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Orange County Band Slates Free Gruver Concert

A free concert, courtesy of the Orange County Band, is slated for Saturday, April 19 in the Gruver City Park beginning at approximately 6:00 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Local singer Brenda (Dahl) Hopkins will also present selections in the concert.

It will be the second free concert offered to the Gruver area by the band that features Gruver native Heath Tolleson, vocalist and rhythm guitarist.

According to Tolleson, the band has undergone a metamorphosis in the recent months. "Our sound has probably done a 180 since our last concert in Gruver nearly two years ago," Tolleson said.

Upcoming on the band's calendar are an April 25th booking at the Golden Light in Amarillo and a June 20 booking at Homer's Backyard Ball.

The Orange County Band will be playing selections from their new CD "American Dream" released in November.

In addition to Tolleson, the band is composed of Greg Kreller and Jared Smith with new members Nick (Doc) Goodson on the mandolin and electric guitar and Kris Killingsworth on drums.

Local fans may request selections from 'American Dreams' at KGNC, County FM 98., or other country western stations in the area.

Expanded Livestock Compensation

Livestock producers who were not eligible for the LCP-I Livestock Compensation Program due to county ineligibility, or missed the application deadline, may have another opportunity to participate during the LCP-II signup period as outlined in the Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003.

Signup for the expanded program, referred to as LCP-II, began on April 1.

Producers who were eligible for LCP but did not file an application by the Dec. 13, 2002, deadline also have an opportunity to apply.

The 2002 program, announced last October, was limited to livestock producers headquartered in a county designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as a primary disaster county between Jan. 1, 2001 and Sept. 19, 2002. LCP-II makes eligible any counties that were requested as primary disaster areas under a presidential or secretarial declaration by Feb. 20, 2003, and that were subsequently approved.

For more information about the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP), FSA or other farm bill provisions contact your local FSA office at (806) 659-3036 or visit the national website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

"Memories of the Heart" Gala



Darlene Pierce is pictured above with an autographed Emmitt Smith poster, a Roger Staubach football and a Mike Hargrove baseball. These are just a few of the items that will be auctioned during the Heart Association Banquet on Saturday, April 26th.

"Memories of the Heart" will be the theme of the 2003 Hansford County Heart Association Banquet. The banquet is slated for Saturday, April 26, at 6:15 p.m. in the O'Loughlin Center.

An auction with a variety of items, large and small, including items from celebrities such as Emmitt Smith, Roger Staubach, and Mike Hargrove will follow the banquet.

From Monday, April 21 through Friday, April 25, bids will be taken on the autographed Emmitt Smith poster, Roger Staubach football and the Mike Hargrove baseball on KRDF-FM. Final bids will be taken at the Gala on Saturday night.

Tickets for the event may be purchased from any Hansford County Heart Association member or by calling Kay Hobbs, 733-2876, or Darlene Pierce, 659-2673.

New Store To Open



Melanie Elliott, owner of Grammy's, readies a cross display for the opening of the store Monday, April 21st. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 22nd.

Spearman welcomes Grammy's Gifts and Goodies, 224 Hancock, to the business community.

The newly-remodeled store will feature homemade candy, outdoor patio and garden furniture, purses, candles, crosses, realistic animal figurines and other gift items. A unique feature of the store will be a coffee cache where guests may sit and sip gourmet coffee or cappuccino.

Store owner Melanie Elliott invites the public to the new business which will open April 21, with store hours 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Soil and Water Stewardship Week

Governor Rick Perry proclaimed Soil and Water Stewardship Week in Texas for April 29 - May 5, 2003 to promote wise and responsible stewardship of our soil and water.

Governor Rick Perry declares Soil and Water Stewardship Week in Texas.

In the proclamation, Perry urged all Texans to recognize the impor-

importance of ensuring that we are wise stewards of this great land for generations to come. The proclamation stated that the future of the Lone Star State begins today and the responsibility lies with us now to build a solid foundation for our children and grandchildren as they assume the reins of leadership.

The Soil and Water Stewardship Committee of the ATSWCD sponsors the awareness campaign to educate the public about the importance of responsible soil and water stewardship.

Participation in Soil and Water Stewardship Week activities offers an opportunity to reflect on the nation's renewable resource problems and consider actions to resolve them or reduce their impact. The theme of this year's observance is "The Gift of Trees". This focus is especially appropriate as our need for stewardship is vital if we are to maintain the productive capabilities of our basic natural resources. It stresses the need for all people to work for the good of all to utilize, conserve and properly manage those resources in our care.

The National Association of Conservation Districts has sponsored Soil and Water Stewardship

Week in the United States since 1955, in cooperation with the nation's nearly 3,000 soil and water conservation districts. Informative material on the Soil and Water Stewardship Week theme is distributed each year through local conservation districts to clergymen, lay leaders, civic and educational organiza-

tions and to individuals interested in participating in the celebration.

Information and materials for the 2003 observance of Soil and Water Stewardship Week can be obtained from your local soil and water conservation district or the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board at 254.773.2250.



The Spearman High School Boys Golf team took first place at the District Golf Tournament, qualifying them for the Regional Golf Tournament. Pictured above are (L-R) Travis Brown, Lance Baker, Tanner Hand, Brodie Savage and Tracy Brown. Travis placed 1st, Tracy placed 2nd, and Brodie placed 3rd, individually.



Region-bound Spearman High School tennis players (Front Row, L-R) Jordan Short, Keilee Goodheart and Lindsey Short; (Back Row, L-R) Adam Cherry, Kevin Beedy and Garrett Griffin, will compete next week at Abilene.

Economic Development Corporation Schedules Town Hall Meeting

The Spearman Economic Development Corporation will hold a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, May 1st at 6:30 p.m. at the O'Loughlin Center.

The purpose of the meeting will be to get feedback from the community on a Community Development Plan. A powerpoint presentation will provide information, followed by questions and answers.

In addition to the meeting, refreshments will be served and several drawings will be held for Hansford Bucks.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and provide input. For more information, contact Robert Patrick, Spearman City Manager, at 659-2524, or Brian Gillispie at 659-5544.

Hospital District To Change Designation: Converting to Critical Access Hospital

Improved quality and better access to health care services are two of the key areas to be focused on during a special town hall meeting, Monday, April 21, 2003. The meeting will be held at First State Bank of Spearman and will be hosted by Hansford County Hospital District. Hospital District leadership is preparing an application to convert the 28-bed facility into a Critical Access Hospital.

The Critical Access Hospital (CAH) program offers an option to rural communities working toward ensuring adequate access through high-quality health care and emergency medical services for its residents. These things are done through better reimbursement, defined operating parameters and maintenance of an accounting procedure that is based on the cost of providing services, rather than the existing "prospective payment system" currently in place.

"Our goal is simple, to improve the health of individuals and families in the communities we serve," says Steve Hartgraves, District CEO. "The District's leadership feels that this move is one of the most effective measure we can take to ensure both sustainability and growth of the District," Hartgraves continues.

There will be a public hearing to discuss the details of converting to a Critical Access Hospital, Monday, April 21, 2003, at First State Bank of Spearman. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a brief PowerPoint presentation and will be followed by a question and answer session.



Hansford County Hospital District is proud to welcome Monica McCutchen to the Pharmacy Department. Monica is a Certified Pharmacy Technician with two years of experience. Monica, her husband Dale, the manager of United, and their 4 year old Schnauzer live in Perryton.

Laugh and Live



by Catherine R. Smith
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The Easter Story

as told in the Gospels
The New Testament in the Language of Today

The disciples left, and went into the city, and found everything as He had told them. And so they got the Passover ready. In the evening He came with the twelve. (Mark 14:16-17)

While they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed it. He broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take it. This is My body." Then He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them. And they all drank of it. He told them, "This is My blood of the covenant, poured out for all. Surely, I tell you, I will not drink again of the product of the vine until that day when I drink it in a new way in God's Kingdom." (Mark 14:22-25)

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the governor's palace and gathered the whole troop of soldiers around Him. They took off His clothes and put a scarlet cloak on Him. They twisted some thorns into a crown, placed it on His head, and put a stick in His right hand. Then they knelt before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spit on Him, took the stick, and hit Him on the head.

After mocking Him, they took off the cloak and put His own clothes on Him. Then they took Him away to crucify Him. (Matthew 27:27-31)

As they led Jesus away, they took hold of Simon, a man from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and they laid the cross on him, to carry it behind Jesus. A large crowd of people followed Him, the women in the crowd were beating their breasts and weeping over Him. (Luke 23:26-27)

When they came to the place called Skull, they crucified Him there with the criminals, one on His right and the other on His left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; they don't know what they are doing." (Luke 23:33-34)

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took His clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier, and the tunic was left over. The tunic was without a seam, woven in one piece from top to bottom. "Let's not tear it," they said to one another, "but let's throw lots and see who gets it" -- what the Bible said had come true: They divided My clothes among them, and for My garment they threw lots. So that's what the soldiers did. (John 19:23-24)

It was about twelve o'clock when darkness came over the whole country, because the sun stopped shining, and the darkness lasted till three in the afternoon. The curtain in the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus called out loud, "Father, into Your hands I entrust My Spirit." After He said this, He died. When the captain saw what had happened, he praised God and said, "This Man certainly was righteous." (Luke 23:44-47)

In the evening there came a rich man from Arimathea by the name of Joseph, who had also become a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. Then Pilate ordered it given to him. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in some clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own unused grave that he had cut in the rock. After rolling a big stone against the door of the grave, he went away. (Matthew 27:57-60)

Mary from Magdala and Mary the mother of Jesus watched where He was laid. (Mark 15:47)

On Sunday they were going to the grave very early when the sun was up. "Who is going to roll away the stone for us from the door of the grave?" they asked one another; it was very large. But when they looked up, they saw the stone had been rolled back. As they went into the grave, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting at the right. And they were amazed. "Don't be amazed," he told them. "You're looking for Jesus from Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen. He is not here. See the place where He was laid. But go and tell His disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see Him, as He told you.'" (Mark 16:2-7)

After talking with [the disciples], the Lord was taken up to heaven and sat down at the right of God. They went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed the Word by the wonderful proofs that went with it. (Mark 16:19-20)

Excerpted from *The New Testament in the Language of Today* by William F. Beck, ©Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis Missouri, 1963

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.

Catherine :)

PANHANDLE PLANNER

Grantsmanship Workshop To Be Held In Amarillo
Want to learn to write competitive grant proposals? Plan to attend the Grantsmanship Training Program to be held April 21-25 in Amarillo, co-hosted by the High Plains and North Rolling Plains (RC&D) Councils. The purpose is to give non-profit organizations in the High Plains an opportunity to take world class grant writing training close to home. To maximize personal attention, this workshop is limited to 27 participants. Tuition is \$775, and will include a one-year membership in *The Grantsmanship Membership Program*, providing training participants with an array of benefits and services. A limited number of half-tuition scholarships are available to agencies with annual budgets of less than \$300,000. To register and apply for scholarships, contact The Grantsmanship Center directly at (800) 421-9512. You may register online at www.tgci.com

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

Gardening Hour at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens
The Amarillo Botanical Gardens invites anyone interested to bring a brown bag lunch to 1400 Street Drive in the Harrington Regional Medical Center Complex on the third Wednesday of each month from 12-1 p.m. Each month, horticulturist and industry leaders from Amarillo Botanical Gardens, ABG associated garden clubs, and other area organizations discuss, in detail, topics that allow garden enthusiasts to more efficiently maintain and enjoy their gardens. For more information, call Amarillo Botanical Gardens at 806-352-6513.

Area Agency on Aging Seeks Volunteers
The Nursing Home Ombudsman program of the Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle is actively seeking individuals to serve as advocates for residents of area nursing homes. Volunteer opportunities are available throughout the Panhandle. Ombudsmen promote resident rights, quality of life and quality of care by identifying and resolving complaints by or on behalf of residents. To learn more about this rewarding volunteer opportunity, please contact Jeff Price or Tanya Mock of the Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle at (800) 642-6008.

THANK YOU!

Hansford County Library would like to thank the Dairy Queen and Simple Simon's Pizza for donating prizes for our celebration of National Library Week.

"Rock Around the Clock"

Presented by Women's Division Spearman Chamber of Commerce

Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant
June 3, 2003 at 7:00p.m.
Spearman High School Auditorium

Age Divisions:
Little Miss (4-6) Junior Miss (7-9)
Miss Preteen (10-12) Miss Teen (13-16)
Miss Hansford (17-21)

Entry forms available at Spearman Chamber of Commerce Office, Lady Fair, Kids' Stuff, Dreamer's Salon, and in Gruver Main Street and Little Tiffanies.

Deadline for entries is MAY 2, 2003. Questions contact Jodie Hight 659-3720 or the Spearman Chamber of Commerce at 659-5555.

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HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Beware of FAFSA Web Scam
Seniors, senior parents, and parents of college students should use the web site www.fafsa.ed.gov when filling out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. There is currently a website that has found an interesting way to get in the college-bound's pocket. Known as fafsa.com, the website charges a fee for submitting the application. There is no fee for submitting the fafsa form on the www.fafsa.ed.gov site.

SHS Class To Write Veterans' Biographies
The Spearman High School AP-English III class would like to write the biographies of Hansford County Veterans who have fought for their country in any war. The 16 students need 16 participants who are willing to be photographed and video taped as they tell their stories. If you would like to participate, please contact Sandra Blankenship at 659-2584, or 733-2210, as soon as possible.

Grupo Innovacion & Los Nortenos de Chihuahua
The Spearman Chamber of Commerce presents Grupo Innovacion and Los Nortenos de Chihuahua on Saturday, April 19, 2003 for a Cinco de Mayo Spring Dance at the Rodeo in Perryton. Advance tickets are \$25, and gate tickets are \$30. For further information and details, contact the Spearman Chamber of Commerce at (806) 659-5555, or spearman@arn.net.

North Plains Electric Cooperative's 59th Annual Meeting Set
North Plains Electric Co-op (NPEC) General Manager Randy Mahannah and the Board of Directors invite all Cooperative members to the 59th annual meeting on Monday, April 21st. This year's meeting will be at the Ochiltree County Expo center located on the fairgrounds off of Jefferson Street and Highway 15. The meeting will begin with a barbecue meal at 6 p.m. An official business meeting will follow at 7 p.m., which includes business and financial updates, election of directors, services awards, and door prizes. There will also be reports on the Youth Tour, and presentation of the North Plains Electric Cooperative Member Scholarships. Those planning to attend and represent members of the Cooperative whom are not individuals (i.e. Companies, etc.) are asked to bring an official voting credential. Make plans to attend and participate in the business of your Cooperative.

Aggies Unite For Muster
Former students and friends of Texas A&M University will assemble on April 21st for the annual Texas Aggie Muster in honor of all Aggies who have passed away within the past year. The tradition of Muster will be observed in over 380 locations around the world this April 21st. A Muster, sponsored by the High Plains A&M Club, will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jon and Johnette Jarvis near Morse. All Aggies and their families, friends of Texas A&M University, and prospective students are invited to attend. For information or directions, please call Cody Pipkin, Muster chairman, 806-733-9439 or Jon Jarvis 806-878-2240.

Annual Secretary Day Luncheon
The Spearman Chamber of Commerce invites everyone to the Annual Secretary Day Luncheon on Wednesday, April 23, 2003 at noon at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall. A Mexican dinner will be served by the Las Guadalupe. Tickets are \$8.00 each. A style show will also be presented by Lady Fair.

Desert Reign
Desert Reign will be at the First Assembly of God Church at 401 N. Bernice on April 23rd at 7 p.m. There is no fee for admission, and a free-will offering will be available. The Country Gospel Music Association (CGMA) has honored this group as Vocal Group and Band of the year for four consecutive years. The group has been together for seven years, and are currently in full time ministry. Beyond the music, though, is their love for people. This is very evident as they share from their hearts and offer hope and encouragement for the hour in which we live. Everyone is invited to enjoy worship with Desert Reign.

"Memories of the Heart" Gala
"Memories of the Heart" will be the theme of the 2003 Hansford County Heart Association Banquet. The banquet is slated for Saturday, April 26, at 6:15 p.m. in the O'Loughlin Center. An auction with a variety of items, large and small, including items from celebrities such as Emmitt Smith, Roger Staubach, and Mike Hargrove will follow the banquet. Tickets for the event may be purchased from any Hansford County Heart Association member or by calling Kay Hobbs 733-2876, or Darlene Pierce, 659-2673.

May 3rd - National Scrapbook Day
National Scrapbook Day will be celebrated on Saturday, May 3rd from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at the Spearman Church of Christ. Participants are encouraged to wear beachwear for this year's theme - "Memory Savers." Several drawings will be held throughout the day for gifts and prizes. Registrants will receive an extra ticket for pre-paying the \$25 fee by April 26th. Five tickets will be given for those who bring a friend, and 10 will be given for those scheduling a home class/crop. The food will be delicious, and everyone will have a great time! Call Stephanie Brock, 659-1774, or Delinda McLaughlin, 659-2800.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic
The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center in conjunction with Hansford County Hospital will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at 712 S. Roland, in Spearman on May 27, 2003. Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All examinations are done by appointment only. Call (806)-356-1905 or toll free 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

Project Graduation
The parents of the Spearman High School Senior Class of 2003 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement exercises on Friday, May 23rd. To encourage the graduates to stay the entire night, door prizes are awarded throughout the evening. In addition, graduates can earn paper monies through their participation in various games so that prizes can be purchased. The graduation party will culminate with the distribution of grand prizes. Prizes, gift certificates and cash are needed for the evening's gifts. If you would be willing to share in the final "Class of 2003" memory, making this project special, please call Kristi Ramon, 659-3086 or Colleen Burkhammer, 659-2616.

Golden Spread Senior Citizens To Make Memorial Wreaths
Orders are now being taken for Memorial wreaths to be made by the Golden Spread Senior Citizens ladies. A large variety of silk flowers to be used on the wreaths are now available for selection at 502 South Brandt. For more information or to place an order, call 659-3030 or order in person at 502 South Brandt.

Boy Scout Fundraiser
Harry Stumpf, financial chairman of the Spearman Boy Scouts, began the annual Boy Scout Fundraising Project on Monday, March 3, 2003. Donations may be mailed to: Boy Scouts, 301 W. 12th, Spearman, TX 79081.

Special Education Notice - Destruction of Records
Perryton Special Education SSA will destroy all student special education records for Spearman, Perryton, Darrouzett, Booker and Follett ISDs for the years 1990-1994 in June, 2003. If you have need of such records, please contact Marsha Murphy, 435-4412.

Spearman ISD Seeking Students With Special Needs
Spearman ISD is trying to locate children who are currently enrolled in home school and/or private school who may need special education services to enable them to progress in their education. Students who meet eligibility criteria for special education services may be able to access some of these services through the public school. If you feel your child is in need of or you know of a child in need of such services, please contact the superintendent of schools, Rod Sumner, or Marsha Murphy, director of special education services, at 659-3233.

Our Deepest Sympathy

CLEMENTINE VENNEMAN RENNER



SPEARMAN - Clementine Venneman Renner, 95, died Wednesday, April 9, 2003.

Mass was at 11 a.m. Friday, April 11, 2003 in Sacred Heart Church in Spearman. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Renner was born to Hattie and Joe Venneman on April 13, 1907, in Butte, Mont. She moved with her parents to Hansford County in 1908 to live on the land northwest of Spearman, where her dad had settled in 1906, and prepared a home for them. She attended Catholic schools in Chillicothe,

Mo., riding the train every year and boarding with relatives. She was so happy when she finished school and never again had to leave Hansford County. She married John Stewart in 1940 and was widowed in 1944. She married N.F. "Gus" Renner in 1952 and he passed away in 1998.

Clementine was blessed with good health and a sharp mind until the time of her death. She was involved in farming and ranching all her life. She played an integral part in building the Catholic church in Spearman in 1949, and faithfully served in every capacity of church work throughout her entire life. She was a charter member of Sacred Heart Women's Guild and was named Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Woman of the Year in 1990.

She was a member of Twentieth Century Club, served on the hospital auxiliary and volunteered for the American Cancer Society, collecting money door-to-door for many years. She was a charter member of Hansford County Historical Commission and was awarded a Merit of Historic Preservation by the Texas Historical Commission in 1991. She and her husband, Gus, were co-founders of the Stationmaster's House Museum in Spearman. She constantly crocheted blankets and made quilts for nieces, nephews, unwed mothers and the nursing homes in Panhandle and Spearman.

The nieces and nephew could not pronounce Clementine as young children, thus, she became known to three generations as "Aunt Teteen." She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; and a brother, John Venneman.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, Fanny Venneman of Spearman; two nieces, Mary Venneman of Spearman and Hattie Davis of Hooker, Okla.; a nephew, Joe T. Venneman and wife, Linda, of Gruver; three great-nephews, Mark Davis and wife, Tiffany, of Hooker, Clint Venneman and wife, Traci, of Gruver, and Micah Davis of Weatherford, Okla.; three great-nieces, Holly Gifford and husband, Justin, and Kim Cooper and husband, Clint, all of Amarillo, Kaley Martens and husband, Wiley, of Enid, Okla.; two great-nieces, Morgan Ross Venneman and Kennedy Venneman, both of Gruver; a great-nephew, Gus Gifford of Amarillo. She is also survived by many relatives in the Gus Renner Family, including brother- and sister-in-law Clarence and Eloise Renner of Spearman; nephews and nieces Lynna and Phillip Renner, and Diane Maxwell; great-nephews and great-nieces Rhett Renner, Reagan Renner, Randie Baumann and husband, David, Rhonda Haynes and husband, Leonard, Amy Holland and family; and great-nephew Slade Baumann.

The family suggests memorials be to Sacred Heart Catholic Church; Stationmaster's House Museum; or Hansford Hospice, in care of the funeral home, P.O. Box 246, Spearman, TX 79081.

BOYD PIERSON

GRUVER - Boyd Pierson, infant son of Marty and Viva Pierson of North Richland Hills, died Sunday, April 13, 2003, in Fort Worth.

Graveside services were at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 15, 2003 in Gruver Cemetery with Gaylord Cook officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Boyd was born April 10, in Fort Worth. Survivors include his parents; a sister, Kellye Horner and husband, Duane, of Amarillo; a brother, Brit Pierson of North Richland Hills; his grandparents, Bettye and Leslie Pierson of Amarillo and B.J. and Glenda Renner of Gruver; and three nephews.

JOE M. CLOSE

SPEARMAN - Joe M. Close, 61, died Thursday, April 10, 2003. Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 13, 2003 in Holt Cemetery with the Rev. Gary Smith officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Close was born in Perryton on October 9, 1941, he had lived in the area his entire life. He married Betty-Glee Broom on January 1, 1996 in Clovis, NM. He was a master mechanic, as well as a jewelry and spur maker.

Survivors include his wife, Betty-Glee; two sons, Roger Close of Spearman and Danny Close of Borger; two sisters, Elnora Batson of Stinnett and Anita Harris of Colorado; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the American Heart Association or Cal Farley Boys Ranch.

Happy Birthday!

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.

April 17

Birthday - Tim Garland, Gary Smith, Bill Porter, Linda Mosier, Anissa Ryan, Edgar Nava, Cheryl Hill, Kendra Jones, Jimmy Tope, Alfred Avila, Albert Avila, Tavo Hermissillo, Jenifer DeLaCruz, Norma Reis, Maurine Stenson, Ann Pape, Callie Stedje, John Smith, Katie Reed, Wendy Frick

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Julian Rodriguez, Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Bailey, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Garland, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Blount, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Garcia, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hunter

April 18

Birthday - Billy Kelly Jr., J.D. McCoy, Gregg Farr, Victor Rios Jr., Cacy Vaughn, Jena Cherry, Cha'tae Avila, Jennifer Gonzales, Elmo Dahl, Jeb Lee, Israel Arzate

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Steve TeBeest

April 19

Birthday - Hunter Beville, Opal Barnes, Bobby Snider, Landon Swan, Sterling True, Norman Gilmore, Lori Diffie Johnson, Blare Dudley, Jessica Blake, Victoria Temple, Crystal Gross, Socoyyo Tarango, Hortencia Trejo, Elizabeth Castillo, Jocelyn Whitefield

Anniversary - John & Tammy Woodward

April 20

Birthday - Mickey Maupin, Reid Winger, Dorothy Lusby, Ed Pearson, Nita Baker, Leann Carson, Denise Rojas, Gary Easley, Matt Zachary, Gary Koons, Jared Harrison, Valarie Perez, Inez Arzate

Anniversary - Oliver & Mary Barnes

April 21

Birthday - Martin Trejo, Janet Henson, Tracy Holladay, Heather Reimer, Danny Lopez, Holy Renee Baker, Luran Urban, Agnes Hoel, David Link,

Patsy Sparks, Randa Myers **Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Terry Sherrill

April 22

Birthday - Chelcie Davis, Agnes Hoel, David Link, Shelly Stedje, Sharon Wilson, James Martin, Bonnie Garnett, Loyd Cator, Clifford Hornsby, Rosalinda Vela, Mary Parker, Mary Ojeda, Margie Galvan, David Roy Martin, Cindy Womble, Lisa Tarango, Troy TeBeest, Donna Cook, Velma Deweese, Debbie Hornsby, Janice Fulce, Hannah Speck, Shelly Stedje, Karen Babitzke, Brendon Carter

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Pablo Perez, Mr. & Mrs. Brad Renick, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lopez, Mr. & Mrs. Victor Lopez

April 23

Birthday - Sam Garnett, Juan Renteria, Rosa Linda Vela, Brea Archer, Dustin Barber, Stacy Poole, Patricia Dunaway, Sharon Coble, Frank Prouty, Seth Blane, John David Brown, Curtis Covington, Shonda Odegaard, George Aquero, Macy Jones, Stephen Cook, Ramsey Jenschke

April 24

Birthday - Kerri Barkley, Jenna Beth Kiser, Bart Shapley, Greg Slough, Mike Scroggs, Muri Pearson, Josephine Salgado, Wendy Woolley, Odell Fanning

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Bayless

April 25

Birthday - Jerry Orr, Robert Hagerman, Keith Lewis, Pat Underwood, Donna Hill, Meagan Burrell, Mia Burrell, Greg Breland, Mary Bayless, Jodi Martin, Roy Garcia, Joe Ruhlin

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Hill Jr.

April 26

Birthday - DeeDee Johnson, Juanita Logsdon, Benny McClenagan, Angie Rimmel, Kenny Slough, Lyndee Ferguson, Linda Garcia, Ricky Ellsworth, Bob Marsh, Juan Rojas, Summer Riggins, Donna Duggan, Larry Ross

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Catherine Smith, Publisher

Saw it On the Net (Must Be True)

You can find all these writings on the internet -
(but only if you have a computer)
by Jake Tripp

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Trying to Help - by Dennis Miller

All the rhetoric on whether or not we should go to war against Iraq has got my insane little brain spinning like a roulette wheel. I enjoy reading opinions from both sides, but I have detected a hint of confusion from some of you.

As I was reading the paper recently, I was reminded of the best advice someone ever gave me. He told me about the KISS method ("Keep it Simple, Stupid"). So, with this as a theme, I'd like to apply this theory for those who don't quite get it. My hope is that we can simplify things a bit and recognize a few important facts.

Here are 10 things to consider when voicing an opinion on this important issue:

- 1) President Bush and Saddam Hussein.....Hussein is the bad guy.
- 2) If you have faith in the United Nations to do the right thing, keep this in mind. They have Libya heading the Committee on Human Rights and Iraq heading the Global Disarmament Committee. Do your own math here.
- 3) If you use Google Search and type in "French Military Victories," your reply will be "Did you mean French Military Defeats?"
- 4) If your only anti-war slogan is "No war for oil," sue your school district for allowing you to slip through the cracks and robbing you of the education you deserve.
- 5) Saddam and Bin Laden will not seek United Nations approval before they try to kill us.
- 6) Despite what some seem to believe, Martin Sheen is NOT the President. He plays one on T.V.
- 7) Even if you are anti-war, you are still an "Infidel" and Bin Laden wants you dead, too.
- 8) If you believe in a "vast right-wing conspiracy," but not in the danger that Hussein poses, quit hanging out with the Dell computer dude.
- 9) We are not trying to liberate them.
- 10) Whether you are for military action, or against it, our young men and women overseas are fighting for us to defend our right to speak out. We all need to support them without reservation.

I hope this helps.

Too bad the only people who know how to run the country are busy driving cabs and cutting hair.

George Burns (1896 - 1996)

JT 2003

Barkley, DeVeney Wed



Mrs. David DeVeney

Miss Lacy A. Barkley of Fort Worth, Texas and Mr. David G. DeVeney of Manhattan, New York, were married at sunset, April 8, on the beaches of Maui, Hawaii.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe David Barkley of Amarillo, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Dayton N. Barkley and the late Dayton N. Barkley of Gruver.

The groom is the son of Mr. George R. DeVeney of Louisville, Tennessee and Mrs. H. Lee Allan of Woodstock, Georgia. He is the grandson of Mrs. and Mrs. Stanley Condon of New Albany, Ohio and the late Mr. and Mrs. Dean R. Devon of Canton, Ohio.

The bride wore a vintage bridal gown with a custom veil along with two Vera Wang gowns throughout the marriage ceremonies.

The bride is the Marketing Director for Delta Delta Delta International Headquarters. The groom is the Commodity Derivative Trader for Bank of Montreal in New York City.

Following the honeymoon, the couple will reside in the SoHo neighborhood of Manhattan, New York.

April School Calendars

Spearman

April 18 - 2 Hour Early dismissal for Easter holiday; Boys Regional Golf Qualifiers Meet, Guymon
 April 18-19 - NHS Trip to Dallas
 April 20 - Easter
 April 21 - School Holiday (Bad Weather Day); Regional Golf Tournament
 April 22 - Regional Golf Tournament
 April - 23 - Regional Tennis Tournament, Abilene
 April 24-26 - Regional Track Meet, Abilene; Regional Tennis Tournament, Abilene; Band Trip
 April 28 - Methodist Church Senior Supper, 6:30 p.m.
 April 29 - Last day for absentee voting in person; TAKS testing, 3rd-8th, and 11th math; TAAS Exit Level Writing Retest
 April 30 - TAKS testing, 4th-8th grades, and 10th math; TAAS Exit Level Math Retest

Gruver

April 18 - Early dismissal (12:30) for Easter holiday
 April 20 - Easter
 April 21 - School holiday
 April 22 - Senior banquet at United Methodist Church
 April 23 - Top of Texas District FFA meet at Pampa
 April 24 - State FFA Land judging at Stephenville; Spring band trip
 April 25 - Spring band trip; Regional track meet at Levelland
 April 26 - State FFA horse judging at Lubbock; Regional track meet at Levelland; Band spring trip
 April 27 - Spring band trip
 April 28 - Senior supper at First Baptist Church
 April 29 - Last day for absentee voting in person; TAKS testing, 3rd-8th, and 11th math.
 April 30 - TAKS testing, 4th-8th, and 10th math.

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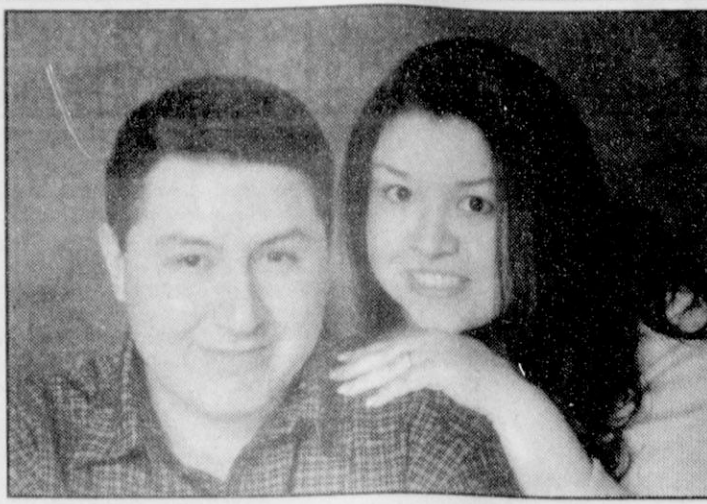
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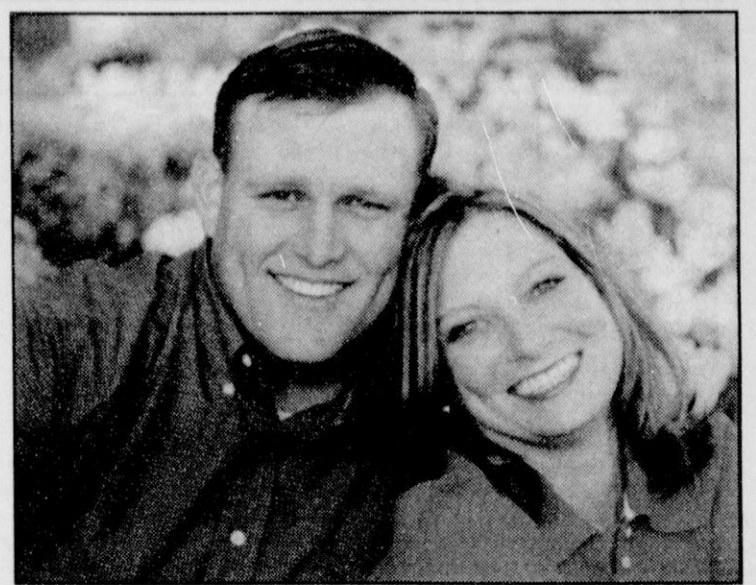
Engagement Announcement

Gary and Nelle Evans of Gruver and Stanley and Ronda Born of Darrouzett announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children Kristin Amy Evans and Weston Ray Born.
 The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Gruver High School and a 2001 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in early childhood education. She is currently teaching Pre-K at Kirksey Elementary in Booker.
 The prospective groom is a 1996 graduate of Follett High School and a 2000 graduate of Oklahoma Panhandle State University with an agricultural education degree. He is currently teaching agricultural science at Gruver High School.
 The couple plan a 5 p.m. wedding May 31, 2003 at the Gruver United Methodist Church.



Engagement Announcement

Gary Eusebid and Carmen Ortiz of Waka, Texas announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Chelie Ortiz, formerly of Spearman and now of Canyon, to Frank Perez Jr., formerly of Muleshoe and now of Canyon. He is the son of Margarito Garza and Josie Garza and the late Frank Perez Sr.
 Chelie is a 1995 graduate of Spearman High School and a 2002 graduate of West Texas A&M University with a Bachelors Degree in General Studies. She is a loan origination specialist for Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center in Canyon.
 Frank is a 1996 graduate of Dimmitt High School and attends West Texas A&M University where he is majoring in business.
 He is sales clerk in sporting goods for Walmart of Canyon.
 The couple plan a May 24, 2003 wedding at the Clarion Hotel of Amarillo. They will reside in Canyon.



Engagement Announcement

Gary Mel and Vera Tittle of Lubbock, TX announce the engagement of their daughter Elise to Mathew Gafford of Big Spring, TX. He is the son of Ladd and Cathy Gafford of Spearman.
 The bride-elect is a graduate of South Plains Jr. College and Texas Tech University. She is employed in the customer service department of City Bank of Lubbock.
 The groom-elect is a graduate of Spearman High School and Angelo State University. He is a coach and science teacher at Big Spring ISD.
 A July 19, 2003 wedding is planned at St. Luke's Methodist Church in Lubbock.



Engagement Announcement

Gary Rudy and Lori Godino of Canadian, Texas announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Sarah Elaine to Aaron Stanley Witten of Amarillo.
 Witten is the son of Stan and Ronda Witten of Spearman.
 The bride-elect is a graduate of Canadian High School and attended West Texas A&M University. She is currently attending Amarillo College where she is studying travel and tourism.
 Aaron is a 1999 graduate of Spearman High School and will graduate in May from West Texas A&M University with a Bachelors Degree in Sports and Exercise Science.

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Kristin Evans & Weston Born - April 26
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 Erika Salmons & Scott Stedje - May 3
 Jennifer Lopez & Thomas Torres - May 3
 Mary Dawn Henson & Michael McEnany - May 3
 Ashley Brown & Adam Lowe - May 10
 Amanda Smith & Josh Brown - May 10
 Leslie Holton & John Green II - June 7
 Sarah Godino & Aaron Witten
 Stephanie Reinart & Kyle McNett
 Chelie Ortiz & Frank Perez
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 Amanda Smith & Josh Brown - May 10
 Alexis Shelton & Brian Beck - May 18
 Leslie Holton & John Green II - June 7
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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Gruver to Host Tri State Rodeo
The Gruver High School Rodeo Association will host its annual Tri State Rodeo Saturday, April 26, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Gruver Rodeo Grounds.

Members of the Gruver Rodeo Association include Rachelle Holt, Cass Cooper, Colt Cluck, Jessica Schmidt, Seth Clemmons, and Tyler Lane.

Cruz Places at Academic Meet
Eric Cruz took sixth place in Ready Writing at the UIL Regional Meet in Levelland over the weekend.

Mark TeBeest also competed at the meet in Calculator Applications.

The GHS students were competing for the top three places in their respective events in order to advance to state competition.

Sympathy Extended
The condolences of the community are extended to the Joe T. Venneman family. Joe T's very special aunt Clementine Renner passed away Wednesday April 9. Her memorial service was held Saturday, April 11, in Spearman.

Boyd Pierson, the infant son of Viva and Marty Pierson of Fort Worth, and the grandson of Glenda and B.J. Renner of Gruver, died Sunday, April 13. Graveside services for little Boyd were held Tuesday, April 15, at the Gruver Cemetery.

Three Lady Hounds on Track Honor Roll
Christi Clift has joined teammates Lisa Johnson and Blythe Finley on the Amarillo Area Track Honor Roll.

Clift is sixth on the honor roll for her 12.5 performance in the 100 meter dash.

Johnson is tenth on the list with a throw of 108 '8' in the discus while Finley is fifth with a 8'7" pole vault effort.

Absentee Balloting Continues
Absentee balloting in person for the Gruver ISD Board of Trustees continues at the Gruver Schools Business Office.

Voters may cast their ballots between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday through Tuesday, April 29, 2003.

Community Care Concerns
Sally Key was hospitalized recently to build up her blood platelet count.

She is now at home and is doing well.

Marlene Winger underwent heart valve surgery in Cincinnati, Ohio Monday, April 14.

Ross Walker was scheduled to return home on April 17 following his recent surgery.

GJHS Selects Citizens of Six Weeks
Four students have been selected for citizenship awards for the fifth six weeks of school.

The students were nominated by their teachers as best exemplifying the qualities necessary to being a good citizen.

Those chosen were fifth grader Diana Bernal, sixth grader Miles Messer, seventh grader Tony Lora, and eighth grader Noe Soto.

GHS Competes in Contest
Competing in concert competition April 9 at Boys Ranch, the GHS Hound Sound Band received a Division II in Sight Reading and a Division III in Concert.

Senior Banquet Slated
The First Baptist Church of Gruver will host a senior supper Monday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m.

All seniors are cordially invited to attend.

Holiday Dismissal Set
Gruver schools will dismiss at 12:30 p.m. Friday, April 18 in observance of the Easter holiday. There will be no school Monday, April 21. Classes will resume Tuesday, April 22.

Band to Perform in San Antonio
The GHS Band has slated a performance and trip to the fiesta city of San Antonio, Thursday, April 24 - Saturday, April 26.

In addition to performing, the band will enjoy Fiesta Texas and other fun offerings.

Former Resident Update
Gruver graduate Cody Barkley is living in San Francisco where he is employed by Hewlett/Packard.

Younger brother Bailey Barkley is in seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky.

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Johnnie Lee is recovering from his latest fall at home now. He and Joan have recently returned from four months in south Texas. They were in a small town, Boerne, close to San Antonio where their daughter Jonetta and husband Larry Boyle live. They have three daughters. It rained almost daily the entire four months, so they were shocked to find the dry conditions here.

This past Friday they were very pleased when Joan's sister Winifred and J.D. Hester from Texline visited them and brought their daughter, Jeni Hester with them. Jeni is a Baptist Medical missionary in Columbia, South America and will be on leave until October. She has had some fascinating, sad and humorous experiences.

The Greyhound Bus line could have a source of excellent drivers in the experienced capable three, now driving for Hansford Manor. They are Janie Kunselman, Ernestina Salgado, Sandi Foster, and attendant, Marey Villalobos. They are good, safe drivers, considerate and entertaining.

Troy Brown is reported to be recovering from back surgery at B.S.A. Hospital. He and his wife, Dawn moved to Borger from Spearman some time ago. He is the grandson of Wanda Brown. He underwent the surgery Thursday and was able to walk some on Friday.

The Spearman High Class of 1966 were shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of a member- Joe Mac Close. His obituary is elsewhere. He was reared and still lived in the Holt Community. His parents were Fronye and Johnnie Close. Condolences to his family.

Steve Widener spent the weekend here with his parents- the Ted Wideners. Steve, formerly of Spearman, now of Amarillo, has

the Golden Concrete Company.

Audene and Verlin Beck had a most enjoyable weekend with their sons and children coming. They were Monty Beck and little daughter Edward with little daughter, Hailey; Claude, Larson from South Lake, Edward with Travis & Austin from Claude and Brook of Spearman.

A chapter in the history of Hansford County was closed with the passing of Clementine Venneman Renner this week. She leaves a devoted sister-in-law, Fannie Venneman and several nieces and nephews.

Sympathy is extended to them. It is thought that she was the person who had lived in Hansford County the longest. Her dedication and time and talent to her church and historical organizations were invaluable.

MANOR MATTERS

by Merry Sparks

Things at the Manor have been hopping - Literally! We have a new resident rabbit by the name of Dot. She is pure white except for a few dots. She is very entertaining especially to the men. They go out on the back patio with her & let her run in the yard and flower beds. Sometimes she goes on room visits with Merry. I have noticed that she really likes her back rubbed. She is very popular with all of the residents.

We went on a wildlife tour and drive around Hansford County and up around the lake. We saw a horned owl with two babies in her nest and three seagulls (Where in the world did they come from?) The weather has been beautiful and just beckons us to go outside.

We have a new music class on Tuesday mornings. The residents really get to rocking! They can play those instruments and drums.

Everybody enjoyed the Christian Buffet last Thursday night hosted by the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. It is such a treat to have supper catered by the different churches in Hansford County. Every church brings a different menu when they come. The residents and staff look forward to each and every one of the Christian Buffets. It is such a great time for visiting and eating.

This week we are looking forward to several things. We are having a poor man's party on the 16th (day after taxes you know). Then we will color easter eggs to be served to the residents on Easter Sunday. The residents are busily working on two separate craft articles. One is a cross that is draped with purple ribbon and the other is ceramic easter eggs to adorn their rooms. We will host all of the kindergarten classes on Friday the 18th for refreshments and a big easter egg hunt that morning and we will have the monthly birthday party the afternoon of the 18th. The auxiliary always brings delicious pies for dessert for the party and we have music and dancing.

Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Level--April 14, 2003-- 28.10 feet, 57 degrees

The fishermen at the lake are still waiting for the spring good spell. Fish are being caught, and Saturday Jim saw a man cleaning 3 crappie, but it had taken all day in a boat to get them. Jim's records show the middle of April as the usual time the better fishing starts.

There were a number of campers

with part of them on the shore line; 6 of them behind the dam at the plug-ins and 3 on the office side. One of the fun groups was made of the Ronnie, Williams family, Buster Davis family, and Steve Ryan, all of Gruver. Jim said he enjoys welcoming back the families he hasn't seen all winter who are now returning to camp.

This is a good time to show the

small children the turkeys, as the gobblers are doing a lot of calling and strutting.

Spring flowers are coming out in more numbers. There is more of the purple hebit in Dedication Park than usual. The winecup poppies are some later. Most of the trees are in some stage of leaf. This is a good time of the year to hike in the Park and make your own trail.

The pelicans have gone. The cliff swallows have not returned to make their mud jug-like nests on the intake tower, but they should be arriving soon.

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SHS Sports

LYNX, LYNXETTES GOLF District Tournament

The Spearman Lynx placed 1st, followed by Canadian and Panhandle in the District Golf Tournament held April 1st and 7th.

Varsity Boys

Travis Brown 74+77=151, 1st Place Medalist
Tracy Brown 82+78=160, 2nd Medalist
Brodie Savage 79+81=160, 3rd Medalist

Varsity Girls

Tanner Hand 80+87=176
Lance Baker 94+93=187

Junior Varsity Boys

Wade Evans 109+99=208
Justin Parker 91 95=186
Caleb Gillaspie 93+89=182
Mark Thomas 98+112=210
Orie Cooksey 124+109=233
Chris Cudd 138+133=271
John Thomas 123+127=250

TENNIS

District Tournament

The Spearman Lynx and Lynxettes each qualified a doubles team and a single player for regional competition.

Kevin Beedy and Adam Cherry were District Champions in Doubles, and Garrett Griffin was District Runner Up in Singles.

Lindsey Short was District Champion in Singles, and Jordan Short and Keilee Goodheart were District Runner Up in Doubles.

Boys Singles

Garrett Griffin 6, 6 vs Luginbyhl (West Texas) 0, 0; Griffin 3, 7, 6 vs #1 seed Lidzy (Boys Ranch) 6, 6, 3; Finals: Griffin 5, 6, 6 vs Culver (Canadian) 7, 3, 7
Brandon Nava 4 vs Brew (Boys Ranch) 8

Russell Sheets 1, 0 vs Herbert (Boys Ranch) 6, 6

Ashley Pillow 8 vs Phillips (West Texas) 1; Pillow 8 vs Witcher (Canadian) 3; Pillow 1 vs Evans (Boys Ranch) 8; 3rd Place: Pillow 8 vs Stucki (Canadian) 0

Boys Doubles

Kevin Beedy/Adam Cherry 6, 6 vs Gardiner/Mau (Panhandle) 0, 0; Semi-Finals: Beedy/Cherry 6, 6 vs Isaacs/Young (Canadian) 0, 0; Finals: Beedy/Cherry 6, 6 vs Wilson/Jones (West Texas) 0, 0

Girls Singles

Lindsey Short 6, 6 vs Baldwin (West Texas) 0, 0; Semi-Finals: L. Short 6, 6 vs Betz (Boys Ranch) 0, 0; Finals: L. Short 6, 6 vs Hector (Canadian) 0, 0

Jessica Blan 9 vs Hathorne (West Texas) 8; Blan 6 vs Reyna Ruiz (Spearman) 8

C. Ochoa 4 vs Lopez (Canadian) 8
Miranda Paul 8 vs Mojico (Panhandle) 0; Paul 8 vs Soria (Panhandle) 2; Paul 7 vs Ruiz (Spearman) 9; 3rd Place: Paul 9 vs Lope (Canadian) 8

Tonya Hart 3, 6, 4 vs Oldenburg (Boys Ranch) 6, 4, 6

Reyan Ruiz 8 vs Vasquez (Canadian) 1; Ruiz 8 vs Blan (Spearman) 6; Semi-Finals: Ruiz 9 vs Paul (Spearman) 7; Finals: Rui

5 vs Winegarner (Spearman) 8
Abby Winegarner 8 vs Escamilla (Panhandle) 2; Winegarner 8 vs Jennings (Boys Ranch) 4; Semi-Finals: Winegarner 8 vs Lopez (Canadian) 5; Finals: Winegarner 8 vs Rui (Spearman) 5

Girls Doubles

Jordan Short/Keilee Goodheart vs Bye; Short/Goodheart 6, 6 vs Meaker/Looten (Panhandle) 0, 0; Semi-Finals: Short/Goodheart 6, 6 vs Forest/Schafer (Canadian) 0, 1; Finals: Short/Goodheart 1, 2 vs Gullett/Isaacs (Canadian) 6, 6
Elsa Vargas/Ashley Hernandez vs Bye; Vargas/Hernandez 6, 6 vs McReynolds/Guerreo (Boys Ranch) 0, 0; Semi-Finals: Vargas/Hernandez 0, 3 vs Gullett/Isaacs (Canadian) 6, 6; Third Place: Vargas/Hernandez 1, 2 vs Forest/Schafer (Canadian) 6, 6

LYNXETTE TENNIS

Spearman Tournament

The Spearman Lynxettes participated in the Spearman Tournament on March, 2003.

Results are as follows:

Girls Singles

Lindsey Short 7, 6 vs Fitzgerald (Gruver) 6, 0; Semi-Finals: L. Short 6, 6 vs Gage (Perryton) 1, 0; Finals: L. Short 6, 6 vs Wilkins (Perryton) 4, 3
Tonya Hart 3, 7, 6 vs Barkley (Gruver) 6, 6, 0; Semi-Finals: Hart 0, 0 vs Wilkins (Perryton) 6, 6; 3rd Place: Hart 0, 0 vs Gage (Perryton) 6, 6

Girls Doubles

Keilee Goodheart/Jordan Short 6, 6 vs Mann/Mathews (Perryton) 2, 0; Semi-Finals: Goodheart/J. Short 6, 6 vs Warninski/Farmer (White Deer) 0, 0; Finals: Goodheart/J. Short 7, 6 vs Johnson/Grotegut (Gruver) 5, 1
Elsa Vargas/Ashley Hernandez 2, 6, 4 vs Carroll/Jennings (Perryton) 6, 2, 6; Vargas/Hernandez: Bye; Consolation Finals: Vargas/Hernandez 6, 6 vs May/Christian (Gruver) 3, 2

Canyon Tournament

The Spearman Lynxettes participated in the Canyon Tournament on March, 2003.

Results are as follows:

Girls Singles

Lindsey Short vs Bye; L. Short 8 vs Conrad (Gruver) 0; L. Short 8 vs Hart (Spearman) 0; L. Short: 8 vs Mann (Perryton) 0; Semi-Finals: L. Short 6, 6 vs Chism (San Jacinto) 0, 0; Finals: L. Short 6, 3, 6 vs Osbourne (Wheeler) 4, 6, 0

Tonya Hart 8 vs Routan (Dalhart) 0; Hart 8 vs Lujan (Hart) 1; Hart 0 vs Short (Spearman) 8

Girls Doubles

Jordan Short/Keilee Goodheart vs Bye; Short/Goodheart 8 vs Walker/Sutterfield (Sunray) 0; Short/Goodheart 8 vs Hill/Hill (Miami) 4; Short/Goodheart 8 vs Hill/Hill (Hedley) 3; Short/Goodheart 1, 0 vs Dunavin/Parsley (Vega) 6, 6; Finished 3rd Place: Short/Goodheart 6, 6 vs Woodard/Bolin (Hedley) 1, 0
Elsa Vargas/Ashley Hernandez 8 vs Murphree/ Barrett (Friona) 3; Vargas/Hernandez 8 vs Crane/Williams (Boys Ranch) 0; Vargas/Hernandez 1 vs Johnson/Grotegut (Gruver) 8

Amarillo Relays

The Spearman Lynxettes participated in the Amarillo Relays on March, 2003.

Results are as follows:

Girls Singles

Lindsey Short vs Bye; Short 8 vs Barkley (Gruver) 0; Short 6, 6 vs Johnson (Lubbock) 0, 0; Short 6, 6 vs Gerber (Nazareth) 1, 4; Finished 3rd Place: L. Short 1, 2 vs Sogaard (Trinity) 6, 6

Tonya Hart vs Default ; Hart 8 vs MCRight (Wellington) 0; Hart 6 vs Fischbacher (Vega) 8

Girls Doubles

Jordan Short/Keilee Goodheart vx Bye; Short/Goodheart 8 vs Carol/Jennings (Perryton) 3; Short/Goodheart 5, 6, 6 vs Acker/Birkenfiled (Nazareth) 7, 4, 1; Short/Goodheart 3, 6, 6 vs Hill/Hill (Hedley) 6, 3, 1; Finished 3rd Place: Short/Goodheart 6, 3, 4 vs Gullett/Issacs (Canadian) 2, 6, 6
Elsa Vargas/Ashley Hernandez 8 vs Cao/Phommasaki (Palo Duro) 0; Vargas/Hernandez 8 vs Gomez/Garcia (Caprock) 0; Vargas/Hernandez 2 vs Johnson/Grotegut (Gruver) 6, 6

JV LYNXETTE TENNIS

Spearman Tournament

The Spearman JV Lynxettes participated in the Spearman vs. Dalhart Dual Meet in Spearman on March, 2003.

Results are as follows:

Girls Singles

Reyna Ruiz 9 vs Sells 7
Rossilyn Bulls 2 vs Walker 8; Bulls 8 vs Brown 5
Abby Winegarner 8 vs Walker 4; Winegarner 8 vs Leaton 3 ; Winegarner 8 vs Sells 2
Jessica Blan 8 vs Brown 6; Blan 1 vs Sells 8
Christina Ochoa 8 vs Brown 2; Ochoa 5 vs Leaton 8

Girls Doubles

Ochoa/Ruiz 8 vs Walker/Leaton 2

LYNX TENNIS

Amarillo Tournament

The Spearman Lynx participated in the Amarillo Tournament on March, 2003.

Results are as follows:

Boys Singles

Kevin Beedy/Adam Cherry Bye; Quarterfinals: Beedy/Cherry 8 vs Godsey/Padilla (Trinity Fellowship) 0; Semi-Finals: Beedy/Cherry 8 vs Holt/Wigington (Memphis) 0; Finals: Beedy/Cherry 8 vs Hayes/Riley (Trinity Fellowship) 0

Boys Doubles

Russell Sheets 4 vs Holsey (Tulia) 8; Bye; Sheets 6 vs Hy (Palo Duro) 8
Ashley Pillow 2 vs Nguyen (Palo Duro) 8; Pillow 9 vs Danelson (Tascosa) 8; Pillow 7 vs Adams (Tascosa) 9

Spearman Tournament

The Spearman Lynx participated in the Spearman Tournament on March, 2003.

Results are as follows:

Boys Doubles

Kevin Beedy/Adam Cherry 6, 6 vs Cooper/Borunda (Gruver) 0, 1; Semi-Finals: Beedy/Cherry 6, 6 vs Francis/Rhoden (Perryton) 0, 0; Finals: Beedy/Cherry 6, 6 vs Griffin/Sheets (Spearman) 0, 2
Russell Sheets/Garrett Griffin 6, 6 vs Parsley/Earley (White Deer) 3, 1; Semi-Finals: Sheets/Griffin 6, 6 vs Stewart/Boyd (Gruver) 4, 3; Finals: Sheets/Griffin 0, 2 vs Beedy/Cherry (Spearman) 6, 6

Canyon Tournament

The Spearman Lynx participated in the Canyon Tournament on March, 2003.

Results are as follows:

Boys Singles

Garrett Griffin/Russell Sheets 8 vs Craig/Montano (Boys Ranch) 1; Griffin/Sheets 1 vs Roach/Roach (Miami) 8

Boys Doubles

Ashley Pillow 2 vs Schaffer (Groom) 8; Pillow vs Bye; Pillow 9 vs Amador (Lockney) 7; Pillow 6 vs Navarette (Perryton) 8

Amarillo Relays

The Spearman Lynx participated in the Amarillo Relays on March, 2003.

Results are as follows:

Boys Doubles

Kevin Beedy/Adam Cherry vs Bye; Beedy/Cherry 8 vs Parsley/Farley (White Deer) 0; Beedy/Cherry 6, 6 vs Rundell/Hoelting (Nazareth) 1, 1; Beedy/Cherry 6, 6 vs Berry/Burns (Canadian) 0, 0; Beedy/Cherry 6, 6 vs Hofferber/Basye (Canyon) 0, 0; Beedy/Cherry 6, 6 vs Roach/Roach (Miami) 1, 1; Beedy/Cherry Win the Amarillo Relay Championship

Boys Singles

Ashley Pillow 5 vs Brockman (Nazareth) 8; Pillow vs Bye; Pillow 9 vs Hoffman (Canyon) 8; Pillow 6 vs Wilson (Childress) 8

JUNIOR HIGH TRACK

Sunray Track Meet

The Spearman Lynx and Lynxettes Junior High participated in the Stratford Relays on February 28th and March 1st.

Results are listed below:

7th Grade Girls

The 7th Grade Lynxettes won the track meet with 159 points. Individual results were: Kylee Howard - 1st place in the 100M and 200M hurdles, Brittney Bradley - 3rd place in the 100M hurdles, Kendall Schneider - 2nd place discus, Callie Cazares - 2nd

place in the 100M dash and 3rd in the high jump, Jessica Diaz - 1st place in the 1600M run, and Amy Brown - 2nd place in the 2400M run. Way to go!!

8th Grade Girls

The 8th Grade Lynxettes placed 4th in the track meet.

The individual results were: 2nd place in the 800M relay (Jordanna Lozano, Kelcee Rex, Karina Hernandez, Saylee Flowers), Kelcee Rex - 1st place in the 100M dash, 2nd place in the 200M dash and long jump, and 3rd in the triple jump.

by Callie Cazares

7th Grade Boys

Individual results for the 7th Grade Lynx were: Tyler Rex - 2nd place in the 400M run and Jeremy Frost - 2nd place in the 110M hurdles.

8th Grade Boys

The 8th Grade Lynx were 1st place in the track meet. Individual results were:

1st Place Finishers: Roberto Flores - triple jump, Stuart Martin - 110M and 200M hurdles, 800M relay (Bryn Garnett, Bryan Thomas, Aaron Maestas, Roberto Flores), Collin Gillaspie - high jump, Lance Huddleston - 2400M run.

2nd Place Finishers: Stuart Martin - pole vault, Collin Gillaspie - 110M hurdles, Bryn Garnett - 200M hurdles, Lance Huddleston - 800M run, Roberto Flores - long jump.

3rd Place Finishers: Alek Mires - shot put and discus, Roberto Flores - 400M run, Jordan Sweat - 1200M run, Anthony Renteria - 800M run.

by Aaron Maestas

Canadian Track Meet

The Spearman Lynx and Lynxettes Junior High participated in the Canadian Track Meet on March 7th and 8th.

Results are listed below.

7th Grade Girls

Callie Cazares: 400 M Relay 3rd, Mile Relay 1st Brittney Bradley: 400 M Relay 3rd Clara Kern: 400 M Relay 3rd, 800 M Relay 1st, 200 M Dash 3rd, Discus 3rd Kendall Schneider: 400 M Relay 3rd Amy Brown: Mile Relay 1st Jessica Diaz: 800 M Relay 1st, Mile Relay 1st, Pole Vault 1st, 800 M Run 3rd, 1200 M Run 3rd Kylee Howard: Mile Relay 1st, 200 M Hurdles 1st, 100 M Hurdles 1st, Triple Jump 2nd, Long Jump 3rd Mattie Davis: 800 M Relay 1st, 1st Christy Lang: 800 M Relay 1st, 800 M Run 1st, 1200 M Run 2nd.

The seventh grade girls ended up 1st place overall.

8th Grade Girls

Kelcee Rex: 100 M Dash 1st, 200 M Dash 1st, 800 M Relay 2nd, Long Jump 3rd, Triple Jump 3rd Jordanna Lozano: 800 M Relay 2nd Saylee Flowers: 800 M Relay 2nd Erica Davila: 800 M Relay 2nd

The eighth grade girls ended up 4th place overall.

by Saylee Flowers

7th Grade Boys

The 7th Grade Lynx got 5th place in the track meet.

Individual Results: Tyler Rex - 2nd place in the pole vault, 800M relay - 5th, and Jeremy Frost - 4th place in the 110M hurdles.

8th Grade Boys

The 8th Grade Lynx got 2nd place in the Canadian Track Meet with 125 points.

Individual Results: 800M relay - 2nd place and Collin Gillaspie - 1st place in the pole vault and high jump

by Stuart Martin

Letter Policy

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman welcomes letters to the editor on any subject. All letters must be signed and will be published with the name of the writer. Letters must include an address and telephone number for verification. Letters should be kept at a reasonable length. The editor reserves the right to edit all letters. Any letter may be rejected for publication without reason. Letters that are libelous and/or slanderous will not be published. The deadline to submit letters is noon on Monday. Letters in support or opposition to political candidates will not be published. Persons wishing to publically support political candidates in this newspaper are invited to purchase an ad.

It's A Boy!

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GHS Sports

GREYHOUND TENNIS District Tournament

The girls doubles tennis team of Sammie Johnson and Laina Grotegut, the district runner-up doubles team from last year, narrowly missed a trip to the regional tournament with a third place finish in the district tennis meet.

Girls Doubles

Johnson/Grotegut 6, 6 vs Farnum/Warminski (White Deer) 0, 0; Johnson/Grotegut 6, 6 vs Upton/Rodriguez (Memphis) 1, 0; Johnson/Grotegut 0, 1 vs Abdullah/Abdullah (Clarendon) 6, 6; Johnson/Grotegut 6, 6 vs Leven/Jones (Wheeler) 0, 1; Johnson/Grotegut 2, 4 vs Parsley/Dunivan (Vega) 6, 6; Julie May/Kristina Christian 2, 6 vs Ashley/York (Stratford) 6, 6

Girls Singles

Laci Fitzgearld 3, 7, 6 vs Davis (Wellington) 6, 5, 1; Laci Fitzgearld 3, 2 vs Hopping (Memphis) 6, 6

Boys Doubles

The boys doubles team of Carlos Borunda and Cass Cooper, who took fourth place, was the only boys team to place in the district meet.

Cooper/Borunda 6, 6 vs Harper/Broxson (Sunray) 2, 3; Cooper/Borunda 6, 3, 6 vs Glassey/Moore (Wheeler) 0, 6, 4; Cooper/Borunda 6, 6 vs Thornberry/Shelton (Clarendon); Cooper/Borunda lost to Kelp/Hawley (White Deer)

Boys Singles

Garrett Miner 6, 6 vs York (Stratford) 0, 0; Garrett Miner 5, 4 vs Lalande (Memphis) 7, 6; Matt Messer 6, 6 vs Ferrell (White Deer) 0, 0; Matt Messer 4, 6, 4 vs Reagan (Booker) 6, 4, 6

GREYHOUND GOLF Shamrock Tournament

The Gruver Hounds and Lady Hounds participated in the Shamrock Golf Tournament on March 17th and 18th.

Lady Hounds and their scores were: Katie Jones 102, Lanie Graves 132, Callie Hargis 138, Kelly Jones 142, and Lori Swink 144.

Hounds and their scores were Lance Williams 93, Cody Mac Been 96, Hunter Beville 100, Colt Cluck 106 and Ryan Rennick 126.

Canadian Tournament

The Gruver Hounds and Lady Hounds participated in the Canadian Golf Tournament on March 24th and 25th.

Lady Hounds' scores were: Katie Jones 91, Laina Grotegut 109, Callie Hargis 134, Lanie Graves 136, Kelly Jones 142.

Hound golf team members and their scores were: Hunter Beville 92, Cody Mac Been 92, Lance Williams 104, Reid Winger 115 and Blane Tolleson 122.

District Tournament

A district meet of chilly temperatures and blustery winds was not the GHS golfers cup of tea.

Katie Jones, who advanced as an individual last year to regional competition, fell just one stroke short of her return bid.

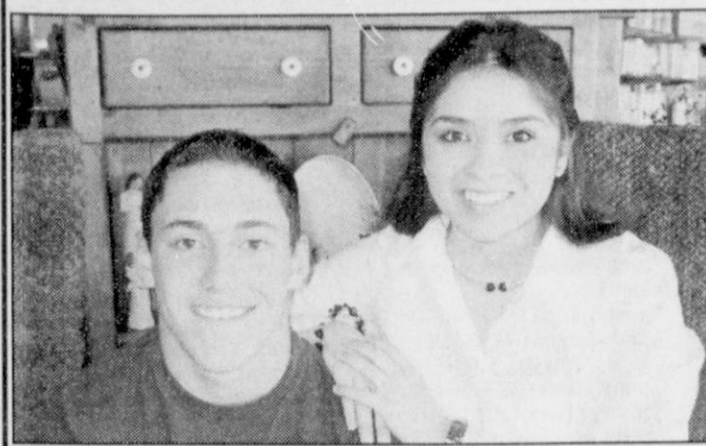
Jones had scores of 110 and 100 for a total of 210 for the meet to pace the Gruver girls team.

Other Lady Hound golfers and their scores are Laina Grotegut 118, 114 - 210; Callie Hargis 126, 125 - 251; Lanie Groves 130, 128 - 258; Lori Swink 130, 129 - 259; and Kelly Jones 130, 131 - 261.

Cody Mac Been led the Gruver boys team with rounds of 85 and 86 for a total of 180.

Other Hound golfers and their scores were Lance Williams 94, 88 - 182; Hunter Beville 93, 90 - 183; Colt Cluck 115, 99 - 214; Reid Winger 110, 108 - 218; Blane Tolleson 121, 104 - 225; Bailey Reid 129, 109 - 241; Sheldon Atwood 120, 121 - 241; Ryan Rennick 118, 126 - 244; and Seth Clemmons 124, 121 - 245.

SHS February Students of the Month



The Spearman High School December Students of the Month are Scott Sauer and Lucy Villa.

Scott is the son of Randall and Janet Sauer.

He is a member of the National Honor Society, National Honor Roll, Who's Who Among American High School Students, named Academic All State in Football, placed 1st in the Small School Academic Competition for Region 6, attended Boys State and is a letterman in Football, Basketball and Track.

Scott stated Mr. Murdock and Mr. Mitchell were the teachers who had the most influence on him.

After graduation he plans to attend Oklahoma State University and major in pre-med.

Lucy is the daughter of Lilia Villa.

She attended Texas Bluebonnet Girls' State in Seguin last summer, was active in cross country and track for two years, National Honor Society for three years, received the English I Pre-AP award her freshman year and the Web Mastering award her junior year. Was involved in newspaper her sophomore year. In UIL, she has participated in Literary Criticism, placing 6th in district her sophomore year, and is participating in Editorial Writing and Ready Writing this year.

Lucy said Mrs. Rowland was the teacher who most influenced her. After graduation she hopes to attend the University of Texas at San Antonio, majoring in mass communications or advertising.

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Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 3, 2003, for voting in a School Board election, to elect 2 (two) school board members.

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abridn desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 3 de Mayo de 2002 para elejir dos miembros para el Condejo de la escuela.)

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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE CITY OF GRUVER

A public meeting will be held April 28, 2003 at 5:00 at the Gruver City Hall to discuss a grant application with the USDA Rural Development office for a loan to purchase a new trash truck.

NOTICE

Special Education records held by Perryton Special Education Shared Service Arrangement, Perryton, Texas is giving notice to destroy the Special Education records of students with disabilities (including speech) who graduated or were dismissed from Special Education between June, 1993 and June, 1994.

These records involve students who attended the following schools: Perryton ISD, Spearman ISD, Booker ISD, Follett ISD and Darrouzett ISD. Parents or students have the right to obtain these records rather than have them destroyed.

If you wish to have these records, please contact:
Marsha Murphy, Director
402 Amherst
Perryton, Texas 79070
(806) 435-4412

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NOTICE

Spearman ISD is trying to locate children who are currently enrolled in home school and/or private school who may need special education services to enable them to progress in their education. Students who meet eligibility criteria for special education services may be able to access some of these services through the public school. If you feel your child is in need of or you know of a child in need of such services, please contact the superintendent of schools, Rod Sumner, or Marsha Murphy, director of special education services, at 659-3233.

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Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

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Dist/Div: Amarillo
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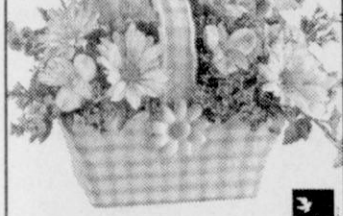
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CITY OF SPEARMAN

The City of Spearman, Texas met in regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 30 SW Court, on March 18, 2003 with Mayor Steve Benton presiding. Aldermen present: Ron Antalek, Brian Gillispie, Scot Martin and Charles Elliott. Staff present: City Manager Robert Patrick, City Secretary Cheryl Gibson-Salgado, Public Works Director Danny Parker and EMS Director Kevin McDonald. No visitors present.

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m. Mayor Benton declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Alderman Gillispie gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of the minutes of the regular city council meeting held February 18, 2003.

Consideration of the monthly fire, ambulance, police and animal control, municipal court, solid waste, sales tax and water/wastewater reports for February and the natural gas report for January.

Consideration of the monthly bills payable for February and the current cash position.

Consideration of the revenue and expense report for February.

Motion was made by Gillispie to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on February 18, 2003;

AND

Approve the monthly fire, ambulance, police, animal control, municipal court, solid waste, sales tax, and water/wastewater reports for February and the natural gas report for January;

AND

Approve the bills payable for February in the amount of \$293,638.88 and the current cash position;

AND

Approve the Revenue and Expense report for February. Second by Martin. Motion unanimously carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

Consideration of approving resolution #203, a resolution of the City of Spearman, Texas authorizing intervention in project no. 27363 relating to the application of Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP to establish expanded local calling service (ELCS) surcharges for recovery of the ELCS residual and authorizing the hiring of experts to provide effective representation in project no. 27363 and related proceedings.

Motion was made by Antalek to approve Resolution #2-03. Second by Gillispie. Motion unanimously carried.

Consideration of ordinance #734, an ordinance amending Chapter 1, Article 6, Section 1-86, fees, of the Emergency Medical Services of the Spearman City Code; increasing fees for H&S Emergency Medical Services; and providing for an effective date.

Motion was made by Reed to adopt Ordinance #734. Second by Martin. Motion carried with Antalek abstaining.

Consideration of declaring certain City Property as surplus.

Motion was made by Gillispie to declare the following city property surplus equipment:

1982 GMC	Pickup
2GTEC14D9C1519640	
1982 Chev	Pickup
1GTEC14D2CS505868	
1972 Intl	Backhoe
2740160U001247	

Second by Reed. Motion unanimously carried.

OTHER

No action was taken.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Elliott to adjourn and second by Reed. Mayor Benton declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

SPEARMAN ISD

The Board of Trustees of the Spearman Independent School District met in a Regular Meeting on March 24, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

Mrs. Carol Dunnihoo, Vice 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.

RECOGNITION

Bob Hill was recognized as the March Employee of the Month for Spearman ISD and presented with a plaque.

Mr. Sumner presented a certificate to Mr. Wiggins from the National Center for Educational Accountability for the Junior High being named to the "Just for Kids High-Performing Schools" list because of the high academic performance of students in 2000, 2001 and 2002.

DISCUSSION/REPORT(S)

Mr. Sumner reviewed the 2001-2002 At-Risk Program Evaluation and discussed the thirteen criteria used in identifying at-risk students who are eligible to receive supplemental services. He stated that there were 239 identified as at-risk students this past year. In addition, he reviewed the disparity between at-risk student's scores on the TAAS test compared to all students.

Mr. Sumner presented the TAKS 3rd Grade Reading Scores/Student Success Initiative. Mr. Sumner indicated that 43 out of 45 3rd grade stu-

dents taking the TAKS test passed. The overall passing percentage was 96%. The board complimented the elementary staff for all of their hard work and effort in preparing their students for this new test.

ACTION ITEMS

Approved consent items:
1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2003 and Called Meeting of February 24, 2003.
2. Paying the bills in the amount of \$176,705.44.

Awarded the gas and diesel bid to Spearman Equity for the month of April 2003.

Approved the financial report as presented.

Approved Budget Amendment Number 6.

Extended the Bank Depository Contract with First National Bank for an additional two-year term from 09/01/2003 through 08/31/2005.

Approved the Resolution for Internet Banking with First National Bank.

Approved the 2003-2004 Instructional Calendar for Spearman I.S.D. as presented.

Approved the At-Risk Program and Guidelines.

Approved Dyslexia Program and Guidelines.

Approved the District Technology Plan.

Approved the Internet Safety Policy.

Approved the adoption of all the textbooks up for adoption for Social Studies.

Declared the 1990 Chevrolet bus as surplus to be put in the auction at Region 16 ESC in April.

Approved the OEY Formal Program selection criteria.

No action was taken on the Resolution Against Vouchers.

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENT ITEM(S)

Student enrollment for Spearman I.S.D. is 738 as of March 24, 2003.

A substitute teacher report was provided for the dates from January 20 through February 17, 2003. The substitute cost for this period was \$8,857.50 and the yearly total was \$39,590.00.

Reminded members of the District Education Improvement Committee meeting to be held on April 10, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

Larry Murphy explained the Target Take Charge of Education School Fundraising program.

CLOSED MEETING

PERSONNEL MATTERS
Personnel Matters - Consider Contract Renewals of Professional Certified Personnel.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN MEETING
Approved contract renewals of Elementary, Junior High and High School Professional Certified

Personnel as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:11 p.m.

GLADIOLA FLOWER CLUB

The Gladiola Flower Club held their Spring Luncheon on March 20 in the home of Virginia Trindle.

The tables were decorated in a spring theme with beautiful teapot arrangements and brightly colored sachet bags as favors.

The hostesses served a delicious lunch to the following: Pam Schnell, Lorene Kunselman, Wanda Brown, June Jackson, Dorothy Buzzard, Muriel Boyd, Verna Brown, Eloise Renner, Norma Jean Mackie, Gwen Smith, Virginia Trindle, Betty Jean Davis, and Judy Yarbrough.

Betty Jean gave the blessing. The meeting was called to order, the minutes were read, and the treasurers report was given. Members signed up for Meals on Wheels and discussed their annual scholarship to be given in May. A beautiful teapot arrangement was won by Muriel Boyd.

GLADIOLA FLOWER CLUB

The Gladiola Flower Club met April 3, 2002, at the Panhandle Diner and Deli with June Jackson as hostess. Peggy Winegarner gave the

program on "It's the Berries."

The meeting was called to order, and the minutes were read. The yearly home tour was discussed. A home grown arrangement was won by Muriel Boyd. Members present were Charlsie Baker, Verna Brown, Dorothy Buzzard, Betty Jean Davis, Margaret Evans, Ann Flowers, June Jackson, Lorene Kunselman, Nora Jean Mackie, Eloise Renner, Gwen Smith, Virginia Trindle, Judy Yarbrough, Muriel Boyd, and Wanda Brown.

The next meeting will be April 17, in the home of Ann Flowers.

HANSFORD HOSPICE

Hansford Hospice Volunteers met on Monday, March 10, 2003 at El Vaquero in Gruver.

After hugs were exchanged, members enjoyed a meal together.

Carolyn Hicks introduced Glenda Renner, who gave a very interesting and entertaining program on Learning to Forgive and Serving Others.

President Verna Lee Shirley presided at the meeting.

After the minutes were read and approved, it was reported that on March 17th a bereavement class would begin at the Church of Christ. Anyone interested should contact Leonard Harper.

Rosetta Barrera reported on the

conference in Albuquerque. She and Deatta plan to attend.

Discussion was held regarding hosting Bingo at the Manor in April, and the delivery of Meals on Wheels for two weeks in May.

Carolyn Hicks reported that the April 14th program would be the Harrington Cancer Center chaplain, Gerry Kelley.

The minister's training class will be held March 25th in Amarillo. There has been a good response from local ministers, with approximately 15 planning to attend.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

GRUVER ISD

In a special meeting of the Gruver ISD Board of Trustees, the board received Rod Been, Craig Cooper, Randy Reid, Todd Williams, Paula Williams, Ty Williams, Jerry Williams, Rita Williams, and Debbie Chisum.

After reviewing the 2003-2004 budget workshop, the board entered executive session for one hour and 10 minutes before returning to open session and adjourning.

Board members present were Benny Wilson, Terry Sherrill, Mike Yanke, Jody Irwin, Paul Stavlo, Buddy Lowe, Jr., Davin Winger, and Superintendent David Teal.

Supporting Those Who Serve —

Several people have inquired about the mailing addresses for Hansford County servicemen and women. Several school classes and individuals are wishing to offer their support and thanks to these people during this time of conflict.

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman is asking family members of ALL military men and women to submit the name, branch of service, rank, address, e-mail, and location (if possible) for their loved ones. This list will be published and will also be distributed to the schools in Hansford County.

Please submit names even if the address has not changed. Names will not be released without permission from a family member. Thank you in advance for your help.

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If you have "adopted" a soldier please contact the Reporter-Statesman. We are keeping a list of the soldiers who have been adopted and by whom in an effort to ensure that everyone will receive mail and packages of encouragement during this difficult time.

Note for corresponding with military personnel stationed in the Persian Gulf:

DO NOT PUT INDIVIDUAL RANK on letters or packages.
If mailing packages, make them small, as these go through the mailing process faster. Mail of all classes must fit in a mail sack. Mail may not exceed 66 pounds.
When mailing packages, you must fill out form 2976 or 2976-A (you get this form at the post office). Articles are liable for customs duty and/or purchase tax unless they are bona fide gifts intended for use by military personnel or their dependents, the mailer must endorse the customs form, "Certified to be a bona fide gift, personal effects, or items for personal use of military personnel and dependents," under the heading, Description of Contents.

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