

THE NEWS

Bush Gives New Intelligence Czar Real Power

Finally there is a president willing to exert some influence over the FBI at least when it comes to intelligence if that isn't an oxymoron.

Bush pledges to speed up aid to Africa

President Bush told African leaders on Monday he would "work harder and faster" to accelerate aid to the region under a heavily promoted but little-used program after they complained the system was too bureaucratic.

US wants China play fair

The United States has no plans to shut down its market to Chinese exports, but Beijing must play by the rules of international trade, Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez said on Monday.

Jackson cleared of all charges

Pop superstar Michael Jackson was cleared of all charges on Monday, including child sex abuse, ending a bitter four-month trial that could have sent him to prison for nearly 20 years.

Ford recalls 260,000 vehicles

Ford Motor Co. is recalling nearly 260,000 vehicles, most of them large pickup trucks, to fix safety defects that include sudden stalling of diesel engines, U.S. federal safety regulators said on Monday.

Guantanamo inmates can be held 'in perpetuity'

U.S. Republican senators called for the rights of foreign terrorism suspects on Wednesday at Guantanamo Bay prison to be legally defined even as the Bush administration said the inmates could be jailed there "in perpetuity."

Democrats wary of any tobacco case settlement

A group of Democratic lawmakers on Wednesday urged the U.S. Justice Department to drop any talks aimed at settling its racketeering case against cigarette makers, saying they would lead to weak sanctions against the industry.

Bush Social Security plan dead, Democrats say

Democrats say President Bush's plan to restructure Social Security is dead but vow to keep attacking it until he publicly drops the individual investment account idea.

Gunmen rally at Palestinian PM's home, demand jobs

Dozens of Palestinian gunmen fired in the air as they rallied outside the West Bank holiday home of Prime Minister Ahmed Qurei on Wednesday to demand jobs in the security forces, witnesses said.

New laws make Antarctic polluters liable

The Antarctic's environment will be protected by new rules forcing polluters to clean up or pay up for any contamination after 45 nations reached agreement in Stockholm on Wednesday.

GM push to cut health benefits risks strike-UAW

General Motors Corp. could trigger a potentially crippling strike by the United Auto Workers union should it push too hard to slash the health-care benefits it provides to UAW members, union officials said on Wednesday.

Former Tribune execs arrested

U.S. authorities on Wednesday arrested three former Tribune Co. executives on charges they committed fraud by overstating circulation figures for the newspapers Newsday and Hoy.

Space shuttle heads back to Florida launch pad

Space shuttle Discovery was transported to its Florida launch pad on Wednesday, a critical step in NASA's plan to return its shuttle fleet to flight next month after more than two years.

Space station astronaut testifies from orbit

The star witness before the U.S. House Science Space Subcommittee was just getting warmed up on Tuesday when one question made him float to the ceiling.

Tsunami pushes leatherback turtles toward brink

They survived the dinosaurs, but leatherback turtles may have moved one step closer to extinction when last December's tsunami washed away some of their most important nesting beaches in India's Nicobar islands.

Earth's big, hot cousin found around nearby star

Earth's bigger, hotter planetary cousin may have been detected orbiting a star in our cosmic neighborhood, astronomers said on Monday.

U.S. composer David Diamond dies at 89

David Diamond, a major U.S. composer known for his melodic and lyrical style, has died at the age of 89, classical music publisher Peer Music said on Wednesday.

Cuban Picasso has tough act to follow

Being a distant cousin of the father of Cubism doesn't help when you are trying to make a start as a painter, even if you share his name.



Tomatoes can't take the heat



As farmers, Brad and Gyene Spivey of Gruver, have battled dust storms, hail, early freezes, flooding, and drought. Now, as hydroponic tomato farmers, they are battling the heat.

"It has been a great season," said Gyene Spivey, "but we have found because of the heat, the quality of our tomatoes has gone down."

Brad and Gyene, with their children, Lexy and Tim Glass, Chris and Eva Spivey and Kevin Spivey, began 4-S Farms in the late summer of 2004.

"We wanted to find something we could do together," Brad said. "Since I have always been interested in hydroponic farming, I thought we could use our farming experiences and expand it into hydroponic tomato farming."

Since hydroponic farming is a means of growing plants in a sodless medium using water to deliver nutrients, the amount and frequency of watering is critical.

"The amount of water the plants need is determined by a probe which measure heat and sunlight in the greenhouse. Right now, we use about 250 gallons of water a day. We also adjust the different nutrients delivered to the plants through the water based on a monthly chemical analysis of the plants' leaves."

It is also vital that the greenhouse maintains a temperature of about 64 degrees at night and 75 degrees in the day, and it is especially important for the roots to be kept warm, but not too warm.

"It is our desire to always maintain the highest quality of produce," Gyene said, "but we feel that the hot Panhandle sun has taken it toll on the plants."

"On hot days, we have been unable to maintain heat below 88 degrees. This has caused a gold look and spots to appear on the fruit, and decreased the size. Even though the taste is the same, the appearance is not."

Due to the heat stress, the Spiveys have decided to terminate the 900 plants. They have been harvesting between 900-2000 pounds per week, but that amount has been falling as the temperature has risen.

"From seed to tomato is three months," Gyene said. "By mid September to October 1st, we will be in full production again. We hope absence will make the heart, and taste buds, grow fonder."

They plan to re-seed with 900 new plants, but also have plans to put up another house for crop rotation. They will also add more cooling equipment for next year.

4-S Farms would like to say thank you to all their loyal customers for their support during their first year of business. They would like to extend special thanks to the businesses in Gruver (The Grocery Store, C.J.'s, El Vaquero), Spearman (Lowe's, MurMur's, Bunkhouse Restaurant), Canadian (Lowe's) and Borger (United Supermarket) for their support.

"We look forward to serving you again in the fall," Gyene concluded.

Farm Service Agency Announces 2005 Corn, Sorghum and Soybean Loan Rates

National loan rates for the 2005 corn, grain sorghum and soybean crops were announced by Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Johanns.

The national loan rates are \$1.95 per bushel for corn, \$3.48 per hundredweight for grain sorghum and \$5.00 per bushel for soybeans.

"Individual county loan rates will vary," said Rick Hargrove, Executive Director for the Hansford County Farm Service Agency (FSA). "The 2005 loan rates for Hansford County are \$2.23 per bushel for corn, \$3.61 per hundredweight for grain sorghum and \$4.67 per bushel for soybeans." Loan rates for other counties can be obtained at the local FSA Service Center or on the internet at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psd/loanrate.htm>.

Eligible producers may choose to use the 9-month loan program; or if the regional market price is below the loan rate, producers may elect to receive a loan deficiency payment (LDP) instead of pledging their commodity production as collateral for FSA's loan program.

Loan deficiency payments requested prior to harvest will have an LDP rate based on the date of delivery for each load. LDPs requested after harvest will have a payment rate based on the date of the request.

A producer must request a loan or LDP benefits prior to losing beneficial interest in the crop. Hargrove defined beneficial interest as, "title to control of and risk of loss of the commodity."

For more information on commodity loans and LDPs including eligibility criteria and application process, please contact the Hansford County FSA at (806)659-3036, Ext 2 or visit the national FSA web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Ballman Correction

The article in last week's issue of the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman concerning District Attorney Clay Ballman contained an incorrect statement.

In the fifth paragraph, it stated "According to the Borger-News Herald, Borger Police Chief Jimmy Adams said..."

This paragraph should have read: According to the Amarillo

Globe-News, Police Chief Jimmy Adams said, "When police stopped Ballman, he refused a police request to measure the level of alcohol on his breath, which led police to arrest him on a charge of driving while intoxicated."

I apologize for this error and any inconveniences it may have caused.

Gary Smith, publisher

WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY - Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Southeast winds 15 to 20 mph.
FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Southeast winds

10 to 15 mph.
FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.
SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy in the evening then clearing. Lows in the mid 60s.
SUNDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s.
SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Hansford County Farm Bureau Pageant held



Callie Hargis

Hansford County Farm Bureau held their annual Queen and Talent Find Contest on Monday, May 23, 2005 at the First Baptist Church in Gruver.

The five girls vying for the title of Miss Farm Bureau, Hansford County were Sarah Mireles, Callie Hargis, Rebecca Goodson, Lanie Graves and Timber Barkley.

The winner was Callie Hargis of Morse. She is the 17-year-old daughter of Kent and Robin Hargis.

The four girls competed the Talent Contest were Sarah Mireles, Callie Hargis, Timber Barkley and Lanie Graves. The winner of the Talent Find Contest was Sarah Mireles, the 17-year-old daughter of Ralph and Beverly Mireles of Gruver.

Callie and Sarah will compete in the Farm Bureau District Contest in August, which will be held at Frank Phillips College in Borger.



Sarah Mireles

Appraisal Review Board to begin property owner tax hearings on July 13

Property owners in the Hansford County Appraisal District will have an opportunity on July 13, 2005 to protest proposed appraisals of their property for local taxes. The district's appraisal review board (ARB) will begin hearing taxpayer protests on that date.

After the ARB completes its hearings and approves final property appraisals, local governments will use these appraisals to set 2005 tax rates.

The ARB is a group of citizens who live in the appraisal district and are appointed by the district's board of directors. Their responsibilities and qualifications are outlined in the Texas Property Tax Code.

Property owners may protest to the ARB any of the following appraisal office actions:

- the appraised or agricultural value of the property;
- unequal appraisal of the taxpayer's property compared to other property in the district;
- inclusion of the property on the appraisal records;
- denial of a partial exemption, such as a homestead exemption;
- denial of agricultural-use, open-space or timber productivity appraisal;
- determination that agricultural or timber land has had a change of use and is subject to a rollback tax;
- identification of the taxing unit or units in which the property is located;
- determination that the taxpayer is the owner of the property; or
- any other action of the appraisal office that adversely affects the owner.

Alice Peddy, chief appraiser for the district, outlined the steps a property owner must take to file a

protest. First, the property owner must file a written notice of protest that shows why the owner is protesting to the ARB. The taxpayer must file this notice by May 31 or within 30 days after the appraisal district mails the taxpayer a notice of appraised value, whichever is later.

If a person leases property and, by contract, must pay the owner's property taxes, then the person leasing may protest the property's value to the ARB, if the property owner doesn't protest.

If the ARB sends a property owner a notice of any other kind of change in the appraisal records, or if the chief appraiser issues a notice for a property omitted in the prior year, the property owner has 30 days from the mailing date to file a protest.

Official forms for a notice of protest were included with appraisal letters to property owners and also are available at the appraisal district office. "A protest letter from the taxpayer is also acceptable," Peddy said, "as long as it identifies the property owner and the property protested and indicates dissatisfaction with some decision or action of the appraisal office."

Each protesting property owner may offer evidence or argument, either in person or by filing a sworn affidavit with the ARB. A property owner may appoint another person to present the protest by filing an Appointment of Agent form with the appraisal district. Property owners should know that the ARB has no authority over tax rates or spending and will not hear protests on these topics.

The ARB will schedule hearings as property owners file protests and

mail them a notice of the time, date and place of their individual hearings at least 15 days before the hearing date. The 15 days start with the date postmarked on the notice. Property owners also will receive a copy of the Texas Comptroller of Public Account's pamphlet called Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities, a copy of the ARB's hearing procedures and notice that any evidence that the appraisal district will present at the hearing is available at the appraisal office.

Peddy said that hearings will be held for one day and that the ARB expects to approve the final appraisal roll on July 20. State law requires the ARB to review and approve the appraisal records by July 20, or when not more than 5 percent of the total property value in the district remains under protest.

Those protesting their appraisals should not contact ARB members outside the hearing, the chief appraiser stressed. Each ARB member must sign an affidavit that he or she has had no contact about the protest with a property owner or the appraisal office staff before the hearing.

Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities is available at the Hansford Appraisal District office. For a copy, contact the appraisal district staff at 709 W 7th Ave., (806) 659-5575 or 800-372-5411. Or, call the Texas Comptroller's office at 1-800-252-9121 or see on the Web at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/proptax.html.

It's A Girl!



David and Jennifer (Smith) McNulty are pleased to announce the arrival their daughter, Katherine Elizabeth, on Tuesday, June 14, 2005 at 10:51 a.m. (eastern time) in Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis, MD. She weighed 6 pounds, five ounces and was 19 inches long. Kate was welcomed home by her four-year-old sister, Meghan.

Proud grandparents are Susan and Anthony Perry of Ohio, Gary and Catherine Smith of Spearman and John and Anne McNulty of Boston, MA. Great-grandparents are Sue Browder of Roanoke Rapids, NC and Lottie (Smith) and Don Houser of Lebanon, TN.

Proud aunts and uncles are Clayton Smith of Spearman, Elizabeth Carter of Los Angeles, CA, John & Erin McNulty, Stephen & Christine McNulty, Kevin McNulty and Katelyn McNulty, all of Boston, MA.



Live, Laugh & Love



by Catherine R. Smith
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My friend Bill Pittman sent me the following entitled "An old farmer's advice." It contains some excellent advice, farmer or not.

An old farmer's advice

- * Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
- * Keep skunks and bankers and lawyers at a distance.
- * Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- * A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
- * Words that soak into your ears are whispered...not yelled.
- * Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.
- * Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.
- * Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
- * It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- * You cannot unsay a cruel word.
- * Every path has a few puddles.
- * When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
- * The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- * Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.
- * Don't judge folks by their relatives.
- * Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- * Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
- * Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none.
- * Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.
- * If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
- * Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
- * The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.
- * Always drink upstream from the herd.
- * Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
- * Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
- * If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.
- * Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

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 :)

COLLEGE & CAREER CORNER

Dive into reading this summer

by Rose Rennekamp

What's one of the best ways to prepare for college? Read, read, then read some more. So when you begin to hear the rising chorus of "I'm bored" this summer, here are a few ideas to help you nurture your teenager's love of reading and get his eyes away from the TV or computer screen.

Start by setting a good example. Turn off the TV and read a book that you enjoy. Read the newspaper and point out articles of interest to young people. When teens see their parents reading, they see that it's not always the drudgery of reading a 600-page novel assigned for an English class. They see that reading is something people actually do for pleasure and to stay up-to-date on important events.

Many public libraries offer summer reading programs for all ages of young people, and some even offer them for adults. My local library offers prizes and parties for readers who meet certain reading goals. If your library doesn't offer a program, check online for a library that does or create your own incentive program at home.

Check out what movies are coming out in the next few months. See if any of them are adapted from books. Then suggest reading the book together before heading to the theater to catch it on the big screen. This summer, you can catch *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*. Or, if your son is into *Star Wars*, there are plenty of novels based on the movies.

When *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* comes out on video, rent it and surprise him with a paperback copy of the book. You can also do that for some of your favorites already lining the video store shelves. There are the classics, like *Gone with the Wind* or *To Kill a Mockingbird*, or something you may not expect, like *Shrek*. For a detailed list of movies based on books check out the website: www.mcpl.lib.mo.us/readers/movies.

Some students have particular interests that can create a love for reading. I work with a man who was so inspired by the movie *Houdini* that he even at age 11 he read every book about the legendary magician that he could get his hands on. Does your child or teenager have a unique interest that is covered by some good biographies or "how-to" books?

If you're planning to take a trip by car this summer, an enjoyable audio book can make the drive go faster and stimulate an appreciation for books. Don't choose all fiction. There are many nonfiction books with topics that interest teens to listen to and talk about along the way.

Some parents get their children to read the books in exchange for a trip to see the site. A trip to the Mississippi River is a great climax to reading *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. One couple I know encouraged their children to read about a foreign country and study the language, with the reward being a trip to that country the following summer. That's beyond my budget, but it's a great idea.

Remember, too, that reading isn't just about books. Encourage your children to read magazines. Leave a few you think might be a hit laying around and pay attention to which magazines disappear, then subscribe to the magazine as a gift. (I left two recent magazines, with articles about Microsoft's new X Box in the kitchen table when I left for work this morning.)

Your public library is a great place to start, but you can get more information about activities for all ages on the Reading Is Fundamental website at www.rif.org.

Both of my kids love reading. I think that the trips we took early and often to the library, and the time we spent reading together when they were younger made a big impact. It's never too late to find a love of reading, and summer is the perfect time to get started. The books that are required during the school year can sit on the shelf for a few months while students dive in to subjects they really want to read about.

Rose Rennekamp is the vice president of communications for ACT. She is a mom and has a master's of education in guidance and counseling. For more college and career-planning information, visit www.act.org. Have a question you want answered in a future column? Send a letter to this newspaper or e-mail Rose at AskRose@act.org.

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Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Level-June 13, 2005--29.87 inches (+0.09)

After the weekend rains, I expected Jim's weekly report to show the lake level back up to 30 feet at the least. He said they had 2.93 inches of rain at the office and 3.10 at the shop. The weather did slow the activities down. No fishing stories, but visitors did report seeing a fawn or fawns. They also noticed three little yearling bucks with horns about as tall as the tops of their ears. One lone white pelican has been hanging out on the north side of the Lake.

Indian Artifacts

Before the dam was built, archeologists surveyed the area for various forms of historical evidence. Many, many Indian artifacts were found, and they were made from a diverse range of materials: flint; Florence chert; Nlobrara jasper; Ogallala caliche, opal, and sandstone; Potter chert, felsite,

quartzite, schist, scoria, and silicified wood; Tecovas jasper; unidentified agate, burned material, chert, flint, hornfels, obsidian, and quartz; quartzite; sandstone; and siltstone.

Of these material types, Alibates agate was by far the most frequent material with local Ogallala opal only a little more than half as frequent. All the other materials are relatively rare, at least for chipped stone artifacts. Most of the Ogallala opal is a poor material for knapping purposes.

Although Alibates flint is not as easy to chip as some of the other materials such as obsidian, the beauty of the flint, its durability, and its availability are what made it so popular. Some of the oldest known projectile points (Clovis and Folsom) are made from this distinctive flint. It has been found in artifacts as far north as Montana and as far south as central Mexico.

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

"When Christianity costs something we are closer than we ever were to the fellowship of Jesus Christ; and if we know the fellowship of His sufferings, we shall also know the power of His resurrection."

Our Lessons this week are found in Psalm 69, Jeremiah 20: 7-13, Romans 6: 1-11, and Matthew 10: 24-39. The Psalmist finds himself in "waters up to his neck" because of his zeal for the Lord.

Jeremiah moans that if he preaches the word of the Lord his friends mock and revile him, but if he tries to be silent, his own body seems a burning fire and he must speak the word of the Lord. Paul debunks the argument that we should continue sinning so that God's grace will abound. He reminds us as Christians that we have died with Christ in Baptism and through Baptism have risen to a new life in Christ; so that we must consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. As our bodies need air to breathe to live, so we as Christians need the Holy Spirit within us to be alive in Christ.

Matthew reminds us that a disciple is not above his teacher. If our sin caused Christ to be crucified, can we expect better treatment? Be not afraid, if you acknowledge Christ in this world, Christ will acknowledge you in heaven. Jesus said, "Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it!"

May the Holy Spirit demonstrate to you that the price we must pay to serve Our Lord, is ever so small in comparison to the Joy of living in His presence.

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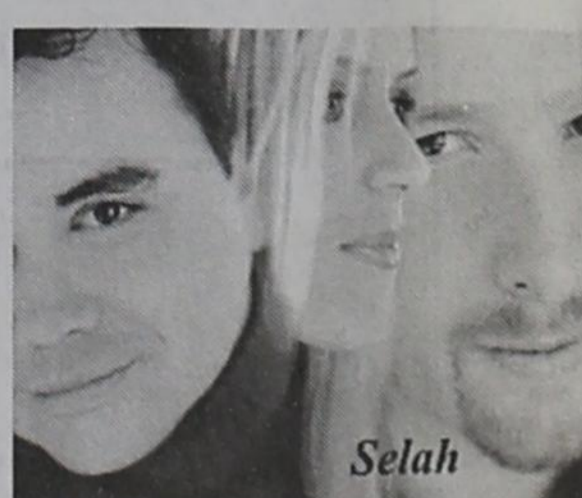
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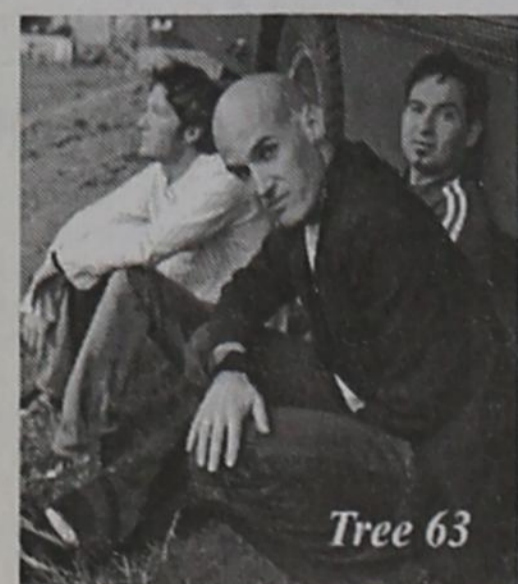
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Thank you, Catherine

M/M Dell Cluck

June 23

Birthday - Myriam Alvarez, Robert Blevins, Rob Murrell, Brad Spivey, Andres Benavides, Joan Brown, Shannon Groves, Kali Shields, Amanda Apodaca
Anniversary - M/M Mitch Fedrick, M/M T.J. Been, M/M Mike McLain

June 24

Birthday - Patricia Miner, Ellen Graham, Denise Holliday, Allen Davis, Lee Bob Harper, C.T. Collier, Ed West, Margie Davis, Harold Frost, David Pipkin, Nathan Kirk, Patricia Miner
Anniversary - Mary & Julio Vasquez, M/M Bobbie Archer

June 25

Birthday - Betty Womble, Nita Bynum, Pete Stafford, Vickie Stewart, Jennifer Umphress, Joey Woolley, Curtis Wayne Porter, Candice Janzen, Lisa LaFarr, Billie Jo Moore Pierson, Oneida Bynum
Anniversary - M/M B.J. Renner, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Williams, M/M Dennis Quimby, Terry & Sherry Moore, M/M Richard Mairs

June 26

Birthday - Paula Kelly, Mike Blanton, Bill McClellan, Omar Sutton, Carla Harper, Doris Pinkerton, Teresa Bennett, Ann Vela, Ronnie Ring, Ashley Baker, Vanessa Cease, Paul Bynum, Joe Ruthlin, Chelsea Nollner, Trevor Shields
Anniversary - Will & Tiffany Crane, M/M Garry Hathaway, M/M Joe Lopez, M/M Verlin Beck

June 27

Birthday - Max Frick, Clint Irwin, Steve Baggerly, Elden Allen, Allen Cook, Tyler Scott, Charlie Lopez, Karen Johnson, Bob Meek
Anniversary - M/M Bill Turner, M/M Randy Coombs, Judy & Darl Hergert

June 28

Birthday - Carson Womble, Linda Rowland, Don Allen, Ernie Vanderberg, Terri Brummet, Helen Hand, Mrs. A.F. Loftin, Sue Tindell, Trent England, Meghan Jade Snider
Anniversary - Harvey & Sandra Proffitt, M/M Cecil Biggers, M/M Jim Derington, M/M Bruce Knight

June 29

Birthday - Ira Grass, Hazel Taylor, Scott Strawn, Gary Johnson, Sandra Gumbofory, Monica Blackman, Rajan Traften, June Tucker
Anniversary - M/M Charles Bell, M/M Amadeo Cazares

June 22

Birthday - Tim Tunnell, Melissa Stewart, Ricky Jones, Benny Puentes Jr., Paul Lopez Jr., Tom Haden Hart, Presley Baker
Anniversary - M/M Stanley Gruver, M/M Norman Brack,



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Tri-City Community Concert Association
Janie Kunselman is the representative for the Tri-City Community Concert Association of Borger. The Tri-City Community Concert Association is selling memberships to attend five special concerts in the 2005-2006 season. Concerts are as follows: October 5, 2005 - The Pied Pipers (vocal ensemble); March 4, 2006 - St. Petersburg Classic Ballet; April 1, 2006 - Newstead Trio. Season memberships are: Adults - \$30, Students - \$10, and Family - \$70. Contact Janie Kunselman at 659-2631.

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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 2005-2006 season. Concerts are as follows: October 8, 2005 - Granner & Williamson Duo; October 22, 2005 - Edgar Cruz; November 9, 2005 - Franc D'Ambrosio's Broadway; January 26, 2006 - Country Tonic; April 29, 2006 - The Coats. Season memberships are: Adults - \$45, Students - \$20, and Family Pass - \$110. Call Janie Kunselman at 659-2631.

You're Never Alone - Narcotics Anonymous Group
Each year individuals struggling with drug and alcohol addiction make the resolution to quit using drugs. For many of them it is a resolution that they cannot keep. Narcotics Anonymous can help. Open meetings are held on Thursday nights 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. Drug addiction can leave an individual feeling helpless and out of control.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Spearman Fire Department meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department.
- Gruver Fire Department meets the first, second and fourth Tuesday of each month.
- American Legion and Auxiliary Post 254 meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Center in Perryton.
- Gruver Chamber of Commerce meets the first Tuesday of each month at 12 noon at the El Vaquero.
- Hansford County Commissioners Court meets the second and fourth Mondays at 10 a.m. at Hansford County Courthouse.
- Stationmaster's House Museum Board of Directors meets the second Monday at 2 p.m. at the Stationmaster's House Museum.
- Spearman ISD Board of Trustees meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Spearman High School Library.
- Hansford Hospice meets on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m.
- Palo Duro River Authority meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the P.D.R.A. office.
- Genealogy Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the home of Velma Sanders, 1015 Linn Drive, in Spearman.
- Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets the second Wednesday of each month at noon.
- Gruver City Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. in Gruver City Hall.
- Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets the second Thursday of each month at noon.
- Pringle-Morse CISD Board of Trustees meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.
- Spearman City Council meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 a.m. in the City Hall Chambers at City Hall.
- Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce meets the third Wednesday of each month at noon.
- Gruver ISD Board of Directors meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Board Room at Gruver High School.
- Hansford County Hospital District Board of Directors meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Hansford Hospital.
- Hansford County Historical Commission Board of Directors meets the first Monday of January, April, July and October at 2 p.m. in the Zulu Museum building.

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Wolf Creek Heritage Museum hosts booksigning, reception

On Saturday, June 18, 2005, Wolf Creek Heritage Museum will host a booksigning for Panhandle Authors Delbert Trew and John Erickson. The Museum will also honor Martha Keim with a reception in celebration of her paintings.

Martha Keim was born in the windswept Texas Panhandle, the youngest of three children. A latent desire to paint emerged in 1967 when she entered the last year of middle school.

This somewhat spontaneous beginning led to years of intensive study in oil, watercolor, and pastel with nationally and internationally acclaimed artists. Two of Martha's favorites have been Ben Konis and Stefan Kramer. From this humble beginning the artist has developed a lifelong relationship with the often unnoticed wonder of nature.

Vibrant, subtle, unique and refreshing are the terms most often used to describe Keim's original works.

Keim's work has been exhibited widely including Southwest area shows, juried shows, and solo exhibits. Her works are found in numerous public and private collections. The artist is a member of several professional societies.

This same evening, Delbert Trew and John Erickson will be available to autograph their books.

Mr. Trew, of Alanreed, Texas, is widely known for his column in the Amarillo Globe News which has resulted in two books entitled *It's All Trew*. He has authored numerous other books including his first fictional novel, *The Demons of Los Alamos*.

John Erickson is author of the nationally known *Hank the Cow dog* series, as well as his nonfiction works *Catch Rope: The Long Arm of the Cowboy*, *Through Time and the Valley, LZ Cowboy*, and *Friends*. Mr. Erickson grew up in Perryton and lives there today with his family on a nearby ranch.

The reception and booksignings will be from 5 to 7 p.m. at the museum in Lipscomb, on Hwy 305 and Main. For further information, call 806-852-2123.

ATTENTION SHS EX-STUDENTS

The Ex-Students' Association needs your help. In order for us to make plans for the 2005 All School Reunion, we need anyone who hasn't already RSVP'd to do so as soon as possible.

If you know you'll be attending the luncheon on July 2, please send your ticket money in advance so we can get a rough head count.

Your dues are also very important to the Association. The money from dues pays for a multitude of expenses: postage and supplies for a total of 6000 mailings; janitorial services, flowers, refreshments, entertainment and supplies for the school assembly; rental of the O'Loughlin Center and various other expenses. The Ex-Students' Association also gives a \$1,600 scholarship each year to a senior graduate, of which the dues pays for.

At this point, we are very short of funds and getting nervous that we won't be able to meet all of our expenses. So, please send in your dues and/or meal money ASAP, even if you are unable to attend the reunion. The address is PO Box 132, Spearman, TX 79081. Please include your name and class year in any correspondence.

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Sun. Eve.: 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Mtg.: 7 p.m.
Pastor - Roland Haney

First Assembly of God
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. Worship: 7 p.m.
Wed. Youth: 7
Pastor - Bob Elder

First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
29 S. Bernice • 659-2036
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:50 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.
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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 - Dr. Timothy Minor

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.
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Domingos: Escuela-Dominical - 10 a.m.
Culto Evangelistico - 7 p.m.
Jueves: Oracion - 8 p.m.
Mier: Estudio Biblico - 7 p.m.
Pastor - A.G. Martell
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First Baptist Church
402 E. Broadway • 733-2411
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Discipline 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 Gumfory

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.
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2005 Spearman All-School Reunion

Plans for the Spearman All School Reunion are shaping up quite nicely. Enclosed you will find a list of all class parties that are currently being planned, and a contact person, if one has been designated. If we haven't heard from you, and you plan to attend, please clip and return the coupon at the end of this letter. Thank you to all those who have already replied, and for any notes you sent.

The All School Assembly will be held at the high school on Saturday, July 2, at 10 a.m. The school will be open at 9 a.m. for registration. The BBQ meal will be at noon. The cost of the meal is \$8 a person. There will also be an Ex-Student's golf scramble sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Call Keith Hight at 659-5555, or golf course at 659-2233 for details. The dance will start at 8 p.m. Sat., at the O'Loughlin Center. Tickets will be \$10 and can be bought at the door. Two rooms of the center have been rented so you can either dance or sit and visit in a room with no band. We also hope to have tables set up outside behind the center for extra room.

Class Parties are Scheduled as follows... note all 659 numbers have an 806 area code for those of you who have been gone too long!

Classes of 1927 thru 1935: O'Loughlin Center in the Senior Citizen Room July 2nd after the BBQ. RSVP to Pat Dear 659-3073

Classes of 1936 thru 1938: Ralph Blodgett's house 804 Wilmeth Drive July 2nd 2:30 donations welcome. RSVP to Mary Fern Terry 659-2342

Class of 1940: Verna Gail Keim, 1101 Townsend, 659-2706 July 2nd 2-4

Class of 1939, 1941, 1942: Methodist Church, 407 Haney, Catered dinner \$10/person July 1, 7 p.m. RSVP by June 20 to Kathleen Sutton 659-2676

Class of 1943 thru 1953: Joel Lee Lackey 806-733-2551, Catered dinner \$8.50/person, July 1st, 6 p.m. RSVP Dickie Allen 659-3305, or Betty Jean Davis 659-3188. Meet at Irvin Davis, 1101 Linn Dr, to convoy to Lackey house.

Class of 1948: Plans pending, RSVP by June 20 to Joann Hawkins, 659-3065, or Norma Jean Mackie, 659-3591

Class of 1954: Blodgett Room, O'Loughlin Center Catered dinner July 1st, 5-10 p.m., bring dessert

Classes of 1955 thru 1957: Church of Christ, July 1st, 7 p.m., Bill Turner 659-2908

Class of 1955: 50 year reunion, O'Loughlin Center, July 2 4 p.m., Judy Meek, 659-2776

Class of 1958: Jimmy Greene Home, RSVP 659-3196, or mail to PO Box 5, Spearman, July 1st, 6 p.m.

Classes of 1959 thru 1966: Steve Mathew's Barn on Airport Road, 4 2 miles north to red barn. Bring chairs and drinks. Hamburgers \$5/person. July 1st, 7 p.m. Adults only. RSVP by June 27th to Diane Maxwell 659-2987 or Sharon Cook 659-3711 or 659-2275.

Class of 1966: Early 40 year reunion, July 2, Church of Christ, 121 S. Haney, 2 p.m. Bring pictures or movies from any of past reunions. Snacks and drinks available. Please be no later than 4 p.m. for the grand fellowship.

Class of 1967 thru 1969: O'Loughlin Center, July 1st, 7 p.m., Carla Archer Johnson 659-3711, Marilyn Cline 659-2480 Cathy Mackie McCoy 435-2655. Bring snacks

Class of 1970: Bunkhouse Restaurant, Main St, July 2nd, 5pm RSVP Marsha Shaver 659-2780, Linda Winegarner 659-3333, or Judy Tindell 659-3653 by June 15

Class of 1971: Get together in parking lot at dance to tailgate, July 2nd, O'Loughlin Center

Class of 1972: First Christian Church, 29 S. Bernice, July 1, 7 p.m. RSVP by June 20 to Sharalyn Schell Larson 659-2155

Class of 1973: Scott Beedy, 901 Wilmeth, 659-3885, July 2nd

Class of 1974: No Plans

Class of 1975: Hungry Cowboy, July 2nd, 5 p.m., order from menu, dutch treat. RSVP by June 19th to Becky Beedy 659-3885, leave message. Or e-mail beckybeedy@hotmail.com

Class of 1976 thru 1978: Lake Palo Duro Pavilion, July 1st, 7 p.m. RSVP to Shelly Beedy by June 20th, send \$10/person to 1103 S. Archer St., 659-3847. mmbedy@antden.com

Class of 1979: No Plans

Class of 1980: Patty Schnell, 659-2919 RSVP by June 15th pls1980@hotmail.com

Classes of 1981 thru 1984: No Plans

Class of 1985: Palo Duro Lake, July 2nd, 2-5 p.m. bring lawn chairs and snacks. RSVP to Tiki Jackson Farrar, 659-2845, by June 15th bad weather, First Baptist Church. Other classes welcome.

Class of 1986: Plans pending, RSVP by June 15th to Mary Anne George 659-1012 or e-mail at mageorge27@yahoo.com, or Dean Greene 659-5293

Class of 1987: Sandi McLeod Pearson at 659-2693 or Jana Pittman Ivey 934-9335

Classes of 1988, 1989, and 1990: Family meal at Bunkhouse Restaurant, Main St., July 1st, 7 p.m. Buffet. RSVP by June 15th to Paige Burgin 659-3399 (paigeburgin@antden.com), Jennifer Keim 659-3725 (aggiemom@triangleinc.net), or Laci Lasater Murray 355-7517 (laci.lasater@murray@accenture.com)

Class of 1991: Hungry Cowboy, July 1st, 7:30 p.m. Bring snacks. Haley Shields 659-1070

Class of 1992: Womble Park, 3rd and Haney, July 2nd, 2-4 p.m., RSVP to Josie Holt Hudson, 806-664-0112, or Carla Greene Puentes at 659-3429.

Class of 1993: Jill Lusby Butler home, July 1st 7 p.m. Bring snacks and donations welcome. RSVP to Jill at 435-2503 or e-mail benbl@arn.net

Class of 1994: Backyard cookout, Tom Latta's house, 1101 S. Barkley, July 1st, 7 p.m. RSVP by June 15th to Telie O'Quin Crum 659-3229 or e-mail raineyches@hotmail.com

Classes of 1995 thru 1997: Kelly Shieldknight Harper's house in Gruver, July 1st, 7:30 p.m. Bring snacks, lawn chairs, etc. If you are coming, please RSVP by June 24th to Ashly Shieldknight Patterson 659-5625, Kelly Shieldknight Harper 733-2533, or Mandi Lusby Evans 659-9948.

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These are the scheduled parties. Please call the contact person if more info is needed. This will be the last newsletter, so please keep this for times and places. We are looking forward to seeing each and every one of you. If you have not sent back the clip and return coupon from the first newsletter, please take a moment to do so now. A big thank you to those who have sent in a donation in addition to your dues. The money will be a great help to defray costs for the Association.

Clip and Return to: Spearman Ex-Students' Association
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() Please check here if any corrections are noted

Name _____ Class of _____

Address _____

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() \$10 Ex-Student Fee enclosed \$ _____

() BBQ dinner # of meal tickets _____ x \$8 each = \$ _____

Total \$ _____

It's a BOY!

Rosi and Armando Martinez wish to announce the birth of their son, Erik Matthew. Erik was born on May 18, 2005. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 inches long.

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Congrats, Vicki Risner

Vicki Risner, LVN, recently passed the credential exam, meeting the qualifications for LVN. Certified in Long-Term Care through the National Association for Practical Nurse Education and Service, Inc.

Vicki has worked at Hansford Manor 10 years. She and her husband, Charles, have two children and five grandchildren. Their son William is a Captain in the Amarillo Fire Department and Paramedic for BSA. Their daughter Meredith is a dentist in Oregon.

Yards of the Week

Spearman Chamber of Commerce Yards of the Week (June 5, 2005): Richard Ooley - Hwy. 760, Mrs. Schneider - 115 Hazelwood and Buford Babitzke - 1100 Walter Wilmeth

Spearman Chamber of Commerce Yards of the Week (June 12, 2005): Toby Thomas - 411 S. Bernice, Preston Graham - 723 Townsend, Eschol Blankenship - 1116 Bernice

Bullards return from Oklahoma City

Ronnie and Vicky Bullard of Spearman spent this last weekend with their children in Oklahoma City. They were privileged to watch their son, Senior Chief Ronald Scott Bullard re-insist into the Navy on Monday, June 6th. Scott has been in the Navy for over 21 years.

Scott and his wife, Marla, are both 1983 graduates of Spearman High School. They have 2 children, Joshua and Rachel. Scott is currently based at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

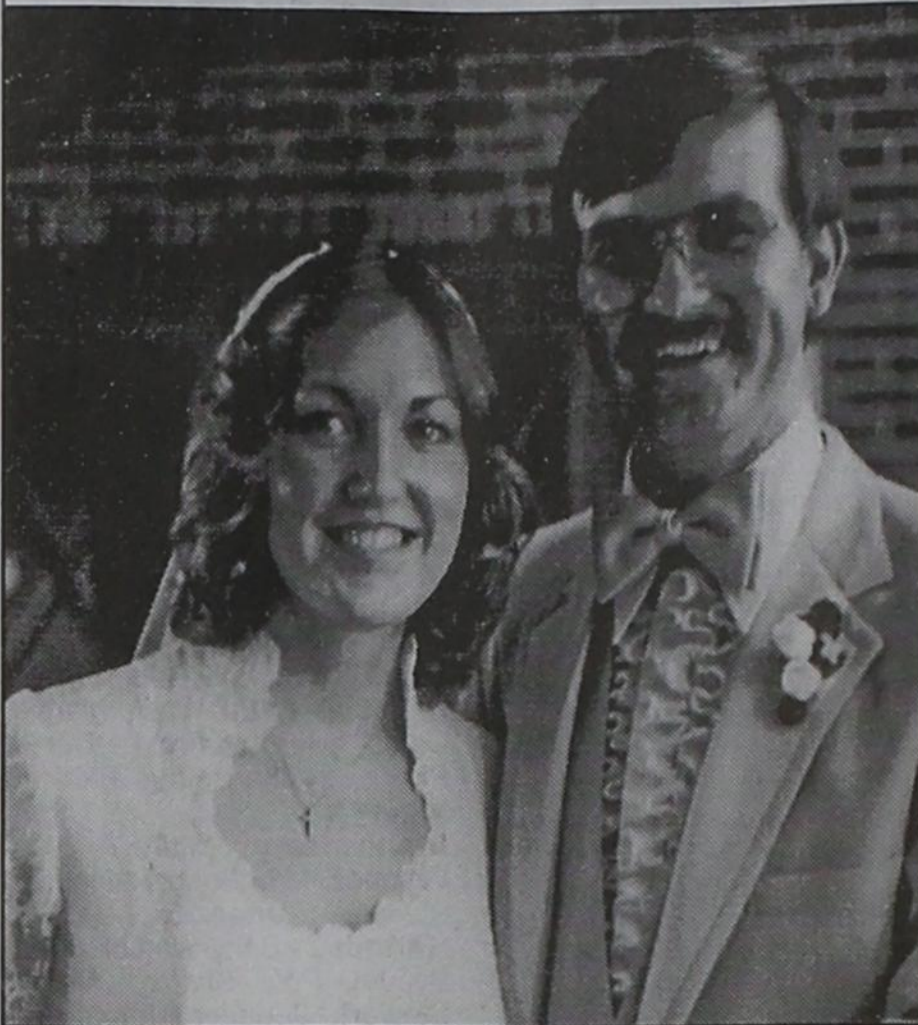
Also there to witness the event was Scott's grandmother, Nina Hendricks, of Spearman and his sister Melissa Taylor, her husband Chris and daughter Cassidy formerly of Spearman, now living in Louisiana.

The family had a great weekend visit and all are very proud of Scott.

Kwadi Indian Dancers to perform at Hansford Manor

The public is invited to Hansford Manor on June 17th at 7 p.m. in the north parking lot outside of the dining room for an exhibition of the Kwadi Indian Dancers.

Gillaspies Celebrate 25th



On Sunday afternoon, June 26th, the children of Dick and Leann Gillaspie are hosting a reception to celebrate the 25th Wedding Anniversary of their parents. The Gillaspie's were married on June 21, 1980 at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Amarillo, Texas. At that time, Dick was a deputy sheriff with Potter county. Later, in 1984, Dick and Leann moved to Spearman

to own and operate Gillaspie Auto. Both Dick and Leann are very active in the ministries of First Baptist Church in Spearman; the Rushing Winds Emmaus Community, and all activities in which any of their children are involved.

Laura, Mindee, Caleb, and Collin wish to invite you to join them as they celebrate this time with their parents. please drop into the reception on June 26th, anytime between 2:00 and 4:00 P.M. Please no gifts.

The reception will be at the Agco building on Highway 207 (across the street from the Pizza Hut.) The meeting room is on the south side of the building.

You're invited to attend a **Bridal Shower** honoring **Cassie Harrison** bride-elect of Landon Swan on **Saturday, June 18th** from **10:30 a.m.-12 noon** in the home of Shelly Beedy 1103 Archer • Spearman

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- Amy Kaweck & Markus Schick - 6/24
- Felicia Martinez & Gilbert Perez - 6/25
- Tuesday Blankenship & Michael Foster - 7/9
- Nicole Lozano & Wesley Clymer - 7/10
- Jennifer Neff & Josh Butler - 7/16
- Lisa Swink & Eric Vasbinder - 7/23
- Regan Boxwell & Gavin Benke - 7/23
- Miranda Thoreson & Heath Hill - 7/40
- Cassie Butt & Kevin Beckwith - TBA
- Delma Hernandez & Hector Diaz
- Amy Marsh & Tony Clement
- Cami Winegarner & Jody Meason
- Mika McLain & Matt Devaney
- Kortney Henton & Eric Klein
- Lindsey Dalluge & Clay Neff
- Laura Conrad & Josh Harris
- Heather Reimer & Jeff Stowers
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- Taryn Adcock & Marshall Long
- Miranda Thoreson & Heath Hill - 7/30
- Felicia Martinez & Gilbert Perez
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Thank you to the First Assembly of God for bringing services to the Manor...

Monday was off to the races with exercises. We had planned to go outside but Mother Nature has not exactly been looking at our plans...

After lunch we traveled afar off via tape to Steamboat, Arabia, Natchez, Mississippi, and visited cherry blossom time.

Later in the evening the Rho Rho Sorority hosted bingo for the Residents. Thank you Rho Rho-it makes a fun evening for the Residents!

Tuesday morning Ms. Mother Nature was still in charge, so we had exercises inside again. We are so eager to go outside where the courtyard is because the flowers are growing and it is getting really pretty.

After lunch we met in the activity room to make home-made ice cream for our CNA's. They were presented with gifts and with our words of gratitude to them for the special care that they take of the Residents...

Wednesday morning, Anne Whitaker led Bible study. Thank you Anne! We do appreciate her so for her faithfulness. You just feel the presence of peace as she teaches.

After lunch the Residents resumed their craft project that they are preparing to send to our

troops that we have adopted.

Thursday morning we enjoyed the patio for a while but it was still cool and drizzly so we came back in for some indoor games.

After lunch the auxiliary hosted bingo. Thank you to the auxiliary!

Friday morning we took a group garage sale-ing. What fun! Everyone that went came home with arms loaded and had a great time.

After lunch we had special visitors. The Red Hatters of Hansford County (sometimes known as the Hansford Funny Honeys) delivered a special program for the Residents.

The program was opened by Deana Ramsey of Morse who told a little of the history of the Red Hatters. We then passed out our red hats to the Residents. After singing their theme song they put on a wonderful style show that surely have not seen them, but I will mention that Janie wore a tent. It was a lovely tent dress. Thank you to all of the Red Hatters. We had a great time.

Thank you to everyone that helped Saturday morning taking the Residents out to see the Heritage Days Parade. It was a good parade!

Be sure to come to the Manor on Friday, the 17th at 7 p.m. to see the Kwadi Indian Dancers perform. You are all invited. It will be outdoors in the parking lot to the north of the dining room. See you there.

Fuller completes varsity high school softball career



Kaysha Fuller

Kaysha Fuller, daughter of Kelly and Johnnie Fuller, of Dumas, recently completed her Dumas High School Varsity Softball Career. Kaysha was a three-year letterman at the 4A school. She was All District Center Fielder for three years.

The Dumas team was District winner and Area winner this year, but lost out in the Regional Quarter Finals. Brent Easton was their coach.

Most of the girls on the softball team had played together since they were nine years old, even traveling to Wisconsin last year to play summer ball, under the coaching of Guy Patterson.

One of the girls on the team, Meisha Patterson, who was also

All District for three years, had been Kaysha's teammate in most sports in Dumas. Kaysha and Meisha had some family history together. Kaysha's grandmother, Joanne Eaton, of Spearman, and Meisha's grandmother, JoEllen Morrison, of Dumas, went to high school together, in Dumas. Kaysha's great aunt, Lucille Garvin, and Meisha's great-grandmother, Alba Jean Baker, were high school friends in Wetumka, Oklahoma, then lifelong friends. Both Kaysha and Meisha have been recognized for their running ability.

Kaysha is the granddaughter of Charles and Joanne Eaton, the great granddaughter of Marguerite Nelson, and the niece of Don and Cayla Schroeder, all of Spearman.

Farm Service Agency accepts applications for 2005 Livestock Assistance Program

According to Rick Hargrove, Executive Director for the Hansford County Farm Service Agency (FSA), Hansford County is one of 95 counties in Texas approved for 2005 Livestock Assistance Program (LAP) benefits. LAP provides relief to livestock producers who suffered grazing losses in 2003 or 2004 due to drought, severe weather and related causes.

To qualify for LAP, grazing land must be located in a county designated as a primary disaster county under a presidential or secretarial disaster declaration. The declaration must have been approved on or after Jan. 1, 2003, for a disaster occurring through Dec. 31, 2004. LAP benefits are not available for contiguous counties.

"A county may meet eligibility requirements for both 2003 and 2004; however, producers may receive benefits for only one of the two calendar years," explains Hargrove.

Eligible applicants must have control of adequate grazing land to support the eligible livestock and possess beneficial interest in eligible livestock that have been owned

or leased for at least three months. During 2003 or 2004, livestock producers must have suffered a 40 percent or greater loss of grazing production for three or more consecutive months due to natural disasters.

"If you reduced the number of livestock because of a natural disaster, you won't be penalized for those reductions. If, because of a natural disaster, you sold eligible livestock that were placed on grazing land on or after Jan. 31, 2003, you will receive compensation for the entire disaster payment period or to the date when livestock are normally sold," said Hargrove.

LAP payments will be based on the number of livestock a producer would have owned if the disaster had not occurred. For livestock that were sold in the course of routine business, eligible applicants will receive benefits for those animals only - up to the date of sale. A payment limitation of \$40,000 per person applies, and individuals whose gross revenue exceeds \$2.5 million are ineligible for program benefits.

For more information on LAP including eligibility criteria and application process, please contact the Hansford County FSA at (806)659-3036 Ext. 2 or visit the national FSA web site at http://www.fsa.usda.gov.

Bakers win in Wolf Creek Children's Fishing Tournament

The Wolf Creek Improvement Board held their Children's Fishing Tournament at Wolf Creek Park Saturday, June 4th.

The tournament attracted 90 youths from five states (Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and Virginia) and 13 towns.

Officials from the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife assisted the young fishers and weighed, measured, and judged the catches of the day. A special thanks to Texas Parks and Wildlife Officials Jason Henegar of Canyon, Jerry Stucki of Canadian, Logan Hudson of Pampa, and Randall Ellis.

The board would like to acknowledge and extend a special "Thanks" to the following businesses for their donations of prizes and coupons. From Perryton McDonalds, Sonic Drive-In, United Wellhead Service, United Supermarket, Geebos, Lowes, Pizza Hut, and ALCO, and from Amarillo: Academy Sports, Gander Mountain, 84 Lumber.

Prizes were awarded in the following categories:

Ages 1-5: First - Baylee Baker of Spearman, Second - Allan Price of Perryton, Third - Cheyenne Whitlow of Perryton

Ages 6-10: First - Joseph Evans of Perryton, Second - Logan Kerbs of Amarillo, Third - Zak Laxton of Perryton

Ages 11-14: First - Corey Clark of Higgins, Second - Tayshia James of Fritch, Third - Preslee Baker of Spearman

Biggest Fish - Corey Clark of Higgins, Smallest Fish - Cody Devers of Perryton, Most Fish - Cody Devers of Perryton, First Snake - Vanessa Dodson of Perryton, First Fish - Cademon Price of Booker, Most Excited - Kolton Bruner of Perryton, Traveled the Furthest - Jason and Cole Karber of Norfolk, Virginia

CAPITOL COMMENT section header with photo of Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

TEXANS DIVIDED ON VALUE OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME PROPOSAL

Every once in a while, one of my columns generates an unexpected response. My early May column about Daylight Saving Time was one of those.

The whole idea of Daylight Saving Time was conceived by none other than Benjamin Franklin who wrote that we could take advantage of the longer days by moving our clocks forward to coincide with earlier sunrises.

In 1986, Congress passed a law establishing the daylight savings period from the first Sunday in April to the last Sunday in October and allowed states to opt out. Consequently, Arizona, Hawaii and sections of Indiana do not recognize Daylight Saving Time.

Because some studies say Daylight Saving Time saves one percent of total U.S. energy use, or the energy equivalent of 100,000 barrels of oil per day, the House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee included the two-month extension of Daylight Saving Time when it passed the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

While the House has included the extension in its version of the energy bill, it is still an open question whether it will be incorporated into the Senate version. Accordingly, I asked you for your reactions, and I can now reveal the results.

Extending Daylight Saving Time brought 137 positive responses. Another 150 said they want to keep it the way it is now. An additional 19 wrote in to suggest we cancel Daylight Saving Time altogether.

Another correspondent lamented that Daylight Saving Time forces everyone to reset their watches, clocks, car radios and VCRs after the time change. I dread changing them myself, so I can sympathize.

Most of those favoring an extension cited energy savings, while Sharrell of Floresville wrote that she "relishes having daylight hours to grocery shop, garden, take a walk, etc. It is very depressing to drive home in the dark."

Daylight Saving Time is just one part of the energy bill under consideration by Congress but, because it touches all of our lives, many people have strong opinions on the subject.

Thank you for participating in the survey. I will let my fellow senators know your thoughts on the subject as we debate this important legislation which is designed to improve America's energy security.

Texas crop and weather report

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Soil moisture is short to adequate. Above-average temperatures, thunderstorms, large hail and rain were reported. The hail caused considerable damage to isolated areas. Corn stands were rated good. Western corn rootworms caused light damage. Cotton planting was almost finished. Stands were rated good. Insecticide for thrip control was applied. Peanut stands were rated good; no disease or insect problems were reported. Sorghum planting continued to progress but was temporarily halted due to wet conditions. Stands were rated good. Soybean planting was almost finished; stands were rated good. Sunflower planting continued. Wheat harvest began; the crop was rated fair to good. Wet conditions may stall harvest in some areas. Cattle were rated good.

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"Fun Night at the Park"

A fun evening is planned for everyone at the Swimming Pool Park (216 E. 7th Street in Spearman) on Saturday, July 30th.

"Fun Night at the Park" will feature fun and food, fellowship and competition, and lots of laughs.

Booths will be set up by local clubs and organizations to provide eats and treats.

"Pokey, the Clown" will be here to conduct the WRCA Junior Ranch Rodeo for young people ages 4-16 years old. Information for teams (4 kids per team) and registration forms will be available by calling Judy Tindell @ 659-2662 or 659-3653, or by stopping by B&B Sales Co. (Thakps, B&B!)

"Pokey" introduced Junior Ranch Rodeo, mirrored after the adult ranch rodeo, in 1997. The goals of the rodeos are to teach young people about our western heritage and to keep the ways of the American cowboy alive. It also teaches young people to act as a team, which is a must for a working ranch. The teams compete in four events, all handmade wooden "livestock" is used, no real animals.

In 1998 "Pokey's" Junior Ranch Rodeo's became a part of the WRCA World Championship Ranch Rodeo held each year in November in Amarillo, Texas. Approximately twelve rodeos are held around the four state area to qualify teams for the championships. There are usually thirty teams competing in Amarillo. In 2001, this event began receiving the sponsorship of The American Quarter Horse Heritage Center and Museum.

The young people will register

at 4:30 p.m. at the Swimming Pool Park. A table will be clearly marked for this purpose and adults will be there to help them. There is a \$5.00 entry fee per person (\$20.00 per team). All information necessary will be on the forms available from Judy.

At 7:00 p.m. "Pokey's" Adult Ranch Shoot Out will be held. All these events are just for fun, specially handmade "stock" will be used. No live animals (or folks) will be injured. Booing and hissing are allowed! And encouragement of all kinds is welcomed!

There will be some "hot" competition and lots of fun and laughter. Last year's event was a "hoot" and everyone had a good time. There will be awards for the top teams.

Entry forms may be picked up at the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main St. in Spearman, or by calling Sandy @ 659-2497.

All proceeds from the WRCA Junior Ranch Rodeo and the Adult Ranch Rodeo Shoot Out will be donated to Hansford Hospice in Spearman.

Food Booths will be set up in the park for your dining pleasure. Local clubs, civic organizations and church groups will benefit from their booths. If your group would like to provide a booth, please call Sandy @ 659-2497 or Cathy @ 659-3434, Hansford County Reporter-Statesman.

Mark your calendar now for this fun-filled evening in the Park. Let's all come out to enjoy ourselves and help Hansford Hospice and other organizations in our communities.



Retiring Morse Postmaster Glenna Rummel (right) is pictured with Debbie Brown, the new postmaster.

Morse marks new Postmaster

Don Jones, Manager, Post Office Operations, Fort Worth District is pleased to announce the selection of Debbie J. Brown as the Postmaster of Morse, Tx, EAS-11. Her appointment officially began on April 30, 2005.

Ms. Brown joined that Postal Service in 1982 as a city letter carrier in Amarillo, Texas. She served as a clerk in Borger, Texas for two years, and worked as a city carrier that office for 12 years. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Brown was also a supervisor at the Borger Post Office.

Other assignments include serving as a 204B in the following post office; Dumas, Pampa, Spearman, Canyon and Hereford, Texas.

Ms. Brown was born in Amarillo, likes riding motorcycles, and enjoys watching NFL football. She has one daughter who lives in Amarillo.

Heritage Days held

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce hosted Heritage Days last weekend.

The float winner and recipient of \$50 Hansford Bucks was First State Bank.

The poker run winners were: Mike Terry won best hand and Craig Vincent won worst hand.

The over-all winner of the Charlie Little Rib Cookoff was Asleep at the Grill (Mike Cudd, Eric Cudd and Craig Schumann).

Other winners in the Rib Cookoff were:

Ribs - 1st Place: JK Cookers (Keith & Jodie Hight), 2nd Place: Dustin's Ribs, (Dustin Kelly, Freddie Walton, Kyle Nollner, Damon Goodheart 3rd Place: Palo Duro River Rocks (Benny Wilson, Danny Henson)

Calf Fries - 1st Place: Asleep at the Grill (Mike Cudd, Eric Cudd, Craig Schumann), 2nd Place: Dustin's Ribs, 3rd Place: Panhandle Water Well (Rick & Callie Cazares)

Beans - 1st Place: Asleep at the Grill, 2nd Place: JK Cookers, 3rd Place: Panhandle Water Well



Hansford County Library Volunteers include: (front row, L-R) Sara Dosssett, Jo McLaughlin and Pauline McGee; (middle row, L-R) Nina Hendricks, Lorene McGuire, Marian Upchurch and Bill Porter; (back) Claudine Laxton; and not pictured is Margaret Novak.

Hansford County Library hosted a luncheon to honor the Thriftshop volunteers at noon on Wednesday, May 11, 2005. Held in the banquet room at The Bunkhouse, library board members and staff came together to show their appreciation to the volunteers who work so many hours in the Thriftshop. James Cunningham, Board Vice-Chair, presided and introduced each of the volunteers. He noted during his introductions that the library could not function as successfully as it does without the financial support it receives through the Thriftshop. The hard work and dedication of this group of volunteers provides approximately \$1000 per month to the library's operating fund.

The Thriftshop was started back in 1967 by the Twentieth Century Club as a weekend garage sale to help pay off the mortgage of the newly acquired library building. The community donated so many

items that the club decided to extend the garage sale another weekend. Thirty-eight years later, it is still going strong!

Jo McLaughlin is the Thriftshop Manager and also serves on the library board in that capacity. Other volunteers include Marian Upchurch, Pauline McGee, Claudine Laxton, Lorene McGuire, Nina Hendricks, Sara Dosssett, Margaret Novak and Bill Porter. The tireless efforts of this group of people and others before them throughout the years have provided nearly a half a million dollars in funding to the library through the Thriftshop. Words and a simple luncheon seem somewhat inadequate in the face of such an accomplishment! The entire community owes a debt of gratitude to these individuals - without them, Hansford County Library would not be able to offer the level of service that they do today.

Thank You

Thank you for all the kindness shown to us after my hip replacement surgery. Thank you all for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers, for the visits, calls and delicious food. We are so thankful that we live in such caring community.

Audene Beck & Family

"Pokey's" Adult Ranch Rodeo and WCRA Jr. Ranch Rodeo

"Pokey's" Adult Ranch Rodeo and Jr. Ranch Rodeo have been scheduled for July 30, 1005 at the Swimming Pool Park, 216 E. 7th Street in Spearman.

Registration for "Pokey's" Jr. Ranch Rodeo will begin at 4:30 p.m., with the Jr. Ranch Rodeo beginning at 5.

Kids age 4-16 years are welcome to participate. Judy Tindell at 659-2662 or 659-3653 will have all information and forms needed to sign up.

These rodeos are planned for the entertainment of children, and to teach them the ways of working ranch hands. It is designed to have fun and to learn about teamwork with children of different ages. Everyone will have fun!

"Pokey's" Adult Ranch Shoot Out and Calcutta will include the following team events: Steer Branding, Wild Cow Milking and Pony Express.

All these events are just for fun, using specially hand-made "stock." No live animals (or folks) will be injured. Booing and hissing are allowed, encouragement of all kinds will be welcome!

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Food Booths will be set up in the park for your eating pleasure. Local clubs, civic organizations and church groups will benefit from these booths. Donations to Hopice welcome.

Information and forms needed to sign up may be picked up at B&B Sales or contact Judy @ 659-2662 or 659-3653, or for the Adult

Ranch Shoot Out contact Sandy Russell @ 659-2477 or go by the Hansford Co. Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main St., 659-3434. There is a \$5.00 per person entry fee (\$20.00 per team).

If your club or organization would like to provide a booth contact either Sandy @ 659-2497 or Cathy @ 659-3434.

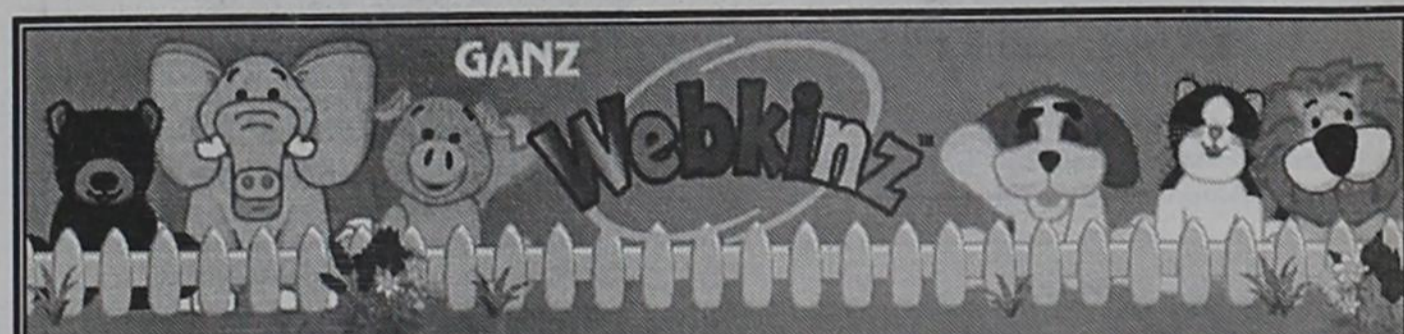
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SHS, GHS award scholarships at graduation

Spearman

Spearman High School awarded a total of \$404,557.86 in scholarships on May 27, 2005 to graduating seniors.

Twenty-four seniors received their diplomas Friday night, May 27, 2005 at the GISD Auditorium in an 8 p.m. ceremony. According to Wendy Branstine, District Counselor, 90% of the Class of 2005 plans to continue their education this fall, and many of them will have the funding to do this since the class, as a whole, was awarded over \$180,000 in scholarships.

Commencement exercises for Spearman High School were held Friday, May 27, 2005 at 7 p.m. in the Spearman High School Auditorium.

According to Krista Baird, Spearman High School Counselor, total of \$404,577.86 in scholarships was awarded to the following 36 of the 52 graduates. These scholarships will allow many of the chance to further their education.

A partial listing of Gruver Class of 2005 Scholarships includes:

Cristal Alvarado-West Texas A&M University Theater Scholarship \$1,000.00; West Texas A&M University Kathy Killebrew Scholarship \$600.00

Kaley Barnes-Lynx and Lynxette Booster Club-\$500.00; Karl A. Neilsen and Sister Karen J. Neilsen Scholarship Award-administered by First State Bank \$699.78

Jessica Blan- Amarillo College Music Scholarship \$1000.00

Jeff Brock- Presidential Freedom Scholarship- \$500.00 Small School Academic Competition \$245.04; Southern Methodists University Football Scholarship Full Scholarship

Tracy Brown- Hansford County 4-H \$500.00; Lynx and Lynxette Booster Club \$500.00; National Honor Society \$300.00

Rossilyn Bulls- Lynx and Lynxette Booster Club \$500.00; National Honor Society \$300.00
Orie Cooksey- Holt Club \$500.00; Lynx and Lynxette Booster Club \$500.00; Prairie Garden Flower's \$200.00

Maria Davila- West Texas A&M University CAMP Scholarship Tuition, Room and Board, Books and Allowance; Montgomery GI Bill- Army National Guard \$17,568.00 + 100% tuition

Jacque Elwood- Montgomery GI Bill- Army National Guard \$17,568.00 + 100% tuition

Christen Ferguson- Evelyn May Gilpatrick and Robert Wayne Gilpatrick Trust- administered by First State Bank \$2,156.00-renewable; Hansford County 4-H \$500.00

Eric Flores Max and Dorothy Baggerly \$1,000.00; Lynx and Lynxette Booster Club \$500.00

Homar Flores West Texas A&M University CAMP Scholarship Tuition, Room and Board, Books, and Allowance

Jessica Freeman- Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce Miss Hansford County Scholarship \$825.00

Wayne Gibson-National Honor Society \$300.00; Lynx and Lynxette Booster Club \$500.00; Southern Nazarene University Football Scholarship \$5,000.00 Caleb Gillaspie- Lynx and Lynxette Booster Club \$500.00

Martin Grajeda- Montgomery GI Bill- Army National Guard \$17,568.00 + 100% of tuition

Macy Harbour- Abilene Christian University Academic Scholarship \$2,500.00 per semester for 4 years; Coca-Cola \$1,000.00; Frank Lewis Memorial Scholarship-H & H Credit Union \$1,000.00; Lynx and Lynxette Booster Club \$500.00; National Honor Society \$300.00; North Plains Electric Cooperative \$750.00; Presidential Freedom Scholarship \$500.00

Ashley Hernandez- Lynx and Lynxette Booster Club \$500.00; West Texas A&M University-Tuition Scholarship \$400.00; West Texas A&M University Altmiller Scholarship \$600.00

Carlos Hernandez- Hispanic Scholarship Fund \$1,000.00; Panhandle Plains Higher Education Authority \$100.00

Isaac Herndon- Lynx and Lynxette Booster Club \$500.00

Daniel Kern- Lynx and Lynxette Booster Club \$500.00; Evelyn May Gilpatrick and Robert Wayne Gilpatrick Trust- administered by First State Bank \$2,156.00-renewable

Oswaldo Lomeli- Montgomery GI Bill- Army National Guard \$17,568.00 + 100% tuition

Lorena Lopez- Spearman Chamber of Commerce \$500.00; West Texas A&M University CAMP Scholarship Tuition, Room and Board, Books, Allowance

Kylie McGaha- Lynx and Lynxette Booster Club- \$500.00

Dana McLaughlin- C.A. Gibner Memorial Scholarship \$500.00; Amarillo College Foundation Sybil B. Harrington Scholarship \$3,500.00; Lynx and Lynxette Booster Club \$500.00; Tarleton State University College of Business \$1,000.00; Texas Farm Bureau \$3,500.00

Adriana Mendoza- Spearman Classroom Teacher's Association \$250.00; Hispanic Scholarship Fund \$1,000.00; West Texas A&M University- University Success Academy \$1,700.00

Brandon Nava- Don and Beckie Bagot- Amarillo College Foundation \$800.00; Lynx and Lynxette Booster Club \$500.00

Mark Navarrate- Oklahoma Christian University Academic Scholarship \$1,500.00; Oklahoma Christian University Bible Achievement Scholarship \$1,000.00; Oklahoma Christian University Minority Scholarship \$2,000.00

Justin Parker- Spearman Classroom Teacher's Association \$250.00; Don and Sybil Harrington Honor Scholarship \$500.00; Lynx and Lynxette Booster Club; \$500.00; National Honor Society \$500.00; West Texas A&M University Tuition Scholarship \$400.00 West Texas A&M University Altmiller Scholarship \$500.00

Miranda Paul- Lions Club

Sweetheart Scholarship \$250.00; North Plains Electric Cooperative \$750.00

Gerardo Ruiz- Barrios of Amarillo \$500.00; Evelyn May Gilpatrick and Robert Wayne Gilpatrick Trust- administered by First State Bank \$2,156.00-renewable; Gladiola Flower Club \$500.00; Lynx and Lynxette Booster Club \$500.00; West Texas A&M University Top 25% \$1,000.00

Brodie Savage- Amarillo College Foundation Sybil B. Harrington Scholarship \$3,500.00; Robert C. Byrd Honor Scholar \$1,500.00-renewable for 4 years; Lynx and Lynxette Booster Club \$500.00; Northern Texas Professional Golfer's Association Randy Smith Award \$2,000.00; Panhandle Plains Higher Education Authority \$100.00; Garrett Rex Memorial- sponsored by the Jr. Lynx and Lynxettes \$500.00; Texas Tech Honors Endowed Scholarship \$2,500.00-renewable for 4 years of undergraduate studies/ 1 year of graduate studies

Cayla Smith- Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce Miss Hansford County Pageant Scholarship \$450.00; Lynx and Lynxette Booster Club \$500.00; Karl A. Nielsen and Sister Karen J. Nielsen Scholarship Award \$699.78; Garrett Rex Memorial-sponsored by the Jr. Lynx and Lynxettes \$500.00; National Honor Society \$300.00; Texas Tech University-Superior Scholarship Achievement Scholarship \$1,000.00

Ashley Swan- Lloyd Lynn Buzzard Scholarship \$500.00; Spearman Ex-Students Association \$1,600.00

Mark Thomas- Lynx and Lynxette Booster Club \$500.00

Clete Vanderburg- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Texas Panhandle \$500.00; Clarendon College Livestock Judging \$1,800.00; Clarendon College McConnell Farm Endowment \$1,000.00; Hansford County 4-H \$500.00; Lynx and Lynxette Booster Club \$500.00; Panhandle Feed and Grain Association \$500.00

Lisha Whitefield- Small Schools Academic Competition \$245.04

Gruver

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"I am so proud of this class," said Branstine. "They may be small in number; however, they are large in spirit."

The scholarships mean that many will have a chance at furthering their education, and several plan to bring their talents back to the community once they complete

their degrees.

At least five of the students plan to go into medical fields; other career choices include accounting, engineering, and veterinary medicine.

"Our students are blessed to live in such a wonderful community that supports them, nurtures them, and also contributes scholarship money to help them pursue their goals. In the long run, this not only benefits our graduates, but also helps Hansford County to have productive citizens," said Branstine.

Branstine says that each year she sets a scholarship amount as a class goal. She then works with the students to help them search scholarships and apply for them. This year's class exceeded the expected goal.

"I really set the goal as a personal one. I sincerely love a challenge, and this is an enjoyable one since it pays off for the students. I was somewhat worried since this class is smaller than the previous classes with which I have worked, but they more than met the challenge! I find the entire situation exciting, especially since many of the scholarships are renewable rather than first year only. I think the Gruver Class of 2005 has issued a challenge to the subsequent classes, and I will be interested to see how well they measure up," stated Branstine.

A partial listing of Gruver Class of 2005 Scholarships includes:

Adams-Etling Scholarship Fund (\$1000/renewable) - David Parker, Alvin A. and Hattie May Bush Accounting Scholarship (\$1000) - Yolanda Hernandez, Lucy Trejo

Art Salazar Memorial Scholarship (\$500) - Cody Mac Been, Brock Irwin

Award of Excellence Asthma Scholarship Program (\$100) - Blythe Finley

Wes Babbs Memorial Scholarship (\$500) - Ryan Winger

Career Colleges and Schools of Texas Scholarship (\$1000) -

Sergio Cruz, Oscar Medina, Jessica Montgomery, Chelsea Reid

Colt Cluck Memorial/Class of 2005 Scholarship (\$1250/renewable) - Cody Mac Been

Crop Chasers, Inc. (\$250) - Seth Clemmons

Dennis Stedje Memorial FFA Scholarship (\$500) - Jessica Montgomery, Bailey Reid

FPC Dean's Scholarship (\$600) - Yolanda Hernandez, Micha Lewis

FPC Presidential Scholarship (\$800) - Patricia Gaspar

Gilpatrick Scholarship Trust (\$1087/semester - renewable) - Cody Mac Been, Blythe Finley, Brittanie Osbourne, Gabriela Rosales

Gruver Alumni Scholarship (\$500) - Brittanie Osbourne

Gruver Chamber of Commerce (\$300) - Laina Grotgut

Gruver CTA (\$500) - Cody Mac Been

Gruver Lions Club (amounts vary from \$200 to \$1000 per student) - Cody Mac Been, Seth Clemmons, Cass Cooper, Sergio Cruz, Blythe Finley, Laina Grotgut, Yolanda Hernandez, Brock Irwin, Micha Lewis, Jessica Montgomery, Brittanie Osbourne, David Parker, Bailey Reid, Chelsea Reid, Ryan Renick, Mark TeBeest, Lucy Trejo, Ben Williams, Lance Williams, Ryan Winger

Gruver Little Dribblers Association (\$300) - Cody Mac Been, Cass Cooper, Blythe Finley, Laina Grotgut, Brock Irwin, Jessica Montgomery, Ben Williams, Lance Williams, Ryan Winger

GHS Mathematics Department Scholarship (\$1000) - Mark TeBeest

Gruver PTO (\$1000) - Bailey Reid

Gruver Scholarship Fund (\$1000) - Mark TeBeest

H&H School Employees Federal Credit Union/Frank Lewis Memorial Scholarship (\$1000) - Ryan Winger

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High Plains A&M Club (\$250) - Brock Irwin

Howard College Rodeo Scholarship (\$1700) - Seth Clemmons

Milton "Buff" Morris Scholarship (\$2000) - Ben Williams

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North Plains Electric Cooperative At-Large Scholarship (\$750) - Brittanie Osbourne

Panhandle Plains Higher Education Authority (\$100) - Cody Mac Been, Brittanie Osbourne, Gabriela Rosales

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship (\$1500/renewable) - Brock Irwin

Sharon Saltzman Memorial FFA Scholarship (\$1000) - Brock Irwin

South Plains College Rodeo Scholarship (\$4000/renewable) - Cass Cooper

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Texas Tech University Superior Scholastic Achievement Scholarship (\$1000/renewable) - Brittanie Osbourne, Ryan Winger

Tri-State High School Rodeo Association (\$1000) - Cass Cooper

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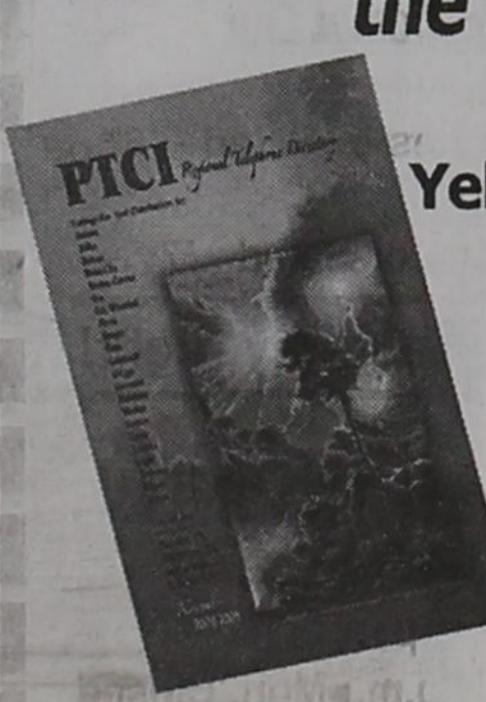
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Boy Scouts attend spring camp

Spearman Boy Scout Troop 551 attended the Golden Spread Council BSA Spring Camp 2005 at Camp M.K. Brown April 8-10.

The Troop left Spearman about 5 p.m. on Friday, April 8th. Daniel Hopkins and Britt Jarvis transported the Scouts with pickups and a trailer.

The McLean Scouts had a camp fire going. The Spearman Scouts hit the ground going to meet them.

Saturday and Sunday, the Scouts attended merit badge classes. Roy Moreno worked on geology, crime prevention and metal work.

Davidson worked on merit badges in dog care, weather, and photography. Michael Avila learned about dog care, weather, and photography.

Matthew thought learning about hydraulics capped the instruction. The Scouts in farm mechanic got to take apart a hydraulic pump and to see cut away hydraulic cylinders and valves.

Roy Moreno and Matthew Jarvis made a holder for a neckerchief. They each made a large copper arrowhead with a copper tube to pass the ends of the neckerchief.

Roy's instruction in geology sent him home with a pile of homework to finish to complete the merit badge. Harley and Manuel are to keep records on the care of dogs for the week.

Saturday evening, the Scouts fished in the ponds and lake at the Camp. They caught insects, minnows, and tadpoles for bait. They even caught one fish.

Saturday night, a lightning and rain storm blew for a long time. When the rain subsided, the boys were all dry and warm.

Before lights out Saturday night, the Scouts from Spearman and McLean played tag in the dark trees. The game continued for over an hour.

Sunday noon, Manuel Mendoza, Roy Moreno, and Matthew Jarvis prepared lunch of shaved ham and cheese sandwiches, lemonade, and beef and vegetable soup.

The Scout's packed their equipment, cleaned their area, and left about 2 P.M. At Canadian, they stopped at Dairy Queen for ice cream.

The Boy Scout program is open to all boys ages 11 through 17. Spearman Troop 551 is sponsored by the Spearman Lions Club.

Spearman Boy Scouts held Court of Honor

On May 23rd, Spearman Boy Scout Troop 551 held their annual awards dinner and Court of Honor.

The highlight of the evening was the awarding of the Troop's "Boy Scout of the Year". This year two boys received the coveted prize.

This year the troop awarded a prize for the "Most Improved Scout" and Harley Davidson was selected to receive this honor.

Those attending the dinner included the guest of honor, Tommy and Sandy Russell; Scout Master, George Young and his wife, Virginia; Assistant Scout Master, Britt Jarvis; Alfred, Cindy

and Cha'tae Avila; Albert Avila; Will, Kristi, Richard and Daniel Jarvis; Alfredo and Isabel Moreno; and Callie and Kevin Hopkins.

Davidson, Matthew Jarvis and Roy Moreno. The Boy Scout program is open to any boy, age 11 through 17.

Too Hot for Tomatoes

Due to the heat, the quality of our tomatoes has gone down. Tomato plants thrive at 75° and below, but we have not been able to maintain heat below 88 degrees on hot days.

We have decided to terminate the plants and re-seed with new ones. From seed to tomato is three months, so we will be in full production again by mid September (October 1st at the latest).

We hope the absence will make the heart and taste buds grow fonder! Thanks again for your support, and see you in the fall.



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Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

Museum Calendar & Happenings Reception and Booksigning--join us this Saturday, June 18th at 5pm and meet and visit with artist, Martha Keim, authors, Delbert Trew and John Erickson.

The Lipscomb County 4-H clubs have been participating in a county-wide photography contest. The photographs from this contest are now on exhibit in the museum.

Lipscomb History, Part 2 Coal in them there hills In the March 2, 1888 issue of the

"Panhandle Interstate" the editors had headlines "THE BLACK DIAMOND. The Vein is only 5 inches thick, but a paying vein is below". The article describes that a company by the name of Fennell & Rodkey was contracted to go the depth of 40 feet @ \$2 per foot at a site east of Lipscomb.

Eleventh - 2 feet vein of water
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Fourteenth - 4 to 6 inch vein of coal.

This is at a depth of 132 feet. and here the work stopped, and will remain as it stands until arrangements can be made to from 100 to 400 feet deeper.

- First- 9 feet of soil and clay,
Second- 14 feet of quick-sand
Third- 37 feet of dark, blue clay
Fourth- 7 feet of water. When the drill struck this vein the water sprang up in the pipes within four feet of the surface, and made the boys feel as though they were getting down in the neighborhood of artesian water.

If we secure a paying vein of coal we not only secure cheap fuel, but employment for labor, investment for capital, several important lines of railroad, and in the end make Lipscomb the leading town of the south-west.

Two more articles appear in the newspaper reporting that funding raising efforts were still under way. However, they were never able to raise the funds necessary to contract the needed machinery and men for the venture and coal mining in Lipscomb county faded away.

This Week in History

1861 - President Lincoln agrees to the creation of a civilian sanitary commission to assist the military medical corps. This helps the Union win the war and leads to the formation of the American Red Cross.

June 14, 1777 - the Continental Congress proposed that the United States have a national flag. The 13 stars of the flag represented the 13 new states.

The first official Flag Day was observed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1893. New York also proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day in 1897.

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