

SISD hires Thornton as Head Coach

The Spearman Independent School District is pleased to announce that Ritchie Thornton has been hired as their new Head Football Coach/Athletic Director.

Coach Thornton graduated from Lockney High School and attended Texas Tech University where he received a BA in 1990. His teaching fields are English, health and physical education. He received his Masters in Education with a Mid-Management Certificate from Wayland Baptist in 2003.

Coach Thornton worked under legendary coach Larry

Dippel at Amarillo for two years. He then moved to Post High School where he served as a varsity assistant coach. There he coached running backs, wide receivers and linebackers. In 1999, he moved to Plainview where he coached until accepting the Spearman head coaching position. At Plainview Coach Thornton was the Offensive Coordinator (OC) where his 2006, 2005 and 2003 teams boasted the #1 ranked offense in the Panhandle. In addition, teams at Plainview have played in week 13 three out of the past four years, and have set numerous school

records with wins and other offensive statistics.

Coach Thornton is married to Shannon who also is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a BBA in accounting. She is currently Special Programs Director at Covenant Hospital in Plainview. They have two children, Peyton (9 years old) and Landry (4). Both their children are named after legendary football heroes; Walter Payton and Tom Landry.

Coach Thornton was hired by the Spearman ISD Board of Trustees at their regular School Board Meeting on

February 12, 2007. Coach Thornton is expected to start his new job on March 5th. The hiring of Coach Thornton wraps up an extensive search which included a total of 128 applicants from 16 different states. According to Superintendent Rodney Sumner, the pool of applicants was outstanding which speaks highly of the great traditions of Spearman athletics.

Thornton replaces Ric Smith who is retiring after serving 15 years as Head Football Coach/AD and 26 years with the school district.



Spearman Independent School District has hired Ritchie Thornton as the new Head Football Coach/Athletic Director for Spearman High School.

World Day of Prayer March 2, 2007

The World Day of Prayer service will be held on Friday, March 2nd at the First United Methodist Church in Spearman. Coffee and fellowship will begin at 9:30 a.m., with the program starting at 10.

The World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical movement of informed prayer and prayerful action.

The World Day of Prayer worship service has a special annual theme. This year's theme is United Under God's Tent, and was prepared by women of Paraguay.

The selection of themes and writers is made at the quadrennial WDP International Committee Meeting. Once the themes and writers are chosen, women of the selected WDP Committee develop a common worship on the theme determined at the international meeting.

Through preparation and participation in the worship service, we can come to know how our sisters of other countries, languages and cultures understand the biblical passages in their context. We can hear their concerns and needs and can feel ourselves in solidarity with them. In this way it is possible to experience the richness of the Christian faith as it grows deeper and broader in an international, ecumenical expression.

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service.

- It is a movement initiated and carried out by women in more than 170 countries and regions.

- It is a movement symbolized by an annual day of celebration – the first Friday of March – to which all people are welcome.

- It is a movement which brings together women of various races, cultures and traditions in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

Through World Day of Prayer, women around the world

- affirm their faith in Jesus Christ

- share their hopes and fears, their joys and sorrows, their opportunities and needs.

Through World Day of Prayer, women are encouraged

- to become aware of the whole world and no longer live in isolation

- to be enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures

- to take up the burdens of other people and pray with and for them

- to become aware of their talents and use them in the service of society.

Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world.

HCHD's Emergency Preparedness Storage and Decontamination Building



Construction of a new building at Hansford Hospital has been completed recently with funds provided by the Department of Homeland Security. The building houses equipment needed in case of a bio-terrorism attack and for decontamination of patients involved in chemical incidents.

The emergency preparedness storage and decontamination building, a structure 15 X 20 feet, contains a shower, water heater sump pump, electricity, personal protective equipment, HEPA filter head covers, chargers and batteries.

The building also contains equipment for a negative pressure room, as well as radios for police, fire, and ambulance communications.

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. South winds around 15 mph.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Windy. Highs in the upper 60s. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph increasing to 25 to 30 mph in the afternoon. Gusts up to 45 mph.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the mid 30s. South winds 15 to 25 mph with gusts to around 40 mph shifting to the southwest 10 to 15 mph after midnight.

SATURDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain. Windy - cooler. Highs in the lower 50s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain in the evening - then partly cloudy with a slight chance of rain and snow after midnight.

Windy. Lows in the upper 20s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.

MONDAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.

TUESDAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs around 60.

TUESDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

WEDNESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.

Ballman Clarification

It has been brought to my attention that the article that I wrote last week concerning Clay Ballman seemed to imply that Mr. Ballman was currently under investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I had no intention of saying or implying that the FBI is currently investigating Mr. Ballman.

My statement was, "The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been contacted concerning Ballman's illegal activities."

I wish to apologize to Mr. Ballman for any inconvenience that this misunderstanding may have caused him.

Sincerely,
Gary Smith, Publisher

Gigot receives Valley Performance Plus Dealer Award

Valmont Irrigation recently announced that Gigot Agra Products in Guymon, Okla., and Spearman, TX., earned a Valley Performance Plus Dealer designation for outstanding sales performance by delivering the highest standards of service and product support to its mechanized irrigation customers. The Performance Plus Program focuses on the recognition of dealers as they strive to meet the ever increasing and changing needs of production agriculture.

"Being named a Performance Plus Dealer is a significant achievement based on a commitment from dealer principals to strive for excellence," said James Brown, Valmont Irrigation's Vice President of North American Sales.

Gigot Agra Products recently accepted the award from Valmont after achieving outstanding ratings from customers in the key areas of sales, parts and service. Dealers also attended regional meetings to build product knowledge, network with fellow dealers and reinforce their commitment to the Valley brand.

"Valmont Irrigation places a great deal of value in our dealer network. Customer surveys consistently show that the excellence of our dealers has made Valley the leader in all categories of sales and customer service. We're very pleased to congratulate Gigot Agra Products for their superior customer service and leadership," Brown said.

Valmont Irrigation is the global leader in mechanized irrigation technology and the world's leading manufacturer of mechanized irrigation equipment. Since founding the industry in 1954, Valley products have been enhancing food production while conserving and protecting natural resources. Valmont has sold over 145,000 Valley center pivots, linear and corner machines worldwide, irrigating roughly 14 million acres in more than 100 countries. For additional information, contact your local Valley dealer, call Valmont Irrigation at 1-800-825-6668 or visit Valmont on the Internet at www.valmont.com/irrigation.

Lullabies Legends and Lies

by Parson Smith, The Prime Minister of Laughter

In Praise of the Chicks

Emily Robison, Martie Maguire and Natalie Maines are the ladies who make up the country music trio known as The Dixie Chicks.

I love their music, their spunk and their truth, which is something that is sorely missing in contemporary American music.

A little over a week before the 2003 invasion of Iraq, lead vocalist Natalie Maines publicly criticized U.S. President George W. Bush. The ensuing controversy cost the group half of their concert audience attendance in the United States for that year.

Other public figures lost their jobs, were demoted and lost their livelihood for speaking out on this matter. Some were too afraid to speak.

At the 49th Grammy Awards Show in 2007, the Chicks, as they are informally known, won all five categories for which they were nominated, including the coveted Song, Record, and Album of the Year.

I would personally like to thank them for having enough honesty and courage to stand up to cowardice and evil.

I am including the lyrics of their song "Not Ready to Make Nice" Should you have any difficulty understanding the meaning and intent of this song, please feel free to call me at 806-659-3434, and I will cheerfully walk you through its meaning.

Not Ready To Make Nice

Forgive, sounds good.
Forget, I'm not sure I could.
They say time heals everything,
But I'm still waiting

I'm through, with doubt,
There's nothing left for me to figure out,
I've paid a price, and I'll keep paying

I'm not ready to make nice,
I'm not ready to back down,
I'm still mad as hell
And I don't have time
To go round and round and round
It's too late to make it right
I probably wouldn't if I could
Cause I'm mad as hell
Can't bring myself to do what it is
You think I should

I know you said
Why can't you just get over it,
It turned my whole world around
and I kind of like it

I made by bed, and I sleep like a baby,
With no regrets and I don't mind saying,
It's a sad sad story
That a mother will teach her daughter
that she ought to hate a perfect stranger.
And how in the world
Can the words that I said
Send somebody so over the edge
That they'd write me a letter
Saying that I better shut up and sing
Or my life will be over

I'm not ready to make nice,
I'm not ready to back down,
I'm still mad as hell
And I don't have time
To go round and round and round
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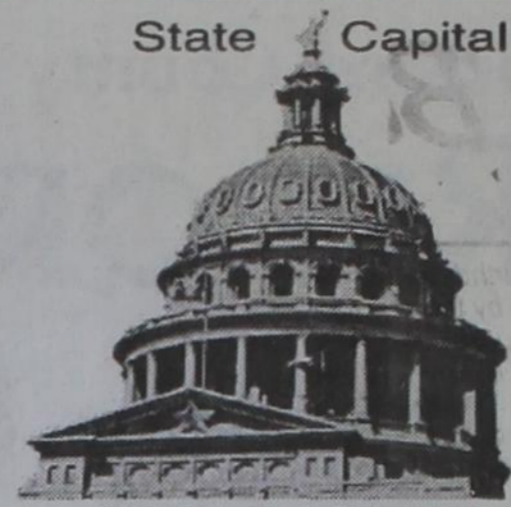
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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling



LAWMAKERS PUT PROPERTY TAX CUT ON FAST TRACK

The Texas Senate on Feb. 14 passed a resolution to break the state's constitutional spending cap.

This was done in order to move a step closer to delivering school property tax relief required by legislation passed a year ago in the 3rd called session of the 79th Texas Legislature.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 20 by Sen. Steve Ogden, R-College Station, establishes that the existing need for lower school district property taxes constitutes an emergency for the people of Texas.

The resolution also makes it so state tax revenues not dedicated by the Texas Constitution for fiscal years 2008 and 2009 may be in an amount not to exceed \$14.2 billion more than authorized.

On a simple majority vote and with none of the usual floor debate that regular legislative bills receive, the resolution quickly moves property tax relief ahead of other items on the agenda.

Once passed by the full Senate, SCR 20 shifted over to the House for consideration.

The House Appropriations Committee approved it too. Next, the resolution is subject to a vote of the full House on Feb. 20. It is predicted to pass on a Republican party line vote, or something close to it.

\$14 billion surfaces over & over
Fourteen billion dollars keeps popping up here and there in the world of state finance.

As previously mentioned, via SCR 20, the Legislature is close to giving itself permission to spend \$14 billion more in the next budget cycle. In early January, newly installed state Comptroller Susan Combs pegged the state budget surplus at more than \$14 billion.

The third reference to \$14 billion: Gov. Rick Perry says financial experts put a conservative estimate of the sale price of the Texas Lottery at \$14 billion.

If sold for \$14 billion, Perry said, the money may generate about \$1.3 billion annual interest based on an average return of 9 percent, or \$300 million more than the Lottery currently returns, per year.

Perry said he would use the annual interest to create trust funds for cancer research, public education and an assistance program for Texans with no health insurance.

Senate to consider Jessica's Law

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst on Feb. 14 announced the filing of Senate Bill 5, the Texas version of Jessica's Law, part of his Texas Children First plan.

SB 5, sponsored by Sen. Bob Deuell, R-Greenville, who also is a medical doctor, would do the following:

- Require mandatory 25 years to life sentences for a first-time violent sexual offense against a child under age 14;
- Require lifetime GPS monitoring for child sex offenders;
- Allow prosecutors to seek the death penalty for a second sexually violent offense against a child under age 14; and
- Double the statute of limitations on sexual crimes against children from 10 to 20 years.

Jessica's Law is named for 9-year-old Floridian Jessica Lunsford. In March 2005, she was abducted from her Florida home, raped and murdered by a convicted sex offender. Since then, more than two dozen states have enacted toughened sex offender laws in memory of Jessica.

Texas Tomorrow Fund update

A new report commissioned by state Comptroller Susan Combs recommends that the Texas Tomorrow Fund remain closed to enrollment. The prepaid college tuition program began under then-Comptroller John Sharp in 1996 has been closed to enrollment since 2003.

The size of the fund will be \$3 billion short of the demand on it in 20 years, and with today's leaping tuition costs, a much greater shortfall is possible.

Combs said funds contributed by the 158,000 families who are already enrolled are safe.

Lawmaker addresses high tuition

In the wake of Comptroller Combs' report, state Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, called for an end to tuition deregulation.

Coleman said that since tuition deregulation was enacted by the Legislature in 2003, tuition has gone up an average of 37 percent at Texas' 35 public colleges and universities.

He said unless something is done, families that already have invested in the fund cannot be guaranteed the money will be there when their kids need it.

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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.

Thank you, Catherine

February 22

Birthday - Russell Dahl, Rhonda Hicks, Betty Mathews, Ryan Mathews, Sherri Hall, Tim Cook, Bobby Jo Grayson, Paul Reimer, Sonny Kell, DeAnn Sparkman, Derrylla Stedje, Connie Davis, Linda Coombs, Jack Sparks, Brenda Winegarner, Kreisun Dominguez

Anniversary - M/M Jason Bass, M/M Freddy Walton

February 23

Birthday - Hailey Lamb, Randy Reid, Dave Clement, Janyth Smith, Cynthia Miller, Phil Larson, Aaron Hager, Kacey Smith, Elizabeth Pipkin, Jim McMahan, Maxine Cline, Jason Bartimos, Edolinda Garcia, Tommy Reger, Daryl Noble, Mollie Burnam, Alan Jones,

Anniversary - M/M Richard Rasor, M/M Joe Rodriguez, M/M Tommy Boone

February 24

Birthday - Lori Messer, Linda Scroggs, Adam Holladay, Mani Noble, Tiffany Goodrich, Chuck Morgan, Sherry Boyd, Fernando Saldana, Glenda Close, Barbara Townsend, David Wink, Frances Davis

Anniversary - M/M Tom Cathey Sr., M/M Quentin Hart, Andrea & Gary Woolley

February 25

Birthday - Marian Tomlison, Lynna Renner, Don Schmer, Mike Brown, Leslie Paul, Crystal Carson, Loree Viola, Tabetha Thoms

Anniversary - Bob & Jackie Pearson

February 26

Birthday - Debbie Davis, Bruce Knight, Suzie Womble, Burl Buchanan, Pam Edwards, Margie Schubert, Lynn Pierce, Marinell Webster, Deziree Hughes, Carol Poole, LaQuita Evans, Bob Meier, Kip Francis, Denise Paschel, Tony Holquin, Nicholas Avila, Kay Ann Miller

Anniversary - Britt & Linda Jarvis

February 27

Birthday - Roy Diaz, Colby Weldon, Sharon Sutton, Cindy Jenkins, Adrian Barrera, Rosie Jackson, Melinda Hall, Winnie Vernon, Clint Goodman, Lance Wood, Vanessa Vela, Lacey Salgado

February 28

Birthday - Robert Blount, Max Davis, Karen Sparks, Shannon Bowling, Debbie Carter, James Lair, Sammy Don Jones, Edna Anderson, Willie Shields, Hal Bennett, Davis Nash, Parker Grotegut

Anniversary - M/M Gilbert Salgado

February 29

Birthday - Clifton Harden, Michael Holt

March 1

Birthday - Lori Swink, Justin Ooley, David Stafford, Michael Rosales, Eddie Goodrich, Gary Cates, Ruby Mitchell, Mary Saldavar, Nora Baca, John Duncan, Peggy Robinson, Caleb Miller, Danny Parker

Anniversary - M/M Robbie Dewberry, M/M Harold King, Norlan & Linda Winegarner

March 2

Birthday - Wynn (Maupin) Essler, Justin Thompson, Tonni Yanke, Olive "Babe" Pendergraft, Wayne Barber, Matthew Baker, Carma Dorton, Bob Farr, Robin McCullough, Rachelle Moreno, Josh Winegarner, Ryan Hill, Sammy Renteria

Anniversary - M/M Joel Lackey

March 3

Birthday - Sue Smith, Jackie Womble, Vicky Papay, Doris Brogdon, Kim Scroggs, Kelley Hart, Cass Lasater, Andy Scarborough, Brian Black, Darla Black, Amber Fox, Allan Taylor, Denise Schuman, Crystal Harris, Richard Melton, Paxton Pittman, Matti Wheelock, Pam Schnell

March 4

Birthday - Evelyn Dahl, Don Evans, Tanner Sherrell, Tommy Hahn, Jon Garnett, Virgil Jones, Chuck Taylor, Jose Renteria, David Harbour, Ron Fox, Judy Park, Brenda Red, Ronald Kirby, Heather Hamilton, Lucio Vela, Carrie Guthrie, David Rosser

March 5

Birthday - Ron Dunning, Beth Swink, Barry Beck, Brooks Beck, Mark Garnett, Mary Garza, Mike Cowan, Trixie Pearson, Mike Garrard, Alexis Johnson, Benny Brandwick, Steve TeBeest, Shelby Williams, Ramon Garcia, JJ Anaya

Anniversary - M/M Ramiro Morales

March 6

Birthday - Brenda Hart, Charlie Slough, Marcie Womble, Bobby Archer, Tommy Barkley, Travis Patterson, Janet Reger, Doran Dulana, Kenneth Slough, Lindsey Clift, Nancy Evans, Mick Sharp

Anniversary - M/M A.R. Cazares

March 7

Birthday - David Imke, Dee Dee Shelton, Mike Garnett, Molly Turner, Bernice McBride, Viola Boyd, Donald Lane, Dalwayne Whitefield, Beulah Harris, Howard Thompson

Anniversary - M/M Danny Bass, M/M Anres Ortiz, Pete & Juanita Vera

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister


In this first week of Lent our altars are draped with penitential violet as we emulate our Savior by enduring forty days of testing and examination of our lives as we prepare to enter into the power of the resurrection. We study Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91, Romans 10:8b-13, and Luke 4:1-13. The book of Deuteronomy was written in anticipation of entering the promised land and in anticipation of the death of the prophet, Moses. This lesson is an early creed recited during the Festival of First Fruits to praise the God who delivered His people. Note that this celebration was open to the aliens residing with the Jews. The Psalmist sings a song of the delivering hand of God. As an infantry advisor, I read this as the "Soldier's Psalm"; yet, to all of us it shows the care God extends to those who believe in Him. Satan quotes from this Psalm in the temptation of Christ.

Paul writes the Romans concerning the difference in living by the old law and the living of a new law, the law of love, exemplified by Jesus Christ. Paul recites an early creed of the church, "because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Luke tells us that Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, is led by the Spirit into the wilderness for forty days in which he is tested by the devil which is similar to the testing of the Israelites in the wilderness for forty years. Jesus has just been baptized and He immediately is subject to testing. "Spirituality" does not exempt the believer from testing or from sin. Jesus is fasting a means of focusing on God by denying the needs of this life. The devil comes to Him when He is hungry and makes a suggestion. "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become a loaf of bread". Implicit in this "suggestion" is that all men have need of food, the means to live; if you supply this, they will follow you. The devil then shows Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and indicates that he can deliver all of them to Jesus if Jesus will only worship him. Implicit in this suggestion is that all people will follow you. Then from a high place the devil suggests that Jesus throw himself down from the heights. The devil then quotes Psalm 91, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you". Implicit in this "suggestion" is that people want to see and behold magical miracles, and if duly impressed, they will follow you. Jesus resists the devil's suggestions by stating first, "One does not live by bread alone", by stating second, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only Him", by stating third, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test". The devil left until a more convenient time.

Read this gospel story in Matthew, Mark and Luke. Notice the connecting threads in these scriptures. Meditate on them and your own life. May the Holy Spirit enable you during this season of Lent to see yourself as you actually are so that you may prepare for the power of resurrection.

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Our Sympathy

CECILIA NELL HILL

SPEARMAN - Cecilia Nell Hill, 67, died Thursday, Feb 15, 2007. Services were at 2 p.m. Monday, February 19, 2007 in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Medley and the Rev. Jess Little officiating. Burial w in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Cecilia Nell Hill was born February 16, 1939, in Lutie to Alonzo and Gladys Cartwright. As a young child, the family moved to Wellington, where she attended school and graduated from Wellington High School in 1957. Cecilia went to Amarillo and attended Draughon's Business College.

She married Bobby M. Hill on March 23, 1967, in Amarillo. They moved to Texline in 1969 and lived and worked on the Shamburger Ranch for Bob's family. In 1980, Bob and Cecilia moved to Spearman, where they currently resided. They have four children and nine grandchildren. Her children and grandchildren were her pride and joy. She loved them so much and they LOVED their Nanna. She enjoyed getting together with old friends from high school and spending time with her children and grandchildren. She wasn't happy unless everyone around her was taken care of before herself.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Ralph Neil Cartwright; a sister-in-law, Jackie Cartwright; and two brothers-in-law, Jay Bryan and Curtis Wyatt.

Survivors include her husband, Bob; four children, Greg Caldwell and wife Tracy of Blandon, Pa., Mike Caldwell and wife Christi of Dumas, Dusty Hill and wife Audrey of Turkey and Sandy Miller and husband Chip of Lubbock; nine grandchildren, Zach, Brandon and Justin Caldwell of Blandon, Landry, Kaylan and Halle Caldwell of Dumas and Abby, Jolee and Cooper Hill of Turkey; a brother, John Cartwright of Claude; four sisters-in-law; nieces and nephews; and many other family and friends.

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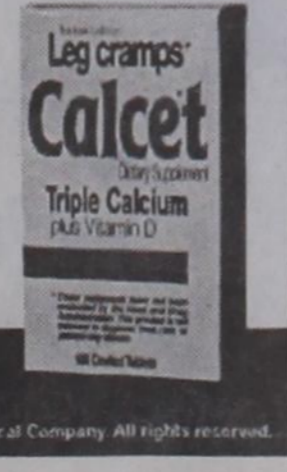
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Spearhead AA Group
 The Spearhead AA Group meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Pittman-Shieldknight building. Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. For more information, call 662-1111.

Panhandle Crisis Center Outreach Office
 Panhandle Crisis Center (PCC) has an Outreach Office and Resale Store at 306 Hancock, 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. Hours for the Resale Store in Spearman are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

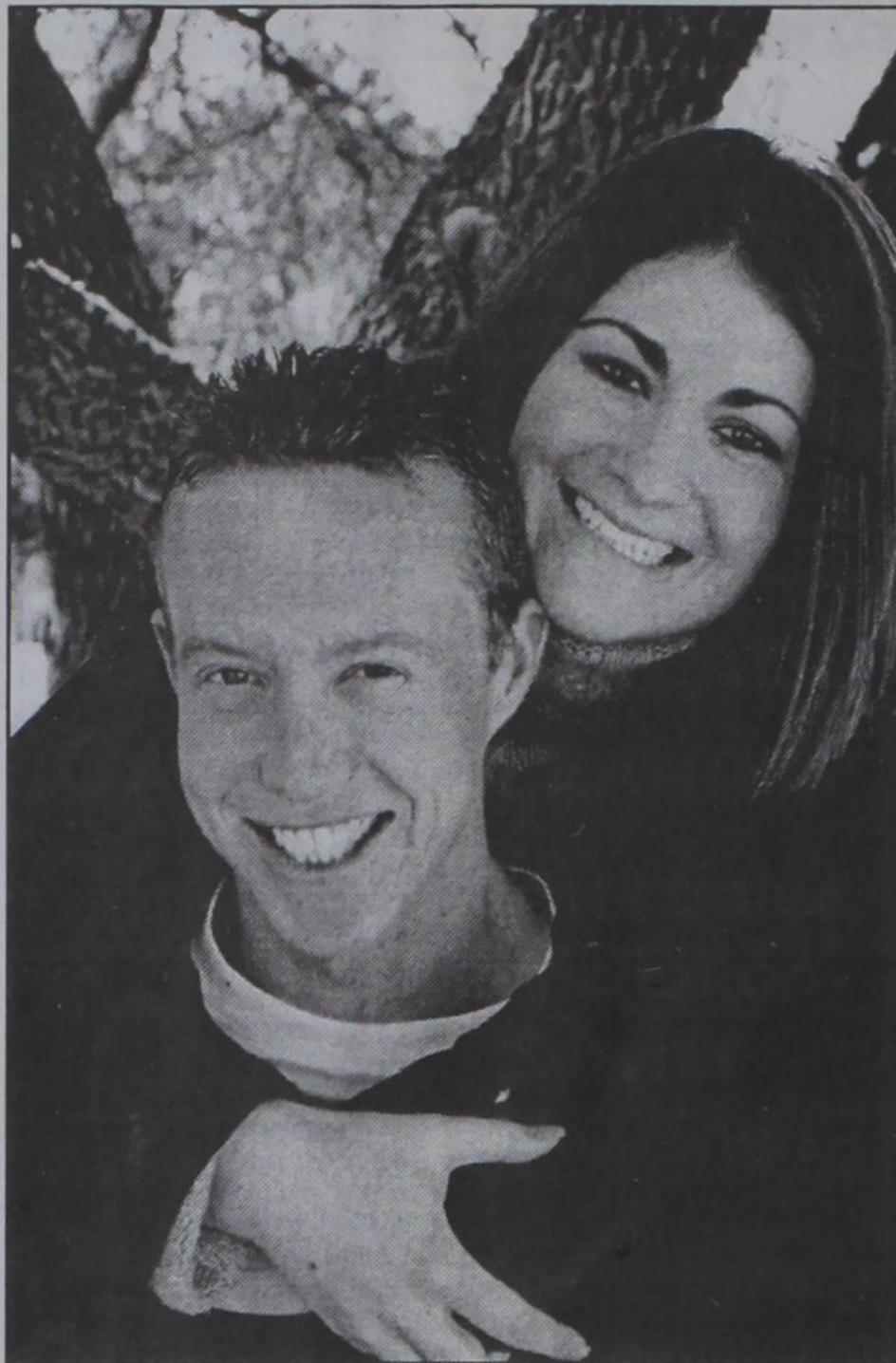
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Hospice Training Class
 Hansford Hospice Volunteer Training Classes began on February 19, 2007, at 6 p.m. at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, Spearman, Texas. To sign up for the classes or more information, please call 659-5811. These classes provide excellent training for anyone interested in learning more about the Hospice program.

Project Graduation
 The parents of the Spearman High School Senior Class of 2007 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement exercises Friday, May 25th. Graduates will be provided with food, games, activities, and fun! In addition, to encourage the graduates to stay the entire night, door prizes are awarded throughout the evening. 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 the final "Class of 2007" memory, making this project special, please contact Teresa Maestas, 659-1025, or Lynna Renner, 659-3587. Contributions can be mailed to: Teresa Maestas, PO Box 337, Spearman, TX. 79081. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Boy Scout Finance Drive
 The Boy Scout Finance Drive began February 13, 2007 in Hansford County. Harry Stumpf is in charge of the finance drive for the Lone Wolf District in Spearman.

Gruver College Fund
 The Gruver Lion's Club is in charge of the Gruver College Fund, which raises money for scholarships for Gruver graduates. The gifts are tax-deductible and no amount is turned away. The committee will try to contact every potential donor by phone, but some will be missed. So don't wait if you would like to make a contribution send your check today to: Gruver Lion's Club, PO Box 566, Gruver, Texas 79040 or see one of the committee members: Benny Wilson, Terry Sherrill, Kermit McKee or Bob Gillispie.



Engagement Announcement

Andy and Sheila Watley of Gruver announce the engagement of their daughter, Janae, to Kyle Igo. Kyle is the son of Tony and Jo Igo of Clovis, NM.
 The couple plan to wed June 2, 2007 at Gruver United Methodist Church.
 The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Gruver High School and a 2004 graduate of Texas Tech University. She currently teaches and coaches in Levelland.
 The prospective groom is a 2000 graduate of Whiteface High School and a 2004 graduate of Wayland Baptist University. He currently teaches and coaches at Levelland.



Swink, Coile Wed

Kayla Dawn Swink and Tyler Wayne Coile were united in holy matrimony on February 9, 2007 in the First Church of the Nazarene in Borger. Pastor Terry Porter officiated.
 Kayla is the daughter of David and Kim Swink of Perryton. Tyler is the son of Todd and Holly Coile of Borger.
 Kayla is a student at Borger High School and Tyler is a student at Frank Phillips College, where is a computer consultant.
 The maid of honor was Jimmilee McCloy of Morse, friend of the bride. Flowergirl was Bryce Lynn Robinson of Amarillo, cousin of the groom, and Taryn Coile of Borger, sister of the groom.
 Ringbearer was Taylor Coile of Borger, brother of the groom. Candlelighter was Daniel Swink of Perryton, brother of the bride. Ushers were Daniel Swink of Perryton, brother of the bride, and Seth Robinson of Amarillo, cousin of the groom.
 A reception was held at the Keeler Baptist Church in Borger following the ceremony. Hostesses were Stacy Mitchell, aunt of the bride; Lori Swink and Robyn Mitchell, cousins of the bride and Cody Scoggins.

It's A Girl!
 Kate Clementine Cooper was born on February 6, 2007 to Kim and Clint Cooper of Colleyville, Texas. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 10 1/2 inches long.
 Kate was welcomed home by her one-and-a-half-year-old brother, Benjamin.
 Grandparents are Linda and Joe T. Venneman of Gruver and Kathy and Greg Cooper of Eddy, Texas.

Thank You!
 Our family's gratitude is beyond measure for all of the prayers lifting Justin up to our Lord during his time of brain surgery. Our sincere thanks to all of the churches in Spearman and Gruver for your continual prayer lines going throughout the communities. Prayer does work!
 Our steadfast belief in prayer and trust in God was truly confirmed as Justin miraculously came through the serious surgery with NO complications. He is recovering and doing well.
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 Daniele Catron & Randy Duffy - TBA
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by Dorothy Hudson
Out At The Lake

Lake Level--February 19, 2007--
-21.37 feet (-0.13)

The Lake is thawed now, but it is still quite muddy around the banks in places. Fishermen are beginning to try for a big blue catfish. Jim saw 3 bald eagles this morning. His theory of why we have more bald eagles at times is that when the playa lakes in the area are frozen, the eagles come into our lake which usually has some open water. He has been seeing some dead geese on the ice. I asked if the eagles had been eating them. He replied that they weren't showing any signs of being partially eaten. We do have a white goose that is favoring a wing. The goose is hanging out with the ducks on the Children's Pond. I forgot to ask if

think he was her mother's teacher), and she wrote notes on histories and photos. I knew he had died in California but hadn't found descendants. One of the items is a postcard from Zulu (not a picture though)...

"I'm a recently retired librarian and have a passion for archives and getting items into meaningful 'homes' and for sharing information and resources." In Texas Panhandle history, Clayton is known for teaching the first school at old Tascosa in the last months of 1885 and the early spring of 1886. He and Clara Cator were married in 1887 by neighbor Stanley Tyler who was the Judge before the county was organized. Clate and Clara's daughter Grace was born in Hansford County on July 16, 1889. She married John R. Butler and was living in California when Dotty Jones wrote A Search for Opportunity in 1965. I have not yet found the address of any of her descendants.

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**Bartz retires
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Charles Bartz retired from the City of Spearman on January 31, 2007. He served the City of Spearman for over 22 years. He was hired on October 5, 1984, working as a mechanic the entire time. City Manager, Ed Hansen said, "Charles was a great asset to our city and he will be very hard to replace." A reception was held on Friday, January 26th at City Hall. His friends, family, co-workers and other guests were on hand to wish him well in his retirement.

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Lynx are Play-Off Bound!

The Spearman Lynx will play Floydada at Canyon High School on Friday, February 23, 2007 at 8 p.m. in an Area play-off game. The Lynx will be the visiting team.

There will be a send-off for the Spearman Lynx on Friday, February 23, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. The Spearman Police Department will lead the boys bus out of town from the Junior High, down Barklely to Kenneth, in front of the courthouse, and down Main Street to Hwy. 207. Everyone is encouraged to cheer them on to a victory.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

The Spearman game will follow the Panhandle vs. Shallowater game, which begins at 6:30 p.m.



New local matches for Big Brothers Big Sisters



Karen Thompson is pictured with her Little Sister, Grisely.

Big Brothers Big Sisters volunteer Karen Thompson was matched with a Little Sister, Grisely, January 30th.

Big Brothers Big Sisters' vision is to foster relationships that improve the lives of children forever. For over 100 years the BBBS program has been based on one core concept - caring volunteers matched one-to-one with children sharing experiences that lead to positive outcomes for the youth. "It is a simple, yet powerful idea," Kimberley Lopez, local agency case manager, said, "that is making a real difference in the lives of children in our area every day."

Thompson and her Little Sister are matched through the organization's community based program which means that they will spend a couple of hours every week together. "They share a love of reading," Lopez said, "on their first outing they read a book about dinosaurs together." Other things they plan to do together are go for walks, work in the yard, bake cookies and talk.

"She is really nice," Grisely, 6, said about her new mentor.

Currently, about 100 children are matched through the agency's community and school based programs in Perryton, Spearman and Booker. The program is celebrating their tenth anniversary of serving children in this area.

Anyone interested in learning more about the program may call Lopez at 434-0016.

Big Brothers Big Sisters volunteer Linda Wilkerson, was matched with a Little Sister, Katelyn, on January 30th.

Big Brothers Big Sisters' mission is to match children with caring volunteers who serve as mentors helping them develop positive life skills and social values.

The match will spend some time together every week together as part of the agency's community based program. For their first outing, the match went to a Lynx basketball game and out for pizza. They are planning to start a scrapbook.

Katelyn said, "I'm ecstatic!" when asked to describe how she feel about being matched with Wilkerson.

"I am very excited to have Katelyn for a Little Sister," Wilkerson said. "She is a sweet young lady. It's going to be great!"

The only problem the match foresees is getting Katelyn to call her former teacher by her first name!

Katelyn is one of nearly 100 children currently matched through the school and community programs offered by the Wheatheart Satellite of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Texas Panhandle, which serves Perryton, Spearman and Booker.

Those interested in learning more about the program may call 434-0016 or 1-877-716-3424 toll-free.



Katelyn is pictured with her Big Sister, Linda Wilkerson.

Lynx and Lynxette District Basketball Scores

| DATE | OPPONENT | VG | JVG | VB | JVB |
|-----------|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Nov 7 | Wheeler | 58-21 | 34-8 | | |
| Nov 11 | Tulia | 34-39 | 45-41 | | |
| Nov 14 | Perryton | 56-22 | 20-21 | | |
| Nov 21 | River Road | 58-41 | 65-27 | 45-33 | 34-21 |
| Nov 28 | Texhoma, OK | 41-36 | 41-37 | 31-36 | 25-43 |
| Dec 5 | Sunray | 38-39 | 36-27 | DNP | |
| Dec 12 | Dalhart | 71-57 | 22-30 | 27-48 | 41-36 |
| Dec 15 | Gruver | 51-47 | 29-38 | 41-39 | DNP |
| Jan 2 | Follett | 62-29 | | 53-36 | |
| Jan 5 | *Stratford | 35-27 | 48-51 | | |
| Jan 9 | *Canadian | 59-51 | 26-41 | | |
| Jan 12 | *West Texas | 56-27 | 27-25 | 66-41 | 42-39 |
| Jan 16 | *Fritch | 61-34 | 41-22 | 57-26 | 48-22 |
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Bids will be opened on Monday, March 12, 2007 at the regular Commissioners' Court meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m.
The court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
Benny Wilson
Hansford County Judge
3(02-15-07)B

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF CESAR F. ORTIZ FEBELA, Defendant, Greeting:
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file an answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."
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before the Honorable 84th Judicial Court of Ochiltree County, Texas at the courthouse of said County in Perryton, Texas. This makes the appearance date Monday, April 9, 2007, on or before 10:00 a.m.
Said Plaintiff's First Amended Original Petition was filed in said court, by Kristi Weaver, whose address is 320 S. Polk, Ste. 400, Amarillo TX 79101 on 02-15-2007, in this case, numbered 11,589 on the docket of said court, and styled, RHONDA GARTON, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF GARY GARTON, SHELLEY GARTON, SHANNON GARTON AND SHEA GARTON, PLAINTIFFS, the nature of which suit is a request to RECOVER DAMAGES.
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.
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4(02-22-07)B

LEGAL NOTICE
Sealed bid proposals will be received by Spearman ISD for the Sale of the House and/or contents at 421 Dressen. All proposals will be received until 1 p.m. March 2, 2007. Any proposals received after that time or date will not be considered or opened. Please mail or deliver all proposals to Spearman ISD, Larry Murphy, 403 E. 11th Avenue, Spearman TX 79081. The District reserves the right to reject and/or all bid proposals, to make awards as they may appear to be advantageous to the District and to waive all formalities in bidding.
1(02-22-07)B

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
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For more information contact David Teal at 806-733-2001.
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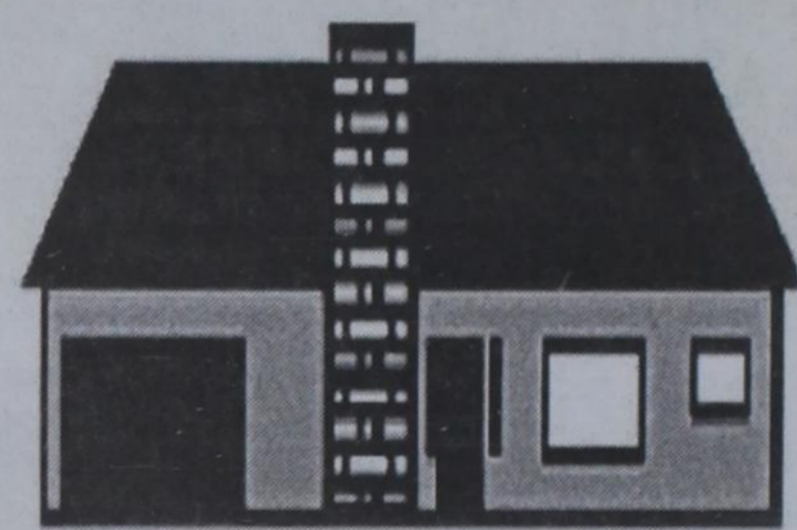


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Correction

In last week's Reporter-Statesman, the headline stated "Travis McDowell Sings with OPSU." This was a typographical error. We are running the article again with a corrected headline, and our apology for this error.

Travis McDowell Signs with OPSU



On February 13, 2007, Travis McDowell signed a National Letter of Intent to play football for the Oklahoma Panhandle State University Aggies.

Travis was a 3 year Varsity Letterman for the Greyhounds. He was a 2nd Team All-District Defensive Lineman his junior year, and this past season, as a senior, he was a 1st Team All-District Defensive Lineman and a 2nd Team All-District Center.

Travis is the son of Rodney and Gina McDowell of Gruver.

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