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## HCHD Welcomes Dr. Hasham

Hansford County Hospital District would like to welcome its newest doctor to join their team - Dr Hasham, MD.

Dr Hasham opened his office, located at Family Medical Clinic II, on Monday May 12, 2008. Dr. Hasham specializes in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. For an appointment call 806-659-5234

Please check with your insurance company to see if Dr. Hasham is an approved provider for your insurance. Hansford County Hospital District is working on enrolling Dr. Hasham in all area insurance plans.

Hansford County Hospital District is hosting a Meet and Greet Reception for Dr. Hasham on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at the O'Loughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt, from 4:30 - 6:30.

## Commencement Set for OPSU

Oklahoma Panhandle State University will hold its 98th annual Commencement Ceremony this Saturday, May 17, 2008 beginning at 10 a.m. in the Oscar Williams Field House. As the university moves into its centennial year, Dr. Sara Jane Richter, Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and chair of the Centennial Committee will address this year's graduates. In addition to these responsibilities, the respected and well-known educator remains committed to providing instruction to the community in the course of her work as a public speaker through various area organizations.

Immediately following the ceremony, President Dave Bryant invites graduates, their guests and OPSU family and friends to the free annual barbecue in the plaza. Thanks to Seaboard Farms for generously providing the meat, the Methodist Men for cooking, and to all OPSU faculty and staff who help serve the meal.

Plan to join us to honor our graduates for the ceremony and enjoy the hospitality OPSU offers to celebrate our new alumni.

## Weather Forecast

**THURSDAY NIGHT** - Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of rain showers in the evening. Lows in the upper 40s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

**FRIDAY** - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

**FRIDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows around 50. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

**SATURDAY** - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s.

**SATURDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

**SUNDAY** - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

**SUNDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

**MONDAY** - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

**MONDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

**TUESDAY** - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

**TUESDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

**WEDNESDAY** - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

## Texas Crop & Weather

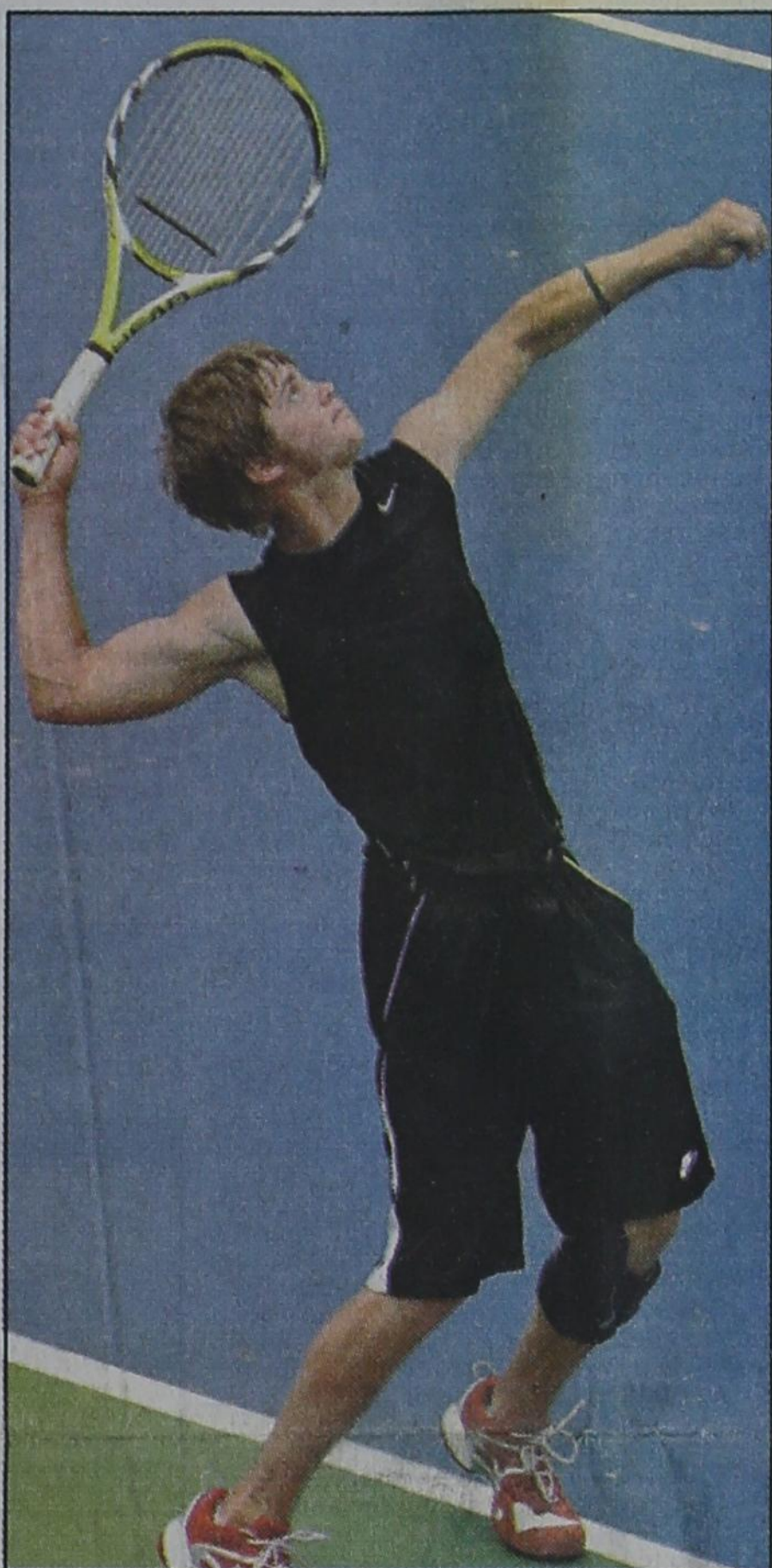
The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Temperatures were slightly above average until a cool front brought them back to normal. Most of the area received some much-needed rain. Rain amounts ranged from a trace to 3 inches with most of the Panhandle reporting 0.5 to 1.5 inches. Soil moisture was rated from short to adequate with most areas reporting very short. Corn planting was in full swing, with about 75 percent planted. Stands were rated fair to good. Wheat was rated very poor to good, with most areas reporting very poor. The rain came too late for many wheat fields. Some disease was reported in irrigated wheat. Range conditions were rated mostly poor. Cattle condition was rated fair to good.

## Deadline Notice

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Items may be submitted by phone (806-659-3434), fax (806-398-9080), mail (Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman TX 79081), or e-mail (reporter@spearmanreporter.com).

# Hansford County State Competitors



Taylor Williams was the 1A Regional Champion in Boys Singles at the Region I-1A Tennis Tournament in Levelland on April 2nd and 24th. He advanced to the State 1A Tennis Tournament May 5th and 6th at the Lakeway Tennis Center in Austin.

(Photo by Charlie Johnson)

Hansford County had four student athletes compete in state competition this year.

Taylor Williams of Gruver competed in the Boys 1A Boys Singles Tennis Tournament.

He defeated Trevor Hagerty of Alto, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the quarterfinals. In the semifinals, he was defeated 6-3, 6-3 by Garrett Pekar of Granger. Matt Orberger of Avery went on to def. Garrett Pekar, Granger, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 for the state championship.

Spearman High School had three athletes compete in the State 2A Track Meet.

Christy Lang who placed 2nd in the Pole Vault at Regionals, Kegan Garnett, who placed 1st in the Triple Jump at Regionals, and Suttan Garnett, placed 2nd in the 1600 M Run at Regionals.

Lang finished in 7th place in Pole Vault at state with a jump of 9'6". Kegan Garnett finished 6th in Triple Jump at state with a jump of 44-05.

Suttan Garnett took the bronze medal in the 1600 M Run with a time of 5:37.56 behind Kristen Crabtree of Stratford, 5:23.79, and Haleigh Puska of Wallis Brazos, 5:27.02.

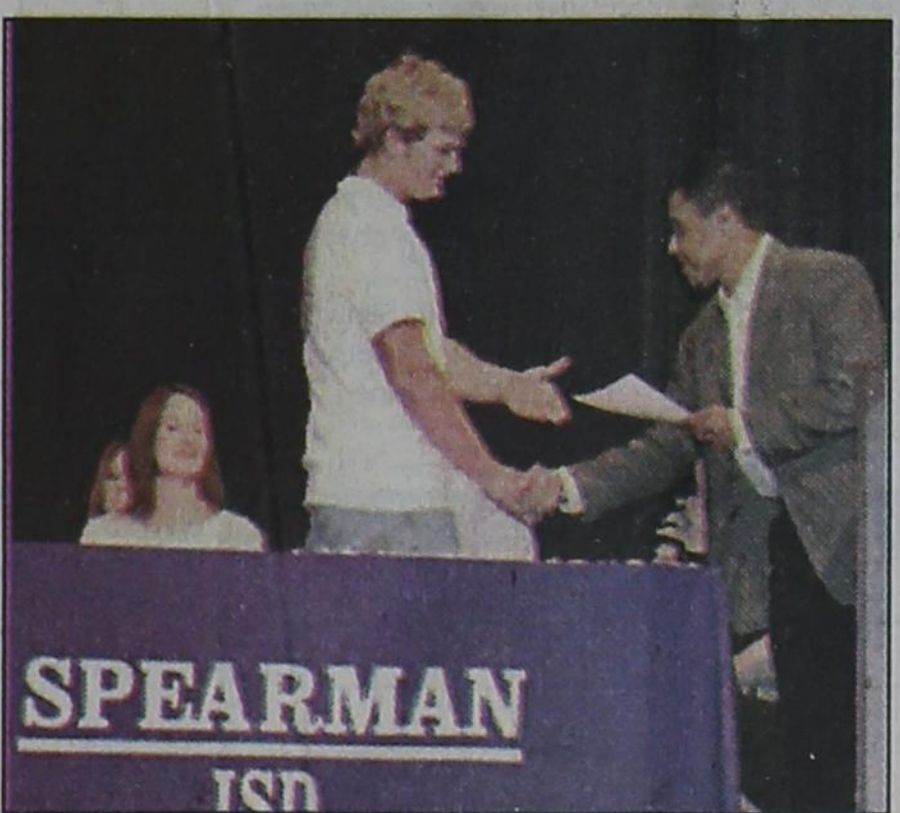
Hansford County should be very proud of these athletes.



Spearman High School's Suttan Garnett (left) took third place in the 1600 M Run at the State Track Meet in Austin on May 9th and 10th. Kristen Crabtree (right) of Stratford won the 1600.

(Photo by Doak Crabtree)

## Baker, SHS Receive Cargill Scholarships



Blayne Baker was recently awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from Cargill.

Cargill has awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Blayne Baker of Spearman, a 2008 graduate of Spearman High School in Spearman. Baker plans to attend South Plains next fall. As part of the Cargill Community Scholarship Program, the high school will receive \$200 from Cargill in Baker's honor to support the school's library.

"We are pleased to recognize Blayne with a Cargill Community Scholarship and recognize this high school for its dedicated work as well," said Felipe Dominguez of Cargill Aghorizons in Spearman. "Cargill supports education programs in our communities because youth are tomorrow's workforce and our future community leaders."

Each year, 350 students living in communities where Cargill has a business presence receive an award through the Cargill Community Scholarship Program. Students are selected based on academic achievement and leadership in extracurricular and civic activities. The National FFA Organization administers the program on behalf of Cargill, though recipients are not required to be members of FFA. This year more than 1,600 students applied for the Cargill Community Scholarship.



Spearman High School competed in the State 2A Track Meet in Austin on May 9th and 10th. (L-R) Christy Lang competed in the Pole Vault, Kegan Garnett competed in the Triple Jump, and Suttan Garnett competed in the 1600 M Run.



4-H youth from Spearman, Gruver and Morse involved in this year's 4-H Fashion & Fun project, sewed "Cozy Shoulder" fleece wraps for residents at Hansford Manor and several of this year's participants delivered them Wednesday. Upon receiving her "Cozy Shoulder" wrap, one hundred year old Dimple Jetton, one of the oldest known living 4-H alumni in Texas, told the girls about her 4-H sewing experiences when she made aprons and made tea towels from flour sacks in her early 4-H days. Texas 4-H is celebrating its 100 year Centennial this year and County Extension Agent Peggy Winegarner says "4-H is still teaching youth valuable life skills today."



## Lullabies, Legends & Lies

by Parson Smith, the Prime Minister of Laughter

A first grade teacher collected well-known proverbs. She gave each child in her class the first half of a proverb and asked them to come up with the remainder of the proverb. Their insight is not only humorous, but may surprise you.

Strike while the... Bug is close  
It's always darkest before... Daylight Savings Time  
Never underestimate the power of... Termites  
You can lead a horse to water but... how?  
Don't bite the hand that... looks dirty  
No news is... impossible

A miss is as good as a... Mr.  
You can't teach an old dog new... math  
If you lie down with dogs, you'll... stink in the morning  
Love all, trust... me  
The pen is mightier than the... pigs  
An idle mind is... The best way to relax  
Where there's smoke there's... pollution  
Happy the bride who... gets all the presents  
A penny saved is... not much  
Two's company, three's... The Musketeer's  
Don't put off till tomorrow what... you put on to go to

bed  
Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and... you have to blow your nose  
Children should be seen and not... spanked or grounded  
If at first you don't succeed... get new batteries  
You get out of something what you... see pictured on the box  
When the blind leadeth the blind... get out of the way  
As you shall make your bed so shall you... mess it up.  
Better to be safe than... punch a 5th grader.  
None are so blind as... Helen Keller.  
There is no fool like... Aunt Eddie.  
Until the next time,  
May God Bless.

## State Capital HIGHLIGHTS

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry was in Fredericksburg on May 9 to help break ground in a ceremony to begin construction of a 40,000 square foot expansion of the National Museum of the Pacific War.

While there, Perry spoke to reporters and repeated his assertion that he plans to seek a third full term as governor in 2010. In April, he made public his desire to retain the office.

"If Texas were a corporation - and we would be one of the most efficient, most successful corporations in the world - and if you're a stockholder in that corporation, why in the world would you want to change your CEO when things are going well?" Perry said.

Perry has served as governor since 2000. U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst are regarded as potential rivals to Perry for the GOP nomination in 2010.

### Energy report looks to future

Texas leads in the nation in energy production and consumption, so what do the years ahead hold for our state's plentiful sources of energy?

Clues may be found in "The Energy Report," a publication released May 7 by Texas Comptroller Susan Combs.

The report, now available at [www.window.state.tx.us/special/energy/](http://www.window.state.tx.us/special/energy/), considers economic impact, viability, availability and more regarding various energy sources, such as crude oil, natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, coal and uranium, solar energy, wind, ethanol, biodiesel, wood, feedlot waste, landfill gas, municipal solid waste, hydropower, ocean power, geothermal energy and hydrogen.

Federal, state and local government subsidies of fuels also are examined.

"Texas has the opportunity to influence the expanding public debate over energy use and production, and our choices can set a new direction for the nation," Combs said.

"The Energy Report is intended as a reference tool for anyone seeking a better understanding of the Texas energy landscape and the potential impact of new energy policies."

## PERRY AGAIN SAYS HE WANTS TO "THREE-PEAT" AS GOVERNOR



by Ed Sterling

### Site shows health care options

About one in four Texans lacks health care coverage, the Department of Insurance says.

So, during "Carry the Uninsured Week" April 27 through May 3, the Texas Department of Insurance launched a way to help more uninsured Texans find health care. Of course, it's via the Web at [www.texas-healthoptions.com](http://www.texas-healthoptions.com), a site where companies provide information about their health care plans.

Consumers who visit the site may choose from 26 policy types and clicking "submit" to receive a list of specific information about carriers' policies.

### Dam oversight not up to par

The Office of the State Auditor says the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's dam safety program is not able to accomplish its statutory mandate to ensure the safe construction, maintenance, repair and removal of dams in the state of Texas.

In a report released May 7, the State Auditor said that although management has made improvements to the dam safety program over the past four years, the TCEQ still is not able to perform timely inspections of all hazardous dams, ensure that deficiencies identified in

inspection reports are corrected, or obtain key information needed to assess the risk posed by many of the state's dams.

There are 7,603 state-regulated dams, according to the report.

### Demand rises for gun permits

In a May 8 copyright story by the Houston Chronicle Austin Bureau, it was reported that the number of people seeking concealed handgun permits in Texas is up by 40 percent.

The number of requests is slowing the turnaround time. It's taking the Texas Department of Public Safety up to a month longer than the 60 days the law allows for the processing of applications.

### State, moms file YFZ briefs

The Third Court of Appeals in Austin on May 9 received documents from state Child Protective Services and from 48 mothers of children removed from the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado in April.

The mothers explain why they believe the state had no call to take their children, and the state tells why it had no choice but to take the action it did.

Meanwhile, on May 19, state district courts in San Angelo will begin to conduct hearings for YFZ families who wish to retrieve their children from foster care.

## Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott

### MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

Wednesday was like a bee hive. It was wonderful having seven volunteers all present at the same time. The main activity was in the art room setting up the May/June exhibit of Wildflowers and garden flowers. Regional artists and photographers brought in their favorite paintings and photos of bluebonnets, indian blankets, and other Texas favorites. This is an exhibit all will enjoy and spend time discussing who, what, and when about each entry.

The work room was also busy with the group catching up on the obituary books with LaVaun indexing and Fern filing. Ann Wright returned and was assisting in the art room with Lovella and Georgia. Dort and I were the golfers and I had ladder duty. All of this activity was filled with a lot of talking, laughing, and story telling. Volunteering has its benefits. Mildred was traveling and Kellie was assisting Bernie. We missed them.

We have decided to auction off the wildflower poster that we have as an introduction to the exhibit. It will be a silent auction and the sign up sheet will be located by the poster. The poster is framed and is from the wildflower farm near Austin. It is black background with the State of Texas and each wildflower filling in the State. A gem of a Poster. Winner of the auction will be announced at the June 21st program at its conclusion.

A thank you to our outdoor gardener who doesn't want to be named. Our flower beds are looking great

and are going to be beautiful this year. Terry and Norma Boughan have started their magic on our lawn. If the rain keeps coming, it looks like a green spring and early summer might be possible. Our Irises are beautiful so plan on a trip to Lipscomb and enjoy Spring.

### HISTORICAL MUSINGS

I hope each of you honored Mothers on Sunday. Mothers Day is the one day out of the year that each of us, young and old, become children and try to show in a tangible way how much we appreciate our mothers.

England was one of the first countries to set aside a day to recognize mothers. In the eighteenth century when many people worked as household servants for the rich, "Mothering Sunday" was reserved for them to return home to be with their mothers. Though this custom stopped when the Industrial Revolution altered the working and living patterns of the people, one Sunday for Mothers was established as a holiday in the twentieth century.

In the United States, Mother's Day did not become an official holiday until 1914 when Pres. Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the first National Mother's Day. Its establishment was due largely to the perseverance and love of one daughter, Anna Jarvis. Anna's mother had provided strength and support as the family made their home in West Virginia and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where her father served as a minister. As a girl, Anna had helped her mother take care of her garden, mostly filled with white carnations, her

mother's favorite flower. When Mrs. Jarvis died on May 5, 1905, Anna was determined to honor her. She asked the minister at her church in West Virginia to give a sermon in her mother's memory. On the same Sunday in Philadelphia, their minister honored Mrs. Jarvis and all mothers with a special Mother's Day service. Anna Jarvis began writing to congressmen, asking them to set aside a day to honor mothers. In 1910, the governor of West Virginia proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day and a year later every state celebrated it.

Red carnations is the official Mother's Day flower and white carnations are designated for deceased mothers. Since family members and Moms do not want to cook, this is the busiest day for American Restaurants.

The 10th was also the day in 1937 that Life Magazine wrote an article on Mary Lucy Kyle Hartson. The 72 year old great grandmother was elected mayor of Kyle by a write-in vote in 1937 becoming the only woman mayor in Texas. She served as mayor from 1937 until 1941 and from 1944 until 1946. Along with the "all-woman" city council elected in 1944, she made "Ripley's Believe It or Not." During her mayoralty, the town built a municipal water system, installed street lights, updated the fire department, and kept the city clean. Of her administration she said, "We balanced the budget and cleaned up the town. Then when everything was under control, I retired." Enjoy the week.

## THINGS WITH WINGS

These games are brought to you by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman

### ACROSS

- Lion-headed Egyptian goddess
- "Much \_\_\_ About Nothing"
- What Icarus and Daedalus did to their wings
- Pinocchio's claims
- Lump in a yarn
- Thames, e.g.
- Fairy-tale beginning
- Late comedian Bob
- Related on the mother's side
- Was once a caterpillar
- Stare amorously
- Inflict a blow
- In good shape
- Collapse
- Oval
- \_\_\_-Wan Kenobi
- "I Believe I Can Fly" singer
- Instrument for poking
- Supernatural life force, pl.
- Past tense of "is"
- Utilizing
- American Society for Clinical Investigation
- Grill brand and Andrew Lloyd
- Legendary West
- Keener or smarter
- Hateful people
- Bachelor's dwelling
- To be burdensome
- Tangerine plus grapefruit
- All the dishware together

- Bird flu
- Backward arrow symbol in computing
- Keen on
- Alloy of lead and tin
- Eras
- Shows wind direction
- \_\_\_ in China"
- Psychedelic drug
- Exclamation of surprise

### DOWN

- Shapeless form
- Hokkaido (Japan) language
- Dissenting clique
- Transmits sleeping sickness in Africa
- A plane's wings help keep it this
- Consisting of two parts
- Conform
- Famous for their decorative toecaps
- Egg shape
- Network of intersecting nerves
- Old fashioned "before"
- Recoil
- Lubricate again
- Middle Eastern princes
- Tsetse, e.g.
- State of deep unconsciousness, pl.
- Embarrass
- Scientific name for Periwinkle
- Someone \_\_\_
- Rate often used to determine ARMs

- Echo sounder
- Borders
- Pitcher
- Scientist's work space
- Orville and Wilbur's creation
- Habitual practice
- Tie the knot
- They come with one or two horns
- Author of "The Age of Reason"
- Grow stronger
- Paul McCartney's band
- Concluded
- Part of eye that contains iris
- Encircle or bind
- Involving two parts
- Unforeseen obstacle
- Volcano in Sicily
- Three-\_\_\_ sloth
- Cash machine

### CROSSWORD

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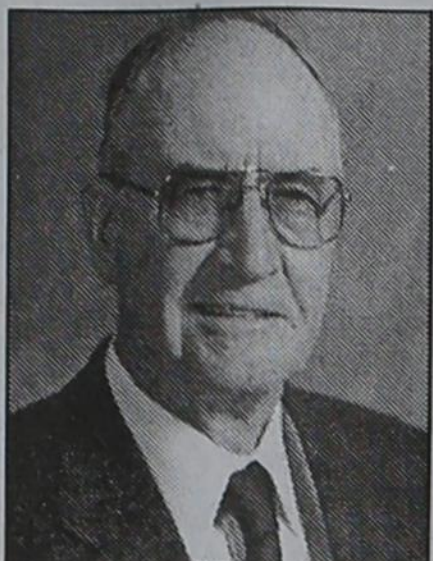
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# Our Sympathy

## IRA A. HARBOUR



**SPEARMAN** - Ira A. Harbour, 92, died Thursday, May 8, 2008.

Services were at 11 a.m. Monday, May 12, 2008 in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Medley officiating. Burial was in Lieb Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Harbour was born Sept. 16, 1915, in Ochiltree County to Thomas and Ollie Harbour. He married Ava Loree Jackson on Jan. 13, 1939, in Amarillo. She preceded him in death in 1993.

He married Ouida Wilson on Oct. 6, 1995, in Perryton. Mr. Harbour was a farmer and rancher. He was a member of the North Plains Electric Co-op board, serving as president several times since 1944. He was instrumental in obtaining electricity for the rural areas of the Texas Panhandle and made several trips to Washington, D.C., for that purpose.

He had been a member of the Soil and Water Conservation board for 58 years. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Spearman. He loved to fish and hunt in Colorado.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Lewis Harbour; a sister, Lena; and a grandson, Ti Harbour.

Survivors include his wife, Ouida Harbour; two daughters, Marsha Ann Hindmarsh of Dolores, Colo., and Rita Jean Jones and husband Don of Winston, N.M.; two sons, Gerald Curtis Harbour and wife Kayren of Spearman and Ted Ira Harbour and wife Debra of Southlake; three stepdaughters, Valinda Dodson and husband Randy of Perryton and Velrick Wilson and Velora Matheson and husband Kim, all of Amarillo; five sisters, May Lee Smith, Avis Smith, Mary Nell Webster, Leota Giblin and Jerry Beth Johnson; two brothers, Monty Harbour and Bob Harbour; 11 grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.

## RICHARD MONROE MELTON



**SPEARMAN** - Richard Monroe Melton, 72, died Saturday, May 10, 2008.

Burial was at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at Hansford Cemetery. Praise the Life memorial followed at 1:30 p.m. in First United Methodist Church.

Mr. Melton was born March 3, 1936, in Crosbyton, to Jeff and Lola Watson. He married Helen Bruner Whitaker on Aug. 5, 1979, in Spearman.

Mr. Melton graduated from Lakeview High School in 1954. He served his country during the Korean conflict with the U.S. Navy and was very proud of his service. Mr. Melton graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in engineering in 1965. He retired from Texas New Mexico Power Co. in 1992 and, after this retirement, he sold insurance for Farm Bureau.

Mr. Melton was a member of First United Methodist Church of Spearman. He served as lay delegate for many years, served on many committees and worked as custodian and electrician. He was instrumental in starting the Golden Spread and Rushing Wind Emmaus Communities.

Mr. Melton was credited with starting with Kairos Prison Ministry for the Texas Panhandle. He served on the Texas State Board of Kairos for six years and was board chairman for three years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Paulette Fryrear; and a brother-in-law, Reg Robertson.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Cheryl Whitefield and husband Ted of Spearman and Cindy Rowlett and husband Brett of Nolon; a son, James Whitaker and wife Renee of Amarillo; three sisters, Jody Robertson, Sue Bowling and husband Jerry "Tooter" and Dixie Pool and husband Donnie, all of Spearman; a brother, Mike Melton and wife Vicki "Sam" of Stinnett; nine grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and many nieces, nephews, friends and extended Kairos family.

The family suggests memorials be in lieu of flowers to Hansford County Hospice, 707 Roland, Spearman, TX 79081, or Kairos Prison Ministry c/o Dean Cooke, 300 Inverness, Borger, TX 79007.

## MABEL VIOLA MONGOLE



**CLARENDON** - Mabel Viola Mongole, 98, died Friday, May 9, 2008, in Spearman.

Graveside services were at 2:30 p.m. Monday, May 12, 2008 in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon with the Rev. Don McDonald, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Canyon, officiating. Arrangements were by Robertson Funeral Directors.

Miss Mongole was born May 21, 1909, in White Deer to John and Maggie Muir Mongole, early pioneers of the Texas Panhandle who farmed near White Deer, but later moved to Clarendon for their daughters to attend

public schools. After graduating from high school, Mabel attended West Texas College in Canyon where she graduated. She was a resident of Clarendon most of her life having taught in Clarendon and area schools before returning home to care for her mother.

Mabel, with her sister Edgar Mae, moved to Palo Duro Retirement Village in Canyon in 1985, where she had many friends. She always cared for others and had a remarkable memory. She was a beautiful person whom all liked. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Canyon.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her sister on Jan. 9, 2005.

Survivors include several cousins and special caregivers in Canyon and Hansford Manor in Spearman.

The family suggests memorials be to The Children's Home, 3400 S. Bowie St., Amarillo, TX 79109.

Sign the online guestbook at [www.RobertsonFuneral.com](http://www.RobertsonFuneral.com)

## DONALD HOUSER

Donald Houser, 79, of Plantation, FL died March 22, 2008. A memorial service was held Saturday, March 29, 2008, at his son's residence in Plantation FL. Cremation arrangements were by TM Ralph Plantation Funeral Home, [www.tmralf.com](http://www.tmralf.com).

Don is survived by his sons, David Houser of Denver, CO and Dough Houser of Plantation, FL; a daughter, Cindy Hirsch of Pompano Beach, FL; brothers Harold Houser of California, Howard Houser of Ohio, Gerald Houser of Tampa, FL; former wife, Pat Koch of Plantation, FL; former wife Lottie Smith Houser of Amarillo, TX; and three grandchildren, Danielle Houser, and Jackie and Katie Hirsch.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Vitas Hospice Charitable Fund, 5420 NW 3 Ave, Suite 100, FT. Lauderdale FL 33308.

## BEATRICE MCCLOY



**RURAL HANSFORD COUNTY** - Beatrice McCloy, 82, died Thursday, May 8, 2008, in Dumas.

Services were at 2 p.m. Monday, May 12, 2008 in First Baptist Church of Morse with the Rev. Timothy Miller officiating. Burial was in Lieb Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Beatrice McCloy was born May 20, 1926, in Sunnyside to Katie Lou Bridges and Germany Ferguson. She was called "Sis" by many friends and relatives. She was a tomboy and worked in the

cotton fields and played basketball in high school. When she went to Wayland Baptist College in Plainview, she helped organize the first women's basketball team. She graduated from Wayland in 1945 and moved to Morse to teach school and coach. On Dec. 7, 1947, she married Willard "Si" McCloy.

They farmed and ranched northwest of Morse and celebrated 60 years of marriage last December. She had been a member of First Baptist Church in Morse since 1945. She gave of her time to the 4-H, home demonstration clubs and the PTA, which honored her with a lifetime membership award. In 1963 she was the Regional Conservation Homemaker of the Year.

She was an avid cheerleader on the sidelines or in the audience as her children and grandchildren grew up. She supported her family and friends with prayer and her acquired wisdom.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Laci Renee McCloy, her parents and a stepfather.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Delbert McCloy of Morse, Monte McCloy and wife Nan of Clayton, NM; two daughters, Cheryl Peterson and husband Mike of Albin, Wyo., and Katina Lusby and husband Lonnie of Fayetteville, Ark.; grandchildren, Matt McCloy and wife Ingrid of Stephenville, Clint McCloy and wife Amber of Calgary, Mindy Joekel and husband John of Gering, Neb., Lori and Lee Peterson of Albin; great-grandchildren, Miles and Mason McCloy of Stephenville, Hadley McCloy of Calgary, Hailey Joekel of Gering; a sister, Ruby Maude Fulfer of Claremont, Calif.; an aunt, Margaret Bridges of Dallas; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

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### Hansford County Scholarship Pageant

Calling All Girls ages 4-21! The Hansford County Scholarship Pageant has been scheduled for June 3, 2008. Entry Forms can be picked up at and returned to: Spearman - Dreamer's, Chamber of Commerce & City Hall; Gruver - City Hall. The deadline to turn forms has been extended to May 15, 2008. Entry fees must be turned in with the form. For additional information contact Donna McCubbin @ 659-2516, Tami Kunselman @659-5544 or Cheryl Salgado @659-2524.

### Spearman Community Blood Drive

Coffee Memorial Blood Center is hosting a Spearman Community Blood Drive on Monday, May 19th from 1-7 p.m. at The O'Loughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt Street. Every eligible donor will receive a T-Shirt! To schedule an appointment to donate please call 1-877-574-8800. ALL BLOOD TYPES ARE CURRENTLY NEEDED! The need is real. There is no substitute for blood. It can only come from volunteer blood donors. Please support the patients of the High Plains Region...Give the Gift of Life!

### Amy Babs & Pat Overbey Retirement Reception

Come and go retirement reception for Amy Babbs and Pat Overbey, Tuesday, May 20th from 11:00am - 1:00pm at the Gruver High School library. The public is invited.

### HCHD Invites You to a Meet and Greet

Hansford County Hospital District would like to invite everyone for a Meet and Greet Reception for Dr. Hasham on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at the O'Loughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt, from 4:30 - 6:30. Dr. Hasham is the newest physician to join the HCHD team. Dr. Hasham's office is located at 710 Roland (Family Medical Clinic II), Specializing in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, Dr. Hasham began taking appointments on May 12, 2008.

### Top of Texas Wheels Extravaganza

The Amarillo Area Corvette Club invites all car enthusiasts to "rev" up their engines and head for the Fifth Annual Top of Texas Wheels Extravaganza on May 24, 2008! Gates are open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Gate fee is \$5 per person, with ages 7 and under free. This year's event will be at a new location, The Vintage Autohaus & Imports, located at 8201 Amarillo Blvd. West (between Coulter and Soncy). This 40,000 square foot, climate controlled facility will provide a comfortable, all weather venue for both exhibitors and visitors. The open show includes street rods, classics, muscle cars, pickups, and motorcycles. There will also be a Corvette class. For car show entry information, visit www.amarillocorvetteclub.com or call Larry Teague at 806-353-5276.

### Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

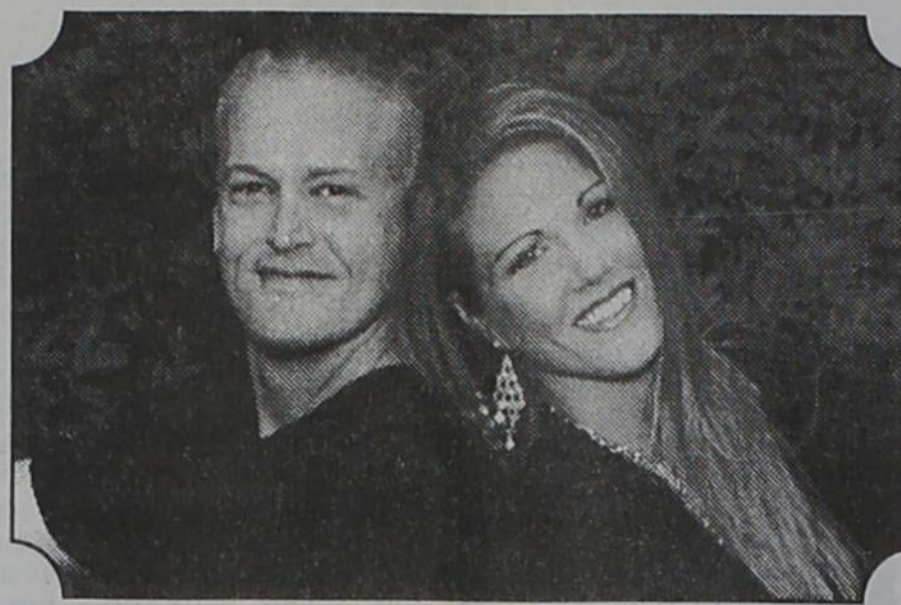
The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S. Roland, in Spearman on May 29, 2008. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having 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.

### Lake Fryer Children's Fishing Tournament

The Wolf Creek Improvement board will be hosting a Children's Fishing Tournament at Lake Fryer on Saturday, June 7, 2008. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. at the gazebo located on the north shore of the lake. There will be a \$1/contestant registration fee with all proceeds dedicated for improvements to the lake. The first 125 contestants will receive a free registration bag including a fishing pole, t-shirt and a cap. Saturday is a free fishing day for all ages, so no permits will be needed. The tournament ends at 2 p.m., with prizes awarded at 3 p.m. Prizes will be awarded in three age groups: Ages 1-5, Ages 6-10, and Ages 11-14. Additional "All Ages" prizes will be awarded for First Fish Caught, Largest Fish, Smallest Fish, First Turtle, Most Unusual Thing Found in the Park, and the Contestant Who Traveled The Farthest. A special category prize will be given for anyone 80 or over assisting a contestant. For further information, please contact Kay Allison at Allegiance Communications, 806-435-3231, during business hours, or Jan Hickey at 806-435-3249.

### M\*A\*S\*H Camp

Panhandle Area Health Education Center (AHEC) and West Texas A&M University are holding a Medical Avenues to Services in Health (M\*A\*S\*H) Camp for Texas Panhandle high school students entering grades 9-12. M\*A\*S\*H programs are designed to educate students about the possibility of pursuing a career in the health service field after they complete their education. The Basic M\*A\*S\*H Camp is a 3 1/2 day program that will be held on the WTAMU Campus June 8-11, 2008. The camp fee is \$55 and includes all meals, lodging and camp attire. The application deadline is May 23, 2008. M\*A\*S\*H programs require a short application process that includes a teacher recommendation, essay and demographic information. Contact Panhandle AHEC at 806-651-3480 for details.



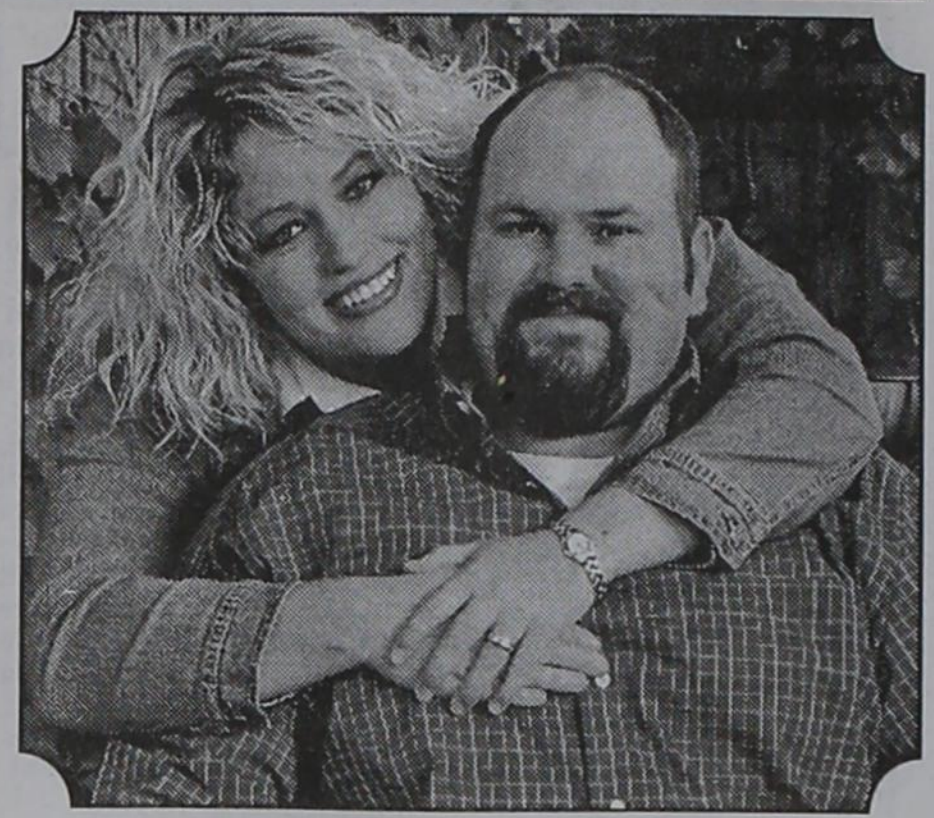
## Engagement Announcement

Garry and Frances Hathaway of Gruver, Texas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cara Ann to William Seth McAfee. Seth is the son of Steve and Polly McAfee of Clarendon, Texas and Geneva Naylor of Canyon Lake, Texas. Grandparents of the prospective groom are Cecil and Doris McAfee of Clarendon, Texas and Faye Naylor and the late T.F. Naylor of Hedley, Texas.

The couple plan to wed June 21, 2008 at the United Methodist Church in Clarendon, Texas.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Gruver High School in Gruver, Texas. She graduated in 2003, from Oklahoma Panhandle State University with a dual degree in Biology and Athletic Training. She is currently a teacher and coach in Pittsburg, Texas.

The prospective groom is a 1996 graduate of Clarendon High School in Clarendon, Texas. He graduated in 2003 from West Texas A&M University with a Bachelor's degree in Science. He is currently a teacher and coach in Winnsboro, Texas.



## Engagement Announcement

Arlan and Peggy Winegarner of Spearman announce the engagement of their daughter, Audrey Beth, to Braden Lee Gibson, son of Lee and Paula Gibson of Dumas.

Grandparents of the bride elect are Herbert and Delma Winegarner of Springfield, Colorado and Norma Marrs and the late Bruce Marrs of Matador, Texas.

Gibson is the grandson of the late Wendell and Elizabeth Gibson of Fritch and the late Carl and Helen Beauchamp of Dumas.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Spearman High School and a 2006 graduate of West Texas A&M University in Canyon. She is employed at Green Acres Elementary School in Dumas as a kindergarten teacher.

The prospective groom is a 1999 graduate of Dumas High School and a 2003 graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock with a degree in agriculture. He is employed by Gibson Farms.

The couple plan to wed August 9th at the First United Methodist Church in Dumas.

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 Claudia Vaquera & Scott Sauer  
 Brittanie Osbourne & Cody Eslick  
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 Cristina (Cricket) Salgado & Ray Banaban - 6/15  
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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

## May 15

**Birthday** - Barbara Cluck, Monte Cluck, Brooke Holt Ruhl, Jamie Maize, Tommy Russell, Charles Eaton, Wayne Cook, Francisco Borunda Jr., Tommie Mitchell, Luis Moreno, Trent Seagler, Ortha Fay Watkins, Treña Horton, Sadie Goodall, Janeen Baumgardner, Jean Armes, Bryan Dudley, Jennifer Traylor, Lance Smith

## Anniversary - M/M Don Kjos

## May 16

**Birthday** - Charles Evans, Louise Hedding, Mary King, Justin Miller, Ashleigh Sherrill, Gayle Smith, Kurt Spoonmore, Linda Latta, Cinda Wolf, Shelly Whitefield, Mary Trent, John Sprig, Michael Gruver, Linda Lujan, Rhonda Christian, Landry Fletcher, April Payne

## May 17

**Birthday** - Bart Thoreson, Karen Burke, Billy Close, Lorene McGuire, Earla Spencer, Matt Lair, Mrs. Fred Hoskins, Scott Boyd, Angela Pipkin, Lloyd Laxton, Marcy Villalobos, Cleavene Elliott, Edith Volden

## Anniversary - M/M Randy Reid, M/M Justin Gifford, M/M Darrell Wright

## May 18

**Birthday** - Dan Carthel, Phylis Haefner, Amy Lewis, Darrell Messer, Clint Swink, Jerry Swink, Sally Desimone, Paula Fryrear, Alma Ricketts, Byron Kenney, Joy Gafford, Ernestine Gray, Luis Moreno Jr., Kimberly Rhea, Ann Atchison, Amy Sparks, Ivan Allen, Thea Beck, Danny Henson, Kenny Virden, Travis Hodge, Justine Rosales

## Anniversary - Roy & Denise Harbour, Raymond & Judy Jenkins, M/M Mark McCloy, M/M Robert Elliott

## May 19

**Birthday** - Yvette Miller, S.J. Wells, Cora Lee Frantz, Wayne

Ellsworth, Bettie Davis, Debbie Schumann, Nita Burger, Lori Scroggs, Ricky Deluna, Joanne Blodgett, Sandi Pearson, Beatrice Self, Mary Delarosa, Brandi Allen, Otho Gammill, Brandy Morris, Linda Cummings, Cami Winegarner, Kate Haruch

**Anniversary - M/M Terrell Evans, Shorty & Carol Hestor, M/M Tom Fanning, M/M Tim Smith**

## May 20

**Birthday** - Donna Ralston, April Graham, Barbara Kenney, Ronny Smith, Cindy Scribner, Beatrice Ellsworth, Jacob Harbour, Vernon Gardner, Beatrice McCloy, Lanasa Washburn

**Anniversary - M/M Steve Stedje, M/M Pete Stafford, M/M Donnie Davis, Richard & Donna Trantham, Shawn & Dynell Moore, Brooks & Debbie Beck**

## May 21

**Birthday** - Steven Foster, Holly Holt Key, Jenny Hart, Brad Johnson, Charles Brillhart, Mae McLoughlin, Dennis Baker, Mike Kizzar, Carolyn McDaniel, Judy Vela, Faye Schmehr, Tracy Kirkpatrick, Veronica Gomez, Michael Quillin, Gaby Briones, James Martin

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## May 22

**Birthday** - Kaitlyn Poole, Sorrele Blevens, Geneva Eddleman, Tamra Gammon, Kathryn Gumfory, Jo Copeland, Amy Gumfory Seagler, Lacey Morris, Loye Randall, Alan Shields, James Osbourne, Joe Garza, Maria Vela, Vickie Genn, Flossie Boyd, Cassie Myatt, Carla Woodington, Detsi Vera

**Anniversary - Irvin & Helen Boyd, M/M Steve Reed, M/M Rex Reid**

## May 23

**Birthday** - Stefan Dorman, Clifford George, Brad Womble, Monet Lassiter, Scott Alfred, Lloyd Poole, Bob Skinner, Gladys Mitchum, David Collins, James Ooley, Bernie Olivare, Dorothea Keys

## Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister



We study the concept of The Trinity as we study Genesis 1:1-2:4, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:5-14, and Matthew 28:16-20. Our Genesis reading gives us the priestly account of creation. We see God as a transcendent being [existing completely outside of and beyond our world] who created the world by His Word. The scientific version of the beginning of the universe is described by the Big Bang Theory. Under this theory our universe began as a singularity [thought to exist at the core of black holes where finite matter is compressed into infinite density]. This singularity then begins to expand like a balloon. Within this expanding balloon exist time, space, our universe. Our universe is continually expanding. So where did this singularity come from? What caused it to expand? What exists outside our "balloon"? Scientifically, we do not know! The Christian disciple believes that God created the "heavens and the earth". John 1:1 tells us that God was present (existed) before the Creation, to-wit: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

The Psalmist sings of the majesty of the name of God. When the Psalmist looks at the stars of the night sky, he is awed and wonders what are human beings that God is mindful of them? God has created man and he has given us dominion over our world. The Psalmist praises the "name" of God. God's name, "I Am Who I Am" contains all of His character and tells in short form His greatness.

Paul in his "harsh" letter warns the faith community at Corinth that he is returning and will be stern to those misleading the church. Paul exhorts them to continue to reach perfection in Christ, to examine themselves to insure they are living in the faith. Paul reminds them of God's love and parts with a blessing. "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you."

Matthew shows us the Risen Lord addressing the disciples. "All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to me...Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit...remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age". Note that our mission is not to make church members, but to make disciples [those that believe and act on those beliefs, doers of the gospel]. In this exhortation, Jesus shows us God who is immanent [God is fully present in our world]. Remember that one of the names given to Jesus is "Immanuel" [God with us].

Hence our God is transcendent and immanent. Christ is transcendent and immanent. The Holy Spirit is transcendent and immanent. Together they are One!

May the Holy Spirit lead you to perfection in Jesus Christ.

## Thank You!

We would like first and foremost to PRAISE AND THANK our GOD ABOVE whom was with the kids during the accident. Yes - God is definitely in the MIRACLE BUSINESS!

Thanks also to the ambulance crew, doctors, and nursing staff for all your hard work, love and support.

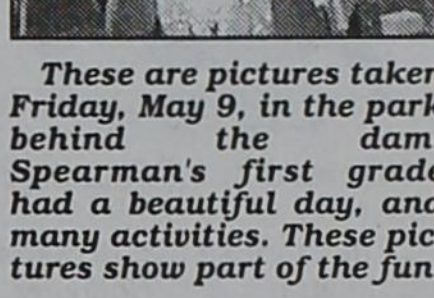
Friends and family I cannot tell you how much we appreciate all your LOVE. Thanks for being there for us. Thanks for the prayers, hugs, and calls. We cannot express how BLESSED we are that all the kids are okay and that we have friends like you!

Thanks You, Shawn, Tiki, Chase, Tylo & Lane

by Dorothy Hudson

## Out at the Lake

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These are pictures taken Friday, May 9, in the park behind the dam. Spearman's first grade had a beautiful day, and many activities. These pictures show part of the fun.

Lake Level--May 12, 2008-17.47 feet (-0.09)

The much appreciated rain fell on very dry land. The office gauge showed 90 hundredths, but the level was still down an inch, as the creeks did not run. The weathermen are giving us a good chance for the middle of the week, so our hopes are still high.

As the local schools are beginning to wind down, bringing groups out to the Lake has replaced the school picnics of my day. Last week saw groups from Plemons on Thursday and the combined first grades of the Spearman school on Friday.

The Spearman first graders have an organized play day with many stations for the children to rotate through. Jim mentioned archery, music, art, relays, water guns, volley ball, fossil hunts, and a hay ride. In addition the Boy Scouts with leader Mikal Willimon helped the young students with fishing in the Kid's Pond and hiking.

One of the high lights was

when Beau Brown of the Scouts pulled in a 5-pound catfish. It was weighed and released.

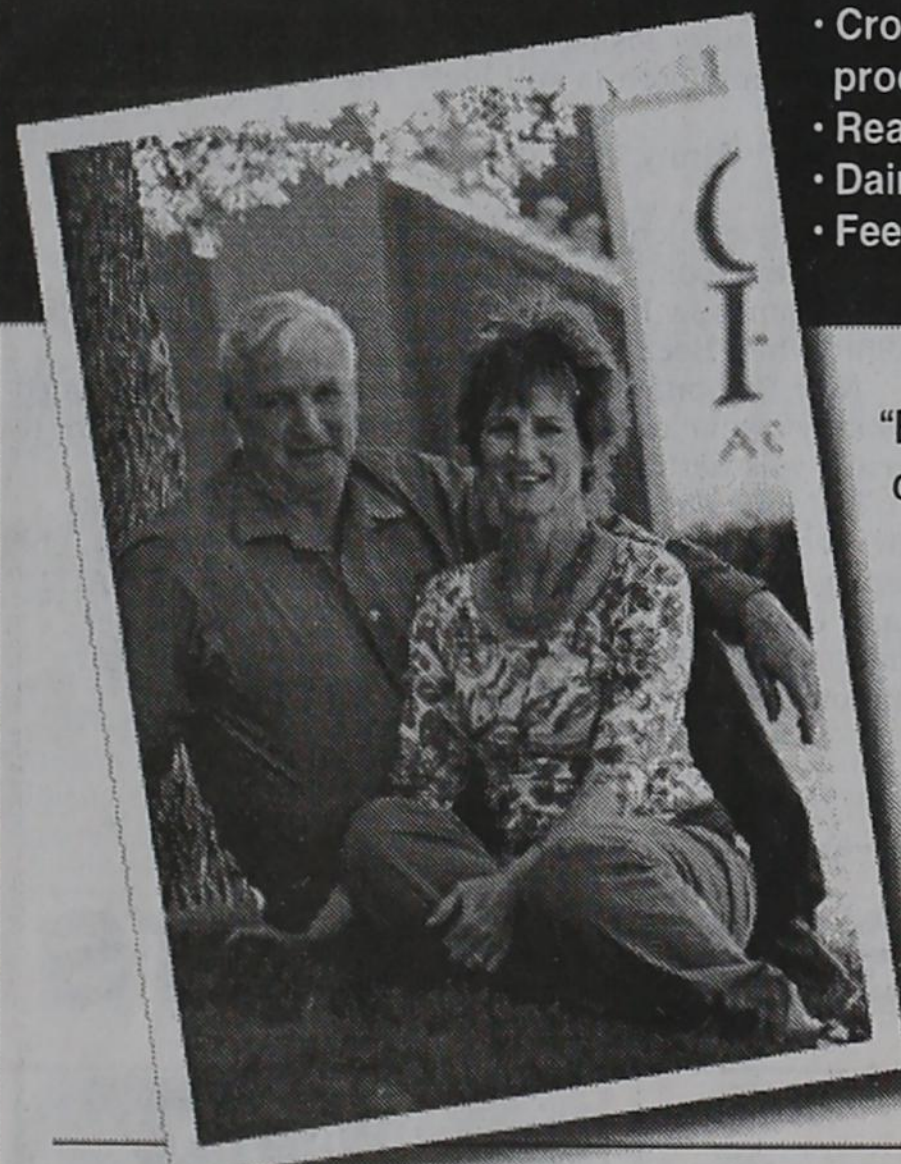
Friday was a beautiful, windless day. I don't know if it made the hot dogs taste any better to the youngsters, but surely every adult there was happy that they were out enjoying such a balmy spring day.

Jim has seen the bald eagle two more times. Wouldn't it be great to have a nesting pair of eagles.

Jim and I were visiting this morning about how nice it would be to have a book showing pictures of the birds that have been seen at the Park. He said we have a few pictures in the wildlife book he has, but it would be special to have all the local photographers contribute with signed pictures. Perhaps a paragraph could be added under each picture.

The book board member Margaret Evans made on the flowers to be found in the Park has been enjoyed so much by visitors to the office.

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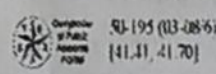
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## Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you.

### Informal Review

If you wish to have an informal review of your property with our staff, please come to our office in Spearman M-F 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. except holidays.

### Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance

of the evidence presented. In certain protests where the owner has submitted an independent appraisal to the ARB before the hearing, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at

709 W 7th Ave  
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Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

### Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. As an alternative and within the same time period, you may file a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district in certain cases.

### Tax Payment

You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

### More Information

You can get more information by contacting the Hansford County Appraisal District at (806) 659-5575 or 709 W 7th Ave, Spearman, TX 79081-3407.

You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

### Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB\*

#### Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

#### Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

\* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.



# Ramona THE PEST



Beverly Cleary

Beverly Cleary was born in McMinnville, Oregon, and, until she was old enough to attend school, lived on a farm in Yamhill, a town so small it had no library. Her mother arranged with the State Library to have books sent to Yamhill and acted as librarian in a lodge room upstairs over a bank. There Mrs. Cleary learned to love books. When the family moved to Portland, where Mrs. Cleary attended grammar school and high school, she soon found herself in the low reading circle, an experience that has given her sympathy for the problems of struggling readers.

By the third grade she had conquered reading and spent much of her childhood either with books or on her way to and from the public

library. Before long her school librarian was suggesting that she should write for boys and girls when she grew up. The idea appealed to her, and she decided that someday she would write the books she longed to read but was unable to find on the library shelves, funny stories about her neighborhood and the sort of children she knew. And so Ramona Quimby, Henry Huggins, Ellen Tebbits, and her other beloved characters were born.

When children ask Mrs. Cleary where she finds her ideas, she replies, "From my own experience and from the world around me." She included a passage about the DEAR program in Ramona Quimby, Age 8 (pages 40-41) after she received numerous letters from readers who

mentioned the great reading program they were doing in class. It seemed like something Ramona's class would do, too, so she put it in the book.

Mrs. Cleary's books have earned her many prestigious awards, including the 1984 John Newbery Medal for Dear Mr. Henshaw, for the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children in 1983. Her Ramona and Her Father and Ramona Quimby, Age 8 were named 1978 and 1982 Newbery Honor Books, respectively.

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## Chapter 12: The Baddest Witch in the World, Part 2

The story so far: Dressed as a witch, Ramona is excited about her first Halloween celebration at school.

Ramona ran screaming onto the playground. "Yah! Yah! I'm the baddest witch in the world!" Nobody paid any attention, because everyone else was screaming, too. The noise was glorious. Ramona yelled and screamed and shrieked and chased anyone who would run. She chased tramps and ghosts and ballerinas. Sometimes other witches in masks exactly like hers chased her, and then she would turn around and chase the witches right back. She tried to chase Howie, but he would not run. He just stood beside the fence holding his broken tail and missing all the fun.

Ramona discovered dear little Davy in a skimpy pirate costume from the dime store. She could tell he was Davy by his thin legs. At last! She pounced and kissed him through her rubber mask. Davy looked startled, but he had the presence of mind to make a gagging noise while Ramona raced away, satisfied that she finally had managed to catch and kiss Davy.

Then Ramona saw Susan getting out of her mother's car. As she might have guessed, Susan was dressed as an old-fashioned girl with a long skirt, an apron, and pantalettes. "I'm the baddest witch in the world!" yelled Ramona, and ran after Susan, whose curls bobbed daintily about her shoulders in a way that could not be disguised. Ramona was unable to resist. After weeks of longing she tweaked one of Susan's curls, and yelled, "Boing!" through her rubber mask.

"You stop that," said Susan, and smoothed her curls.

"Yah! Yah! I'm the baddest witch in the world!" Ramona was carried away. She tweaked another curl and yelled a muffled, "Boing!"

A clown laughed and joined Ramona. He too tweaked a curl and yelled, "Boing!"

The old-fashioned girl stamped her foot. "You stop that!" she said angrily.

"Boing! Boing!" Others joined the game. Susan tried to run away, but no matter which way she ran there was someone eager to stretch a curl and yell, "Boing!" Susan ran to Miss Binney. "Miss Binney! Miss Binney!" she cried. "They're teasing me! They're pulling my hair and boinging me!"

"Who's teasing you?" asked Miss Binney.

"Everybody," said Susan tearfully. "A witch started it."

"Which witch?" asked Miss Binney.

Susan looked around. "I don't know which witch," she said, "but it was a bad witch."

That's me, the baddest witch in the world, thought Ramona. At the same time she was a little surprised. That others really would not know that she was behind her mask had never occurred to her.

"Never mind, Susan," said Miss Binney. "You stay near me, and no one will tease you."

Which witch, thought Ramona, liking the sound of the words. Which witch, which witch. As the words ran through her thoughts Ramona began to wonder if Miss Binney could guess who she was. She ran up to her teacher and shouted in her muffled voice, "Hello, Miss Binney! I'm going to get you, Miss Binney!"

"Ooh, what a scary witch!" said Miss Binney, rather absentmindedly, Ramona thought. Plainly Miss Binney was not really frightened, and with so many witches running around she had not recognized Ramona.

No, Miss Binney was not the one who was frightened.

Ramona was. Miss Binney did not know who this witch was. Nobody knew who Ramona was, and if nobody knew who she was, she wasn't anybody.

"Get out of the way, old witch!" Eric R. yelled at Ramona. He did not say, Get out of the way, Ramona.

Ramona could not remember a time when there was not someone near who knew who she was. Even last Halloween, when she dressed up as a ghost and went trick-or-treating with Beezus and the older boys and girls, everyone seemed to know who she was. "I can guess who this little ghost is," the neighbors said, as they dropped a miniature candy bar or a handful of peanuts into her paper bag. And now, with so many witches running around and still more witches on the big playground, no one knew who she was.

"Davy, guess who I am!" yelled Ramona. Surely Davy would know.

"You're just another old witch," answered Davy.

The feeling was the scariest one Ramona had ever experienced. She felt lost inside her costume. She wondered if her mother would know which witch was which, and the thought that her own mother might not know her frightened Ramona even more. What if her mother forgot her? What if everyone in the whole world forgot her? With that terrifying thought Ramona snatched off her mask, and although its ugliness was no longer the most frightening thing about it, she rolled it up so she would not have to look at it.

How cool the air felt outside that dreadful mask! Ramona no longer wanted to be the baddest witch in the world. She wanted to be Ramona Geraldine Quimby and be sure that Miss Binney and everyone on the playground knew her. Around her the ghosts and tramps and pirates raced and shouted, but Ramona stood near the door of the kindergarten quietly watching.

Davy raced up to her and yelled, "Yah! You can't catch me!"

"I don't want to catch you," Ramona informed him.

Davy looked surprised and a little disappointed, but he ran off on his thin little legs, shouting, "Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum!"

Joey yelled after him, "You're not really a pirate. You're just Mush Pot Davy!"

Miss Binney was trying to herd her sixty-eight charges into a double line. Two mothers who felt sorry for the teacher were helping round up the kindergarten to start the Halloween parade, but as always there were some children who would rather run around than do what they were supposed to do. For once Ramona was not one of them. On the big playground someone started to play a marching record through a loudspeaker. The Halloween parade that Ramona had looked forward to since she was in nursery school was about to begin.

"Come along, children," said Miss Binney. Seeing Ramona standing alone, she said, "Come on, Ramona."

It was a great relief to Ramona to hear Miss Binney speak her name, to hear her teacher say "Ramona" when she was looking at her. But as much as Ramona longed to prance along to the marching music with the rest of her class, she did not move to join them.

"Put on your mask, Ramona, and get in line," said Miss Binney, guiding a ghost and a gypsy into place.

Ramona wanted to obey her teacher, but at the same time she was afraid of losing herself behind that scary mask. The line of kindergartners, all of them wearing masks except Howie with his pipe-cleaner whiskers, was less straggly now, and everyone was eager to start the parade. If Ramona did not do something quickly she would be left behind, and she could not let such a thing

happen, not when she had waited so many years to be in a Halloween parade.

Ramona took only a moment to decide what to do. She ran to her cupboard inside the kindergarten building and snatched a crayon from her box. Then she grabbed a piece of paper from the supply cupboard. Outside she could hear the many feet of the morning and afternoon kindergartens marching off to the big playground. There was no time for Ramona's best printing, but that was all right. This job was not seat work to be supervised by Miss Binney. As fast as she could Ramona printed her name, and then she could not resist adding with a flourish her last initial complete with ears and whiskers.

# RAMONA

Now the whole world would know who she was! She was Ramona Quimby, the only girl in the world with ears and whiskers on her last initial. Ramona pulled on her rubber mask, clapped her pointed hat on top of it, snapped the elastic under her chin, and ran after her class as it marched onto the big playground. She did not care if she was last in line and had to march beside gloomy old Howie still lugging his broken tail.

Around the playground marched the kindergarten followed by the first grade and all the other grades while mothers and little brothers and sisters watched. Ramona felt very grown up remembering how last year she had been a little sister sitting on a bench watching for her big sister Beezus to march by and hoping for a leftover doughnut.

"Yah! Yah! I'm the baddest witch in the world!"

Ramona chanted, as she held up her sign for all to see. Around the playground she marched toward her mother, who was waiting on the bench. Her mother saw her, pointed her out to Mrs. Kemp, and waved. Ramona beamed inside her stuffy mask. Her mother recognized her!

Poor little Willa Jean in her stroller could not read, so Ramona called out to her, "It's me, Willa Jean. I'm Ramona, the baddest witch in the world!"

Willa Jean in her rabbit mask understood. She laughed and slapped her hands on the tray of her stroller.

Ramona saw Henry's dog Ribsy trotting along, supervising the parade. "Yah! Ribsy! I'm going to get you, Ribsy!" she threatened, as she marched past.

Ribsy gave a short bark, and Ramona was sure that even Ribsy knew who she was as she marched off to collect her doughnut and apple juice.

Ramona's day was off to a promising start for two reasons, both of which proved she was growing up. First of all, she had a loose tooth, a very loose tooth, a tooth that waggled back and forth with only a little help from her tongue. It was probably the loosest tooth in the morning kindergarten, which meant that the tooth fairy would finally pay a visit to Ramona before long.

Ramona had her suspicions about the tooth fairy. She had seen Beezus search under her pillow in the morning, after losing a tooth, and then call out, "Daddy, my tooth is still here. The tooth fairy forgot to come!"

"That's funny," Mr. Quimby would answer. "Are you sure?"

"Positive. I looked everyplace for the dime."

"Let me look," was always Mr. Quimby's suggestion. Somehow he could always find the tooth fairy's dime when Beezus could not.

Now Ramona's turn would soon come. She planned to stay awake and trap the tooth fairy to make sure it really was her father.

Not only did Ramona have a loose tooth to make her feel that she was finally beginning to grow up, she was going to get to walk to school all by herself. At last! Howie was home with a cold, and her mother had to drive Beezus downtown for an early dental appointment.

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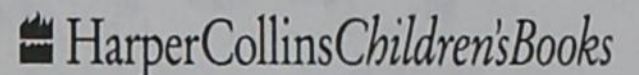


Beverly Cleary

Among Mrs. Cleary's other awards are the American Library Association's 1975 Laura Ingalls Wilder Award, the Catholic Library Association's 1980 Regina Medal, and the University of Southern Mississippi's 1982 Silver Medallion, all presented in recognition of her lasting contribution to children's literature. In addition, Mrs. Cleary was the 1984 United States author nominee for the Hans Christian Andersen Award, a prestigious international award. Equally important are the more than 35 statewide awards Mrs. Cleary's books have received based on the direct votes of her young readers. In 2000, to honor her invaluable contributions to children's literature, Beverly Cleary

was named a "Living Legend" by the Library of Congress. This witty and warm author is truly an international favorite. Mrs. Cleary's books appear in over twenty countries in fourteen languages and her characters, including Henry Huggins, Ellen Tebbits, Otis Spofford, and Beezus and Ramona Quimby, as well as Ribsy, Socks, and Ralph S. Mouse, have delighted children for generations. There have been Japanese, Spanish, and Swedish television programs based on the Henry Huggins series, PBS-TV aired a ten-part series based on the Ramona stories, and one-hour adaptations of the three Ralph S. Mouse books have been shown on ABC-TV. All of Mrs. Cleary's adaptations still can

be seen on cable television, and the Ramona adaptations are available in video stores. In addition, The Beverly Cleary Sculpture Garden for Children featuring bronze statues of Ramona Quimby, Henry Huggins, and Ribsy, was recently opened in Portland, Oregon. You can read more about Mrs. Cleary in her memoirs, *A Girl from Yamhill* and *My Own Two Feet* and by visiting [www.harpercollinschildrens.com](http://www.harpercollinschildrens.com).



## Chapter 14: The Day Things Went Wrong

"Now Ramona," said Mrs. Quimby, as she put on her coat, "I'm going to trust you to stay all by yourself for a little while before you start to school. Do you think you can be a good girl?"

"Of course, Mama," said Ramona, who felt that she was always a good girl.

"Now be sure you watch the clock," said Mrs. Quimby, "and leave for school at exactly quarter past eight."

"Yes, Mama."

"And look both ways before you cross the street."

"Yes, Mama."

Mrs. Quimby kissed Ramona good-by. "And be sure to close the door behind you when you leave."

"Yes, Mama," was Ramona's tolerant answer. She could not see why her mother was anxious.

When Mrs. Quimby and Beezus had gone, Ramona sat down at the kitchen table to wiggle her tooth and watch the clock. The little hand was at eight, and the big hand was at one. Ramona wiggled her tooth with her finger. Then she wiggled it with her tongue, back and forth, back and forth. The big hand crept to two. Ramona took hold of her tooth with her fingers, but as much as she longed to surprise her mother with an empty space in her mouth, actually pulling the tooth was too scary. She went back to wiggling.

The big hand moved slowly to three. Ramona continued to sit on the chair wiggling her tooth and being a very good girl as she had promised. The big hand crawled along to four. When it reached five, Ramona knew that it would be quarter after eight and time to go to school. A quarter was twenty-five cents. Therefore, a quarter past eight was twenty-five minutes after eight. She had figured the answer out all by herself.

At last the big hand crawled to five. Ramona slid off the chair and slammed the door behind her as she started off to school alone. So far, so good, but as soon as Ramona reached the sidewalk, she realized that something was wrong. In a moment she understood what it was. The street was too quiet. No one else was walking to school. Ramona stopped in confusion. Maybe she was mixed up. Maybe today was really Saturday. Maybe her mother forgot to look at the calendar.

No, it could not be Saturday because yesterday was Sunday. Besides, there was Henry Huggins's dog Ribsy, trotting along the street on his way home from escorting Henry to school. Today really was a school day, because Ribsy followed Henry to school every morning. Maybe the clock was wrong. In a panic Ramona began to run. Miss Binney would not want her to be late for school. She did manage to slow down and look both ways before she walked across the streets, but when she saw that Henry was not guarding his usual intersection, she knew that the traffic boys had gone in and she was even later than she had thought. She ran across the kindergarten playground, and then stopped. The door of the kindergarten was shut. Miss Binney had started school without her.

Ramona stood puffing a moment trying to catch her breath. Of course, she could not expect Miss Binney to wait for her when she was late, but she could not help wishing that her teacher had missed her so much she had said, "Class, let's wait for Ramona. Kindergarten isn't any fun without Ramona."

When Ramona caught her breath, she knew what she should do. She knocked and waited for the door monitor to open the door. The monitor turned out to be Susan, who said accusingly, "You're late."

"Never mind, Susan," said Miss Binney, who was standing in front of the class holding up a brown paper sack with a big T printed on it. "What happened, Ramona?"

"I don't know," Ramona was forced to admit. "I left at a quarter after eight like my mother told me."

Miss Binney smiled, and said, "Next time try to walk a little faster," before she continued where she had left off. "Now who can guess what I have in this bag with the letter T printed on it? Remember, it is

something that begins with T. Who can tell me how T sounds?"

"T-t-t-t-t," ticked the kindergarten.

"Good," said Miss Binney. "Davy, what do you think is in the bag?" Miss Binney was inclined to bear down on the first letters of words now that the class was working on the sounds letters make.

"Taterpillars?" said Davy hopefully. He rarely got anything right, but he kept trying.

"No, Davy. Caterpillar begins with C. C-c-c-c-c. What I have in the bag begins with T. T-t-t-t-t."

Davy was crestfallen. He had been so sure caterpillar began with T.

T-t-t-t-t. The class ticked quietly while it thought. "TV?" someone suggested. TV began with T, but was not in the bag.

"T-t-t-t-tadpoles?" Wrong.

"Teeter-totter?" Wrong again. How could anyone have a teeter-totter in a paper bag?

T-t-t-t-t, Ramona ticked to herself as she wiggled her tooth with her fingers. "Tooth?" she suggested.

"Tooth is a good T word, Ramona," said Miss Binney, "but it is not what I have in the bag."

Ramona was so pleased by Miss Binney's compliment that she wiggled her tooth even harder and suddenly found it in her hand. A strange taste filled her mouth. Ramona stared at her little tooth and was astonished to discover that one end was bloody. "Miss Binney!" she cried without raising her hand. "My tooth came out!"

Someone had lost a tooth! The kindergarten began to crowd around Ramona. "Seats, please, boys and girls," said Miss Binney. "Ramona, you may go rinse your mouth, and then you may show us your tooth."

Ramona did as she was told, and when she held up her tooth for all to admire, Miss Binney said, "Tooth. T-t-t-t-t." When Ramona pulled down her lip to show the hole where her tooth had been, Miss Binney did not say anything because the class was working on T and hole did not begin with T. It turned out that Miss Binney had a t-t-t-t-tiger, stuffed, of course, in the bag.

Before the class started seat work, Ramona went to her teacher with her precious bloody tooth, and asked, "Would you keep this for me?" Ramona wanted to be sure she did not lose her tooth, because she needed it for bait to catch the tooth fairy. She planned to pile a lot of clatter things like sauce pans and pie tins and old broken toys beside her bed so the tooth fairy would trip and wake her up.

Miss Binney smiled as she opened a drawer of her desk. "Your first tooth! Of course, I'll keep it safe so you can take it home for the tooth fairy. You're a brave girl."

Ramona loved Miss Binney for understanding. She loved Miss Binney for not being cross when she was late for school. She loved Miss Binney for telling her she was a brave girl.

Ramona was so happy that the morning went quickly. Seat work was unusually interesting. The kindergarten now had sheets of pictures, three to a row, printed in purple ink by a ditto machine. One row showed a top, a girl, and a toe. The kindergarten was supposed to circle the top and the toe, because they both began with T, and cross out the girl, because girl began with a different sound. Ramona dearly loved to circle and cross out, and was sorry when recess time came.

"Want to see where my tooth was?" Ramona asked Eric J., when the class had finished with T for the day and had gone out to the playground. She opened her mouth and pulled down her lower lip.

Eric J. was filled with admiration. "Where your tooth was is all bloody," he told her.

The glory of losing a tooth! Ramona ran over to Susan. "Want to see where my tooth was?" she asked.

"No," said Susan, "and I'm glad you were late, because I got to open the door my very first day as door monitor."

Ramona was indignant that Susan had refused to admire the bloody hole in her mouth. No one else bravely had lost a tooth during kindergarten. Ramona seized one of Susan's curls, and, careful not to pull

hard enough to hurt Susan, she stretched it out and let it spring back. "Boing!" she cried and ran off, circling the jungle gym and coming back to Susan, who was about to climb the steps to the traveling bars. She stretched another curl and yelled, "Boing!"

"Ramona Quimby!" shrieked Susan. "You stop boinging me!"

Ramona was filled with the glory of losing her first tooth and love for her teacher. Miss Binney had said she was brave! This day was the most wonderful day in the world! The sun shone, the sky was blue, and Miss Binney loved her. Ramona flung out her arms and circled the jungle gym once more on feet light with joy. She swooped toward Susan, stretched a curl, and uttered a long drawn-out, "Bo-i-ing!"

"Miss Binney!" cried Susan on the verge of tears. "Ramona is boinging me, and I bet she was the witch who boinged me at the Halloween parade!"

Tattletale, thought Ramona scornfully, as she circled the jungle gym on feet of joy. Circle Ramona, cross out Susan!

"Ramona," said Miss Binney, as Ramona flew past. "Come here. I want to talk to you."

Ramona turned back and looked expectantly at her teacher.

"Ramona, you must stop pulling Susan's hair," said Miss Binney.

"Yes, Miss Binney," said Ramona, and skipped off to the traveling bars.

Ramona intended to stop pulling Susan's curls, she truly did, but unfortunately Susan would not cooperate. When recess was over and the class was filing back into the room, Susan turned to Ramona, and said, "You're a big pest."

Susan could not have chosen a word that Ramona would resent more. Beezus was always saying she was a pest. The big boys and girls on Ramona's street called her a pest, but Ramona did not consider herself a pest. People who called her a pest did not understand that a littler person sometimes had to be a little bit noisier and a little bit more stubborn in order to be noticed at all. Ramona had to put up with being called a pest by older boys and girls, but she did not have to put up with being called a pest by a girl her own age.

"I'm not a pest," said Ramona indignantly, and to get even she stretched one of Susan's curls and whispered, "Boing!"

Ramona's luck was bad, however, for Miss Binney happened to be watching. "Come here, Ramona," said her teacher.

Ramona had a terrible feeling that this time Miss Binney was not going to understand.

"Ramona, I'm disappointed in you," Miss Binney's voice was serious.

Ramona had never seen her teacher look so serious. "Susan called me a pest," she said in a small voice.

"That is no excuse for pulling hair," said Miss Binney. "I told you to stop pulling Susan's hair, and I meant it. If you cannot stop pulling Susan's hair, you will have to go home and stay there until you can."

Ramona was shocked. Miss Binney did not love her anymore. The class was suddenly quiet, and Ramona could almost feel their stares against her back as she stood there looking at the floor.

"Do you think you can stop pulling Susan's hair?" asked Miss Binney.

Ramona thought. Could she really stop pulling Susan's curls? She thought about those thick, springy locks that were so tempting. She thought about Susan, who always acted big. In kindergarten there was no worse crime than acting big. In the eyes of the children, acting big was worse than being a pest. Ramona finally looked up at Miss Binney and gave her an honest answer. "No," she said. "I can't."

Miss Binney looked a little surprised. "Very well, Ramona. You will have to go home and stay there until you can make up your mind not to pull Susan's curls."

"Now?" asked Ramona in a small voice. "You may sit outside on the bench until it's time to go home," said Miss Binney. "I'm sorry, Ramona, but we cannot have a hair puller in our kindergarten."

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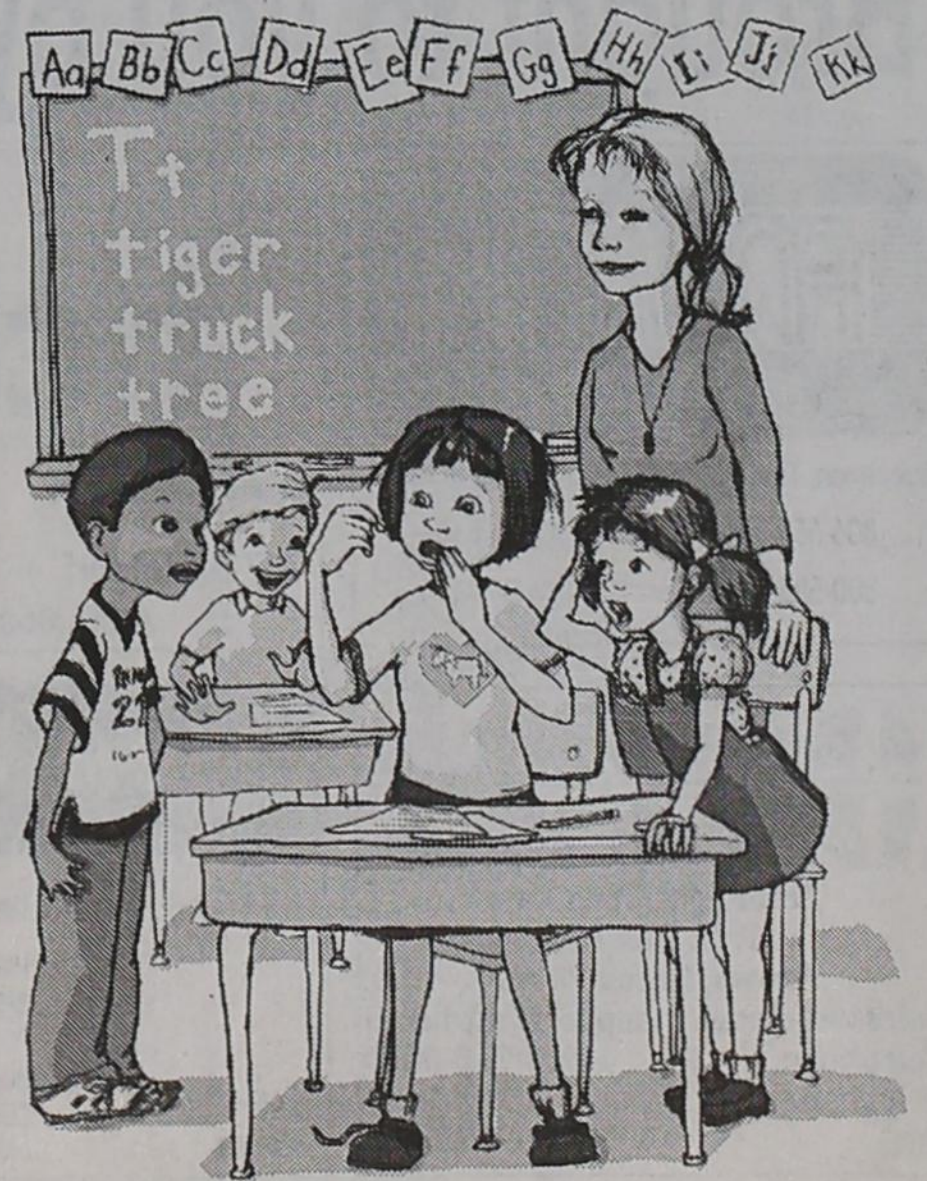
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## Chapter 15: Kindergarten Dropout, Part 1

No one said a word as Ramona turned and walked out of the kindergarten and sat down on the bench. The little children next door stared at her through the fence. The workmen across the street looked at her in amusement. Ramona gave a long shuddering sigh, but she just managed to hold back the tears. Nobody was going to see Ramona Quimby acting like a baby.

"That girl has been bad again," Ramona heard the four-year-old next door say to her little sister.

When the bell rang, Miss Binney opened the door to see her class out, and said to Ramona, "I hope you'll decide you can stop pulling Susan's hair so you can come back to kindergarten."

Ramona did not answer. Her feet, no longer light with joy, carried her slowly toward home. She could never go to kindergarten, because Miss Binney did not love her anymore. She would never get to show and tell or play Gray Duck again. She wouldn't get to work on the paper turkey Miss Binney was going to teach the class to make for Thanksgiving. Ramona sniffed and wiped the sleeve of her sweater across her eyes. She did love kindergarten, but it was all over now. Cross out Ramona.

Not until she was halfway home did Ramona remember her precious tooth in Miss Binney's desk.

Why, Ramona, whatever is the matter?" Mrs. Quimby wanted to know, when Ramona opened the back door.

"Oh ... nothing," Ramona had no trouble hiding the gap in her teeth. She did not feel like smiling, and not having a tooth to leave for the tooth fairy was only a small part of her trouble.

Mrs. Quimby laid her hand on Ramona's forehead. "Are you feeling all right?" she asked.

"Yes, I feel all right," answered Ramona, meaning that she did not have a broken leg, a skinned knee, or a sore throat.

"Then something must be wrong," insisted Mrs. Quimby. "I can tell by your face."

Ramona sighed. "Miss Binney doesn't like me anymore," she confessed.

"Of course, Miss Binney likes you," said Mrs. Quimby. "She may not like some of the things you do, but she likes you."

"No, she doesn't," contradicted Ramona. "She doesn't want me there anymore." Ramona felt sad thinking about the recesses and the new seat work she was going to miss.

"Why, what do you mean?" Mrs. Quimby was puzzled. "Of course, Miss Binney wants you there."

"No, she doesn't," insisted Ramona. "She told me not to come back."

"But why?"

"She doesn't like me," was Ramona's answer.

Mrs. Quimby was exasperated. "Then something must have happened. There is only one thing to do, and that is to go to school and find out. Eat your lunch, and we'll go to school before afternoon kindergarten starts and see what this is all about."

After Ramona had picked at her sandwich awhile, Mrs. Quimby said briskly, "Put on your sweater, Ramona, and come along."

"No," said Ramona. "I'm not going."

"Oh yes, you are, young lady," said her mother, and took her daughter by the hand.

Ramona knew she had no choice when her mother started calling her young lady. She dragged her feet as much as she could on the way to school, where the afternoon kindergarten was behaving like the morning kindergarten. Half the class was lined up by the door waiting for Miss Binney while the other half raced around the playground. Ramona stared at the ground, because she did not want anyone to see her, and when Miss Binney arrived, Mrs. Quimby asked to talk to her for a moment.

Ramona did not look up. Her mother led her to the bench beside the kindergarten door. "You sit there and don't budge while I have a little talk with Miss Binney," she told Ramona.

Ramona sat on the bench swinging her feet, thinking about her tooth in Miss Binney's drawer and wondering what her teacher and her mother were saying about

her. Finally she could stand the suspense no longer. She had to budge so she slipped over to the door, as close as she could without being seen, and listened. The afternoon kindergarten and the workmen across the street were making so much noise she could catch only a few phrases such as "bright and imaginative," "ability to get along with her peer group," and "negative desire for attention." Ramona felt awed and frightened to be discussed in such strange big words, which must mean Miss Binney thought she was very bad indeed. She scuttled back to the bench when at last she heard her mother walk to the door.

"What did she say?" Ramona's curiosity was almost more than she could endure.

Mrs. Quimby looked stern. "She said she will be glad to have you back when you are ready to come back."

"Then I'm not going back," announced Ramona. She would never go to kindergarten at all if her teacher did not like her. Never.

"Oh yes, you are," said Mrs. Quimby wearily. Ramona knew better.

Thus began a difficult time in the Quimby household. "But Ramona, you have to go to kindergarten," protested Beezus, when she came home from school that afternoon. "Everybody goes to kindergarten."

"I don't," said Ramona. "I used to, but I don't now."

When Mr. Quimby came home from work, Mrs. Quimby took him aside and talked quietly to him. Ramona was not fooled for a minute. She knew exactly what those whispers were about.

"Well, Ramona, suppose you tell me all about what went on at school today," said Mr. Quimby with that false cheerfulness grown-ups use when they are trying to persuade children to tell something they don't want to tell.

Ramona, who longed to run to her father and show him where her tooth used to be, thought awhile before she said, "We guessed what Miss Binney had in a paper bag that began with a T, and Davy guessed 'aterpil-lars.'"

"And what else happened?" asked Mr. Quimby, all set to be patient.

Ramona could not tell her father about her tooth, and she was not going to tell about pulling Susan's curls. Nothing much was left to talk about. "We learned T," she said at last.

Mr. Quimby gave his daughter a long look, but said nothing.

After dinner Beezus talked to Mary Jane on the telephone, and Ramona heard her say, "Guess what! Ramona is a kindergarten dropout!" She seemed to think this remark was very funny, because she giggled into the telephone. Ramona was not amused.

Later Beezus settled down to read a book while Ramona got out her crayons and some paper.

"Beezus, you don't have a very good light for reading," said Mrs. Quimby. And she added as she always did, "You have only one pair of eyes, you know."

Here was an opportunity for Ramona to show off her new kindergarten knowledge. "Why don't you turn on the dawnzer?" she asked, proud of her new word.

Beezus looked up from her book. "What are you talking about?" she asked Ramona. "What's a dawnzer?"

Ramona was scornful. "Silly. Everybody knows what a dawnzer is."

"I don't," said Mr. Quimby, who had been reading the evening paper. "What is a dawnzer?"

"A lamp," said Ramona. "It gives a lee light. We sing about it every morning in kindergarten."

A puzzled silence fell over the room until Beezus suddenly shouted with laughter. "She-she means -" she gasped, "The Star-Spangled B-banner!" Her laughter dwindled to giggles. "She means the dawn's early light." She pronounced each word with exaggerated distinctness, and then she began to laugh again.

Ramona looked at her mother and father, who had the straight mouths and laughing eyes of grown-ups who were trying not to laugh out loud. Beezus was right and she was wrong. She was nothing but a girl who used to go to kindergarten and who got everything wrong and made everyone laugh. She was a stupid little sister. A dumb stupid little sister, who never did anything right.

Suddenly everything that

had happened that day was too much for Ramona. She glared at her sister, made a big crisscross motion in the air with her hand, and shouted, "Cross out Beezus!" Then she threw her crayons on the floor, stamped her feet, burst into tears, and ran into the room she shared with her sister.

"Ramona Quimby!" her father said sternly, and Ramona knew that she was about to be ordered back to pick up her crayons. Well, her father could order all he wanted to. She was not going to pick up her crayons. Nobody could make her pick up her crayons. Nobody. Not her father nor her mother. Not even the principal. Not even God.

"Now, never mind," Ramona heard her mother say. "Poor little girl. She's upset. She's had a difficult day."

Sympathy made things worse. "I am not upset!" yelled Ramona, and yelling made her feel so much better that she continued. "I am not upset, and I'm not a little girl, and everybody is mean to laugh at me!" She threw herself on her bed and pounded her heels on the bedspread, but pounding on the bedclothes was not bad enough. Far from it.

Ramona wanted to be wicked, really wicked, so she swung around and beat her heels on the wall. Bang! Bang! Bang! That noise ought to make everybody good and mad. "Mean, mean, mean!" she yelled, in time to her drumming heels. She wanted to make her whole family feel as angry as she felt. "Mean, mean, mean!" She was glad her heels left marks on the wallpaper. Glad! Glad! Glad!

"Mother, Ramona's kicking the wall," cried tattletale Beezus, as if her mother did not know what Ramona was doing. "It's my wall, too!"

Ramona did not care if Beezus tattled. She wanted her to tattle. Ramona wanted the whole world to know she was so bad she kicked the wall and left heel marks on the wallpaper.

"Ramona, if you're going to do that you had better take off your shoes." Mrs. Quimby's voice from the living room was tired but calm.

Ramona drummed harder to show everyone how bad she was. She would not take off her shoes. She was a terrible, wicked girl! Being such a bad, terrible, horrid, wicked girl made her feel good! She brought both heels against the wall at the same time. Thump! Thump! Thump! She was not the least bit sorry for what she was doing. She would never be sorry. Never! Never! Never!

"Ramona!" Mr. Quimby's voice held a warning note. "Do you want me to come in there?"

Ramona paused and considered. Did she want her father to come in? No, she did not. Her father, her mother, nobody could understand how hard it was to be a little sister. She drummed her heels a few more times to prove that her spirit was not broken. Then she lay on her bed and thought wild fierce thoughts until her mother came and silently helped her undress and get into bed. When the light had been turned out, Ramona felt so limp and tired that she soon fell asleep. After all she had no reason to try to stay awake, because the tooth fairy was not going to come to her house that night.

The next morning Mrs. Quimby walked into the girls' room, and said briskly to Ramona, "Which dress do you want to wear to school today?"

The empty space in her mouth and the heel marks on the wall above her bed reminded Ramona of all that had happened the day before. "I'm not going to school," she said, and reached for her play clothes while Beezus put on a fresh school dress.



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Chapter

16: Kindergarten Dropout, Part 2

The story so far: Ramona refuses to go to school because she thinks Miss Binney doesn't like her anymore.

A terrible day had begun. No one said much at breakfast. Howie, who had recovered from his cold, stopped for Ramona on his way to school, and then went on without her. Ramona watched all the children in the neighborhood go to school, and when the street was quiet, she turned on the television set.

Her mother turned it off, saying, "Little girls who don't go to school can't watch television."

Ramona felt that her mother did not understand. She wanted to go to school. She wanted to go to school more than anything in the world, but she could not go back when her teacher did not like her. Ramona got out her crayons and paper, which someone had put away for her, and settled down to draw. She drew a bird, a cat, and a ball in a row, and then with her red crayon she crossed out the cat, because it did not begin with the same sound as bird and ball. Afterward she covered a whole sheet of paper with Q's, Ramona-style, with ears and whiskers.

Ramona's mother did not feel sorry for Ramona. She merely said, "Get your sweater, Ramona. I have to drive down to the shopping center." Ramona wished she had a dime from the tooth fairy to spend.

There followed the most boring morning of Ramona's entire life. She trailed along after her mother in the shopping center while Mrs. Quimby bought socks for Beezus, some buttons and thread, pillowcases that were on sale, a new electric cord for the waffle iron, a package of paper for Ramona to draw on, and a pattern. Looking at patterns was the worst part. Ramona's mother seemed to sit for hours looking at pictures of boring dresses.

At the beginning of the shopping trip, Mrs. Quimby said, "Ramona, you mustn't put your hands on things in stores." Later she said, "Ramona, please don't touch things." By the time they reached the pattern counter, she said, "Ramona, how many times do I have to tell you to keep your hands to yourself?"

When Mrs. Quimby had finally selected a pattern and they were leaving the store, who should they run into but Mrs. Wisser, a neighbor. "Why, hello!" exclaimed Mrs. Wisser. "And there's Ramona! I thought a big girl like you would be going to kindergarten."

Ramona had nothing to say.

"How old are you, dear?" asked Mrs. Wisser.

Ramona still had nothing to say to Mrs. Wisser, but she did hold up five fingers for the neighbor to count.

"Five!" exclaimed Mrs. Wisser. "What's the matter, dear? Has the cat got your tongue?"

Ramona stuck out her tongue just enough to show Mrs. Wisser that the cat had not got it.

Mrs. Wisser gasped.

"Ramona!" Mrs. Quimby was thoroughly exasperated. "I'm sorry, Mrs. Wisser. Ramona seems to have forgotten her manners." After this apology she said angrily, "Ramona Geraldine Quimby, don't you ever let me catch you doing such a thing again!"

"But Mama," protested Ramona, as she was dragged toward the parking lot, "she asked me, and I was just showing -" There was no use in finishing the sentence, because Mrs. Quimby was not listening and she probably would not have understood if she had listened.

Mrs. Quimby and Ramona returned home in time to pass the morning kindergarten straggling along the sidewalk with their seat-work papers to show their mothers. Ramona got down on the floor of the car so she would not be seen.

Later that afternoon Beezus brought Mary Jane home from school to play. "How did you like kindergarten today, Ramona?" asked Mary Jane in a bright, false tone. It told Ramona all too clearly that she

already knew Ramona had not gone to kindergarten.

"Why don't you shut up?" asked Ramona.

"I'll bet Henry Huggins isn't going to want to marry a girl who hasn't even finished kindergarten," said Mary Jane.

"Oh, don't tease her," said Beezus, who might laugh at her sister herself, but was quick to protect her from others. Ramona went outside and rode her two-wheeled, lopsided tricycle up and down the sidewalk for a while before she sadly removed Miss Binney's red ribbon, which she had woven through the spokes of her front wheel.

On the second morning Mrs. Quimby took a dress out of Ramona's closet without a word.

Ramona spoke. "I'm not going to school," she said. "Ramona, aren't you ever going back to kindergarten?" Mrs. Quimby asked wearily.

"Yes," said Ramona. Mrs. Quimby smiled. "Good. Let's make it today."

Ramona reached for her play clothes. "No. I'm going to stay away until Miss Binney forgets all about me, and then when I go back she'll think I'm somebody else."

Mrs. Quimby sighed and shook her head.

"Ramona, Miss Binney is not going to forget you."

"Yes, she will," insisted Ramona. "She will if I stay away long enough."

Some older children on the way to school shouted, "Dropout!" as they passed the Quimbys' house. The day was a long, long one for Ramona. She drew some more seat work for herself, and afterward there was nothing to do but wander around the house poking her tongue in the hole where her tooth was while she kept her lips shut tight.

That evening her father said, "I miss my little girl's smiles." Ramona managed a tightlipped smile that did not show the gap in her teeth. Later she heard her father say something to her mother about "this nonsense has gone on long enough," and her mother answered with something about "Ramona has to make up her own mind she wants to behave herself."

Ramona despaired. Nobody understood. She wanted to behave herself. Except when banging her heels on the bedroom wall, she had always wanted to behave herself. Why couldn't people understand how she felt? She had only touched Susan's hair in the first place because it was so beautiful, and the last time - well, Susan had been so bossy she deserved to have her hair pulled.

Ramona soon discovered the other children in the neighborhood were fascinated by her predicament.

"How come you get to stay out of school?" they asked.

"Miss Binney doesn't want me," Ramona answered.

"Did you have fun in kindergarten today?" Mary Jane asked each day, pretending she did not know Ramona had stayed home. Ramona, who was not fooled for an instant, disdained to answer.

Henry Huggins was the one, quite unintentionally, who really frightened Ramona. One afternoon when she was pedaling her lopsided, two-wheeled tricycle up and down in front of her house, Henry came riding down the street delivering the Journal. He paused with one foot on the curb in front of the Quimbys' house while he rolled a paper.

"Hi," said Henry. "That's quite a trike you're riding."

"This isn't a trike," said Ramona with dignity. "This is my two-wheeler."

Henry grinned and threw the paper onto the Quimbys' front steps. "How come the truant officer doesn't make you go to school?" he asked.

"What's a truant officer?" asked Ramona.

"A man who gets after kids who don't go to school," was Henry's careless answer, as he pedaled on down the street.

A truant officer, Ramona decided, must be something like the dog catcher who sometimes came to Glenwood School when there were too many dogs on the playground. He tried to lasso the dogs, and once when he did manage to catch an elderly overweight

Basset hound, he shut the dog in the back of his truck and drove away with it. Ramona

did not want any truant officer to catch her and drive away with her, so she put her lopsided, two-wheeled tricycle into the garage and went into the house and stayed there.

Looking out from behind the curtains at the other children and poking her tongue into the space where her tooth used to be.

"Ramona, why do you keep making such faces?" asked Mrs. Quimby in that tired voice she had been using the last day or so.

Ramona took her tongue out of the space. "I'm not making faces," she said. Pretty soon her grown-up tooth would come in without the tooth fairy paying a

visit, and no one would ever know she had lost a tooth. She wondered what Miss Binney had done with her tooth. Thrown it away, most likely.

The next morning Ramona continued to draw rows of three pictures, circle two and cross out one, but the morning was long and lonely. Ramona was so lonely she even considered going back to kindergarten, but then she thought about Miss Binney, who did not like her anymore and who might not be glad to see her. She decided she would have to wait much, much longer for Miss Binney to forget her.

"When do you think Miss Binney will forget me?" Ramona asked her mother. Mrs. Quimby kissed the top of Ramona's head. "I doubt if she will ever forget you," she said. "Not ever, as long as she lives."

The situation was hopeless. That noon Ramona was not at all hungry when she sat down to soup, a sandwich, and some carrot sticks. She bit into a carrot stick, but somehow chewing it took a long time. She stopped chewing altogether when she heard the doorbell chime. Her heart began to thump. Maybe the truant officer had finally come to get her and carry her off in the back of his truck. Maybe she should run and hide.

"Why, Howie!" Ramona heard her mother say. Feeling that she had had a close call, she went on chewing away at the carrot stick. She was safe. It was only Howie.

"Come on in, Howie," said Mrs. Quimby. "Ramona is having her lunch. Would you like to stay for some soup and a sandwich? I can phone your mother and ask her if it's all right."

Ramona hoped Howie would stay. She was that lonely.

"I just brought Ramona a letter."

Ramona jumped up from the table. "A letter for me? Who's it from?" Here was the first interesting thing that had happened in days.

"I don't know," said Howie. "Miss Binney told me to give it to you."

Ramona snatched the envelope from Howie, and, sure enough, there was RAMONA printed on the envelope.

"Let me read it to you," said Mrs. Quimby.

"It's my letter," said Ramona, and tore open the envelope. When she pulled out the letter, two things caught her eye at once - her tooth Scotch-taped to the top of the paper and the first line, which Ramona could read because she knew how all letters began.

"DEAR RAMONA" was followed by two lines of printing, which Ramona was not able to read.

"Mama!" cried Ramona, filled with joy. Miss Binney had not thrown away her tooth,

and Miss Binney had drawn ears and whiskers on her Q. The teacher liked the way Ramona made Q, so she must like Ramona, too. There was hope after all.

"Why, Ramona!" Mrs. Quimby was astonished.

"You've lost a tooth! When did that happen?"

"At school," said Ramona, "and here it is!" She waved the letter at her mother, and then she studied it carefully, because she wanted so much to be able to read Miss Binney's words herself. "It says, 'Dear Ramona Q. Here is your tooth. I hope the tooth fairy brings you a dollar. I miss you and want you to come back to kindergarten. Love and kisses, Miss Binney.'"

Mrs. Quimby smiled and held out her hand. "Why don't you let me read the letter?"

Ramona handed over the letter. Maybe the words did not say exactly what she had pretended to read, but she was sure they must mean the same.

"Dear Ramona Q," began Mrs. Quimby. And she remarked, "Why, she makes her Q the same way you do."

"Go on, Mama," urged Ramona, eager to hear what the letter really said.

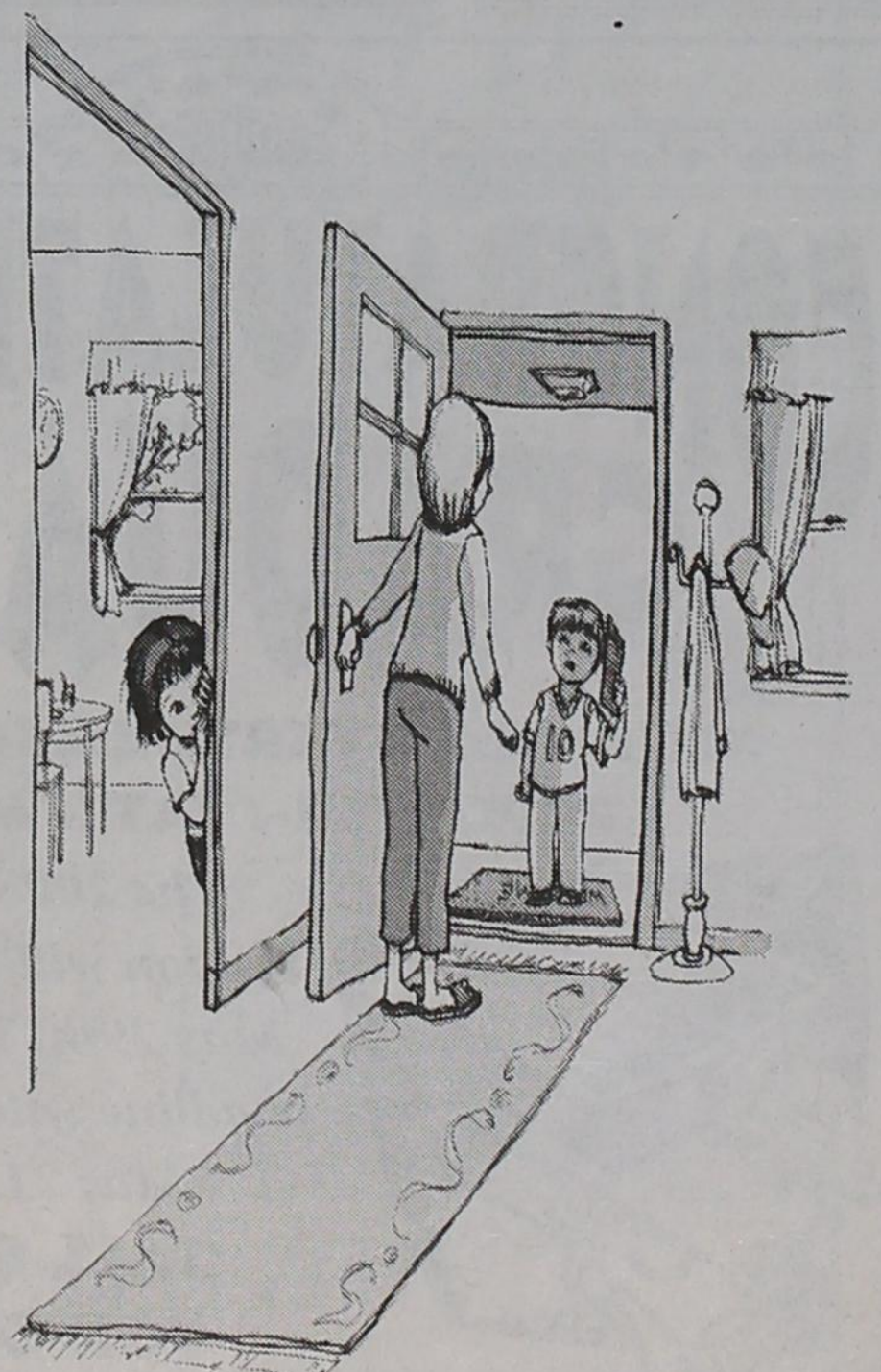
Mrs. Quimby read, "I am sorry I forgot to give you your tooth, but I am sure the tooth fairy will understand. When are you coming back to kindergarten?"

Ramona did not care if the tooth fairy understood or not. Miss Binney understood and nothing else mattered. "Tomorrow, Mama!" she cried. "I'm going to kindergarten tomorrow!"

"Good girl!" said Mrs. Quimby and hugged Ramona.

"She can't," said matter-of-fact Howie. "Tomorrow is Saturday."

Ramona gave Howie a look of pity, but she said, "Please stay for lunch, Howie. It isn't tuna fish. It's peanut butter and jelly."



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# Our Sympathy

## BONNIE MAE HENSON SMITH

SPEARMAN - Bonnie Mae Henson Smith, 84, died Sunday, May 11, 2008.

Graveside services were at 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, 2008 in Heart Cemetery in Booker with Aaron Frick and Dave Karlin officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Smith was born in Hanna, OK on October 8, 1923 to Albert and Grace Henson. She graduated high school in 1940 and married Roy E. Smith on May 16, 1941, in Okmulgee, OK. She worked for GTE before moving to Gruver. She was a member of Gruver Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Grace Henson; her husband, Roy Smith; a son, Roy "Spunky" Smith, in 1983; a brother, Noble Henson, in 1976; and a son-in-law, Doug Frick, in 2002.

Survivors include three daughters, Jodie Lutz of Veneta, OR, Peggy Frick of Gruver and Debbie Ellis of Longview, TX; a sister, Doris Cates of Dustin, OK; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials, in lieu of flowers, be to Hansford Manor, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, TX 79081, or High Plains Childrens Home, P.O. Box 7488, Amarillo, TX 79114.

## GARY DANIEL FARIES



Gary Daniel Faries, 58, died at his home on Monday, May 12, 2008.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 17, 2008, at Shawnee Hills Baptist Church, 1204 Brandom Street, in Jackson, Missouri, with Bro. Don Estes officiating.

Gary was born on January 15, 1950, in Poplar Bluff, Mo., to John Daniel Faries and Jessie Irene Faries. He married Dara Dyann Bybee on June 12, 1971.

Gary was a resident of Spearman, Texas for 38 years. He graduated from Spearman High School in 1968 and attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. Gary worked as a mechanic at the Ochiltree County gas plant for 22 years. At the time of his death, he lived in Plano, Texas, and worked in insurance and real estate. He was a member of the Prestonwood Baptist Church, the Rotary Club, the Masons, and the Collin County Real Estate Association.

Gary loved golfing, camping, and fishing. He was an avid sports fan and was passionate about the Dallas Cowboys and the Houston Astros. But most of all, Gary loved life, and he loved his family. He was a big strong man with an even bigger heart. He was known as son, husband, daddy, "Pa", brother, and friend, and he was loved by us all.

He is preceded in death by Donnie Bybee, father-in-law. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Kara Womble and husband Robert of Decatur, TX; a son Clint Faries and wife Millie of Neosho, MO.; two precious grandchildren, Kitson Womble and Irelyn Faries; parents Daniel and Jessie Faries of Wappapello, MO., a brother, Kenneth Faries and wife Sylvia of Nashville, TN., extended family, and countless friends.

The family suggests memorials in lieu of flowers be sent to the Skin Cancer Foundation, HYPERLINK "http://www.skincancer.org" www.skincancer.org, or a favorite charity.

## MAX STEVEN STANOPE

Max Steven Stanhope, 77, of Amarillo died Saturday, May 10, 2008.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Washington Avenue Christian Church with the Rev. Jim Shelburne, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery by Cox-LaGrone Funeral Home, 4180 Canyon Drive.

Mr. Stanhope was born Sept. 6, 1930, in Green Forest, Ark.

Max was a positive influence to everyone who knew him. He was a proud father, grandfather and great-grandfather. His friendship was strong and true to everybody acquainted with him. He led his family by example, teaching us all his work ethic and unconditional love, and that it is important to turn the other cheek and not be in judgment of others. We have so many priceless memories together. He gave us advice when it was needed and asked for and, occasionally, when we didn't ask for it. His pride in our good decisions reflected in his smile. He raised his children to be honorable and respectful, and they have passed that on to their children now. Max enjoyed his work and family.

In his retirement years, he developed many friends, playing dominoes, pool and cards with them regularly at "The Office." He enjoyed music, especially acoustic guitars. Max was a big Dallas Cowboys fan, always waiting eagerly for the season to come around. He and his grandsons spoke a special language to misguide those around them and tell their secrets. They all looked forward to football season so they could use this language even more.

Max was a respected man. A good man. These words from friends and neighbors have brought much comfort to his family. A person doesn't have to look far to see that his legacy of great character will live on in the hearts of all of us. We are grateful to him and the influence he has had, and will continue to have, on our lives forever and always. Any man can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a dad. He is in our hearts always. He is so very, very special to us.

He was preceded in death by his wife, June, in 1996; and two brothers, Eugene Stanhope of Washington state and Chuck Stanhope of Amarillo.

Survivors include two brothers, Paul and wife Pat of Amarillo and Russell Stanhope of Denver; six sons, Steve Stanhope, Gabriel Stanhope and Randy and Susan Stanhope, all of Amarillo, Jimmy and Karen Stanhope of Glenpool, Okla., Ronnie and Edna Stanhope of Palestine and Jason Hefner and wife Misty of Kerrville; a daughter, Kim Blevins and husband Robert of Gruver; 12 grandchildren, Chrisy Mund and husband Doug of Garland, Jeremy Stanhope and wife Roxanna and Matt Stanhope, all of Amarillo, Tim Stanhope and wife Gina of Creedmoor, N.C., Mike Stanhope and wife Trish of Mason, W.Va., Brad Stanhope and Debbie of Bixby, Okla., Rebecca Stanhope and Rachel Stanhope, both of Glenpool, Lee Hefner and wife Jessica of Lakeland, Fla., Sorrell Blevins of Gruver and Aaron Stanhope and Courtney Stanhope, both of Palestine; 16 great-grandchildren, Stephi Stanhope, Mason Stanhope, Tristan Stanhope, Taybour Stanhope and Brooke Stanhope, all of Amarillo, Nolan Stanhope of Creedmoor, Dillion Stanhope and Hayden Stanhope, both of Kerrville, Paige Stanhope and Walker Stanhope, both of Mason, Alex Stanhope of Bixby, Jayden Hefner, Khenlei Hefner and Easton Hefner, all of Lakeland, and Jacob Stanhope and Addison Mund, both of Garland.

Thank you to everyone who has helped the family in this time of need. God bless you all.

## MELVIN SWENN

SPEARMAN - Melvin Swenn, 71, died on Monday, May 12, 2008.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2008 at 2 p.m. in the First Assembly of God with the Rev. Bob Elder officiating. Interment will be at Hansford Cemetery, under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home in Spearman.

Melvin was born in Shattuck, OK on March 8, 1937 to Fred and Freeda Swenn. He married Nikki Johnson on December 27, 1962 in Las Vegas, NV.

He was a farmer and worked as a custom harvester and custom farmer for many years. He loved farming and restoring old cars. He was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Spearman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Freeda Swenn and a son, Shawn Swenn.

Survivors include his wife, Nikki Swenn of Spearman; a daughter, Lurie and Jerry Ross of Elk City, OK; a son, Shane and Jessica Swenn of Amarillo; a sister, Glenda and Jay Staub of Bartonville, TX; and two granddaughters, Tiffany and George of Elk City, OK and Teagan Ross of Elk City, OK.

The family requests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 S. Roland, Spearman TX 79081, or one's favorite charity.

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Bids will be opened on Tuesday, May 27, 2008 during the Commissioners' Court meeting in the Law Library of the Hansford County Courthouse, Spearman, Texas. Meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

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Benny Wilson Hansford County Judge 3(5-01-08)B

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL LEGAL NOTICE Hansford County Commissioners' Court will receive bids for the purchase of one 2008 Crew Cab Pickup for the Extension Department.

Bids will be received until 4:00 p.m. on June 6, and will be opened during the regular Commissioners' Court meeting on June 9, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Mail or deliver all bids to: Hansford County Judge, 16 NW

Court St. Spearman, TX 79081-2052. The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL Proposals for plumbing work for the Gruver Independent School District, Gruver, Texas, will be received by the Board of Trustees until 1:00 p.m. on May 19, 2008.

Proposals shall be addressed to the Owner, The Board of Trustees, Gruver Independent School District, Gruver, Texas. Proposals should be delivered to the Board Room, 601 Garrett Street, Gruver, Texas 79040, or mailed to PO Box 650, Gruver TX 79040.

The scope of the Work includes upgrading and replacing restroom fixtures in the high school and elementary.

Contract will be awarded at the May Board of Trustees meeting. Proposal Documents may be obtained from David Teal, Superintendent, Gruver Independent School District, 601 Garrett Street, Gruver, Texas 806-733-2001.

The successful Contractor will provide Commercial Liability Insurance and Worker's Compensation Insurance certificates upon execution of the Contract for Construction.

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The Allen Campus is proud of each graduate and wishes them the best of luck in the future.

Perryton resident and FPC Allen Campus student Debra Sanford was recently named FPC Academic Plainsman of the Year at the annual awards banquet in Borger.

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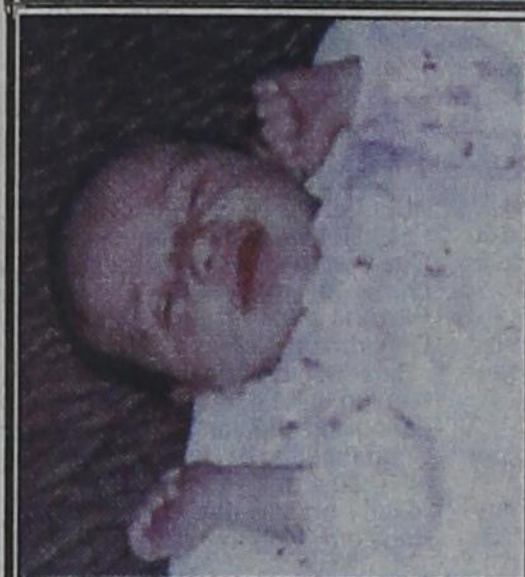
Debra continues to be very successful in and out of the classroom. Her commitment to academic excellence is reflected in her 4.0 grade point average. She is a nontraditional student, meaning that work and family were chosen early on and higher education became a priority a little later. Not only is she an outstanding student but she is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa and spends her limited "free" time tutoring other students in mathematics free of charge.

Debra also graduated with honors from FPC the night after the awards banquet having completed the Associate's Degree. She will be attending Oklahoma Panhandle State University in the fall where she will pursue the Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics Education. She then plans on teaching mathematics at the middle school level.

"I have no doubt that her husband, Dale, shared with me and all of FPC great pride in all that Debra has and will accomplish" said Dr. Lew Hunnicutt, Dean of the Allen Campus.



(Back Row, L-R) Leota Ramirez, Rita Presley, Shannon Gibson, Lyudmyla Battin, Feather Cortez, Diana Flores, Grace Vaquera, Erika Hernandez, and Debra Sanford; (Front Row, L-R) Lorena Chavez and Stephen Cano.



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