Sumner provided information regarding the staff development workshops attended by teachers from each campus.

• A substitute teacher usage report was provided for the period from August 16th through September 17th. The yearly total was \$4,270.00.

• Mr. Sumner informed the board of the letter from the Texas Education Agency granting the requested extension until August 2005 for the OCR Corrective Action Plan.

• The District/Campus LEP counts of 144 as of September 30, 2004 were reviewed.

• Mr. Sumner informed the board

of the upcoming District Education Improvement Committee Meeting to be held at the High School Library on October 20, 2004.

**CLOSED MEETING**

PERSONNEL MATTERS AND DELIBERATION ABOUT PURCHASING PROPERTY

**RECONVENE INTO OPEN MEETING**

• Approved request for 30 day extended sick leave for Alexis Beck.

**ADJOURNMENT**

• The meeting adjourned at 12:10 a.m.

**Spearman Economic Development Corporation approves funding for dairy farm in Hutchinson County**

The Spearman Economic Development Corporation (SEDCorp) met on Wednesday, October 20, 2004.

Members Present: Brian Gillispie, Charles Elliott, Mary Dixon, Clay Schnell, Jackie Pearson, Charles Shieldknight, Keith Hight and City Manager Ed Hansen.

Visitors Present: Steve Bloomberg, Chief Executive Officer of the Borger EDC, Rick Harrell, Danny Parker and Cheryl Gibson-Salgado.

Call to Order. President Gillispie declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

**CONSIDERATION OF KLEMMER FARMS FUNDING REQUEST**

President Gillispie stated that Mr. Klemme was seeking an SBA 504 loan of \$1.5 million from Interstate Bank. This loan program requires a 15% equity injection from the borrower or \$225,000. The 15% equity must be available at the time of the loan application. From a review of Jon's financial statement in addition to Clay Schnell's due diligence with Klemme's current bank in New York, it appears as if Jon's equity is tied up in the real estate and other assets he currently owns. President Gillispie stated that the problem was that the equity needed to be in place before the loan application, and that Jon's equity was not available until all of his assets in NY were sold. Steve Bloomberg reported that

the Borger EDC has voted to grant Jon Klemme \$45,000 with a claw-back clause of three (3) years and loan him \$57,500 payable within 180 days of the beginning of construction. This funding was contingent upon Spearman EDC's approval, approval of Jon's loan with Interstate/SBA, and proper due diligence concerning the collateral securing their \$57,500 loan. It was decided between the Borger EDC and Spearman EDC to draw up an interlocal agreement concerning the partnering in this request, and that Borger and Spearman share in the legal expenses.

After discussion was held, motion was made by Elliott to offer Mr. Klemme the same package as the Borger EDC with the addition of a second lien on his Hutchinson County property when it was purchased. This motion contingent upon Mr. Klemme receiving approval of his loan, verification of both his collateral values and debt owed. Second by Shieldknight. Motion unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

**SEDCorp approves Booster Club, Chamber funding**

The Spearman Economic Development Corporation (SEDCorp) met on Wednesday, November 10, 2004.

Members Present were Brian Gillispie, Charles Elliott, Mary Dixon, Clay Schnell, Jackie Pearson, Charles Shieldknight, Keith Hight and City Manager Ed Hansen.

Visitors Present were Joe Vanderburg and Kim Brock of the Spearman Lynx and Lynxette Booster Club; Jason Cantrell, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Cheryl Gibson-Salgado.

President Gillispie declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

**CONSIDER A FUNDING REQUEST FROM THE SPEARMAN BOOSTER CLUB**

Joe Vanderburg and Kim Brock were present to request from the Spearman Booster funds in the amount of \$2,575.68 to reimburse their non-Club profit organization for radio equipment

purchased in order to broadcast the football and basketball games, school programs and other community functions since the radio station closed.

After discussion was held, motion was made by Pearson to grant \$2,575.68 to the Booster Club for reimbursement of the radio broadcast equipment. Second by Elliott. Motion unanimously carried.

**CONSIDER CONTRACTS WITH THE SPEARMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

The Spearman SEDCorp consideration of the following contracts with the Spearman Chamber of Commerce: a) Share expenses of speaker for Chamber Banquet; and b) Executive Director of Chamber to perform economic development activities.

a) Keith Hight requested cost share of \$1,500 for a speaker at the Chamber Banquet this year.

Motion was made by Dixon and second by Elliott to pay \$750.00 for SEDCorp's

a) Share expenses of speaker share for a banquet speaker. Motion unanimously carried.

b) SEDCorp praised Keith Hight for a job well done during the last six (6) months working as a part-time EDC Director. Chamber President Jason Cantrell stated that Keith's SEDCorp duties had not

interfered with his Chamber duties and were willing to extend the current contract for twelve months.

With Keith Hight agreeing to perform the duties, motion was made by Shieldknight to enter into the same agreement with the Chamber of Commerce for Executive Director Keith Hight to perform EDC Director duties part-time. Second by Elliott. Motion unanimously carried.

The SEDCorp board approved the minutes of the September 22 and October 20, 2004 minutes as written, and approved the treasury report.

The next meeting date was set for December 15, 2004.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

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## Items needed for soldiers at Landstuhl hospital

*Editor's Note: My daughter, Jennifer McNulty sent me the following letter from Mary Beth Sanders, a volunteer at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, where many of our wounded soldiers are sent for medical treatment.*

*If you would like to make a donation, you may bring your items to the Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, in Spearman.*

Wounded soldiers arrive at Landstuhl Hospital with only the clothes on their back. This may be the uniform they were wearing when they were injured, or a hospital gown if they were sent to a field hospital prior to being sent to Landstuhl. Obviously, neither of the above is suitable to wear for travel when they leave the hospital, regardless of their destination.

There is a Clothing Closet set up to provide clothing for our brave young soldiers during their stay at the hospital and for their flight home, 100% of which is donated from all over the United States: families, schools, churches, organizations, clubs, and businesses.

The heartfelt appreciation and gratitude expressed by the soldiers when they receive these items is overwhelming. Unfortunately, supplies have been seriously depleted. The Clothing Closet is in dire need of new, unused sweat shirts, sweat pants, and long-sleeve T-shirts in sizes Medium through XXL. They will be distributed to our military personnel who are being treated there or being transferred. These items should not have any organizational logos on them; however, name-brand logos are acceptable.

Many of the bases in Europe are conducting drives to provide the above mentioned articles of clothing. However, due to limited shopping opportunities here, we cannot purchase enough to satisfy the need. Our local military exchanges do not carry a sufficient inventory of these articles, and are prevented from ordering large numbers unless they are pre-paid.

If you can help with this project you would bless our soldiers in a very real, tangible way. Boxes may be sent to either of the following addresses: Mary Beth Sanders, PSC 9 Box 4406, APO AE 09123 or Sandy Delk, CMR 402 Box 861, APO AE 09180.

If you are sending more than a few boxes, email me (victory3n1@hotmail.com) or Sandy (sandy.delk@us.army.mil) and they will send you the address of the hospital so they may be sent directly to the attention of the Chaplain's Office.

Also, **THEY MUST BE MAILED THROUGH THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, NOT A COMMERCIAL CARRIER!** Please feel free to include handwritten notes or cards, candy, or other items you think they would enjoy. We will make sure that they are passed on to the soldiers.

May God Bless You,  
Mary Beth Sanders  
Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany

P.S.: After I received the initial request letter from Sandy, I got an updated list of additional items that would be helpful to our wounded soldiers. While sweat suits remain the #1 priority, the other items will be needed when they are released or transferred.

Men and Women: Sweatshirts (Size M-XXXL) Any Color; Sweatpants (Size M-XXXL) Any Color; Long Sleeve T's (Six M-XXXL) Any Color; Lined Windbreakers (Size M-XXXL) Any Color; Gloves (Size M-XXXL) Any Color; Knit Caps Any Color; Ladies Tennis Shoes (Size 6-10) Any Color; Mens Tennis Shoes (Size 8-14) Any Color.

Also, men's boxer shorts, all sizes would be helpful. And since there are some female patients, something feminine would be nice.

Phone cards are greatly appreciated. They would not have as many units available because it would be an overseas call, but they would make it possible for the soldiers to contact their loved ones, especially those who face an extended stay in the hospital.

## Honoring Those Who Serve -

During this holiday season, The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman would like to remember and thank those who are actively serving in the military.

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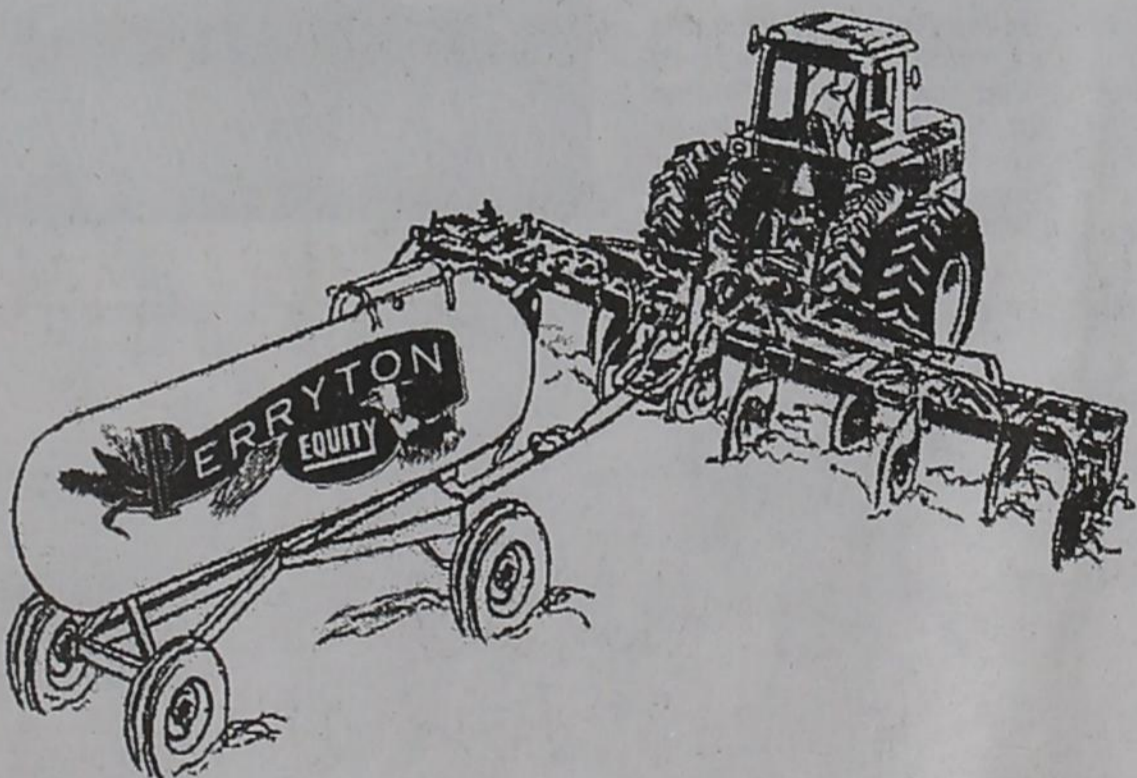
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# Basketball Hoopla

## Lynxettes win tourney, keep perfect record

by Harletta Carthel

After an active week of play, the Spearman Lynxettes are flying high with a 9-0 season record and a tournament championship. The Lynxettes defeated the Texhoma Red Devils Tues. night and then downed Fort Elliott, Adrian, Shamrock, and Wheeler enroute to their Miami Tournament championship.

Lynxettes 50, Texhoma 28 11/30/04  
Lindsay Short 12, Tabatha Shields 1, Kelcie Rex 12, Saylee Flowers 10, Kendall Schneider 4, Kylee Howard 6, Tonya Hart 3, Jordanna Lozano 2.

Miami Tourney - First game  
Lynxettes 62, Adrian 24  
Lindsay Short 13, Macy Harbour 7, Britta Vanderburg 4, Kelcie Rex 6, Saylee Flowers 12, Kendall Schneider 5, Kylee Howard 3, Tonya Hart 10, Jordanna Lozano 2.  
Coach's Comments: We struggled

to get going and did not perform from behind the three-point arc like we should.

Second game  
Lynxettes 59, Shamrock 17  
Lindsay Short 6, Tabatha Shields 4, Britta Vanderburg 2, Kelcie Rex 12, Saylee Flowers 9, Kendall Schneider 12, Kylee Howard 2, Tonya Hart 10, Jordanna Lozano 2.  
Coach's Comments: We created 31 turnovers

Third Game  
Lynxettes 58, Fort Elliott 45  
Lindsay Short 8, Macy Harbour 4, Britta Vanderburg 2, Kelcie Rex 4, Saylee Flowers 8, Kendall Schneider 4, Kylee Howard 8, Tonya Hart 12, Jordanna Lozano 8.  
We shot the ball well in the first half and withstood their rally in the second half when they shot well.

Championship Game  
Lynxettes 44, Wheeler 32  
Lindsay Short 9, Britta Vanderburg 2, Kelcie Rex 8, Saylee Flowers 8, Kendall Schneider 3, Kylee Howard 3, Tonya Hart 11

Coach's Comments:  
We played Wheeler in the championship game of the Miami Tourney instead of Canadian who was attending their football game. We are happy to be the tournament champions.

Lynxette Junior Varsity  
The Spearman Junior Varsity Lynxettes took a 36-20 win over the Texhoma Junior Varsity, Tues., Nov. 30.  
Bradley 3, Lang 6, Cazares 9, Kern 13, Barnes 1, Hart 4.

## Hounds take tourney crown

by Harletta Carthel

The Hounds defeated Perryton in the championship game of the Lake Meredith Tournament over the weekend to take revenge on Perryton for an earlier loss that spoiled the Hounds' perfect record.

Hounds 76 Fritch 41 11/16/04  
Crispin Borunda 2, Brock Irwin 9, Lance Williams 10, Cass Cooper 14, Stephen Salazar 3, Matt Messer 7, Ryan Winger 4, Tanner Irwin 4, Cody Mac Been 23.

Hounds 64, Spearman 22 11/19/04  
Crispin Borunda 5, Brock Irwin 15,

Lance Williams 6, Cass Cooper 12, Matt Messer 15, Tanner Irwin 2, Cody Mac Been 10

Hounds 42, Perryton 49  
Crispin Borunda 2, Brock Irwin 4, Cass Cooper 5, Stephen Salazar 4, Matt Messer 13, Ryan Winger 4 6, Cody Mac Been 8.

Hounds 60, West Texas 44 11/30/04  
Brock Irwin 2, Lance Williams 2, Cass Cooper 5, Tyler Lane 2, Stephen Salazar 9, Matt Messer 16, Tanner Irwin 2, Cody Mac Been 12

Lake Meredith Tourney - Game 1  
Hounds 47 Panhandle 32  
Brock Irwin 7, Cass Cooper 14, Tyler lane 6, Stephen Salazar 2, Matt Messer 5, Cody Mac Been 9, Reid Winger 4.

Second Game  
Hounds 46, Borger 36  
Brock Irwin, Lance Williams 4, Cass Cooper 6, Tyler lane 5, Stephen Salazar 4, Matt Messer 7, Cody Mac Been 16, Reid Winger 4

Championship Game  
Hounds 55, Perryton 49  
Brock Irwin 2, Cass Cooper 16, Tyler lane 3, Stephen Salazar 6, Matt Messer 9, Cody Mac Been 11, Reid Winger 6.

## Spearman Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	JVG	JVB	VG	VB
Dec 9-11	@ Borger JV Tourney		TBA		
Dec 9-11	Spearman JV Tourney	TBA			
Dec 9-11	@ Beaver, OK Tourney			TBA	TBA
Dec 14	@ Dumas		5		6:30
Dec 14	*West Texas	5		6:30	
Dec 17	Canyon		5		6:30
Dec 17	@ *Canadian	5		6:30	
Dec 28-30	@ Clarendon Tourney				TBA
Dec 28-30	@ Lubbock Inv. Tourney				TBA
Jan 4	*Boys Ranch	4	5:15	6:30	8
Jan 7	@ *Highland Park	5	5	6:30	8

Date	Opponent	7thG	8thG	7thB	8thB	9thB
Dec 9-11	Borger Tour.					TBA
Dec 13	Sandford-Fritch	5-H	6-H	5-T	6-T	7-T
Jan 6	Panhandle	5-T	6-T	5-H	6-H	
Jan 6-8	Perryton Tour.					TBA
Jan 10	West Texas	5-T	6-T	5-H	6-H	7-H

\*District Games

## Gruver Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	JVG	JVB	VG	VB
Dec 9-11	@ Hugoton, KS Inv. Tour.			TBA	TBA
Dec 17	@ Borger	5	5	6:30	8
Dec 20	Dalhart	4	5:15	6:30	8
Dec 28-30	@ Canadian Tourney			TBA	TBA
Jan 3	@ Channing			6:30	8
Jan 7	@ *Vega	4	5:15	6:30	8
Jan 11	*Booker	4	5:15	6:30	8

Date	Opponent	7thG	8thG	7thB	8thB
Dec 16	White Deer	5-H	6-H	5-T	6-T
Jan 6	Sunray	5-T	6-T	5-H	6-H
Jan 10	Booker (Home)	5	7	6	8

\*District Games

## Spearman ISD Gifted & Talented

We are now accepting nominations for the Gifted & Talented program. Students in Kindergarten through 12th grade may be nominated. The gifted educational program is designed to challenge students with above average potential in academic, creative, and productive thinking skills to accelerate above and beyond the regular school curriculum.

Anyone wishing to nominate a student believed to be an intellectually or creatively gifted learner is encouraged to come by the Elementary, Jr. High, or High School office and complete the nomination form. Nominations will be accepted through December 17, 2004. Nominated students will go through a screening process to determine eligibility. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the school offices at 659-2565 (Elementary), 659-2326 (Jr. High) or 659-2584 (Sr. High).

## Nominaciones G/T para el 2004-2005

Ya estamos aceptando nominaciones para el programa G/T del ano escolar 2004-2005. Los estudiantes del Kinder hasta el grado 12 pueden ser nominados.

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Si alguien desea nominar a un estudiante que crea que sea un aprendic intelectualmente dotado y creativo los animamos para que vengan a la oficina de la escuela elementaria para llenar la forma de nominacion despues del 1 de Dec. O antes del 17 de Dec.

Los estudiantes nominados pasaran por un proceso de examen para determinar su elegibilidad.

Si usted tien alguna pregunta o necesita mas informacion, por favor llame a la oficina del escyekas al 659-2565 (elementaria), al 659-2563 (Jr. High), y al 659-2584 (Sr. High).

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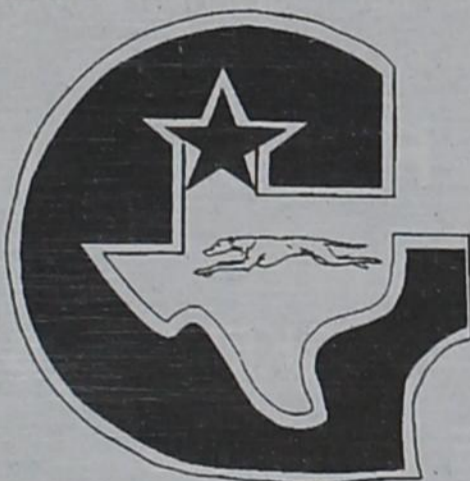
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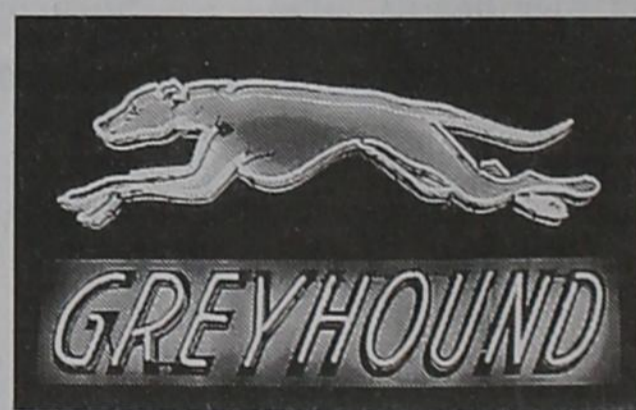
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Elementary: (Front Row, L-R) 2nd Grade - Reagan Haynes, Bailey Rae Poer, Michaela Davis, Rayel Anderson, Megan Sparks, Carson Williams, Dax Haight; (2nd Row, L-R) 3rd Grade - Maggie Gaspar, Cesar Mendoza, Travis Stedje, Madison Williams, Rachel Teal, Beau Blankenship, Zoe Cantrell; (3rd Row, L-R) 4th Grade - Korbin Irwin, Maricela Serrano, Dallas Reynolds, Maggie Key, Nikki Beasley, Damian Pierce, Flor Soto; (Back Row, L-R) Teachers - Micky Maupin, Christy Cooper, Eva Spivey, Debby Mayhew, Julie Stedje, Tracy King, Sharolyn Finley, Principal Matt Branstine

Gruver Elementary

2ND PLACE



7th & 8th Grade: (Front Row, L-R) Sydney Clawson, Veronica Teal; (2nd Row, L-R) Luis Lora, Parker Grotogut, Andy Flores, Katie Gibson, Megan Stedje, Gaby Santillan, Mary Barron, Lindsey Mireles; (3rd Row, L-R) Miranda Baird, Taylor Williams, Miles Messer, Drew Mireles, Blake Fitzgearld, Reagan Karlin, Caleb Miller, Ezequiel Perez; (4th Row, L-R) Kimberly Seagler, Leigh Ann Winger, Jorge Tarango, LaNetta Shapley, Gage Parker, Devlin Reymonds, Mattie Yanke, Lynnn Vela, Esbeydi Ramirez, Dani Wheelock, Payton Mitchell, Pat Dawson, Mica Been, Jim Davis, Shawn Thompson; (Back Row, L-R) Troy Seagler, Wynn Essler, Brenda Mendoza, Cory Graves, Roberto Mendoza, Saul Hernandez, Rey David Gaspar, Matt Salazar, Jordan Hicks, Jesse Becknell



5th & 6th Grade: (Front Row, L-R) Clarissa Anaya, Kramer King, Luis Munoz, Shelby Wagner, Tadeo Mendoza, Luis Mendoza, Daniela Luciano, Zack Logsdon; (2nd Row, L-R) Taylor Felderhoff, Chris Ortiz, Angelica Valverde, Brenna Reid, Evelyn Pastrana, Kaysha Bass, Colton Moffett, Shane Atwood, madison McLain; (3rd Row, L-R) Jim Davis, Ashlynn Miner, Shelby Williams, Betty Hernandez, Mary Hart, Cambry Cooper, Brianne Mitchell, Jack Karlin, Pat Overbey, Tony Pena, Shell Haynes, Ysenia Monroy, Sandra Gumfory, Shelley Gibson, Mia Been, Riki Jines (Back Row, L-R) Shawn Thompson, Kimberly Seagler, Wynn Essler, Samantha Sanchez, Matison Jones, Ali Tyler, Daniel Swink, Roy Mayhew, Gabriela Barrera, Mariela Barrera, Jacque Mayfield, Hugo Ortiz; Not pictured are Jake Beasley and Justin Bass



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**LOST & FOUND**

**LOST:** Grey male poodle (weighs about 10 pounds), has collar but no tags. Harry is 10-years-old and is missing some of his jaw teeth. If found, please call 659-2325. 2(12-09-04)

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**FOR SALE**

**FOR SALE:** Lazy-Boy love-seat sleeper - \$100; nice dining room table w/4 chairs - \$300; Kenmore washer, good - \$75; lift chair, good condition - \$550. In Spearman, 659-2791. 2(12-02-04)P

**FOR SALE:** Jettie's Antiques has several lines of glass items for sale, including Fenton and Sabine. Also for sale is Jettie's Indian Jewelry. Great for Christmas gifts! Call 659-2325. 2(12-09-04)P

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Palo Duro River Authority will receive bids until 4 p.m. on Friday, December 10, 2004 on a used motor grader. Bids will be opened at the regular meeting, December 14, 2004 at 2 p.m.

Specifications are available at the Palo Duro River Authority office, 10 miles north of Spearman, TX.

The Palo Duro River Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. 3(11-25-04)B

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Hansford County Commissioner's Court will receive bids until 4 p.m. on Monday, December 27, 2004 on one new 2004 or 2005 4-wheel drive utility vehicle for the Sheriff's department, with/without trade-in. Bids will be opened on Wednesday, December 29, 2004 at the regular Commissioner's Court meeting beginning at 10 a.m.

Specifications are available in the County Judge's Office or the County Auditor's office in the Hansford County Courthouse in Spearman. The Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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**Spearman Chamber of Commerce Sidewalk Chalk Contest**  
Several young artists from the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles participated in the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Sidewalk Chalk Contest. Pictured at left are Stefanie Strawn and Kaley Barns, and pictured above is Katie Baehler.



Jim took this picture of a mature bald eagle at the Lake.

by Dorothy Hudson  
**Out At The Lake**

Lake Level--December 6, 2004--33.23 feet (-0.26)  
Two mature bald eagles are now being seen at the Lake. Jim is not sure if the immature eagle has turned into a bald eagle or if it was replaced by another mature eagle. He said the best time to see them is between 9 and 10 o'clock in the mornings. They are usually perched in the dead trees in the Lake. If the office is open, you are welcome to use the scope there.  
Several were out to enjoy the pretty afternoon on Sunday. One boat was seen and several people were fishing from the shores.  
While working for the Rotary Club's Pheasant Hunt auction, Jim drove to Dumas to pick up a pheasant given by Brent Brnum of the Tumbleweed Taxidermy Shop. Jim really enjoyed seeing the different animals on display that Brent had mounted. One was a young mountain lion that had been killed near Dumas several years ago.  
That reminded me of the article "Living with Mountain Lions" in

the Texas Co-Op Power magazine, December 2004 issue sent me by Kathleen Brillhart.  
The well written article by Elaine Robbins didn't mention any mountain lions in the Panhandle, but she did quote one man as saying, "But people mistake everything from bobcats to deer to housecats for the lions. Such sightings are so notoriously inaccurate that wildlife biologist Shaw once dismissed them as "UFOs--unidentified furry objects."  
We have yet to have someone photograph a mountain lion on the Palo Duro watershed as far as I know, but we have had good pictures of their tracks and very believable stories from those who have actually seen a mountain lion here.  
I liked Elaine Robbins description of the lion kittens as adorably furry with black spots and bright blue eyes. They stay with their mother until they are around a year and a half.

## Letters to Santa

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman will publish Letters to Santa from children in Hansford County in our annual Christmas edition, which will be published on December 23rd.

Letters may be mailed to: Santa Letter, % Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman, TX 79081, or dropped by the Reporter-Statesman office. Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-5 p.m. (There is a drop-slot located in the window to the right of the door.)

In order for your letter to appear in this issue, it must be in the Reporter-Statesman office by 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 16th. All letters will be forwarded to Santa. (Letters received after the deadline will not have time to reach the North Pole by Christmas.)

## You're Invited to a Christmas Open House

### Wednesday, December 22nd

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You must enter in person at the bank  
Gift certificate will be for Spearman B&B Radio Shack.  
All Radio Shack products will be available through special order.

### Hey Kids! Bicycle Giveaway

Have Mom or Dad bring you to the bank so you can enter to win.  
Must be 5 to 12 years of age to enter.

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