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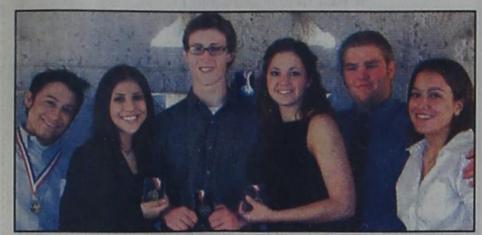
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# SHS One-Act Play Advances To Area Competition



Six SHS castmembers received honors at the District One-Act Play contest. (L-R) Michael Lozano was named All-Star Cast, Cristal Alverado was named Best Actress, Josh Chambers was named All-Star Cast and Dana McLaughlin and Josh Derrington received honorable mention. Emily Longoria received the Best Technician award.

On Tuesday, March 30, 2004, Spearman High School won the District One-Act Play title for the second year in a row. The cast and crew, under the direction of Tony Sidwell, was selected as one of two productions to advance to the Area competition to be held on Thursday, April 8th. West Texas High School of Stinnett was also selected to advance.

Spearman High School's one-act play, "The Terezin Promise," was one of four plays chosen to advance from zone competition last week to compete in the district contest. Other plays advancing to the district contest were Highland Park, Panhandle and Stinnett.

At Zone competition, Cristal Alverado was named Best Actress and Dana McLaughlin was selected to the All-Star Cast. Michael Lusby, Michel Huffaker and Linzi McCubbin received honorable mention.

Cast members receiving honors at District competition included Cristal Alverado as Best Actress. Michael Lozano and Josh Chambers were selected to the All-Star Cast and Josh Derrington and Dana McLaughlin received honorable mention. Emily Longoria received the Best Technician award for her work as light director.

The play is about the liberation of the Terezin concentration camp, and the Nazis are in retreat, desperate to destroy evidence of their crimes. While some prisoners escape, hidden in the confusion of the retreat, Raja Englanderova remains to keep a promise she made to their teacher, Irena: she will not leave without the drawings and poems of the Terezin children.

She convinces her friends and Hanus, the leader of the boys' group, that they must find the buried bundles and hidden suitcases before the Nazis destroy the camp and them with it.

Their search is ended by a wounded Nazi soldier who finds them in the attic and threatens them with his weapon.

Across the room the Hitler youth and the youth of Terezin challenge each other for survival - the soldier wants to save his honor and go home; Hanus wants to revenge years of hunger, slavery and humiliation. Raja wants to keep the promise - save the drawings and poems and take them to Prague.

In the end, strengthened by Irena's lessons of healing and hope, they leave revenge and anger in the past. With the survival of the Terezin children safe in two large battered suitcases, they walk out through the gates of Terezin toward Prague, free - and hopeful.

The cast is composed of Cristal Alverado as Raja, Michel Huffaker as Irena, Dana McLaughlin as Eva/Child, Linzi McCubbin as Helga/Child, Michael Lozano as Hanus/Child, Collin Gillaspie as Petr/Child, Clayton Smith as Rudi/Child and Joshua Chambers as Nicholas/Child.

Ryan Ramon, Adriana Mendoza, Timberly Thomas and Rossilyn Bulls are Young Children/Ensemble and Lance Huddleston, Joshua Derrington and Chris Cudd are Camp Guards/Nazi Soldiers.

Stage crew members include Ashlee Flowers (stage director), Homer Martinez (computer graphics), Lisha Whitefield (sound) and Emily Longoria (lights). Alternates are Brandon Nava, K'Lee Ratzlaff, Keith Sumner and Nicole Worley.



The cast of "The Terezin Promise" - (Back, L-R) Collin Gillaspie, Rossilyn Bulls, Josh Derrington, Lance Huddleston, Chris Cudd, Adriana Mendoza and Timber Thomas; (Middle, L-R) Michael Lozano, Dana McLaughlin, Linzi McCubbin, Michael (Biti) Huffaker, Cristal Alverado, Clayton Smith and Ryan Ramon; (Front) Josh Chambers

# Local Students To Play In All-Star Basketball Games

by Harletta Carthel

Three outstanding Hansford County basketball players have been selected to play in the Texas Golden Spread High School All Star Games April 8, 9, and 10 at the West Texas A&M Events Center in Canyon.

Keilee Goodheart Spearman along with Cassie Myatt and Carlos Borunda of Gruver will be competing in the games which seek to recognize outstanding players in the Texas Panhandle and Eastern New Mexico area and to provide them with a final opportunity to showcase their talents before college coaches.

Goodheart will be a member of the East team which will play their first game Thursday, April

8 at 6:00 p.m. Myatt and Borunda will be members of the North girls and boys teams, respectively, which will play their first game Friday,

Carlos Borunda





Keilee Goodheart

Hansford County Reporter Statesman was tapped for honors by the Panhandle Press Association at its convention in Amarillo over the week-

In competition with other weeklies in the Texas Panhandle, South Plains, and parts of New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Kansas, the Reporter Statesman won four plaques for a first place, two second place, and one third place wins and four certificates

for honorable mention honors. Harletta Carthel won first place in the Serious Columns division for her 99 cent columns on Losing A Friend (the death of the family Beagle), Smallville Athletes (the responsibilities of athletes in a small community), and Gruver Bids Farewell To Medical clinic (the story of the sale of the Gruver Medical

Clinic.) Catherine Smith took second place wins in Special Sections with her May 22 graduation edition and her layout of the Society and Lifestyles pages of the January 19, March 20, and May 3 editions of the Reporter

Statesman. Carthel won third place in the Best News Writing category with "Gone With The Wind," a story on the tornado damage of AGCO Buzzard Elevator, "West Nile Virus Confirmed In County,' and "'Watt a Giant!' Wind Turbine Erected In Hansford County."

The Reporter Statesman gathered an Honorable Mention award in Best Sports Photography with Charlie Johnson's action football photos of September 4 and September 11, and Gary Smith's action football picture of September 4.

In Best Feature Photography, the Reporter Statesman took Honorable Mention with Clayton Smith's picture of young Corbin Hughes trying his hands at drumming during Heritage Days and Harletta Carthel's pictures of the poinsettias at D&C Greenhouses and the December 18th picture of red-haired Rayel Anderson beneath the Gruver Elementary

Christmas tree.

Carthel also was cited for Honorable Mention in Sports Writing with "Devils Torment Hounds" an account of the Gruver/Texhoma football game, "Lady Hounds Tune Pipers" a story of the Gruver Lady Hounds/Hamlin basketball regional basketball game, and "Gruver Falls To LaPoynor; Takes Silver Medal" story of the Lady Hounds state champi-

Reporter Statesman Takes Honors

**At Panhandle Press Convention** 

onship game. In the Feature Writing divi-

sion, the Reporter Statesman also received Honorable Mention for Catherine Smith's feature"The Long Way Back," a story of Holly Tecero's rehabilitation following a serious car accident and two features by Harletta Carthel, "'Swan's Song For Junkies," a story of Spearman's drug dog and handler Deputy Lance Swan, and "Agco Rises From Tornado Destruction," a story on the rebuilding of Agco Elevator and the life of Jimmy Shieldknight.

# **WTAMU Students Win National Awards** in the Advertising Process," was communications major from



Jennifer Laxson

The broadcasting program at West Texas A&M University made a name for itself at the 2003-2004 National Broadcasting Society (NBS) annual convention March 9-13 in Miami Beach, FL by bringing home more national awards than ever before.

Eighteen students and two faculty members attended the annual convention. The group brought home numerous awards including model chapter honors, faculty accolades and production awards.

For the sixth consecutive year, the WTAMU chapter of NBS was honored as a model chapter. The model chapter of the year award is presented to only six chapters nationwide. It recognizes the WTAMU chapter's efforts to promote NBS, working with the community and maintaining and increasing membership on campus.

Dr. Leigh Browning, assistant professor of mass communications and director of broadcasting, was honored as Adviser of the Year. This coveted award is presented to one NBS adviser nationwide. She also received an award in the professional paper category. Her paper, "Advertising Strategy and Attitude: A Study Designed to Assist Colleges and Universities

one of four papers to receive a national award for excellence.

Witch Project" by Jennifer Laxson, a senior mass communications major from Spearman, Kenny Higashimura, a freshman mass communications major from Canyon, Leann Lehmann, a senior mass communications major from Canyon, and Kristin Rokey, a senior mass communications major from Amarillo, won in the audio category for comedy program or segment. In the audio category for instructional/industrial/promotional program, Laxson won for her "The Lego Experiment."

In the audio category for music variety special program or segment, "The Music Box Top 30 Countdown" by Brett Chisum, a senior mass communications major from Stinnett, earned a national award. And the KWTS 91.1 Web site by Anthony Smith, a junior mass

Hugoton, Kan., McDonald Willey, a junior mass WTAMU received four communications major from national production awards at Stratford, and Sarah Artho, a the convention. "The Nair senior mass communications major from Hereford, took an

> award for best Web site. Other national awards included the Richard M. Uray Scholarship Memorial Honorary Award which was presented to Laxson. This \$500 award is presented to an NBS student member who excels beyond the chapter and national office's requirements.

Lindsay Haworth, a sophomore mass communications major from Amarillo, and Erin Rizzo, a junior mass communications major from Plano, were inducted into the AERho Honor Society. Rizzo, Anna Reznik, a freshman mass communications major from Dumas, and Lehmann were recognized as convention grant winners. Rizzo also was chosen by the national office to be part of the student advisory council.



First Christian Church will host Holy Week Services for the Spearman Ministerial Alliance. The schedule is as follows: Monday, April 5th, Joe Garcia, Primera Iglesia Bautista; Tuesday, April 6th, Bob Elder, First Assembly of God; Wednesday, April 7th, Gary Smith, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); Thursday, April 8th, Ken Cole, First United Methodist Church; and Friday, April 9th, Beverly Cook, Faith Lutheran/Grace Presbyterian.

Each church will provide soup and desserts on the day their minister is speaking. The Christian Church will supply sandwiches, chips and drinks each day.

# **Local Units Assist** In Road Block

Units of the Spearman Police Force and the Hansford County Sheriff's Department were called to assist in a road block Sunday evening, March 28th in connection with a Perryton shooting inci-

The road block was conducted from 11:00 p.m. until 12:10 a.m. at the Hansford and Ochiltree County line.

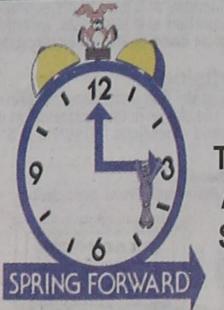
Officers of the Perryton Police Department responded to the 1200 block of S. Cedar in reference to a possible fight at 10:14 p.m. Upon arrival of the residence located at 1212 S. Cedar, an ambulance was called to the scene.

A 27-year-old man hispanic male had been shot with a 22 caliber rifle in the right arm. He was transported to Ochiltree General Hospital and later transferred to another hospital.

The suspect, a 43-year-old hispanic male of Perryton had fled the scene upon the arrival of officers.

"The road block ended when the suspect turned himself in to Perryton authorities, "Chief of Police Jarrett Wilde said.

According to Officer Tim Olivarez, Abel Estrada Murillo of Perryton contacted the Perryton Police Department and turned himself in. He was picked up at a local residence and transported to the Police Department for questioning and then booked into the Ochiltree County Jail for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.



# DON'T FORGET!

To Set Your Clock **Ahead One Hour** Sunday, April 4th at 2 a.m.



by Catherine R. Smith cathysmith@antden.com

My dear friends Tommy and Sandy Russell sent me the following story. I would like to share it with you and ask you to think about what it says during the coming Holy Week.

Dear Child,

I was there on the day you were born, and I gave

you special gifts to last a Lifetime.

I touched you, made you smile, helped you grow, and watched you take your first step. I even reassured you that all would be okay when you lost your first tooth.

I saw you off on your first day of school ... and I lingered by your side the whole day.

I was there to console you every time you cried, and I held you every time you fell and scraped your knees.

I was there every day all through the years, and I always strived to give you direction. I helped you every step of the way into adulthood, bringing you inspiration, hope, and love.

And I gave you trials so that you could grow into the warm and beautiful person you are, but I never abandoned you to them.

I never, not for a single second, turned my back on you when you thought that you didn't need me. I heard you every time you spoke, and I answered every prayer-though sometimes...for your best interest, I didn't answer them the way you hoped I would.

I was with you through your joys, your hopes, your tears, your dreams...through the bad days, the good days...through every day of your life.

And I am here at the end of your life to see you safely home, where you'll sit beside me in all the glory of heaven.

Love, 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:)

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# M atters

Thank you to the Methodist Church of Gruver for holding church services at the Manor on the 21st.

If you have noticed the different churches in our county through co-operation with the ministerial alliance take turns bringing services to the Manor on Sunday afternoons. We are so very appreciative for the effi-cient manner that the alliance handles the church's business. Thank you to one and all for fulfilling such an important part of life for the residents.

During newscurrents on Monday morning several interesting facts were brought to light on the 10 year ban on assault weapons. Of other inter-

chimpanzees for 40 years.
At Chatter Club that afternoon there was much discussion on Jerusalem. Later, we had a lot of trivia on rabbits. It was fun especially since we have our own resident rabbit. Monday night bingo was hosted by the Rotary Club who brought cookies for the residents to enjoy afterwards. Thank you to the Rotary Club.

Tuesday was brought in with Musercise to such music as Life

is Like a Mountain Railroad. That afternoon was heard much shouting, laughter and raucous behavior during a rowdy game of Crazy Bunko. I don't think I have ever seen as many winners as we had that day. There were prizes piled up on the tables and it seemed that every other person rolled a double. What fun. Everyone was cheering for the other one!

Wednesday morning Bible study was led by Ann Whitaker who does such a fine job. She is so very patient and calm. Thank you Ann.

The afternoon was filled with working hands on the Easter crafts for the kindergarten children that will come to visit on the 8th of April.

Thursday morning exercise class was conducted with our exercise bands. I don't know about the residents, but the staff came back to the office huffing and puffing.

The afternoon brought the auxiliary to host bingo for the residents. Thank you auxiliary! You are special!

Friday morning we had a rowdy game of kickball in the living room. Several residents are very competitive and we all enjoy kickball.

The afternoon was filled with

balloons, music, pies and entertainment. The auxiliary brought a multitude of pies of all different kinds. They brought enough to share with the staff after the residents were served at the birthday party. We sang Happy Birthday to everyone that had a birthday in March.

After the birthday party refreshments and singing we had special entertainment provided by Joel Lee Lackey, Jr. Sparks, Richard Kirk and Janie Kunselman. They spend many hours in preparation and perform together beautifully. They played many of the golden oldies such as Have I Told You Lately That I Love You and the Window Up Above.

When I thought they were est there was a lengthy article through playing they were just on Jane Goodall that studied regrouping. Richard Kirk played and sang "Crazy." He did a good job of it too. Old Will showed up to dance with me and several residents danced a round or two.

> One of the residents shared the following article with me. Her son sent it to her but I think it describes a lot of us.

Not so dumb senior citizen: I am a 90 year old senior. I am tired of people treating me like I am an ignorant young child.

Why, just last year I had several windows in my house replaced. They were the expensive, double-insulated energy efficient windows. Last week I had a call from the contractor complaining that the work had been done for a year and that I had failed to pay for them.

My gracious, we did go round and round. I told him that no one pulls a fast one on this old lady! I distinctly remembered him telling me that in one year they would pay for themselves! Such is life.

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# PANHANDLE PLANNER

**Prairie Rivers Musical** 

The final Prairie Rivers Musical for this season will be held on Saturday, April 17th at Canadian Middle School. There is no admission charge. For more information, call (806) 323-6213.

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 2004-2005 season. Concerts are as follows: September 5 Alpine Hong (pianist); October 26 - Rhythm & Shoes; February 8 Frank DeAmbrose (singer); March 12 - Artie Shaw Big Band
Orchestra; March 19 - Richard Glizier (singer); April 7 - Southern
Fried Jazz. Season memberships are: Adults - \$25, Students - \$10,
and Family - \$50. Contact Janie Kunselman at 659-2631.

Liberal Community Concert Association Janie Kunselman is the representative for the Liberal Community Concert Association of Liberal, KS. The Liberal Community Concert Association is selling memberships to attend five special concerts in the 2004-2005 season. Concerts are as follows: September 4 - Acoustic Cafe; October 16 - One Enchanted Evening (2-hours w/orchestra); November 13 - Benny Kim (violinist); February 13 - Alpin Hong (pianist); March 13 - Artie Shaw Big Band Orchestra; May 17 - Side Street Strutters. Season memberships are: Adults - \$45, Students - \$20, and Family Pass - \$95. Contact Janie Kunselman at 659-2631 for more information.

Single Parenting Seminar

A Single Parenting Seminar entitled "Straight from Heaven:
Down to Earth Discipline" has been scheduled for April 24th from 8
a.m.-1 p.m. at Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo. The seminar will help single parents cope with the experience of buildng healthy and happy homes. Anyone, regardless of religious affil-ation, is invited to attend these adult workshops and children sessions. Child care is available by reservation only, by calling Marie at 353-6615. For more information, or to make a reservation, call Penny at 353-6615. The entry deadline is April 14th.

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HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Hospice Bereavement Support Group

A new Hospice Bereavement Support Group began March 22nd and will continue through April 19th. This support group is being held on Monday and Thursday nights from 7-8:30 p.m., and is sponsored by Hansford Hospice Volunteers. It is open to all persons dealing with grief. It will meet in the First Methodist Church parlor in Spearman. For further information, or to enroll, please call the Hospice office at (806) 659-5811, or call Ken Cole at 659-5503.

AARP Offers Free Tax Help

AARP Tax-Aide is in Spearman at the Hansford County Library, 122 Main Street, every Tuesday from 1-5 p.m. AARP Tax-Aide is a free, quality and confidential service that prepares tax returns and answers tax questions through April 9th. Services are available to all taxpayers with middle- to low-income, with special attention to those age 60 and older. It is administered through the AARP Foundation, in cooperation with the IRS. For more information, please call Richard Gaines at 659-2853.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S Roland, in Spearman on April 29, 2004. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment. for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Reyna Ruiz Scholarship Fund
A scholarship fund has been established for Reyna Ruiz through
the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Donations may be mailed to: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Ruiz Scholarship Fund, PO Box 127, Spearman, TX 79081. Reyna is the daughter of Elva Ruiz and the late Gerardo Ruiz of Spearman.

Medical Fund Established for Melissa (Robinson) Vasquez A medical fund has been established at First State Bank for Melissa (Robinson) Vasquez. Melissa has been fighting cancer for several years an dis continuing treatment. Donations may be sent to First State Bank, Melissa Vasquez Fund, 1 NE Court, Spearman, TX 79081.

Hearts of Gold Gala

The Hansford Division Board of Directors for the American Heart Association will host the Hearts of Gold Gala on Friday, April 23, Association will host the Hearts of Gold Gala on Friday, April 23, 2004 at the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman. This year's benefit will be in honor of Lloyd and Dorothy Buzzard. The evening begins at 6:15 p.m. with the silent auction, featuring an assortment of heartfelt items from generous local merchants. Savor a feast prepared by the Williams Family and served by a wealth of local celebrities at 7 p.m. The generous, life-saving contributions of Lloyd and Dorothy Buzzard will be shared at 8 p.m. A live auction will be held at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased from any of the following board members: Kay Hobbs, Patricia Bratton, Sharron Swan, Amy Babbs, Missie Bates, Carolyn Cummings, Peggy Frick, Darlene Pierce, Margaret Ralston, Pennye Ralston, Anita Sumner or Anna Beth Wood. Sponsorships are also available.

Project Graduation

The parents of the Senior Class of 2004 will sponsor and host a Friday, May 28th. 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, the community, who supported and encouraged these seniors these past 13 years of school, would be willing to share in this final "Class of 2004" memory, making this project "special," please call Nikki Lozano at 659-2568 or 659-3964; or Charlotte Sheets at 659-2971. roject Graduation Party following commencement exercises of

Volleyball Tournament Slated

A volleyball tournament has been scheduled to raise funds for Gruver athlete Blythe Finely to attend the Down Under Games in Australia this summer. The tournament will be held April 9 and 10 at the sand volleyball court in Gruver City Park. Bragging rights and prizes will be given to winning teams. To register your team call 733-2702 or 806-683-4551. Cost is \$10 per person.

Spearman Little League Sign-Up
Spearman Little League will hold baseball/softball sign-up from through April 3rd. Applications will be handed out at Gus Birdwell Elementary and are available at Spearman Jr. High or at Cates Men & Boys Wear. Minor/Major baseball and softball tryouts will be held on Sunday, April 4th at 2 p.m. and Monday, April 5th at 6 p.m. at the Little League Park. If you were on a major league boys team last year, you do not need to tryout, but you must fill out a sign-up sheet. T-ball does not have to try out, a coach will contact all interested players. Spearman Little League is hoping to have a Junior League team (13-15-year-old boys and girls) this year, but is in need of coaches. For more information, call 659-3071.

Spearman Union Church Hosting Pre-Easter Rally Spearman Union Church Hosting Pre-Easter Rally
The Spearman Union Church is hosting World Bible Way
Fellowship, Inc. in a Pre-Easter Rally on April 7th, 8th & 9th.
Special speakers will include Marlon Sparks of Perryton; Tom Calk
of Paris, TX; Steve Cates of Corinth, TX and Dr. Dan Hope of
Irving. Evening services will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday. Breakfast will be held from 8-9 a.m., on Friday
and Saturday, followed by a Prayer & Share session from 10-11:30
a.m. Lunch sessions will be held at the First Christian Church for
the annual Holy Week Service from 12-1. For more information,
contact Rev. Bill Sparks at the Spearman Union Church, 31 S.
Endicott in Spearman, or call 659-2644, 659-5073 or 886-0459.

2nd Annual Maria Avila Cinco de Mayo Celebration The 2nd Annual Maria Avila Cinco de Mayo Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, May 1, 2004. Activities will be held on main street from 10 a.m. to midnight, with the street dance ending festivities for the day. A presentation dance will be held on April 17th at Palo Duro Lake. Booth space is available for free, and may be reserved by contacting the Spearman Chamber of Commerce at 659-5555.

Cinco de Mayo Queen/King Contest

The 2nd Annual Cinco de Mayo Queen and King Contest will be held in conjunction with the 2nd Annual Maria Avila Cinco de Mayo Celebration on Saturday, May 1, 2004. Contestants must be 15-20 years of age by May 1, 2004, and be unmarried with no children. They will sell votes for \$1 each and are encouraged to be creative in their efforts for fundraising. Votes will be turned to the Chamber of Commerce each Monday by 4 p.m. The Chamber will calculate the votes and keep a detailed computer log of reach candidate. Sponsoring businesses will agree to pay the \$50 entry fee and have the option of furnishing the contestant's clothing. The entry have the option of furnishing the contestant's clothing. The entry deadline is Thursday, April 15th at 5 p.m. Applications are available at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Office, 211 Main Street For more information, call 659-5555

Panhandle Crisis Center Outreach Office

Panhandle Crisis Center Outreach Office in the Pittman-Shieldknight Building, 511 SW 11th Avenue, Suite 105, in Spearman. In case of emergencies, please continue to call the hotline, 1-800-753-5308. To schedule an appointment with a worker in Hansford County, please call 659-3391 to leave a message, or call the hotline number above. Panhandle Crisis Center serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Please call for more information regarding PCC's services.

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

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.

Senior Citizen's Book Exchange

For those who are 55 or older and are tired of reading the same old book, come to the Golden Spread Center and exchange your book for something more exciting. Don't have a book to exchange? That's okay, come and get one any way. We have mysteries, biographies, romance, Christian books - you name it, we've got it! 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Golden Spread Center, The O'Loughlin Center, 502 Brandt, 659-3030. Donations appreciated.

# Our Deepest Sympathy

**EDITH OCIE SMITH** 

SPEARMAN - Edith Ocie Smith, 82, died on Wednesday, March 24, 2004.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 27th at 2 p.m. at the Union Church with Ralph Mireles officiating. Interment was in Ochiltree Cemetery in Perryton under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Edith was born on July 9, 1921 in Ochiltree County. She had lived in the area her entire life. She married Preston Smith on November 13, 1945 in Ochiltree County.

She worked as a certified nurses aide from 1972-1985. She volunteered with the blood drives in Spearman for many years and was a member of the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary for over 25 years, being named Hansford Hospital Volunteer of the Year three times. She was preceded in death by her husband, Preston, in 1996 and a son, Daniel Smith in 1972.

Survivors include a son, Archie Smith of Spearman; two daughters, Anita Ralston of Dalhart and Dorothy Cator of Gruver; four sisters, Betty Graves of Perryton, Malolah Fullbright of Amarillo, Ouida Harbour of Spearman and Elma Miller of Woodward, OK: six grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hansford County Hospital Auxiliary, 707 S. Roland or Hansford Hospice, 707 S. Roland, Spearman.

# **MONUMENTS**

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GRUVER - Ramon Garcia, 80, died Tuesday, March 30, 2004.
Funeral services will be held on Friday, April 2, 2004 at 2 p.m. in the Iglesia Christo Redentor Catholic Church in Gruver with the Rev. Guillermo Morales officiating. Interment will be in Hansford Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Ramon was a farm laborer and a member of the Iglesia Christo Redentor Catholic Church of Gruver,

He is survived by his wife, Hermina Garcia of Gruver; six daughters, Eustolia Garcia of CD. Juarez, Mexico, Ramona Soto of El Paso, Josefa Grandados of Gruver, Soledad Favela of Sunland Park, NM, Hermina Aguilar of Gruver and Sandy Franco of El Paso; one son, Ramon Garcia Jr. of Gruver; a stepdaughter, Marico Balderama of El Paso; a sister, Soledad Garcia of El Paso; 26 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grand-

# Thank You!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the many kindnesses shown to us at the death of Dorothy Erwin. We appreciate the cards, beautiful flowers, and delicious food.

A special thank you to the ladies of the Assembly of God Church who prepared a lovely meal and Pator Bob Elder for his message. Butch & Mickey Noble

# Thank You!

Family in Christ, our prayer partners and friends:

Thank you so much for your cards, letters, food and various other items, but most of all Thank You for your prayers and lifting us up. in our unexpected time of concern.

God is still in control...He still answers prayers...We continually thank Him and praise His name for touching our lives and the lives of those around us.

Thank you for your continued prayers for us in this time of speedy recovery. We're asking God to bless those of you who have spent time out of your lives to bless us.

> Thank you again, The Pearson Family

Edwin & Aloha, Murl & Ann, Calvin & Darla, David & Cyndi, Linda & Bruce Town, Theresa & Larry Davis

# **FUMC To Easter Celebrations**

You are invited to join the First United Methodist Chancel Choir for our Easter Cantata which will be presented the Sunday following Easter on April 18th at the 11:00 service. The choir will be presenting "Champion of Love," a victorious Celebration for Easter, directed by Betty Womble.

You will be uplifted by this Easter musical filled with time-honored gospel classics. Built around the powerful ballad "Champion of Love," this musical offers an Easter experience full of timeless tunes that have inspired the church for decades. Arranged by Marty Hamby for choir and narrators, these inspirational songs celebrate Christ's victory over the grave through His glorious resurrection.

Narrators will be Randy Kirk, Judy Nelson, Mark Schoenhals, Kristi Ramon, Verna Strawn and Tindle Ramon. Soloists are Trudie Gordon and Greg Meek and a presentation by the quartet consisting of Eulalia Blankenship, Lynanne Maize, Kent Guthrie and Mark

Schoenhals. Sound is produced by Darryl Chambers.
The First United Methodist Church Childrens Choir, the "Sonshine Singers" directed by Betty Womble, will be performing on Easter Sunday, April 11th at the 11:00 service. Please join us for both Sundays performances.

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April 1

Birthday - Cynthia Henson, Matt Messer, Chris Stork, Wayne Ware, Bob Hohertz, Lorie Acevedo, Duncan, Tanner Brown, Elizabeth Duncan, Ashlynn Miner

April 2 Birthday - Margaret Odom, Dorothy O'Connell, Norma Hermosillo, Kyle Keim, Steve Templeton, Pam Barber, Phillip Turner, Amy Schoenhals, Paulene Galvon, Eugene Sadler

Anniversary - Bob & Debra

April 3 Birthday - Bob Gillispie, Don Remmel, Brenda Rudolph, Pam Buzzard, Teri Taylor, Bill Gaither, Doris Beck, Jeff Williamson, Eric Varnon, Ryan Noble, Jared Bass, Tracy Graham Katie Baehler, Betty Davis

Birthday - Frank Pittman, Sandy TeBeest, Glenn Mackie, Byran Jones, Billy Snider, Lola Salgado, Monte Morris, Randall Schnell, Mark Landon Brown, Carlos Lopez, Midge Mahaffy, Don Ladd, Ruby Hull, Ramona Violet Lee, Reynolds, Brandon Traylor, Ayana Rosales

Anniversary - Rick & Elanie Morris

April 5 Birthday - Becky Cassady, Jimmy Finley, Carrie Pressley, Vana Stapleton, Steve TeBeest, Carla Brown, W.E. Sparks, Dickie Allen, Juanita Rodriquez, Deann Green, Deanne Ochoa, Paul Welch, Jimmie Davis, Irene Auld, Darla Jenkins, Leon Bagwell, Wendell Ralston, Kelcee Rex, Sara Jenkins, Vanna Reid

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Jack Weldon

April 6 Birthday Margaret Ralston, Trey Roberts, Jerry Sparks, Eddie Rogers, Cindy Patterson, Bailey Lee Patterson, Redonna Moore, Cameron Kunsleman, Douglas Barnes, Tim Wooley, Ann Sheets, Oberto Balderama Jr.

Anniversary - Dale & Onie Moyer, Kenny & Brenda Red, Mr. & Mrs. Skipper Beal, Mr. & Mrs. Emit Schmidt

April 7 Birthday - Margaret Bell,

Kallie Cluck, Will Evans, Jeannie (Potts) Dawkins, Sharlet Slough, Sammie Stavlo, Shawn Thompson,

Kyle Winter, Kenneth Brown, Jo McLaughlin, Wallace Berner, Jo Nell Grayson, Michael Brogdon, Beth Torrea, Lesly, Denise Tashaia Duncan, Linda Winegarner, Laurie Beth Stedje, Seth Clemmons, Joshua Scott Bullard, Lorene Fulce, Denise Apodaca, Mason Fletcher, Greg Evans Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Donald Jackson, Mr. & Mrs. Monty Cassady

April 8 Birthday - Cami Shapley Damon Jenschke, Goodheart, Julie Ortega, Brandon Shenell Taylor, Vanderburg, Barbara Ellsworth, Ramona Garcia, Isaac Herndon, C.A. Davis, Jennifer Laxson, Jim Deakin,

**Dalton Ortega** April 9 Birthday - Julie Martin,

Phyllis Atwood, T.J. Bayless, Diane Brown, Jeremy Harris, Colby Hunt, Dan Odom, June Kelp, Annette Pope, Patti Schnell, Pepper Collingsworth, Cease Riley, Lori Young, Sims Reddin, Kara Womble, Clyde Hodge, April Butts, Robin Castillo

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Keith Burgess

April 10 Birthday - Bill Been, Mack Hoel, Matthew Hoel, Sally Jones, Blane Tolleson, Donita Lusby, J.L. Pierce, Mary Lou Wysong, Jan Halladay, Mac Sheppard, Penny Cummings, Shelby Lopez, Ramon Garcia Sr., Aaron Maestas

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Donnie Osbourne April 11

Birthday - Harlan Gerardy, Harvey, Darrell Tammie Logsdon, Jo Simpson, Mike Stewart, David Pope, Wardell Volden, Robert Brisen, Slavin Sparks, Bill Baker, Dana McLaughlin, Mickie Fanning, Courtney Sheets, Austin Munoz, Diane Rosser, Jamie Renteria

April 12 Birthday - Jennifer Lopez, Alice Slough, Mary TeBeest, Taylor, Chance Jackson, Lelia Reyes, Paul Lopez Jr., Tara Butt, Sonya Messer, Tammy Red, Keith Hight, Helen Soto, Lilla Villa, Lauren Ferguson

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Nollner

April 13 Birthday - Lindsay Barkley, Ashley (Wagner) Bezner, Chad Clawson, Norma Jean Mackie, Elaine Morris, Robbie Randall, Maria Cole, Greg Black, Rebecca Cruse, Sarah Miser, Paula Labrier, Clete Vanderberg, Logsdon, Dedee Ellis, Sara Paschel, Shelby Reiswig,

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Rey Burgess

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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 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Wed. Fellowship Meal: 6 p.m.
Wed. Disc. Time: 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Youth Mtg.: 8 p.m.
Pastor - Patrick Six

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.

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 Rendentor Mass - Spanish 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 - Ken Cole

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

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

Union Church
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship; 6 p.m. Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed Pastor - Bill Sparks

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

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

El Aposento Alto U.P.C.I. 1105 S. Roland Domlngos: 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 (806) 659-2153

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

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

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

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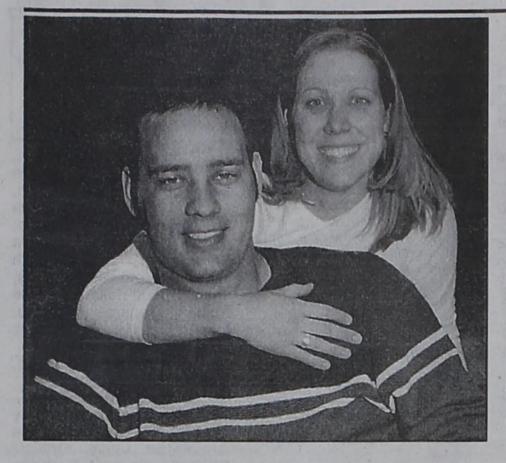
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# Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. David Biesheuvel of Georgetown, TX are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Leslie Biesheuvel of Ft. Worth to Eric Varnon of Weatherford, TX. He is the son of Mr.

and Mrs. Allen Varnon of Spearman.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Herndon High School, Herndon, Virginia and a 2001 graduate of Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth, where she received a BS in Nursing. She is currently working as a pediatric nurse at Cook Children's Medical Center in Ft. Worth.

Eric is a 1997 graduate of Spearman High School and a 2001 graduate of Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas, where he received a BS in Religious & Philosophical Studies. He is currently working on his Master of Divinity degree at Brite Divinity School at TCU and working at Grace First Presbyterian Church in Weatherford.

The couple is planning an August 7, 2004 wedding at the Robert Carr Chapel on the TCU campus in Ft. Worth.

# **EQIP Cost Share Signup Deadline Nearing**

Conservation Service (NRCS) has set the signup deadline for the 2004 Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). The application deadline for the 2004 program year is April 16, 2004. Applications from individual landowners interested in on the location of the farm or participating in the EQIP during ranch on which the practice is to the 2004 program year received by April 16 will be ranked for resource concern to be program eligibility during the month of May. This will be the last cost-share funds available until approximately earlyspring of next year.

EQIP can provide financial assistance of up to 50 percent of the cost of the practice completed to eligible farmers and ranchers to address soil, water and related natural resource concerns on their lands.

EQIP is a voluntary program and is designed to assist farmers and ranchers with placing natural resource conservation practices on their property. Cost share is provided to program participants to achieve the goals of a conservation plan designed with the assistance of local NRCS staff. Cost share practices include irrigation management equipment, placement of

Natural Resources appropriate structural or vegetative practices, such as animal waste management facilities, control, livestock brush pipelines and facilities, vegetative buffers, and wildlife habitat enhancement, to name a few. Eligible practices will depend be installed and the major addressed in that particular area.

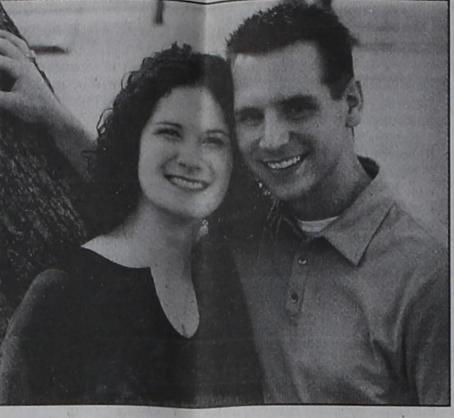
Information on eligible cost share practices and major resource concerns of an area can be secured from your local NRCS field office. Contracts for eligible producers are made for a period of five to ten years and include incentive payments to assist with implementation of land management practices, such as nutrient management and grazing land management. It should be noted that program funds target natural resource concerns of farmers, as well as, livestock producers.

To learn more about EQIP or to submit an EQIP contract application, contact the NRCS or the Farm Service Agency at 909 west 9th in Spearman, or call 659-2330.

You are invited to a Baby Boy Shower honoring Jace Daniel Greene son of Brooke and Dean Greene on Saturday, April 3, 2004 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the home of Hayley Rheams 4 miles south on Hwy. 207, then 1 mile west on CR Z

> You are invited to a Baby Boy Shower Kristal Burkhammer on Saturday, April 3, 2004 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Grammy's Gifts & Goodies 224 Hancock · Spearman, TX





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# Engagement Announcement

Larry and Michele Zugaro of Colleyville are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Staci, to Scott Jarvis. Scott is the son of Jon and Johnette Jarvis of Morse.

Staci graduated from Collevville Heritage High School and plans to graduate in May from Texas A&M University in College Station with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Marketing. Scott graduated from Gruver High School received a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Science degree from Texas A&M

A June 26th wedding is planned in Grapevine.



# Engagement Announcement James and Carol Dunnihoo of Spearman are pleased to announce

the engagement of their daughter, Kasey Lynn, to Mike Butts, son of Larry and Robbie Butts of Spearman.

The couple will marry June 26, 2004 at First United Methodist Church in Spearman.

Kasey is a graduate of Texas Tech University where she is currently pursuing a Masters of Counselor Education. She is employed as a Headstart teacher in Lubbock.

Mike is a graduate of Texas Tech University and will receive a Masters of Business Administration from Texas Tech in May 2004.

# SHS December Students of the Month

Chris Cudd is the Spearman High School December Student of the Month.

The SHS senior is a member of the National Honor Society and the State Academic Team. He has also participated in football and golf.

His honors include All-State Academic Football, Art II Award, Who's Who in Spearman High School and Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Chris enjoys music and playing the guitar.

He is the son of Mike and Pat Cudd, and has two brothers, Eric and Evan.

Chris plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in Mass Communications.

What he lists as best about Spearman is the many different places to eat. He enjoys the art program most at Spearman High School.

He listed his mother, Mrs. Cudd, as the teacher who was most influential.

Claudia Vaquera is the Spearman high School December Student of the Month. A senior, she is the daughter of Jose and Araseli Vaquera. She has a brother, Steven, and three sisters, Irene, Dedee and Ariha.

Claudia is a member of the Cross Country Track Team, the Honor Society, National

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Student Council, and was a cheerleader. She was an alternate for One-Act Play her junior year and a member of the basketball team her freshman through junior years.

Her honors include the Health and History Awards, the Spanish III Award, Basketball Academic All-District, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Cross Country Academic All-District and Track Academic All-District. She was also the sophomore and junior class president and the freshman class vice-president. She received the Outstanding Lynxette Track Award and Lynxette Tri-Athlete Award her junior year, was named 2003 Miss Hansford, was a member of the State Cross Country qualifying team and a regional qualifier in the triple jump, 100 and

mile relay her junior year. Claudia is a leader in the AWANA program at First Baptist Church.

After graduation she plans to Oklahoma University and major in Child and Family Services.

What Claudia likes best about Spearman is that the people are always willing to help you. She enjoys all the activities at Spearman High School.

She listed Mrs. Orr as the teacher who was most influen-

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Sara Bass & Trevor Chisum - April 17 (Gruver) Kristi Pearson & Ross Renner - May 1 (Gruver) Staci Zugaro & Scott Jarvis - May 1 (Gruver) Leslie Biesheuvel & Eric Varnon - May 22 Jess Anne Fernandes & Michael Lusby Tamara Meyer & William Branstrove Jennifer Laxson & Aaron Langston Monica Blackman & Bryon Pfaff Meg Woolley & Ben Walton

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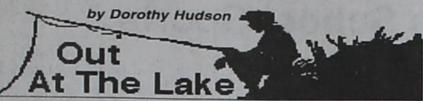
# Couples Currently Registered

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Lake Level--March 29, 2004--26.29 feet (-0.17)

Jim reported two little showers with .04 Friday night and .07 on Saturday.

Spring time is touching the Park, and the warm days are bringing more activity. Fishing wasn't too good this week, how-

The turkey vultures or buzzards, as most of us know them, are back in force. That means we have a kettle of them.

Brenda Pierson invited Jim to give his bird talk with slides to the three sixth grade classes in the Spearman schools last Thursday, as they were having a unit on Birds. Jim enjoyed being with these attentive and well-prepared students. They had studied about birds in depth and asked very good questions. Tate Batton, son of Steve and Tammy Kay Batton, had on display a well-behaved mallard drake that Tate had hatched from an egg.

Saturday morning brought a call for help to Jim from a man I am glad it won out.

The U. S. Department of

Agriculture today announced

that it is making \$325 million in

loans and grants available to

rural communities to strengthen

distance learning and telemedi-

cine programs that serve rural

care and expanded educational

programs to rural areas will save

lives and improve the quality of

health care for residents who

live in more sparsely populated

Acting Under Secretary for

Telemedicine technology

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learning program finances

equipment to expand education-

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over \$100 million has been

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whose boat had run away. Jim has had other calls to rescue runaways, but this was the first one caused by the metal clip that the boat was tied to breaking. The Lake Authority has a boat that Jim uses for rescues. This time the boat had drifted into shallows in Horse Creek, making it easily rescued and unhurt.

I was reminded yesterday by Cleon Roberts that our Palo Duro Creek was known at one time as Skull Creek. General Carr in the Winter Campaign of 1868-69, when the Rifle Pits were dug, mentioned in his summary of the campaign about his map having the Palo Duro but it was named Skull Creek.

Since then, I have heard it called Scalp Creek and Hackberry Creek. I can see since Hackberry runs into the Palo Duro why there could have been confusion there, but I wonder about the source of Skull and Scalp.

Palo Duro has a nice ring, so

gies needed to enhance local

can benefit from the opportuni-

ties provided by the distance

learning and telemedicine pro-

grams. These programs are among many that USDA Rural

Development can utilize in our

on-going commitment to the

future of rural communities,"

said Texas State Director Bryan

in grants must be submitted by

April 30, 2004 and will be

scored and awarded on a com-

petitive basis. Applications for

the grant/loan combinations and

loans can be submitted through

out the fiscal year and will be

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Additional information on the

USDA Rural Development dis-

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**Stranger To Fame** 

Gruver High's one-act play, "The Foreigner" was one of two

Callie Hargis walked away with the Best Actress award while

Brad Clawson received honorable mention with Sydney Been

Both Gruver and Sunray's plays competed Tuesday in district

Two of the four plays will be selected to advance to regional

The cast is composed of Cody Mac Been as Froggy LeSeur, Ben Williams as Charlie Baker, Callie Hargis as Betty Meeks, Sheldon

Atwood as Reverend David Lee, Allison Reid as Catherine Simms,

Tanner Irwin as Owen Musser, and Brad Clawson as Ellard Simms.

Stage crew members are Sydney Been, Kalee Crawford, Diana Lopez, and Matti Wheelock.

Alternates are Drew Grotegut and Maria Ruiz.

The play is set at a fishing lodge in rural Georgia which is often visited by Froggy LeSeur, a British demolition expert who occasionally runs training sessions at a nearby army base. This time Froggy has brought along a friend, a pathologically shy young man named Charlie who is overcome with fear at the thought of making

Froggy tells everyone that Charlie is from an exotic foreign country and speaks no English. When left alone, Charlie is put in danger when he hears more than he should of evil plans.

Townspeople are Rachelle Holt, Sarah Mireles, Jessica

competition with other zone winners Clarendon and Wellington.

plays chosen to advance in zone competition last week while sev-

Ben Williams and Tanner Irwin were voted to the all-star cast.

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sympathy Sincere expressed to the family of Edith Smith. Mrs. Smith was a long time resident of Spearman and will be greatly missed.

The hospitable Olive (Babe) Pendergraft had several guests during and over the week-end. Her granddaughter, Connie Beck Tindal, came from Wichita, Ks. for several days.

Coming to visit her as well on Saturday was Justin and Shawn Tucker from Amarillo and Spearman folk Glenda Close, Richard and Betty Gaines, Leon Beck, and W.L. and Ivell Beck. Needless to say recollections and "catching up" made for brisk conversation.

Anyone who has not had the pleasure of seeing the beautiful quilt made by Gerry Davis has missed a rare example of handcraft. She and C.A. will be attending the International Quilt Show in Kentucky soon. Their daughter Barbara Stavlo plans

structure. Further information on

eral students received individual awards.

The play is directed by Gwen Parker.

Montgomery, David Parker, and Madeline Reed.

given the sound technician award.

conversation with strangers.

is to make the journey with them also.

Wanda Brown underwent extensive surgery on her eye on March 25th. It lasted three hours and she was kept overnight at Northwest Texas hospital. She is recovering as well as can be expected but it will be several months before she is fully recovered.

Mrs. Stella Cummings is back in her home now after being away for nearly three weeks. She spent ten days with her brother in Amarillo and another brother in Canyon.

Joining the ranks of grandparents for the first time is Randy Roberts and step-grandmother is Joanna Jarvis Roberts of Borger. On March 28th, 2004 Abbygail Michelle Roberts weighing 5lb. 12 oz.; and 19-1/4 inches long arrived. She lives in Denham Springs, La.

by visiting USDA's web site at

by Harletta Carthel

Yearbooks On Sale The Gruver Annual Staff is now selling annuals for the 2003-2004 yearbook. A \$20 deposit is due with the total cost being \$35. Checks should be made to "Gruver Greyhound."

Is is advised to order the yearbooks as soon as possible as the the cost after August will be \$45, and supplies will be limited. Questions may be directed to Darlene Curry at Gruver High School, 733-2477.

..... **Community Care Concerns** Crispin Borunda, GHS sophomore, underwent surgery Wednesday, March 31, to repair ACL torn during a tennis match.

The young athlete will not be not be able to compete in tennis or track for the remainder of the school year while he undergoes rehabilitation. .

Welcome Back

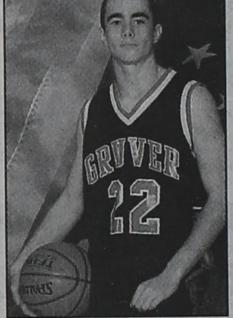
The Gruver community happily welcomes Amber (Weller) and John Holland home.

The young couple, both Gruver graduates, are making their home in Gruver just north of Highway 15.

John is employed by Ag Partners. Amber has completed her student teaching and is a substitute at Gruver Schools.

Weather Watch

The high last week was an unseasonable 83 degrees



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1573 to the curve, then 2 miles north on Hwy. 1573 to the auction site • Watch for Signs

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clean)
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1-1970 JD 4020 Diesel Tractor, cab, htr, 3pt PTO w/#800 workmaster front end loader 18.4 x 34 rubber (straight

& clean)
1-1940's JD "M" Model Tractor 9.5x24
rubber (SN# M-20902)
1-Toyota Series #20 Forklift (gas eng)

clean & good 1-1982 JD 7720 turbo Combine, cab, air, htr, w/JD 24' grain platform - 3205

hr. (nice) 1-JD 653 Corn Header 1-JD 843, 8-row corn head w/pickers 1-24' Hume Reel JD 10' Hyd dozier blade

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-JD 18' Offset Disc 1-JD 11-Shank 3-t V ripper type E0090 1-3pt King Ditch Filler DF-2 1-Flex-King front folding rod weeder 1-Tye 3pt 21' Grain Drill 8" spc w/mark-

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reported Thursday, March 25 A trace of rain was recorded .03 on Friday, March 26 and .04 on Saturday, March 27.

8th Grade Testing Gruver eighth graders took part a TAKS practice reading test online last week to determine if the test could be successfully given online in the

**Lights Need Home** Christmas lights that have not been removed from trees in Gruver City Park should be removed this week. They are in danger of being destroyed as trimming of evergreens in the Gruver park will be underway

**Church Meeting To Be Held** "Can We Trust the Bible" will be the theme of the Gruver Church of Christ's spring meet-

The canonicity of the old and new testaments will be the topic by Gaylord Cook at 10:20 on Sunday, April 11, and 6 p.m. that evening.

"Regarding Its Sufficiency" will be the topic of Stan Mitchell of Borger on Monday, April 12 at 7 p.m.

Larry Evanson of Stratford will speak at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13 on "Regarding The Bible's Ability to be Believed," while Frankie Lemons of Pampa will speak "Regarding Its Inspiration by God' at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14.

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April 9 & 12 - County Schools will be dismissed for Easter. (Pringle-Morse has scheduled a weather day for April 12. There will be no school if the weather day is not used by then.)

# **Gruver High School**

March 31-April 1 - Academic UIL Contest at Amarillo High School

April 2 - End of fifth six weeks.

April 5-6 - HS District Track Meet - Stratford

April 7 - Report Cards distributed

April 12-13 - Boys/Girls District Golf Tourney in Borger

April 14-15 - District Tennis Tourney in Amarillo

April 16 - Area Track Meet in Panhandle 

# Gruver Jr. High

April 3 - JH District Track Meet - Stratford

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**Gruver Elementary** 

March 25 - Pre K and kindergarten assembly April 8 - Elementary Assembly

April 8 - Donuts for Dads

## Spearman High School

April 1 - Choir UIL Site Reading Contest, WTAMU

April 2 - High school preregistration forms due.

April 2 - End of 5th 6 Weeks

April 2 - Amarillo Tennis Tourney

April 3 - Lynx & Lynxette Golf at Perryton

April 5 - District Golf at Borger

April 5 - Freshman orientation at high school, 7 p.m.

April 6 - District Tennis Tournament at Pampa

April 6 - FFA REgional I Wildlife Contest

April 7 - UIL Band Contest at Boys Ranch

April 8 - District Tennis Tourney at Pampa

April 8 - Area One-Act Play at Canyon

April 8 & 9 - Spearman Track Meet

April 12 - School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

April 15 & 16 - Physics Trip at Dallas

April 15 & 16 - Regional Golf Qualifier Tourney at Guymon

April 15 & 16 - District Track Meet at Spearman

April 15-18 - FCCLA Trip at Houston

April 17 - Regional Tennis Qualifier Tourney

April 17 - Choir Car Wash

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8th - McLean, 6; 9th - Miami, 5.

Long Jump: 3rd - Sonny
Parker; High Jump: 2nd Sonny Parker; Triple Jump:
6th - Sami Cazares; Shot Put:
6th - Jenna McElroy; 3200 M
Run: 3rd - Tabatha Shields; 400
M Relay: 5th - Kelcee Rex,
Mallory Paul, Sami Cazares,
Macy Harbour; 100 M
Hurdles: 5th - Mallory Paul;
400 M Run: 3rd - Melissa
Lesly; 200 M Run: 2nd Melissa Lesly; 1600 M Run:
5th - Tabatha Shields; 1600 M
Relay: 4th - Macy Harbour,
Sonny Parker, Melissa Lesly,
Tabatha Shields
Varsity Boys **Varsity Boys** 

Garcia, 44'3.5" (new school record); Long Jump: 3rd - Ricky Garcia; High Jump: 1st - Collin Gillaspie; Discuss: 1st - Clete Vanderburg, 3rd - Brock Town, 6th - Wayne Gibson; Shot Put: 2nd - Brock Town, 6th - Wayne Gibson; Pole 6th - Wayne Gibson; Pole Vault: 4th - Brynr Garnett; 400 M Relay: 3rd - JJ Gallegos, Ricky Garcia, Brynr Garnett and Brock Town; 800 M Run: 2nd - Daniel Kern; 110 M Hurdles: 6th - Jarick Howard; 100 M Run: 4th - Brock Town; 400 M Run: 2nd - Daniel Kern; 800 M Relay: 5th - JJ Gallegos, Ricky Garcia, Collin Gillaspie and Brock Town; 300 M Hurdles: 6th - Collin Gillaspie; 200 M Run: 2nd - Daniel Kern

# STRATFORD TRACK MEET March 26 & 27, 2004 Varsity Girls

Team Totals: 1st - Stratford, 146; 2nd - Sunray, 121; 3rd -Spearman, 110; 4th - Canadian,

84; 5th - Gruver, 55; 6th - Hartley, 47; 7th - Channing, 33;

8th - Texline, 16 High Jump: 1st - Sonny
Parker (5'0"), 5th - Cayla
Smith; Long Jump: 2nd Sonny Parker, 5th - Kelcee Rex;
Triple Jump: 4th - Sami
Cazares; Pole Vault: 3rd Macy Harbour; 3200 M Run:
1st. - Tabatha Shields
(13:59:43): 400 M Relay: 2nd -(13:59.43); 400 M Relay: 2nd -Kelcee Rex, Cayla Smith, Sami Cazares, Macy Harbour; 100 M Hurdles: 3rd - Mallory Paul; 100 M Run: 5th - Kelcee Rex; 100 M Run: 5th - Kelcee Rex; 800 M Relay: 4th - Kelcee Rex, Sonny Parker, Cayla Smith, Maria Davila; 400 M Run: 1st -Macy Harbour (65.32); 300 M Hurdles: 5th - Mallory Paul; 200 M Run: 6th - Sonny Parker; 1600 M Run: 3rd -Tabatha Shields, 6th - Maira Davila; 1600 M Relay: 2nd -Macy Harbour, Cayla Smith

# **Gruver Track**

Macy Harbour, Cayla Smith, Sonny Parker, Melissa Lesly

STRATFORD TRACK MEET March 26, 2004 Varsity Boys The Hounds placed fourth in

a pack of seven at the Stratford Invitational Meet on March Gruver pole vaulters TJay Sherrill, Matt Messer and Brock

Irwin swept their event while high jumper Hutch Reed had a career high jump of six foot to take second place. Events and the Gruver placers

were: High Jump: 2nd - Hutch Reed; Pole Vault: 1st - T Jay Sherrill, 12' 6", 2nd - Matt Messer, 3rd - Brock Irwin; 800 M Relay: 2nd Gruver; 400 M Run: 3rd - Hutch Reed; 200 M Run: 3rd Jose Rodriguez; 1600 M Run: 2nd Lopez; 1600 M Relay: 3rd Gruver

**Junior Varsity Boys** The the Hounds Junior Varsity placed third in a field of eight.

Varsity Girls
For the Lady Hounds, Blythe

Finley upped her best vault this season by six inches for a vault of 9' 6". The Lady Hounds took fifth place in a field of eight schools.

Events, and placings were:
Triple Jump: 3rd - Lindsey
Clift; High Jump: 2nd Lindsey Clift; Pole Vault: 1st Blythe Finley, 9' 6"; 300 M
Hurdles: 3rd Lindsey Clift

# Spearman Tennis

SPEARMAN TENNIS TOURNAMENT March 26-27, 2004 GIRLS SINGLES

Lindsey Short Champion: Tournament defeated Ortiz (Sunray) 8-0; defeated Loftis (Perryton) 6-0, 6-0; defeated Gage (Perryton)

6-0, 6-3. Trudy Hart defeated Betz
(Boys Ranch) 9-7; lost to
Ashley (Canadian) 1-8; lost to
Satterfield (Sunray) 6-8.

GIRLS DOUBLES

Keilee Goodheart and Jordan Short - Tournament Champions: Wiggington/Wagner (Branch); Brewer/Crand defeated 8-0; defeated (Branch) Flowers/Hart (Spearman) 6-0,

Ashlee Flowers/Lindsey Short - 2nd Place: defeated Been/Mireles (Gruver) 8-0; Brewer/Crand defeated (Branch) 4-6, 6-2, 6-2; lost to Goodheart/Short (Spearman) 0-

BOYS SINGLES
Brynr Garnett - 3rd Place: defeated defeated Lennon (Boys Ranch) 8-1; lost to Alaway (Perryton) 8-9(4); defeated Sumner (Spearman) 8-3, defeated Alaway (Perryton) 6-2, 6-3
Keith Sumner defeated Thompson (Boys Ranch) 8-1; lost to Williams (Gruver) 1-8; lost to Garnett (Spearman) 3-8

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The Nominating Committee, appointed by the Board of Directors of North Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc. met at the Cooperative's

headquarters located in Perryton, Texas, on March 2, 2004. Three

Directors shall be elected by and from the members at the 60th annual meeting of the Cooperative to be held on April 19, 2004,

for a term of three years. The committee has prepared and posted

at the Cooperative headquarters a list of nominations for Directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee(s) for each directorate

The actions of this Committee in no way shall prevent additional

nominations by petition as provided for in Section 4.06 of the Cooperative Bylaws. Any fifteen (15) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in

writing over their signatures, listing their nominee(s) in like man-

ner, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the annual meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where

**Dorsey Schad** 

Lyndon Imke

Craig Young

Don Boone

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Robert Patrick, City Manager City of Spearman 2(4-1-04)B

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS Sealed proposals addressed to Robert Patrick, City Manager, City of Spearman, PO Box 37, Spearman, Texas 79081-0037 for the reconstruction of approximately 4,000 square feet of sidewalk and all associated approximately approxi appurtenances entitled: Downtown Sidewalk

West Side of Main Street
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Hancock Street
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At this time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned upopened.

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inform themselves regarding all-local conditions.

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# Big Brothers Big Sisters Walk For Kids' Sake



Jamie Casdorph raised \$620, Colleen Burkhammer raised \$475 and Brianne Burkhammer raised \$220. Each received special prizes from Taylors Gift Shoppe and Celebrate.

The Walk for Kids' Sake, the was the Event Sponsor. annual fundraiser benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters held March 6th, raised over \$25,000.

Pledges collected by 32 teams of walkers combined with sponsorships from area businesses and organizations will meet the program's funding needs for the next year. The money will be used to recruit, screen, and train volunteers and then supervise the matches that are made. "What that boils down to is we will be able to help more kids in our area," explained Kimberley Lopez, agency case manager. "We are so grateful for the generous support of the community. More people were involved this year than ever before." The WFKS is the agency's only fundraiser. They receive no funds from the national organization and all of the money is used to support the local program.

The top three individual money raisers won grand prizes. Jamie Casdorph won a Fossils watch from Dunlavy Jewelry and Girlfriends handbag from Clark Dirt Footprints. Colleen Burkhammer won 50 pounds of beef given by Hansford County Feeders. Vickie Barby won a

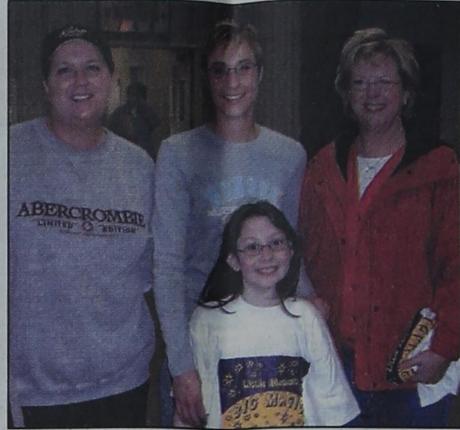
Corporate sponsors (\$500) were United Supermarkets, Texas Farm, Ochiltree General Hospital, Kim Thomas Disposal Company, Samson Resources, Wright Trucking/Foster Testing,

and Badger Resources. The four shift sponsors (\$350) were Interstate Bank for the Family Walk, PTSI for the Fish Walk, First National Bank of Spearman for Party Walk I and Waterhole/Gas N Stuf for Party Walk II.

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Walkers received T-shirts printed by sponsor, dsDesign, Hernandez, a Spearman High School senior. The walkers also enjoyed food and beverages Door prizes were donated by during their shifts. The food

court was supplied by Jeanette's Sweet Creations, Pizza Hut (Perryton), Subway, Frito-Lay, Perryton Coca-Cola, Jerry's Foods, Lowe's (Perryton), Community Worship Center and Dollar General (Perryton). Music and entertainment were provided by Terry Peak and Brad Herring.

In-kind contributions were made by Perryton Printing, Spearman Elementary School, Integrity Testing and Badger Resources.

The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters is to place children in special friendships with caring adult mentors. These relationships, or matches, help children develop positive life skills and social values. "We currently have nine matches in our community-based program; seven in Perryton and two in Spearman," Lopez said. "Twenty - nine chil-

dren are matched with volunteer mentors through our schoolbased program, Bigs In Schools, in Perryton and Spearman schools. Booker will offer the program in the Fall."

"The success of this fundraiser means that our ability to help kids in our area who need positive role models and extra attention is only limited by the number of caring people who step forward to serve as Big Brothers and Big Sisters," Lopez explained. "There are eight children on the waiting list. One of them is a Little Brother is from Spearman. He is 10 years old, does well in school, likes sports and has a great sense of humor. He's been waiting a while."

Anyone interested in learning more about the BBBS program is encouraged to call 434-0016.

# **Patterson Recognized By American Angus Association**

Bailey Patterson of Spearman has been recognized nationally by the American Angus Association for having two registered Angus cows included in the association's Pathfinder report.

Only 2,099 of the more than 34,000 American Angus Association members are represented in this year's report, according to John Crouch, executive vie-president of the association with headquarters in St.

Joseph's, Missouri. The Pathfinder Program identifies superior Angus cows based upon recorded performance traits that are economically important to efficient beef production. These traits include early and regular calving and heavy weaning weights, reports Bill Bowman, association director of performance programs. More than 1,330,000 eligible dams were examined to determine pathfinder status. All registered Angus cows that meet the strict Pathfinder standards are listed, along with their owners, in the Pathfinder Report that is published annually by the association.

The 2004 Pathfinder Report lists 8,274 individual cows and 234 Pathfinder sires. It is published in the April issue of the Angus journal, and limited copies are available from the Association. The reports appear on the Web site at www.angus.org. The largest number of Pathfinder cows from a single herd this year is

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