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IN THE NEWS

Police study clothing in UK prostitute murder hunt
 LONDON - British police were examining items of clothing on Thursday for possible links to the murders of five women, as the mother of a prostitute killed 14 years ago said she could have been the serial killer's first victim.

Communists vow to step up attacks in Philippines
 MANILA - Philippine communist guerrillas vowed to step up attacks on government security forces outside the capital to coincide with protests against attempts to alter the political system, a rebel spokesman said late on Wednesday.

UN watchdog looks into program benefiting Italians
 UNITED NATIONS - The internal U.N. watchdog will look into allegations that a U.N. office steered millions of dollars in contributions from the Italian government to projects benefiting Italian nationals and interests, the United Nations said on Wednesday.

Cubans wonder if they will see Castro again
 HAVANA - Cubans are increasingly talking in the past tense about Fidel Castro, the man who governed their lives for 47 years.

Sen. Johnson undergoes surgery: source
 WASHINGTON - Sen. Tim Johnson of South Dakota underwent surgery on Wednesday, a source said, after suffering what a doctor called "symptoms of a stroke." The actions prompted concerns about his fellow Democrats' razor-thin majority in the incoming Senate.

Less than 25 pct back Bush's Iraq strategy: poll
 WASHINGTON - Less than one in four Americans approves of President George W. Bush's handling of the Iraq war, according to an NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll released on Wednesday that mirrored other recent surveys.

Space station astronauts abandon solar panel repair
 HOUSTON - Astronauts aboard the International Space Station abandoned troubleshooting efforts on a jammed solar panel on Wednesday, leaving it half extended, and went forward with the next steps in their mission to rewire the outpost's electrical system.

Sen. Johnson critical after brain surgery
 WASHINGTON - Democratic Sen. Tim Johnson was in critical condition after undergoing brain surgery, the U.S. Capitol physician said on Thursday, an illness that could deprive Democrats of their precarious hold on the new Senate.

Astronauts wrestle with space station's solar panel
 HOUSTON - Astronauts aboard the International Space Station ran into a jam trying to fold up one of the station's solar wing panels on Wednesday, a key step in the mission to rewire the outpost's electrical system.

VERSE OF THE WEEK

When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" When Jesus heard this, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."
 - Mark 2:16-17

VOICE OF THE WEEK

What do we want the Church to do? We don't ask for more cathedrals. We don't ask for bigger churches of fine gifts. We ask for its presence with us, beside us, as Christ among us. We ask the Church to sacrifice with the people for social change, for justice, and for love of brother. We don't ask for words. We ask for deeds. We don't ask for paternalism. We ask for servanthood.
 - Cesar Chavez



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Santa visits Spearman

Santa was in Spearman at First State Bank on Wednesday, December 13th for their 18th Annual Christmas Hot Dog Cookout, where he enjoyed visits from children of all ages.

Santa and Abigail look at Graham to see his reaction, during his first visit with Santa. Abigail and Graham are the children of Karen and Steve Hartgraves of Spearman.

Gruver Junior High Receives State Award

The Gruver Junior High School was presented an award from the Texas Business and Education Coalition for being one of the top 49 junior high/middle school's in the State of Texas over the past three years. The award was presented in Austin on Tuesday, December 5, 2006. Following is a letter from Governor Rick Perry congratulating the Gruver Junior High School for being named to the Texas Business and Education Coalition's 2006 Honor Roll.



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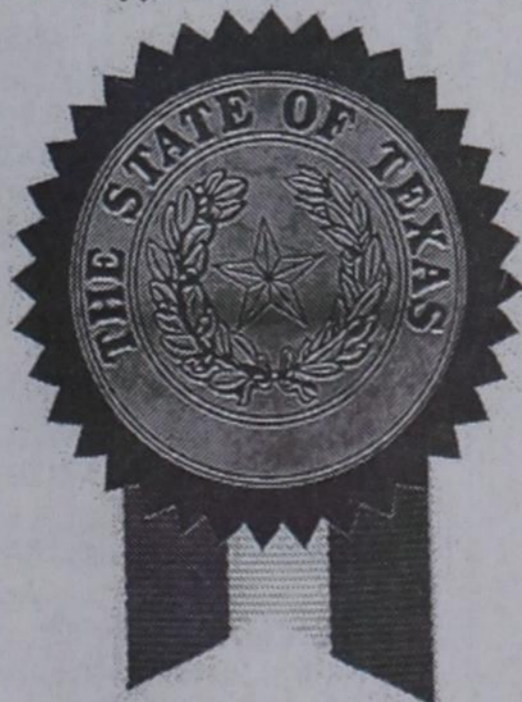
Students, your success is Texas' success, and I congratulate you on earning this outstanding achievement. Remember always that you are the Lone Star State's brightest promise for the future. You are Texans - no obstacle is insurmountable; no goal is unattainable. Yours is a future of endless opportunities, and I am certain that you will continue to excel.

Mrs. Perry joins me in sending best wishes.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name and caused the Seal of the State of Texas to be affixed at the City of Austin, this the 29th day of November, 2006.

Rick Perry

Rick Perry
 Governor of Texas



Hot dog expert Bret Burgin keeps a close eye on novice Mike Pearson as he prepares hotdogs for the community during First State Bank's 18th Annual Hot Dog Cookout. Approximately 490 hot dogs were served to the community between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13th.

PTCI Upgrades Services in Spearman

Construction is underway to upgrade the current CATV/Telephone system to provide over 100 channels of Digital TV and upgrade PTCI's High Speed Internet and Voice Services. This will allow PTCI to provide better, more reliable service, with fewer interruptions. It also means an increased bandwidth capability for customers with data and Internet needs. Upon completion, this upgrade will enable PTCI to expand its present high-quality, state-of-the-art telecommunications services and features throughout Spearman.

Letters to Santa

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman will print Letters to Santa from children in Hansford County in our annual Christmas edition, which will be published on December 21st.

Letters may be mailed to: Santa Letter, % Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman, TX 79081, or dropped by the Reporter-Statesman office. Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-5 p.m. (There is a drop-slot located in the window to the right of the door.)

In order for your letter to appear in this issue, it must be in the Reporter-Statesman office by 5 p.m. on Monday, December 18th. All letters will be forwarded to Santa. (Letters received after the deadline may not have time to reach the North Pole by Christmas.)



LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 30. Northwest winds around 5 mph.
 FRIDAY - Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.
 FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.
 SATURDAY - Sunny. Highs around 60.
 SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s.
 SUNDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s.
 SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.
 MONDAY - Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of rain showers in the afternoon. Colder. Highs in the lower 40s.
 MONDAY NIGHT - Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of freezing rain. Lows in the mid 20s.
 TUESDAY - Cloudy. Slight chance of freezing rain in the morning - then a slight chance of rain showers in the afternoon. Highs around 40. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.
 TUESDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow. Lows in the lower 20s.
 WEDNESDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow. Highs in the upper 30s.



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 January 29, 2007. 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.

Computer Classes

Spearman ISD Community Resource Program is considering computer classes starting in January. Classes in word processing, excel and internet, all at different level, will be offered. If you would be interested in a class call Cindy Blackman, 659-3233. Teachers from the district will be teaching the class.

Gruver Chamber Scholarship Calendar

Gruver Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Calendars are available for sale at the City Hall for \$10.00. Make checks payable to Gruver Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Calendar Fund.

Gruver Kindergarten Christmas Program

Gruver Kindergarten is Presenting "Bob Humbug The Christmas Grump." The school is invited to the kindergarten dress rehearsal on Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium. Parents and community are invited to the performance on Friday, December 15, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. in the auditorium.

Adult ESL Classes

Adult ESL Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at Spearman High School (Room 112, take south entrance). The instructor will be Dana Saylor, Spearman Elementary ESL teacher. There is no charge for this class.

Texas Star Ball

The Singles Ministry of Hillside Christian Church is sponsoring the Texas Star Ball! It will be dinner and a Christian New Year's Eve Dance at the HCC Student Ministry Building, 6100 Soney, on December 31, 2006. The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m., with dancing until 12:30 a.m. The dress code will be modest and casual. Tickets are \$16 for one and \$30 for two. This fee includes dinner, program, and dance. We are inviting area wide married couples and singles. Tickets must be reserved by noon Thursday, December 28, and paid for by Saturday, December 30. Our special guests for the weekend dance lessons and ball will be pro dancer, choreographer and teacher Wiley Hicks-Simpson and his wife, Michele, from California. The event will be an alcohol-free and smoke-free environment. More information about the dance lessons and tickets may be obtained by calling Penny Lawlis (457-4986) or Danny Mize (457-4951) at Hillside Christian Church. Since the church office will be closed the week of December 25-29, be prepared to leave a message and receive instructions about paying for tickets that week.

Meet the New Panhandle State University Head Coach

Oklahoma Panhandle State University is hosting a reception for Mike Wyatt, the new head football coach. The event will be held in the Guymon Classroom located at Fifth and Roosevelt on Friday, December 15 from 4:30-6 p.m. Plan to join us for light refreshments and welcome Coach Wyatt back to the Panhandle!

"Back in Control" Parenting Classes

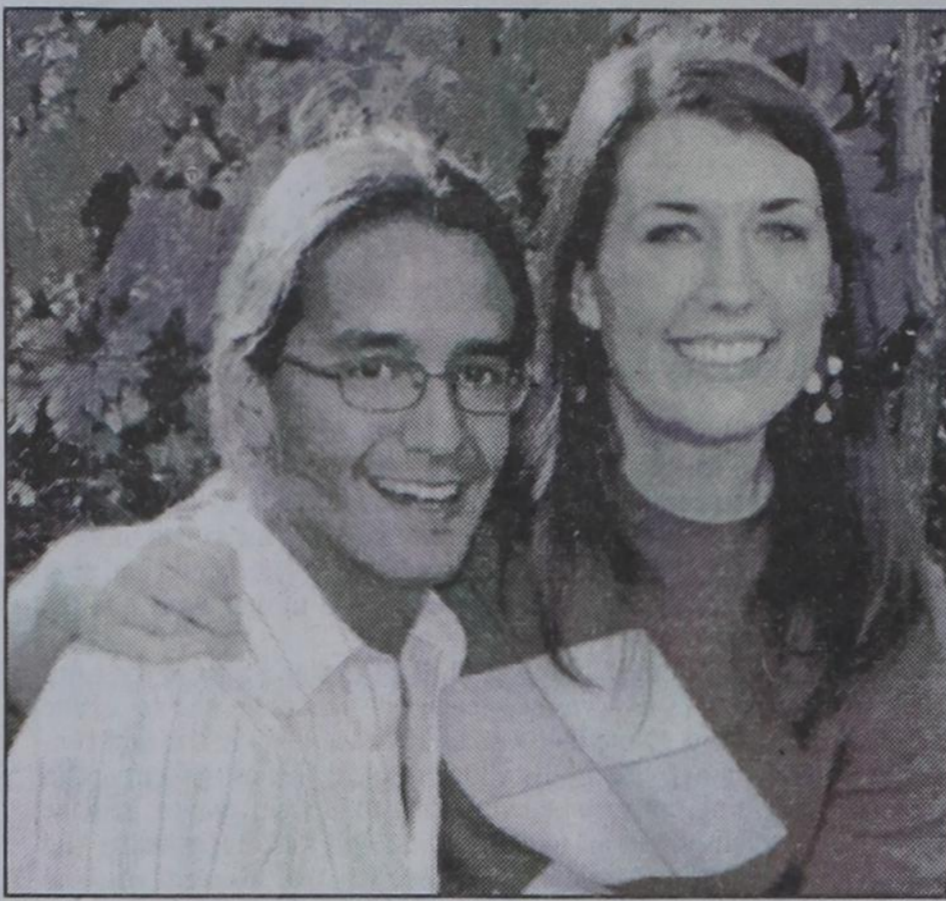
A "Back in Control" Parenting Training will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2007 at 1500 S. Taylor Street in Amarillo. Registration is at 8:45 a.m., and the class will be held from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The class is sponsored by STAR (Services-To-At-Risk) and the instructor will be Janice James, MA, QMHP, UCAP Coordinator. There is no charge for the class. Limited seating is available. To register, call 359-2005.

Crisis Center Needs Volunteers

The Panhandle Crisis Center is in need of volunteers to work at its donation center one to three hours, one day a week, sorting clothing and other donated items. The crisis center gives the items donated to the center to its clients free of charge. To volunteer, contact Janice at the crisis center, 435-5008.

You're Never Alone - Narcotics Anonymous Group

Each year individuals struggling with drug and alcohol addiction make the resolution to quit using drugs. For many of them it is a resolution that they cannot keep. Narcotics Anonymous can help. Open meetings are held on Thursday nights from 8-9 p.m. at the First Christian Church (29 S. Bernice in Spearman) for the "You're Never Alone" group of Narcotics Anonymous. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Drug addiction can leave an individual feeling helpless and out of control.



Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pipkin of Spearman, Texas, would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kara Jewel, of Harrison, Arkansas, to Mr. Jonathan William Taylor, also of Harrison, Arkansas. Mr. Taylor is the son of Tom and Kim Gentry of Harrison, Arkansas.

The wedding will take place at 3 p.m. on February 24, 2007, at Eagle Heights Baptist Church in Harrison, Arkansas with the Rev. Tommy Turner officiating.

A reception will follow at the Hotel Seville in Harrison, Arkansas. The couple will plan to make their residence in Soldotna, Alaska.

Kara is currently a Kitchen Coordinator at Doulos Ministries in Branson, Missouri. She received her BA in Spanish from Texas A&M University at College Station.

Mr. Taylor is involved in Youth Ministry after attending Alaska Christian College. He plans to continue his Christian education degree.



Engagement Announcement

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Murphy of Sterling, Colorado are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Andrea Nichole Murphy of Greeley, Colorado to Joel Chad TeBeest of Thornton, Colorado.

Chad is the son of J.P. and Amy TeBeest of Gruver and the grandson of Leona Stavlo of Gruver. He is also the grandson of the late Joel Stavlo and the late Ted and Trudie TeBeest.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Sterling High School and will graduate from the University of Northern Colorado in May of 2007 with a degree in Psychology and Music.

The prospective groom is a 2001 graduate of Gruver High School and a 2005 graduate of Colorado School of Mines with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is presently employed by Prototype Casting, an engineering firm in Denver, Colorado. He is also pursuing a Master's Degree in Engineering Technology Management from Colorado School of Mines.

The couple is planning a December 30, 2006 wedding at Sterling Berean Church in Sterling, Colorado. Friends and family are invited to attend the 4 p.m. wedding. A reception will follow at the Ramada Inn Courtyard in Sterling.

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Thank you

I would like to thank everyone in the community for the visits, phone calls, cards, flowers and prayers during my illness. I am truly blessed to live in a community that is so caring.

My family and I would especially like to thank Leanne Walker, Jenny Neff and Lisa Munoz for checking on me the morning I became ill.

We would like to say a special thank you to the EMS staff for their care, to Dr. Hierholtzer and the Hansford Hospital employees and nursing staff for their care and immediate attention to my illness.

Thank you,
Sandra, Ruben, Ruben Jr. & Sandi Carbajal; Kristi Carbajal; Brenda, Antonio & Victor Robledo; Ruben Carbajal, Jr.; Sandi Carbajal; Petra Lozano; Felipe & Nikki Lozano; Ramon & Jennifer Lozano & Family; Frank Lozano; Jesse Lozano; Dwayne & Bea Comp & Family; Luis & Maria Carbajal & Family

Thank you

Many thanks to everyone who helped me celebrate my 85th birthday. I enjoyed all the good wishes at my party and also all of the cards you have sent me. It is great to live in Spearman!

Thanks, Peggy Archer

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by Dorothy Hudson

Out At The Lake

Lake Level--December 11, 2006--17.09 feet (-0.11)

Jim reported this morning that the ice on the Lake had thawed. He had been seeing a lot of geese and ducks, but this morning he had not seen many. More eagles have come. He had seen three that he knew were new, because they had not yet developed the white heads. His big news was a new sighting of the cougar.

Mountain Lion Seen Up Close
"I Have Seen the Mountain Lion Club" has two new members. December 3, Coy Kelley and his grandson Dustyn Kelley were east of the house on the Jake Vernon place in the Kimbell Community around noon. Coy had stopped and was opening a gate, when he saw what he first thought was a coyote sneaking through the foot high grass about 25 yards away. He quickly realized the head was wrong, the body too long, and the three foot long tail was not that of a coyote but instead of a cougar.

When he lamented to Dustyn that he didn't have a camera to take a picture of it, his grandson told him he did. His new cell phone was the kind that also took pictures. By that time it was too late.

Coy Kelley is a contract pumper. He has been traveling the by ways in this area since 1961 without spotting a lion. The occasion was doubly meaningful because he shared it with his 8 year old grandson.

The Handbook of Texas
We are fortunate to have the Handbook of Texas in the Hansford Library. An extra bonus is that it is on line. It is a joint project of the General Libraries at the University of Texas at Austin and the Texas State Historical Association. As with much of written history there are mistakes in it. A mechanism is provided to report errors or corrections that need to be made. There are a number of mistakes that I am going to ask for help in correcting in the next column.

Insufficient Funds to perform

Insufficient Funds is playing for the Guymon Main Street sponsored Christmas Concert and Dance on Saturday, December 16th at Pickle Creek in Guymon. Bringing their versatile music, which includes everything from jazz, folk, soul, disco, R & B to country and classic rock, the concert and dance is going to be enjoyable for everyone. The forte of this band is playing music for all ages.

A favorite band in the Panhandles and surrounding areas, they have been seen at many local events and as the opening act for such artists as Steve Wariner, Johnny Rivers, Jerry Jeff Walker, The Beach Boys and Creedence Clearwater. They have also represented this area in Austin during "Panhandle Appreciation Day". Their busy schedule includes 50+ events a year. They have become very popular in the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles, Dallas and Fredericksburg.

Amarillo Globe News readers survey voted NSF the best band of 2003-04-05 and 2006. Band members include: Chuck Alexander on Bass and Vocals, Mary Lyn Halley on Guitar and vocals, Vic Richardson on Drums and Dean Yates on Guitar and vocals. The band began in 1993 with Alexander, Halley and Yates playing together. They added Richardson as the drummer in 1997. They attribute their longevity to their "love of music and the friendship between them". "It is not about us," says Alexander, "it is about everyone else having a good time."

Everyone is invited to come and have a good time with Insufficient

Funds on Dec. 16th from 7:30 to 10:30 pm at Pickle Creek in Guymon. Admission is \$25 per person and snacks and drinks are provided. Call 580-338-5838 for your tickets. Tickets are also offered at the door.

Dance lessons are also being offered. Audrey Brooks is the teacher for the western two-step, waltz, and swing on Friday, Dec. 8th and 15th at the building at the top of the Hitch Pioneer Arena rodeo grounds. The lessons are from 6:30 to 7:30 and you may attend one or both and singles are welcome. No reservations are needed, but there is a charge of \$10 per person.

The Christmas Concert and Dance is funded through the Oklahoma Arts Council.

BASKETBALL

Gruver Hounds & Lady Hounds

DATE	OPPONENT	JVG	JVB	VG	VB
Dec 15	@ Spearman	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Dec 19	@ Canadian	3:00	3:00	4:15	5:30
Dec 28-30	Canadian Tournament			TBA	TBA

Spearman Lynx & Lynxettes

DATE	OPPONENT	JVG	JVB	VG	VB
Dec 14-16	@ River Road JV Tourn			TBA	
Dec 15	Gruver	6:30	5:00	8:00	5:00


Honor Band Seniors Receive Scholarships

by Laura Hays

High school seniors participating in the Five States Honor Band on Saturday, December 12, received an unexpected bonus. Jason Berg, OPSU Director of Bands, presented each student with a one-time \$300 tuition waiver and a one-time \$450 housing waiver if the student attends OPSU.

High school and junior high school band members auditioned in November, and came together Saturday to rehearse and present a performance at Guymon High School. The students represent Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, and Kansas.

Spearman High School senior Sara Barnes was the recipient of one of the scholarships. Sara plays the clarinet. She is the daughter of Doug and Shannon Barnes of Spearman.



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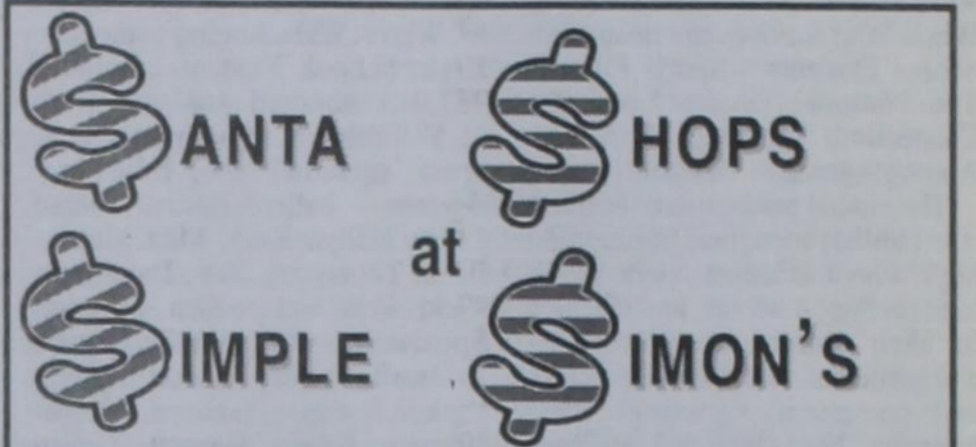
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America's Best and Brightest Announced for 2005-2006 Academic Year

Educational Communications, Inc. (ECI), the premier publisher of honor and recognition publications in the academic and educational fields, announces honorees for each of its 2005-2006 editions. The honorees were published in the annual editions of Who's Who Among American High School Students, Who's Who Among American High School Students - Sports Edition, The National Dean's List, The Chancellor's List and Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

The annual publications' purpose is to publicly recognize outstanding high school students, student-athletes, college students, and teachers for their distinctive achievements and participation in extra-curricular and community activities. Past honorees have included students who grew-up to become successful politicians, Olympic athletes, military leaders, and even an American Idol runner-up.

Carol Lynn Martens, Publisher at Educational Communications, Inc. states "We're pleased to present this year's honorees and congratulate each of them on their exemplary achievements. These honorees - from your community - represent the top 5% students and teachers and educators in this country. They are the best and the brightest in the nation and deserve the recognition which is a direct result of hard work, dedication and high standards."

Who's Who Among American High School Students and Who's Who Among American High School Students - Sports Edition
More than 7,000 nominators selected the students included in the 40th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High

School Students. Each year, public, private and parochial high schools, youth groups and service organizations are invited to nominate students who have achieved a "B" grade point average or better, and who have demonstrated leadership in academics, athletics or extracurricular activities. The 40th edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students includes 367,913 honored students from 15,574 schools. This year's honorees included the following: **Gruver** - Felicia Bettis, Conrad Curry, Kellyn King, Matt Messer, Justin Thompson, Seth Thompson, Vicki Vela and Jessica Schmidt; **Spearman** - Cha'tae Avila, Crystal Bridwell, Ashley Close, Ashley Dick, Lance Fishburn, Brynn Garnett, Kegan Garnett, Collin Gillaspie, Sharon Haney, Karina Hernandez, Emily Hood, Kylee Howard, Jake Leicht, Maribel Moreno, Ryan T Ramon, Kyla Reed, Si L Tang, Brett Winegarner.

The 5th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students - Sports Edition was developed using similar criteria with the added component of athletic accomplishments. It lists 35,267 honored students from 7,157 schools. This year's honorees included Matt D Messer, Gruver High School and Crystal N Bridwell, Spearman High School.

The National Dean's List and The Chancellor's List

The 29th Annual Edition of The National Dean's List includes 153,676 college students from 2,873 schools. This past year's nominators included college Chancellor's, Dean's, Professors, Honor Societies, Leadership Organizations, Athletics Director,

Performing Arts Organizations and other education professionals. Together, they have nominated their students who have earned "Dean's List" honors or comparable academic and leadership achievement while they are college students. If a formal "Dean's List" does not exist at their institution, the nominators recommend select students with a "B+" grade point average or are in the upper 10% of their class. This year's honorees for the National Dean's List included: **Gruver** - Luis U Ramirez, WTAMU; **Spearman** - John Brock, Abilene Christian University; Caleb Gillaspie, WTAMU and Robyn G Townsend, Frank Phillips College.

The 2nd Annual Edition of The Chancellor's List is comprised of 19,473 graduate students from 1,264 colleges and universities. The student nominations are received from a similar pool of nominators as The National Dean's List.

Who's Who Among America's Teachers

The educators listed in the 10th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers include the nation's best and most respected educators in the country. The 10th edition features 156,059 educators from 38,566 schools. This year's honorees included: **Gruver** - Mrs. Darlene M. Curry, Gruver High School and Mrs. Mary Henson, Gruver Independent School; **Pringle-Morse CISD** - Mrs. Monica Schmidt, Pringle Morse CISD; **Spearman** - Mrs. Jan Howard, Spearman Elementary.

Students included in the publications are invited to nominate a current or former teacher, coach or

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2006 District 1-A All-District Football Team

Coach of the Year: Terry Felderhoff, Gruver

1st Team

Quarterback: Diego Luciano, Sr.
Running Back: Chandler Miner, Jr.
Wide Receiver: Tucker Williams, Sr. (Unanimous)
Tight End: Drew Grotegut, Sr.
Offensive Line: Charlie Slough, Sr. (Unanimous)
Defensive Line: Travis McDowell, Sr.
Linebacker: Jake Wills, Jr. (Unanimous)
Secondary: Diego Luciano, Sr.; Tucker Williams, Sr.

2nd Team

Fullback: Tony Lora, Jr.
Center: Travis McDowell, Sr.
Offensive Line: Jake Wills, Jr.; Lorenzo Torres, Jr.
Defensive Ends: Tanner Sherrill, Jr.
Linebackers: Lorenzo Torres, Jr.; Drew Grotegut, Sr.; Chandler Miner, Jr.

Gruver Honorable Mention

Offensive Line: Justin Thompson, Sr.
Linebacker: Tony Lora, Jr.
Secondary: Seth Thompson, Jr.

District 1-A Academic All-District Team

Gruver High School Honorees: Baldo Garcia, Drew Grotegut, Charlie Slough, Justin Thompson, Tucker Williams, Chandler Miner, Tanner Sherrill, Seth Thompson, Jake Wills, Saul Hernandez, Miles Messer

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Gruver FFA Students Receive Top Honors at Top O' Texas District Banquet

The Gruver FFA attended the Top O' Texas district banquet Monday evening. Each year the banquet recognizes each student that has competed in leadership development events and various other FFA activities. The district also elects officers for the upcoming year. Banners were given out to top placing teams in several different categories including:

Junior Creed - Drew Mireles - 1st District, 5th Area 1

Junior Quiz - Blake Fitzgearld, Parker Grotegut, Caleb Miller, David Sanchez - 3rd District

Jr. Chapter Conducting - Cory Graves, Parker Grotegut, Reagan Karlin, Caleb Miller, Drew Mireles, Rily Urban and Tyler Wills - 2nd District, 12th Area 1

Sr. Creed - Lynn Vela - 1st District, 10th Area 1

Sr. Quiz - Parker Grotegut, Jimmilee McCloy, Travis McDowell, Charles Slough and Victoria Vela - 1st District, 10th Area 1

Radio - Roman Rodriguez, Tanner Sherrill, and Jake Wills - 8th District

This was only the beginning of the fun for Gruver FFA Monday night. Jimmilee McCloy competed in the district talent contest along with Lynn Vela and Tanner Sherrill

competing for district and area offices. Lynn came out on top of the votes and was elected to serve as Top O' Texas District president. Tanner Sherrill completed his year

as district secretary and ran for Area 1 office. Tanner narrowly missed serving Area 1 as an officer. Please take time to let the FFA students know you are proud of them.

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Operation Christmas Greeting

The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary would like to thank the following for donating to "Operation Christmas Greeting" instead of mailing greeting cards. This money is used to purchase equipment and supplies for Hansford Hospital and Hansford Manor, that are not budgeted items. Previously purchased items include a popcorn popper, furniture, a faux fireplace for the Manor, and thermometers, tables, chairs, and other items for the Hospital. Money to help purchase physical therapy equipment has also been donated.

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Cunningham Named BBBS August Volunteer of the Month

James Cunningham has been named August Volunteer of the Month by Big Brothers Big Sisters.

This award recognizes a "Big" who has connected with the "Little" in a special way or gone above and beyond to establish and nurture the relationship. It is designed to communicate appreciation for the difference the volunteer is making in the child's life.

Cunningham, 79, has been matched with his Little Brother, Marcos, through the organization's school based program, Bigs in Schools, in Spearman since September, 2003. They meet once a week during the school year.

"He's nice. I like him. I have a good time with him," Marcos, now in sixth grade, said. "We read and play a lot of games. James is cool. I like everything about him. I'm not in trouble as much."

One of Marcos' favorite things is to hear about Cunningham's many adventures. He has really enjoyed seeing photos of James as a student and a soldier. "These days they can usually be found playing dominos, which James may come to regret teaching Marcos since he is able to beat him now!" Lopez said.

"In every entry in his weekly contact log over the years James reported that he sees improvement

in Marcos," Lopez added. "He always sees the positive in this boy; he is always in his corner."

Cunningham was one of the agency's first school volunteers in Spearman; he was matched with his first Little Brother in 2001. "James has a heart for helping children," agency case manager, Kimberley Lopez, said. "He is a wonderful role model and a dedicated, dependable volunteer."

Marcos is one of 25 Spearman students matched through the Bigs in Schools program. Anyone interested in learning more about the program may call Lopez at 434-0016 or toll free at 1-877-716-3424.

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Electric May Be Cheaper Than Natural Gas When Farmers Water Crops This Spring

by Kay Ledbetter

Producers who irrigate crops can make converting their watering systems to electricity pay at current natural gas prices, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension economist in Amarillo, told producers attending the Farm Management Symposium during the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show on Nov. 30 that, while several factors must be considered, converting irrigation systems to electricity would be the most economical thing to do at this time.

"It appears to pay to convert to electricity at the lighter lift rates, 200 feet, when natural gas prices reach \$4 per mcf (million cubic feet) and at the deeper lift rate, 500 feet, when gas prices exceed \$5 per mcf," Amosson said.

Currently gas prices are around \$8 per million cubic feet and most producers are looking at a 500-foot lift to bring water to the surface in their irrigation wells, he said.

"While we expect these rates to come down somewhat, the probability of them going below the

breakeven is questionable," Amosson said.

The advantages of electricity are lower motor prices; lower lube, maintenance and repair; and a longer useful motor life, he said.

At 500 feet, the electric motor is expected to last for 15 years and cost \$6,600, compared to a natural gas engine that costs \$20,000 with a 12-year life span, Amosson said.

The \$5-per-mcf breakeven includes the cost of conversion, which is expected to be around \$9,000. However, it does not include the cost of line extension fees that may be required if three-phase electricity has to be run to the pivot system, he said.

While the line extension fee varies, Amosson figured a cost of \$15,000 would add another \$1 per mcf to the breakeven figure, making it \$6 per mcf on the 500-foot

lift, still well below the current natural gas prices.

"At \$8 natural gas, we would anticipate being able to recover the conversion costs and a that of the new motor in three to four years," he said. The addition of the line extension fee would make cost-recovery time a little longer.

Looking at the natural gas futures, Amosson said the outlook indicates gas prices may fall, but not enough in the next several years to keep this from being the most viable option.

He is, however, looking at the possibility of combining electricity with a wind-powered electric irrigation system.

"We're in the final stages of completing the analysis looking at the feasibility of wind-electric hybrid systems," he said.

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Journey through Vietnam

by Jo Nell Sheets

Claude and Jo Nell Sheets recently returned from a 17-day trip to Vietnam.

They first arrived in Hanoi. From their hotel window they had a view of the very beautiful lake where John McCain's plane went down. They toured many sights and buildings there, including the "Hanoi Hilton," presidential palace, Ho Chi Minh's home, the water puppet theater, as well as the sights of the streets which were most interesting.

They took a bus trip across country to Ha Log Bay, where they took a cruise out to the Gulf of Tonkin. This is a very pretty area. They next took a flight down to Hue where they toured the imperial citadel and several tombs of past emperors, as well as markets and shops.

They then traveled by motor coach to Da Nang, enjoyed the countryside. Their hotel was on China Beach. It was very pretty,

but had been ravaged two weeks earlier by a typhoon.

By bus they traveled to the city of Hoi An. A UNESCO World Heritage Site built many years ago by Dutch, Chinese, Portuguese & Japanese traders.

From there they went to rural Hoa Chau to see life in a small farming community. All of the rice farming and harvesting are done without mechanization, only water buffalo.

They took a flight to Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) where they visited the Cu Chi Tunnels. The jungles have regrown since agent orange. Some of the ingenious traps remain for show and tell. This was a somewhat chilling experience.

Back in Saigon they enjoyed shopping, dining, sight seeing, even taking motor scooter rides with the locals. Saigon is by far the most modern city in Vietnam, though still many more scooters and bicycles than cars.

There is one highway the length

of Vietnam. A cross country bus tour and motorized sampans took them on to the Mekong Delta.

Early one morning they went out on a boat on the Mekong river among the local buyers and sellers of all kinds of fruits and vegetables. The food was good, though we didn't drink the water. The hotels were 5 star, and very comfortable.

Jo Nell and Claude Sheets are pictured at right during a cyclo ride. The cyclo (xich lo), or the pedicab, short for the French cyclo-pousse is a three-wheeled bicycle with a rickshaw-style passenger carriage mounted on the front. The driver pedals from behind leaving the passenger's forward view unobstructed (except, of course, for all the other cyclos and motorbikes on the road.)



MADD 2006 "Tie One On For Safety" Holiday Campaign

According to the Texas Trauma Registry, traffic fatalities in the Texas Panhandle accounted for 32% of deaths from injuries in 2003, and were the number one cause for hospitalization related to injuries, accounting for 45%. 3,877 people were killed in traffic crashes in the State of Texas during 2003, another 26,717 were injured. Many of these injuries and fatalities could have been avoided had the victims been wearing seat belts.

Preventing this type of accident, particularly during this time of year, is in the interest of all Americans. MADD has long championed a cause to put an end to drunk driving. The RAC, the organization coordinating the trauma services system for the Texas Panhandle, also wants to work toward reducing deaths and injuries caused not only by drunk driving, but as a result of people not wearing their seat belts.

In an effort to reduce the carnage, and to encourage the public to become actively involved in the fight against drunk driving, the RAC is joining the effort and will be distributing 6,000 MADD ribbons in the region to concerned citizens through hospitals and EMS services in Panhandle communities. The ribbons are to be tied in a visible place on vehicles to remind

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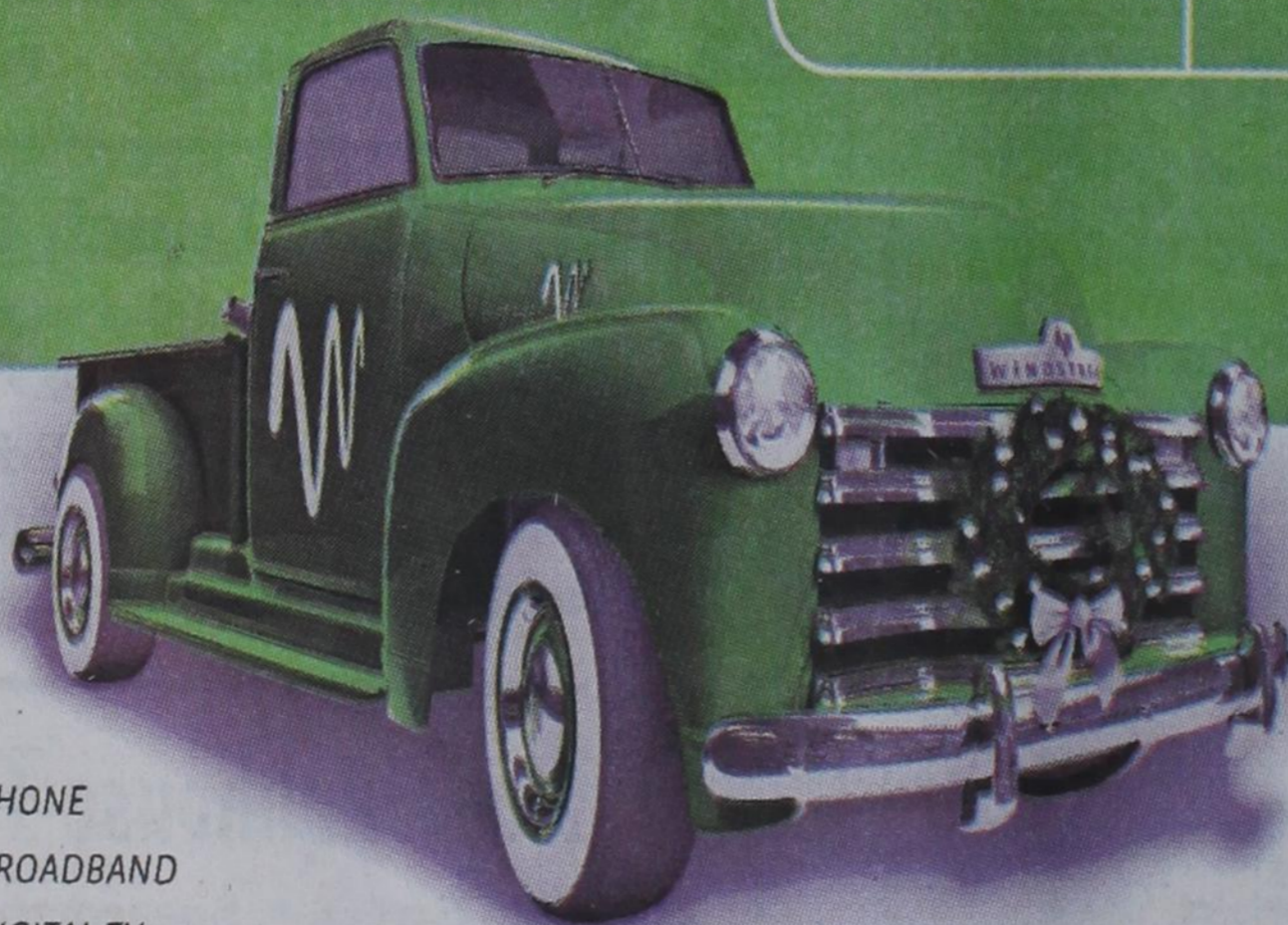
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