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Shut Up, Stop Whining, and Build Your Business

"Ten Power Principles for growing your business, powering up profits and living the good life"



Don Taylor

All businesses start small, but no business has to stay that way. If you want to build a stronger more profitable company and enjoy your life at the same time, don't miss this workshop, Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the O'Loughlin Center, in Spearman. Don Taylor will share the Power Principles he has used to sustain a 93.8 percent annual growth rate for the past five years in his own company. In this workshop you'll learn how to blow off the competition, ignite new

sales, fire up your profits and get glowing reviews from your customers.

Topics covered will include: The number one focus every business must have, Why balance is so important to a growing business; How to out promote not out spend your competitors; How to create a simple plan for growth, profit and success; Ten Power Principles for building your business, powering up profits and enjoying life.

Don Taylor is the Director

of Business Services for West Texas A&M University's Office of Business Resources.

He is also the President and CEO of Data Star Communications, a Texas-based business information, syndication and training company.

Don is the co-author of the best-selling business classic "Up Against the Wal-Marts" and author of "Solid Gold Success Strategies For Your Business." He writes the internationally syndicated column "Minding Your Own

Business" which is published in more than 100 newspapers and trade journals.

Don is a highly sought after business survival and growth specialist who speaks regularly to National Trade Associations, Corporate groups, and business organizations. His clients include more than 2,000 businesses, including Fortune 100 companies.

The "Shut Up, Stop Whining and Build Your Business" seminar is a direct response to the economic

development issue identified in the Texas Community Futures Forum sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service last spring. This first topic in a series to be presented locally was selected in a survey of local individuals and business owners. Call Peggy Winegarner, County Extension Agent, at 659-4130 or 733-2901 for more information. Everyone can benefit from the humor and wisdom Don Taylor shares in his seminars.

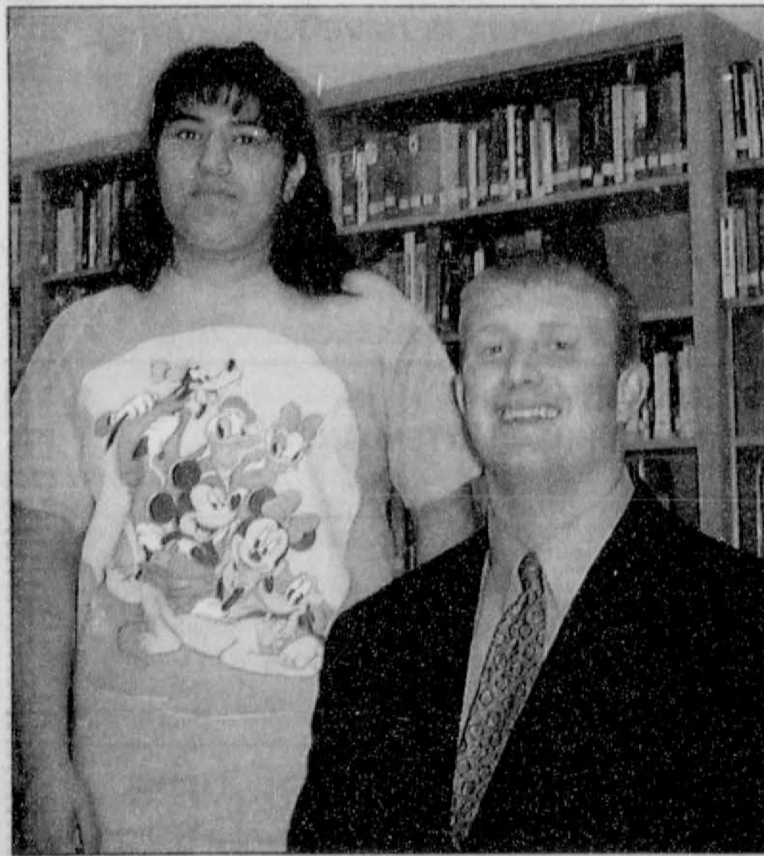
Cator Honored

Marshall Cator will be honored by the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center on April 1, 2000 for his accomplishments of doing what he loves.

The Chester A Reynolds Memorial Award will be presented to Cator for his many years as a cattleman and rancher, the criteria upon which the award is based. Emcee for the event will be Charlie Daniels of the Charlie Daniels' Band. Rod Steagall, Bill Kurtis, Lee Meriwether, Brad Johnson, Barry Corbin, James Gammon, and Sam Elliott will be presenters of this year's awards. Dusty Rogers, son of Roy Rogers, will be present to accept the posthumous induction of George (Gabby Hayes) into the Hall of Great Western Performers.

Winners in 15 categories of literature, music, film, and television will also receive awards.

Those wishing more information on the Western Heritage Awards may call Lynda Haller, Public Relations Director at (405) 478-2250, Ext. 221 or e-mail pr@cowboyhalloffame.org. For reservations and ticket information, call Ext. 277 or visit website www.cowboyhalloffame.org.



Nancy Flores and Jordan Brock

SHS January Students Of The Month

The Students of the Month at Spearman High School for January were Nancy Flores and Jordan Brock.

Nancy is the daughter of Eduardo and Rosalia Flores.

She has attended Spearman schools for thirteen years. She has been a member of the choir for two years, band for six years, and a member of FHA for one year. She has been in 4-H for nine years.

Nancy is a member of the Catholic Church, and is currently employed at Lowe's Marketplace.

She plans to attend West Texas A&M University, and major in education. Nancy stated that she has had three teachers who influenced her in high school. They are Mrs. Butts, Mrs. Thorpe, and Mr. Mitchell.

Jordan is the son of Kim and Stephanie Brock.

He has been in the National Honor Society for three years, a member of the First Baptist Church youth group, Academic All-District in Football and Basketball, All-District Tight-End and Linebacker, Honorable Mention All-District in Basketball, Boys State Representative, Senior Class Favorite, Who's Who in American High Schools, Football Captain, and Basketball Captain.

Jordan stated that he would like to play football in college, and major in business or medicine.

Jordan's favorite teacher was Mrs. Nancy Wilmeth McGee, a 6th grade teacher in Allen. She grew up in Spearman and still keeps up with Jordan.

SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT (BOLETA OFICIAL)

Instruction Note: Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name. "I am a Republican and understand that I am ineligible to vote or participate in another political party's primary election or convention during this voting year."
(Nota de Instrucción: Vote por el candidato de su preferencia en cada carrera marcando con una "X" el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato. "Yo soy Republicano y comprendo que no estoy elegible para votar o participar en la elección primaria o la convención de algún otro partido político durante este año electoral.")

Preference for Presidential Nominee
(Preferencia para un Candidato Nominado para Presidente)
You may vote for one presidential candidate whose name appears on the ballot by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name or you may vote as uncommitted by placing an "X" in the square beside "Uncommitted". Make only one choice.

(Usted puede votar por un candidato para presidente cuyo nombre aparece en la boleta por marcar con una "X" el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato o usted puede votar como votante no comprometido por marcar con una "X" el cuadro al lado de las palabras no comprometido. Haga solamente una selección.)

- Steve Forbes
- Alan Keyes
- Orrin G. Hatch
- Charles Bass Urban
- John McCain
- George W. Bush
- Gary Bauer
- Uncommitted

United States Senator
(Senador de los Estados Unidos)

- Kay Bailey Hutchison

United States Representative, District 19
(Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Núm. 19)

- Larry Combest

Railroad Commissioner
(Comisionado de Ferrocarriles)

- Charles R. Matthews

Railroad Commissioner, Unexpired Term
(Comisionado de Ferrocarriles, Duración Restante del Cargo)

- Michael L. Williams
- Andy Draughn

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(Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 1)

- Valoria W. Davenport
- Nathan Hecht

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2
(Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 2)

- Priscilla Owen

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3
(Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 3)

- Al Gonzales
- Rod E. Gorman

Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals
(Jefe Presidente, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales)

- Tom Price
- J. Gary Trichter
- Connie J. Kelley
- Sharon Keller

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1
(Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 1)

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- Charles Holcomb
- Tom Greenwell
- John Boston
- Guy Williams

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2
(Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 2)

- W.B. "Bennie" House
- Sally L. Ray
- Pat Barber
- Barbara Parker Hervey
- Jim Wallace

State Representative, District 88
(Representante Estatal, Distrito Núm. 88)

- Warren Chisum

Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 1
(Juez, Corte de Apelaciones, Distrito Núm. 7, Lugar Núm. 1)

- Brian Quinn
- Deborah Smith McClure

Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 2
(Juez, Corte de Apelaciones, Distrito Núm. 7, Lugar Núm. 2)

- Don H. Reavis

District Judge, 84th Judicial District
(Juez del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Núm. 84)

- William D. "Bill" Smith

District Attorney, 84th Judicial District
(Procurador del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Núm. 84)

- Clay L. Ballman

County Attorney
(Procurador del Condado)

- Cecil R. Biggers
- John L. Hutchison

Sheriff
(Sherife)

- R.L. McFarlin, Jr.

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(Asesor-Collector de Impuestos del Condado)

- Helen Dry

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
(Comisionado del Condado, Precincto Núm. 3)

- Ty Williams
- Kent Guthrie

County Chairman
(Presidente del Condado)

- Brian Gillispie

Precinct Chairman
(Presidente del Precincto)

- _____
Write-in (Vote Escrito)

INSTRUCTION NOTE: Place an "X" in the square beside the statement indicating the way you wish to vote.
(NOTA DE INSTRUCCION: Ponga una "X" en el cuadro al lado de la frase que indica la manera en la cual usted quiere votar.)

Proposition No. 1
(Proposición Núm. 1)

"Shall student initiated prayer be allowed at school sporting events?"
(¿Deberá ser permitido oraciones religiosas iniciadas por parte de los estudiantes durante eventos deportivos escolares?)

- Yes (Sí)
- No (No)

COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECT 1

IRA (BUTCH) REED

COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECT 2

JOE T. VENNEMAN Unexpired Term

Republican Primary

The Republican Primary election will be held on Tuesday, March 14th, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Voting places are as follows: Precinct 1 - Spearman City Hall; Precinct 2 & 3 - Cristo-Redentor Catholic Church in Gruver; Precinct 4 - Gruver High School Library; Precinct 5 - Spearman Assembly of God Church; Precinct 6 - Spearman High School; Precinct 7 - Oslo Lutheran Church; Precinct 8 - Absentee - Courthouse; Precinct 9 - Pringle-Morse Community Building.

Laugh
and
Live



by Catherine R. Smith
CathyRSmit@aol.com

This past Wednesday was Ash Wednesday, and since we are now into Lent, I thought I would share the following story with you.

Three Trees

Once there were three trees on a hill in the woods. They were discussing their hopes and dreams when the first tree said, "Someday I hope to be a treasure chest. I could be filled with gold, silver and precious gems. I could be decorated with intricate carving and everyone would see the beauty."

Then the second tree said, "Someday I will be a mighty ship. I will take kings and queens across the waters and sail to the corners of the world. Everyone will feel safe in me because of the strength of my hull."

Finally the third tree said, "I want to grow to be the tallest and straightest tree in the forest. People will see me on top of the hill and look up to my branches, and think of the heavens and God and how close to them I am reaching. I will be the greatest tree of all time and people will always remember me."

After a few years of praying that their dreams would come true, a group of woodsmen came upon the trees. When one came to the first tree he said, "This looks like a strong tree, I think I should be able to sell the wood to a carpenter..." and he began cutting it down. The tree was happy, because he knew that the carpenter would make him a treasure chest. At the second tree a woodsman said, "This looks like a strong tree, I should be able to sell it to the shipyard." The second tree was happy because he knew he was on his way to becoming a mighty ship.

When the woodsmen came upon the third tree, the tree was frightened because he knew that if they cut him down his dreams would not come true. One of the woodsmen said, "I don't need anything at all from my tree so I'll take this one", and he cut it down.

When the first tree arrived at the carpenter's, he was made into a feed box for animals. He was then placed in a barn and filled with hay. This was not at all what he had prayed for. The second tree was cut and made into a small fishing boat. His dreams of being a mighty ship and carrying kings had come to an end.

The third tree was cut into large pieces and left alone in the dark.

The years went by, and the trees forgot about their dreams. Then one day, a man and woman came to the barn. She gave birth and they placed the baby in the hay in the feed box that was made from the first tree. The man wished that he could have made a crib for the baby, but this manger would have to do. The tree could feel the importance of this event and knew that it had held the greatest treasure of all time.

Years later, a group of men got in the fishing boat made from the second tree. One of them was tired and went to sleep. While they were out on the water, a great storm arose and the tree didn't think it was strong enough to keep the men safe. The men woke the sleeping man, and he stood and said "Peace" and the storm stopped. At this time, the tree knew that it had carried the King of Kings in its boat.

Finally, someone came and got the third tree. It was carried through the streets as the people mocked the man who was carrying it. When they came to a stop, the man was nailed to the tree and raised in the air to die - at the top of a hill. When Sunday came, the tree came to realize that it was strong enough to stand at the top of the hill and be as close to God as was possible, because Jesus had been crucified on it.

When things don't seem to be going your way, always know that God has a plan for you. If you place your trust in Him, He will give you great gifts. Each of the trees got what it wanted, just not in the way it had imagined. We don't always know what God's plans are for us. We just know that His ways are not our ways, but His ways are always best.

May God Bless Each of You,
Catherine :)



Engagement Announcement

Mark and Annette McCloy of Morse announce the engagement of their daughter, Sahala Ann to Lance Adam Gaillard. Gaillard is the son of Bud and Annette Gaillard of Texhoma, OK.

The couple plans to be married on May 27, 2000 in the Gruver United Methodist Church.

Sahala is a senior nursing student at West Texas A&M University, and will graduate in December of 2000.

Lance is a senior agricultural communications major, and will graduate in May of 2000.

Lance and Sahala are both members of the WTAMU Rodeo Team.

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Barnes Medical Fund Established
A medical fund has been established at First National Bank for Doug and Shannon Barnes.

Davis Medical Fund Established
A medical fund has been established at First State Bank for the family of Chad and Tara Davis.

Fund Established for George Young
A medical fund has been established at First National Bank for George Young.

AARP Offers Free Tax Help
AARP Tax-Aide is in Spearman at the Hansford County Library, 122 Main Street, every Tuesday from 1:00-5:00 p.m. AARP Tax-Aide is: a free quality service; a confidential service that prepares tax returns and answers tax questions from February 1st through April 15th; services available to all taxpayers with middle- to low-income, with special attention to those age 60 and older; 31,000+ dedicated and proud IRS-trained and certified volunteers; a charitable non-profit program; an AARP Foundation program and part of the National Community Service Programs Group. It is administered through the AARP Foundation in cooperation with the IRS. For more information, call 1-888-AARPNOW (1-888-227-7669), or visit their web-site at www.aarp.org/taxaide/

Holt Club Scholarship
The Holt Club will provide a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior from Spearman High School. Interested students should contact Glenda Guthrie. Deadline for application is April 28, 2000.

Spring Soccer Sign-Up
The Hansford Soccer Association is now accepting new players for the Spring Soccer League. Boys and girls, ages 4-15, are welcome. The season will begin March 11th and will go through April 6th. To sign-up, or for more information, contact Rick Patrick at 659-2619 or Alfred Avila at 659-3830.

Walk Across Texas
Walk Across Texas is a fun and flexible way to exercise. It provides people with the necessary support to not only start walking, but also find a group that can keep them walking even when they feel like quitting. Teams are made up of eight people who want to keep track of the amount they walk for 8 weeks. Walking, running, biking, aerobics, swimming, all count in the total mileage. Exercise can be done individually or with team members. About 6,000 Texans participated in the program last year with 160 of those being from Hansford County. Immediate benefits include increased energy levels and feeling less stressed. This year we are offering a weight management letter series with the program. To find out how you can Walk Across Texas, call Peggy Winegarner, County Extension Agent, at 659-4130 or 733-2901.

Early & Late Night Voting
The County Clerk's office will be open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., through March 10th, for early voting. Late night voting will be conducted on Tuesday and Thursday nights during early voting from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

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Spearman Task Force On Parenting Plans Committee Meeting
The Spearman Task Force on Parenting will meet Thursday, March 16, at 7:00 PM at the O'Loughlin Center. All interested individuals are encouraged to attend. Beginning in 1996 this task force sponsored seminars including "Love & Limits", "Fighting for Your Family", "Gang Awareness", "Parents & The Internet", "True Colors", and "The Parents Role in Breaking Down Communication Barriers on Love, Sex and Dating". The Texas Community Futures Forum held in the spring identified a concern for positive youth-oriented activities and family awareness of moral issues within the community. Brian Foster agreed to chair the task force in an effort to develop action plans to address the needs defined. Call Peggy Winegarner at 659-4130 or Brian Foster at 659-5557 with questions, ideas, or concerns.

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community Meeting
The Rushing Wind Emmaus community will meet at the Waka Christian Center in Waka on Saturday, March 11, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. Invite your spouse, family, and friends to an evening of fellowship and worship. A potluck meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. A nursery will be provided at the Waka Church of the Brethren. A board of directors meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. in the dining hall of the Waka Christian Center. All area churches are invited to participate. Rushing Wind will be sponsoring five additional Walk to Emmaus weekends for men and women this year and applications are being received for the walks. For more information you may contact someone who has participated in a walk.

Driving Safety Course Offered On Internet
Anyone with a computer connection to the Internet can now take a driving safety course. TxDriving. Com has been approved by the Texas Education Agency to provide driving safety courses on line. To take the Internet course, students must have a computer, and Internet connection and some standard browsing and viewing software. Completion of the course makes students eligible for ticket dismissal under the Texas Transportation Code. The ten percent insurance discount also applies. Students may complete the course at their own pace and are allowed to log on and off the program with the computer keeping track of the students progress. The course will take a minimum of six hours to complete. Since the course can be accessed at home, persons with disabilities may now take the course when attendance at traditional classes were impractical. For more information you may access course information at <http://TxDriving.Com> or call 888/595-1911.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic
The Women's Center for the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System in cooperation with the Gruver Independent School District and Hansford County Hospital will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Methodist Church, 506 Broadway, in Gruver on March 16, 2000. Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call 800-377-4673 or 806-356-1905 for more information.

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Carolyn Kenealy returned Saturday from a most interesting trip during spring break. The previous Saturday she flew to DFW airport, then to London, and on to Athens, Greece - only three changes. She arrived in Athens Sunday at midnight and met her husband, Lawrence.

He had arrived earlier from an 18 hour train trip from Kosovo. He is on U.N. peacekeeping duty there. He returned by train-up the east coast of Greece, northwest to Macedonia, then into the Balkans by bus to Kosovo.

While in Greece all was peaceful and apparently quite safe. As they walked, all seemed calm, and many young people were out strolling late at night.

Lawrence is well, but it took several days for him to completely relax as day and night the peace officers are on the alert and become very tense. The expectation is there will be a spring offensive, and there is no guarantee of safety for anyone.

Their two daughters had sent him many photos and mementos so he left with a heavily packed suitcase.

Carolyn had always dreaded flying, but says the flight was smooth and comfortable both ways.

The Station House Museum Board was extremely well-pleased when notified by Judge Brown that the museum would be the recipient of the county law library. A new library is replacing the old.

The old set consists of 318 well-bound books - the first dating from 1822 to 1897. This covers time before Texas became a state - it was combined with Cuchillo first under France, then Spain, then Mexico, a Republic, state, Confederate state with laws under each.

Since some of the books have 1000 pages, there is insufficient space for them except in the basement where they are easily accessible.

Anyone wishing to do research or to read out of curiosity is welcome

to bring them to the reading area. They are not to be taken from the premises. A copy machine is available there.

The library is an interesting and permanent source of information for the public.

A recent edition of the Amarillo Daily News carried a picture and a detailed article about Lindsey Donnell of Canyon. She had just received the Good Citizenship Award from the Canyon Chapter of the DAR. She is a senior at Canyon High.

She accompanied the girls basketball team to Canyon, though she was unable to play due to her knee injury received in a game.

She had been involved in basketball for four years, track for two years, drama club, art and art honors club, Spanish honor society, prom committee, National Honor Society, Leadership team for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, was voted class favorite, Junior Who's Who, and Who's Who Among American High School Students. She serves the community by helping repair homes for people in need, has helped with the Eveline Rivers Christmas Project, and in canned food drives.

Lindsey is the daughter of Steve and Denise Donnell, now of Canyon, and was born while they lived in Spearman. She is the granddaughter of Oscar and Frankie Donnell.

The Panhandle Cutting Horse Association hosted 274 entries at its first show of the year 2000 on last Saturday and Sunday at the Tri-State fair grounds. Hansford County winners were:

Saturday - Dana Larson, Gruver - 1st in 10,000 Novice; Mart Pearson, Spearman - tie for 4th in 10,000 Novice; Tarin Rice, Spearman - 1st in Youth; Tatum Rice, Spearman - 2nd in Youth.

Sunday - Boyd Rice, Spearman, rider - 2nd in Open; Dana Larsen, Gruver - 3rd in 10,000 Novice; Wilma Larsen, Gruver - tie for 4th in

10000 Novice, non-pro; Tarin Rice, Spearman - 1st in youth.

Cary and Denise Bridges and daughter from Lubbock visited here a few days last week with relatives, including her grandmother, Mrs. Ora Lee Blackburn. Mrs. Blackburn is happy to report that in a conversation with daughter, Bodil Bradley, she learned that her great-grandson, Dr. Ownby, was released temporarily from the hospital in Albuquerque and is with his parents in Oklahoma. He can walk a little.

Donnie and Dwayne Mitchell and Walter and Dorothy Woolley enjoyed the spring break in a most interesting trip.

They flew to Richmond, Virginia, where they rented a car. Their first stop was in Williamsburg, then Jamestown, Yorktown, and Virginia Beach where they toured the scenes famous in American history.

They crossed Chesapeake Bay, partially by bridge and partially by tunnel. (Not at the same time.) All through the Shenandoah Valley, then touring Monticello, some other historic plantation homes, Harpers Ferry, Antietam - the courthouse at Appomattox.

They returned late Saturday. Nothing was said as to whether Mr. Mitchell now feels qualified to teach American history rather than English.

Dixie Pool is very encouraged with the progress husband Donnie is making after by-pass surgery. It was done at Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo on Saturday and involved by-passes on three veins, and another was tied-off. By late Sunday he

was moved to a room. All of their children were with her during the surgery, as were all of Donny's family.

Their daughter, Donda Lozano, came from Houston and is staying with her mother.

Charlie and Jean West just returned from 18 days downstate. Part of the trip was sight seeing, but all of it was most enjoyable with Spearman friends.

Bill and Estelle Jackson were sort of ex-officio hosts as they are quite familiar with that part of the country. Don and Lynanne Maize and J.L. and Mary Brock were in the group.

Among the places of interest to them was in San Antonio, which included the river walk and historical sites. They included Fredericksburg and Padre Island, enjoying good food, good weather and good companionship every place.

Sunday morning Mrs. Alice Lackey made her usual drip-a-lator of coffee, but apparently failed to secure the lid. While pouring it, she was scalded just above her knees. When she removed her slacks, she removed layers of skin. Some of her neighbors tried to help her to ease the pain. Soon the three church members who administer her communion every Sunday morning in her home came and insisted she needed medical care.

Her daughter, Donna Sheets, came and took her to Hansford Hospital where she is of this writing.

Mrs. Lackey expresses her heartfelt thanks for neighbors for their caring attention - Inez Holland, Christina Babitzki, Helen Proctor,

and especially to Joe Bynum, Carl Kunselman and Tommy Russell, who bring Communion.

Mark and Charlotte Sheets with Russell, Elliott and Tori spent part of the spring break in San Antonio. They enjoyed watching the Spurs play a basketball game. Touring some historical sites was interesting, especially the Alamo, which they are studying in school. The Riverwalk and a boat ride on the river were fun. They left on Wednesday and returned on Saturday.

Virginia Head had a most enjoyable trip to Lubbock last Tuesday watching the girls' basketball games and one boys' game. She accompanied Delinda McLaughlin with Dana, Denise Harbour with Macy, and Dixie Smith with Caylor.

It was especially meaningful to Virginia to visit with a friend of many years, also a widow of a coach. Her husband and Garland Head were college roommates, and coaches for many years, and often the two couples attended the Tech ball games.

Word comes to former classmates of the passing of D.R. Janiel, Jr, 75, of Pipe Creek, TX at the Veteran's hospital in Kerrville, Texas.

D.R. was born in Spearman in 1924; graduated from high school here in 1942. He was cited for his military service in WWII, serving in the invasion of North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Normandy and Southern France.

After he left Spearman he had ranches in Wyoming, Texas and New Mexico and was prominent in cattlemen's organizations.

He has returned for some Spearman school reunions and still has many friends here. He is a distant cousin of Rubyjo Wilbanks and she and J.D. were in close touch up until his death.

William Henry Brownlee died in his home on James Street, and his body was discovered Monday morning by Billy Burger, Coroner Bob Davis ruled his death was from natural causes.

Mr. Brownlee, 77, leaves no known survivors. Cremation was by Boxwell Brothers. He was born and raised at Lakeview in Hall County. He came to Spearman in 1957 and has worked for various farmers. His family and the Melton family were friends at Lakeview and have remained friends here.

He had a distinguished military career and received a citation. Further information has not been available, but Reg Robertson claimed the cremains and a family memorial service is planned.

One member of the Melton family who was available stated that Mr. Brownlee was a generous person and often helped out when needed, did his work well, and caused trouble for no one.

Dwayne Smith finally got his rain dance in high gear and brought some welcome moisture. For the week of February 28th to March 5th, Spearman received .80 of rain and 1/2 inch of snow. The highest temperature was 74 degrees on both February 28th and March 4th, the lowest was 32 on March 3rd.

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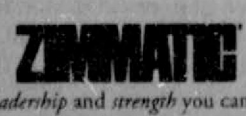
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Engagement Announcement

Dart and Judy Hergert of Perryton are proud to announce the engagement of their son, Dr. Tyce Hergert of Dallas, to Kellie Lynne Fowler of Dallas.

Kellie is the daughter of Thomas Fowler of Crandall and Dennis and Susan Howe of Richardson. The bride-elect is employed as a payroll specialist at Docucorp International in Dallas. She also is pursuing an accounting degree from the University of Texas at Dallas. She is a 1995 graduate of Crandall High School.

Dr. Hergert graduated from Perryton High School in 1992 and Parker Chiropractic College in 1998. He recently opened his own practice in Southlake.

The wedding is scheduled for May 20, 2000, at 4 p.m. in the Custer Road United Methodist Church in Plano.



Golden Wedding Anniversary

Kermit and Rosemary McKee are spending the Millennium celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

They were married January 20, 1950 in Bell City Missouri and have been Gruver residents for 30 years.

Kermit is the retired manager of Sunray Coop, Gruver Branch and Rosemary has been an employee of Main Street since 1981. The couple is active at the First Baptist Church of Gruver.

Their children are hosting a reception on March 18th in their home for all friends to come and visit.

The family also plans a family trip this June to the Ozarks to celebrate this milestone.

Children of the couple are Pamela and Ben Durall of Arlington, Kristy and Mike Weldon of Lubbock, and Mike and Cammye McKee of Arlington. They have been blessed with five grandchildren.



Engagement Announcement

Jerald Ray and Cindy Scribner of Spearman wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Traci Ann Scribner of Perryton, to Jerry Don Lane, also of Perryton. Jerry is the son of Freida Lane and the late Don Lane of Perryton.

The couple plans an April 22, 2000 wedding in Las Vegas, NV at the MGM Grand.

Traci is a 1991 graduate of Spearman High School. She is an RN at Ochiltree General Hospital.

Jerry is a 1987 graduate of Perryton High School. He is employed by Harvey's Electric in Perryton.

Thank You

I want to thank everyone who had any part in making my 90th birthday such a beautiful and happy experience.

Winnie Vernon

Thank You

The extended family of Charmian Lyle would like to thank our many friends and family for all your kindness to us during recent weeks.

We have been sustained by your prayers, encouraged by your love, and helped by your many generous expressions of assistance and caring.

The George Paul Odom Family & The L.A. Williams Family

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for the flowers and cards I received on my 80th birthday. I also want to thank my children for the wonderful party, and everyone who came by to help me celebrate.

Maylynn Schubert Ayres

Thank You

We would like to thank Mac and Darlene Hoel for being such big supporters of our Gruver Greyhound teams! Mac and Darlene, who never miss an event, made spirit buttons and passed them out at the Regional Basketball Tournament for everyone to wear. Since Gruver has a great following, that's a lot of buttons! We appreciate your time and loyalty!

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Spearman Merchants who donated items for prizes for "Leap Year Bingo." Your generosity is very much appreciated. Thank you, also, to all those who made stew, cornbread, and cookies. Everything was delicious. To those who worked so hard to put this fun evening together and to those who helped in any way, "Thank You." And last, but not least, thank you to all of you who supported us by attending the event. We could not have had a successful evening without you.

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If I am reelected, my office will continue to work hard to represent this county with a fair, responsible and common-sense approach to the duties of this office. My office will continue to see that the court docket is kept current and I will continue to give prompt attention to all county matters. I would appreciate your vote for reelection as Hansford County Attorney in the Republican Primary on March 14th.

Thank you,

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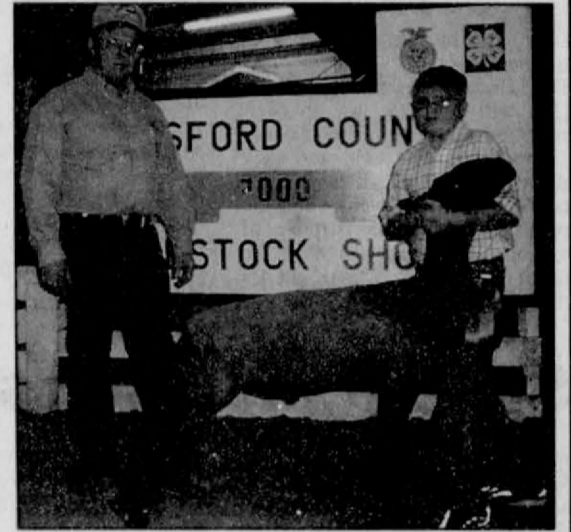
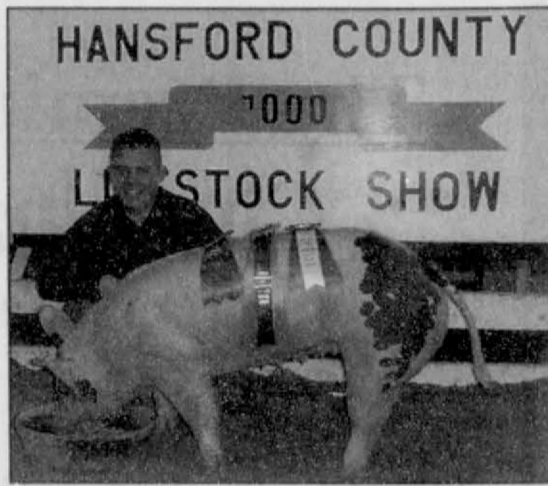
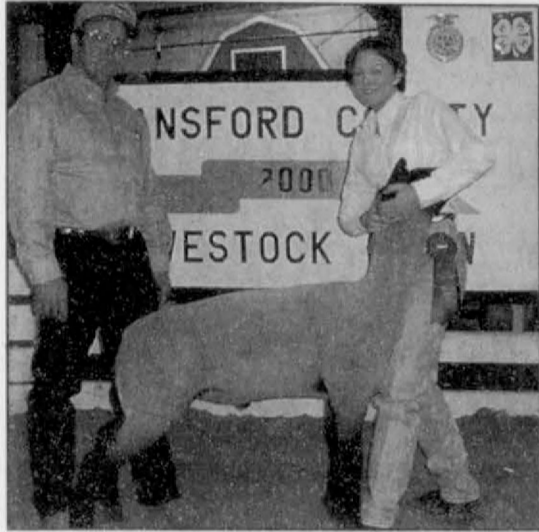
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Zack Murray - Billy & Joan Brown
Misty Brown - USA Feedyard
Jenny Diaz - USA Feedyard
Marshall Hearon - First State Bank

Class II

Dustin Mackie - First National Bank
Coy Herrington - Jarvis Law Office
David Pipkin - Monsanto & Agco
Jordanna Lozano - Jarvis Law Office
Chase Schubert - Spearman Equity & Monsanto
Jessica Jarvis - Bill Pittman
Jessica Schmidt - Pat & Georgia Holt
Brittney Montgomery - Steve Bevell

Class III

Lanie Graves - Berry Grain
Orie Cooksey - USA Feedyard
Noemi Rodriguez - Travis Patterson
Kaylee Holt - Morris Stock Farms
Bailey Reid - First National Bank
Bobby Lujan - Yanke Tree Farms
David Sharp - Berry Grain
Michael Dillard - Kevin Holt

Class IV

Melody Shields - S & S Farms
Seth Clemmons - Morse Implement
Tim Bynum - Clark Aerial Spraying
Lindsey Clift - Rhonda Holt
Evan Schmidt - Main Street & Double M
Zack Nollner - Phillip Renner
Tara Shields - Morse Implement
Tayshia James - Brock Insurance
Kali Shields - JK Farm & Ranch

Class V

Jeremy Mackie - Berry Grain
Teal Armes - Bort Agency
Sammi Johnson - Kevin Holt
Nicholas Slough - Madden Oil & Texaco
Jessica Montgomery - Gruver State Bank
Blayne Baker - USA Feedyard
Brad Holt - Morris Stock Farms

Class VI

Brian Johnson - Slough Children
Lance Smith - Monty Harbour
Nancy Flores - Jody Irwin
Kallie Smith - Renner-Pearson
Nathan Buschman - Berry Grain
Derik Grotogut - Five Star Equipment

Class VII

Matt Messer - Little Tiffanies
Aaron Weller - Ag Partners & Gruver Farm Supply
Brittney Morris - Holt Children
Kirby Johnson - Gruver Insurance & Hansford Supply
Amy Gift - USA Feedyard
Tyler Lane - Allen & Janice McCloy
Eric Flores - Pat Patterson

Class VIII

Bray Armes - Hansford Implement
Miles Messer - Clarence Yanke
Mollie Burnam - Armes Brother & Sister
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STEERS

Grand Champion - Travis Brown - Five Star Equipment
Reserve Grand Champion - Kaylee Holt - USA Feedyard

Light Weights

Taylor Williams - Boots Williams
Kyna Shields - Cattleman's Livestock
Brittney Morris - Vance & Ruth Morris
Kali Shields - Pat Patterson
Misty Brown - First State Bank

Light Medium

Brad Holt - First State Bank
Tracy Brown - First Bank Southwest & Perryton Feeders

Melody Shields - Hansford Agency
Jessica Montgomery - Larry's Welding
Malissa Montgomery - Morris Stock Farms

Medium

Tucker Williams - Boots Williams
Rachelle Holt - Hansford County Feeders
Clayton Vanderburg - Joe & Nancy Morris
Lance Williams - Boots Williams
Britney Montgomery - McCloy Feedlot

Medium Heavy

Bailey Reid - Pat & Georgia Holt Clete Vanderburg - John Armes
Rhett Renner - H & H Water Well
Colton King - Bart Thoreson
Britta Vanderburg - Morris Stock Farms

Heavy

Reagan Renner - Hi-Plains Auto
Clayton Thompson - Gruver Redi-Mix
Tyrel King - Pittman & Sons
Kirby Johnson - McCloy Rodeo

SWINE

Grand Champion - Dustin Mackie - Attebury Grain
Reserve Grand Champion - Jeremy Mackie - H & H Water Well

Class I

YORK

Breed Champion - Blayne Baker - Martin & Assoc.
Reserve Breed Champion - Lindsey Clift - Gruver State Bank

Duroc

Breed Champion - Malissa Montgomery - Hansford Feeders
Reserve Breed Champion - Jessica Montgomery - Bartlett's Hardware

Class II

Tyler Lane - David & Kelly Armes
Rachelle Holt - Bort Insurance
Casey Cator - Bort Insurance

Class III

Brian Johnson - Gigot
Coy Herrington - Hansford Vet Clinic
David Parker - G & G Foodliner

Class IV

Chad Clift - Attebury Grain
David Sharp - Archie Smith, Lisa Pipkin & Lyric Theatre
Timber Barkley - North Plains Insurance

Class V

Chelsea Reid - Van Bradford
Kali Shields - Rainmaker Car Wash
Dustin Red - Leon & Norma Red
Tim Bynum - Stratland Oil Co.
Lanie Graves - Clay & Margaret Reid

Class VI

Colby Weldon - Palo Duro Feeders
Austin Benton - Hansford Implement
Valerie Burnam - J.T. & Fanny Venneman

Hampshire

Breed Champion - Brittney Morris
Reserve Breed Champion - Seth Clemmons

Class VII

Melody Shields - MBI
Tessa Yanke - Yanke Tree Farms
Amanda Adams - Agco of Spearman

Class VIII

Bray Armes - Rainwater Car Wash
Teal Armes - Logsdon Farms
Orie Cooksey - Gruver State Bank
Brooke Bevell - Cluck Flying
Chase Lamb - Hansford Feeders

Class IX

Bailey Reid - Equity Elevators
Tracy Brown - Asgrow Seed
Tracy Brown - Clay & Margaret Reid
Kyna Shields - Theron

Class X

Reagan Renner - Cline Custom Applicator
Brandon Casdorff - Bort Insurance
Stuart Martin - Ray Martin
Kade Carthel - Sunray Coop

Class XI

Britney Montgomery - David Armes
Matt Messer - Williams, Williams & Lamb
Taylor Williams - Hi-Pro Animal Health, Gruver Agri & Aventis
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York

Breed Champion - Kallie Smith
Reserve Breed Champion - Nicholas Slough

Class XII

Ashlee Flowers - Southwest Heating & Air & Mark Sheets
Misty Brown - Steve Shields
Keilee Goodheart - Scot Martin
Clayton Thompson - Max Janty Feedlot

Class XIII

Brad James - Berry Grain
Macy Harbour - Brown Children & Partners
Miles Messer - Ag Partners & Gruver Farm Supply

Class XIV

Taos Weldon - Scott & Dennis Stedje
Derik Grotogut - Bob Cluck

Crosses

Breed Champion - Dustin Mackie - Attebury Grain
Reserve Breed Champion - Jeremy Mackie - H & H Water Well

Class XV

Tanner Irwin - Gruver Ford
Chelsea Nollner - Gruver Fuel
Saylee Flowers - Hansford Feeders
TJ Vasquez - Roy Harbour
Colby Odegaard - Elaine Odegaard

Class XVI

Timber Thomas - Texas Farms
David Pipkin - Five Star Equipment
Sammi Johnson - My Mothers Garden
Justin Thompson - Palo Duro Feeders
Hunter Bevell - Larry's Welding

Class XVII

Brock Irwin - Spark's Spraying
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An Open Letter



Brandi Willis

Dear Editor and citizens of Spearman.

The Lord said in Jeremiah 31:33-34, "I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be My people ... they all shall know Me." This verse embodies the very lifeblood of the purpose of Christian ministries: to bring the word of God to those who might not

otherwise hear it, and to show through Christian actions the immense love of God, so that "all shall come to know Him."

My name is Brandi Willis, and I am on appeal to your hearts. This summer, from May 7-21, 2000, I will be taking a medical missionary trip to San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Along with nurses, dentists, doctors, and fellow students from Abilene Christian University, I will help provide medical care to citizens of San Pedro Sula, who would otherwise receive no care at all. In addition to medical services, we will be involved in house and playground construction, preaching and children's ministry. For a brief two weeks, our goal is to make lifetime impacts on the people of Honduras by bringing them closer to aspects of our lives that we often take for granted: having suture thread for cuts, an intact roof on our home, a safe church building to worship in, the opportunity to hear our children sing "Jesus Loves Me," and above all, a knowledge of our God.

The expenses for my trip are \$1300, all-inclusive, and my goal is to raise it all by contributions from people from my community. Any donation that you would like to make will provide a phenomenal opportunity for help and change in Honduras.

If you would like to make a donation to this cause, please make your check out to Southern Hills Church of Christ, and note it 'Sula Campaign.' Attaching a Post-it note with 'Brandi Willis' on it will also help in the tabulation process (do not write 'Brandi Willis' on the check). All contributions are tax deductible. Checks should be mailed to: Jake Walker, Box 29419, Abilene, TX 79699.

In addition to any monetary donations you would like to make, we are also petitioning for items ranging from toothbrushes to kitchen materials to medical supplies - anything that would come in handy for construction and personal care. If you would like to donate any items, please contact Jack Walker, Missionary-in-residence of ACU, at 915-674-3761 or email at walkerg-bible.acu.edu.

Thank you so much for your time and concern. I greatly appreciate any bit you are able to help. No contribution is too small for a life that it can change!

If you have any questions, you can call me at 915-674-6039. Again, thank you.

In Christ,
Brandi Willis
"Whoever finds me, finds life..."
Proverbs 8:35

Spearman Choirs Attend Contest

submitted by Becky Byers

On Saturday, February 26th, several students from the Spearman High School and Junior High School Choirs competed for ratings at the UIL Solo and Ensemble contest at West Texas A&M University.

The following 7th grade students received a First Division ("Superior") rating on their vocal solos:

Melissa Quillan who sang "Danny Boy," Linzi McCubbin who sang "Dedication," Samantha Duffy who sang "For Music," Ashley Swan who sang "Cradle Song," and Nicole Worley who also sang "Cradle Song."

These girls also sang in an ensemble that received a First Division rating. They sang "Down Low in the Valley."

Two 8th grade boys also earned a First Division on their solos: Frankie Munoz and Marcus Vasquez who both soloed on "Pastime with Good Company."

The following High School students received a Second Division

("Excellent") on their vocal solos: Leticia Gonzales, Amanda Bowman, and Maria Vela. Leticia sang "Long, Long Ago," Amanda sang "Brahm's Cradle Song" and Maria sang "Ave Maria."

Mindee Gillaspie, who sang "American Lullaby," earned a First Division ("Superior") rating on a Freshman Class III solo.

Bethanie Flores, who sang "Slumber Song," and Laura Gillaspie, who sang "Caro Mio Ben" (kahroh meeoh behn), both earned a First Division ("Superior") rating on their Class II (Medium difficult) vocal solos. Bethanie Flores studies vocal music privately with Mechelle Curry.

Angela Pipkin sang "Nur wer die Sehnsucht Kennt" (Noor vehr dee zane zookt kent), a class I (difficult) solo and also received a First Division on it. Because it is a class I solo, Angela may sing it at State Solo and Ensemble Contest in San Marcos at the end of May if she chooses.

The following girls sang "My

True Love Hath My Heart", which is a class I (difficult) ensemble song: Maria Vela - Soprano I, Angela Pipkin - Soprano II, Bethanie Flores - Alto I, and Laura Gillaspie - Alto II. As a result of their teamwork and willingness to stick with a difficult task, these girls were rewarded with a First Division. They may advance to the State Solo and Ensemble Contest in May as well.

Mrs. Byers would like to thank these students for representing Spearman so admirably not only in their contest performance but also in their behavior while not competing. Mrs. Byers would also like to thank the following adults for stepping in and helping out: Carol Pack and Mechelle Curry - as accompanists and stand-ins, Melissa Vasquez for chaperoning, Mr. Peary for driving the van, and Alvin Byers for driving the van and shouldering a lot of responsibility for me.

Congratulations on a very successful day!

To The Voters of Precinct #3

Just a note to simply say, "Thanks" for allowing me to the privilege of serving as your County Commissioner these past few years. It's election time again, and I am once more asking for your vote in the upcoming March 14th Republican primary.

While serving as County Commissioner, I have been guided by two principles. First of all, because of my conservative view, I have tried to assure that we have the very best services for the very least tax dollars possible. Secondly, my first thought has always been, "Will this decision be good for Precinct 3." If elected for another term, these principles will continue to guide the decisions that I must make as a County Commissioner.

Once again, let me say what a privilege it has been to serve you. I would very much like to continue as County Commissioner for Precinct 3. Therefore, I am asking for your vote and support in the March 14th primary.

Sincerely,
Kent Guthrie

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Superintendent's Corner

by Rodney Sumner, Spearman I.S.D. Superintendent

On March 16, 2000, join me in celebrating "Absolutely Incredible Kid Day!" Absolutely Incredible Kid Day was launched in 1997 as a special day for adults to convey their appreciation of children by sending a letter to a special child in their lives. The Camp Fire Boys and Girls help sponsor this activity.

Who do I write to? - anyone! You can write a letter to your own children, grandchildren, nieces and/or nephews, or even someone you don't know. The purpose is to let our children know how special they are and how we feel about them. It is a time for us to write letters of love, appreciation and encouragement.

All it takes is just a few minutes of your time to set down and write something that you enjoy or appreciate about a child. You can mail it, put it in their lunch box, put it by their bed or just read it to them face to face. Wow - just think of the lasting impact you can make!

Children are this nation's greatest asset. As a parent, our children are the most important part of our own lives. However, often times in today's hectic society we don't make time for our children. Recent research points to the fact that parents spend less than an hour per week in meaningful conversation with their children. As I discussed in a previous article, if children don't make a positive connection with adults at home or school they often drift to those who will accept them. Gangs are just a type of a mini-family where kids can feel

that they are accepted by their peers.

What can I do if I my own children are grown, and I don't have anyone living at home? Easy - just look around your neighborhood and find a kid that you want to send a letter of encouragement. If that doesn't work, ask a teacher or call one of the school's counselors.

I challenge you next week to write at least one letter to a child in our community. Think about it. Pray about it. Someone is waiting to hear from you. Remember how you feel when you receive a card or note from a friend or loved one.

If next week, a thousand letters are delivered to the children of our community what a difference can be made. Then don't let one day keep you from expressing your feelings. Get involved. The school is always looking for volunteers. Find a child in your neighborhood or church and become a mentor. Kids need to feel that they are loved and accepted and don't need to feel that they are being lectured to.

Someone recently gave me this poem to read. It is sad but I think it helps convey the message I am trying to express:

Slow Dance

Have you ever watched kids on a merry-go-round?

Or listened to the rain slapping on the ground?

Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight?

Or gazed at the sun into the fading night?

You better slow down.

Don't dance so fast.

Time is short.

The music won't last.

Do you run through each day on the fly?

When you ask "How are you?", do you hear the reply?

When the day is done, do you lie in your bed with the next hundred chores running through your head?

Ever told your child, we'll do it tomorrow?

And in your haste, not see his sorrow?

Ever lost touch, let a good friendship die cause you never had time to call and say "Hi"?

You better slow down.

Don't dance so fast.

Time is short.

The music won't last.

When you run so fast to get somewhere,

you miss half the fun of getting there.

When you worry and hurry through your day, it is like an unopened gift . . . thrown away.

Life is not a race.

Do take it slower.

Hear the music before the song is over.

Author Unknown

The underlying theme of our public schools are "kids first." All our decisions should be made on what is in their best interest. Only by taking the time to listen to our children, to get involved in their lives and by letting them know how important they are can we hope to make a difference in their lives. Our kids are ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE and I for one will take the time out of my schedule to write letters to some special children letting them know how truly special they actually are!

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Director Election Scheduled

During the Board Meeting held on January 11, 2000, the Board of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District called for an election to be held on May 6, 2000. The election will be for election Directors for Precincts 5, 6, and 7 of the District.

The deadline for filing as a candidate for Director of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22, 2000. Candidates who file on or before this date will have their name placed on the ballot. The application must be signed by the applicant or at least ten (10) qualified voters of the precinct.

The deadline for filing as a write-in candidate for Director is also

5:00 p.m. on March 22, 2000. A write-in vote may not be counted unless the name written in appears on the list of write-in candidates. To be entitled to a place on the list of write-in candidates, a candidate must make a declaration of write-in candidacy and it must be filed with the District not later than 5 p.m. of the 45th day before election day.

Director of Precinct No. 5 covers all the area within the District and within Hansford or Hutchinson Counties. Thane McCloy is currently serving as Director.

Director of Precinct No. 6 covers all the area within the District and within Ochiltree County. Ted B. Dodd is currently serving as Director. Mr. Dodd is not planning

to run for re-election. Director of Precinct No. 7 is all of Lipscomb County. Roland Wheat is currently serving as Director. Mr. Wheat is not planning to run for re-election.

Candidate application forms may be requested from the District Office, 603 East First, P.O. Box 795, Dumas, Texas 79029 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The District office phone number is (806) 935-6401. To be a candidate for Director, one must be a qualified voter and shall have resided within the Precinct for six months next preceding the date of the election.

Spearman Lynx & Lynxette Track Schedule

Date	Meet	Divisions
Mar 3-4	West Texas Relays	High School B & G
Mar 10-11	Canadian Relays	High School B & G
Mar 17-18	Gruver Relays	High School B & G
Mar 24-25	Stratford Relays	High School B & G
Mar 31-Apr 1	Sunray Relays	High School B & G
Apr 7-8	Spearman Relays	High School B & G
Apr 14	OPEN	
Apr 18 & Apr 20	District @ Sunray	High School B & G
Apr 27-29	Regional @ Abilene	High School

Spearman Lynx & Lynxette Tennis Schedule

Date	Opponent	Divisions	Site	Time
Mar 7	Perryton/Canadian	JV(s-d) V(d)	There	4:00
Mar 10 & 11	Canyon Tournament	JV-V (s-d)	There	TBA
Mar 14	Canadian	JV(s-d) V(d)	There	4:00
Mar 17 & 18	Plainview Tournament	JV-V (s-d)	There	TBA
Mar 24	Booker	JV-V (s-d)	There	4:00
Mar 28	OPEN			
Mar 31 & Apr 1	Amarillo Relays	JV-V (s-d)	There	TBA
Apr 3 & Apr 6	District	JV-V (s-d)	Boys Ranch	TBA
Apr 26 & 27	Regional	High School (s-d)	Abilene	TB

Lynx and Lynxette Golf Schedule

Date	Tournament	Place	Time	Teams
March 10	Booker Invitational	Booker	10:00 a.m.	Girls
March 11	Booker Invitational	Booker	10:00 a.m.	Boys
March 13	Shamrock Invitational	Shamrock	TBA	Girls
March 14	Shamrock Invitational	Shamrock	TBA	Boys
March 21	Sunray Invitational	Dumas	9:00 a.m.	Boys & Girls
March 25	Perryton Invitational	Perryton	9:30 a.m.	Boys & Girls
March 29	1st Round - District	Dumas	9:00 a.m.	Boys & Girls
April 5	2nd Round - District	Borger	9:00 a.m.	Boys & Girls
April 24-25	Regional Tournament	Abilene	TBA	Boys & Girls

Clyburn Nominated For Principal Of The Year



Tina Clyburn

The Texas Association of Secondary School Principals recently notified Stinnett Middle School Principal Tina Clyburn that she is one of the three state-wide finalists for TASSP Middle School Principal of the Year for 1999-2000. She and two others were selected from the twenty principals awarded the regional honor.

Clyburn and the other finalists will travel to Austin on February 26 for interviews which will determine the Texas Middle School Principal of the Year. The state winner will proceed to Washington D.C. to represent Texas in the MetLife/NASSP National Principal of the Year competition.

Clyburn is the only finalist not employed by a large urban school district. Her competitors are from Denton ISD and Austin ISD. Tina Clyburn has been the principal of West Texas Middle School in Stinnett for six years.

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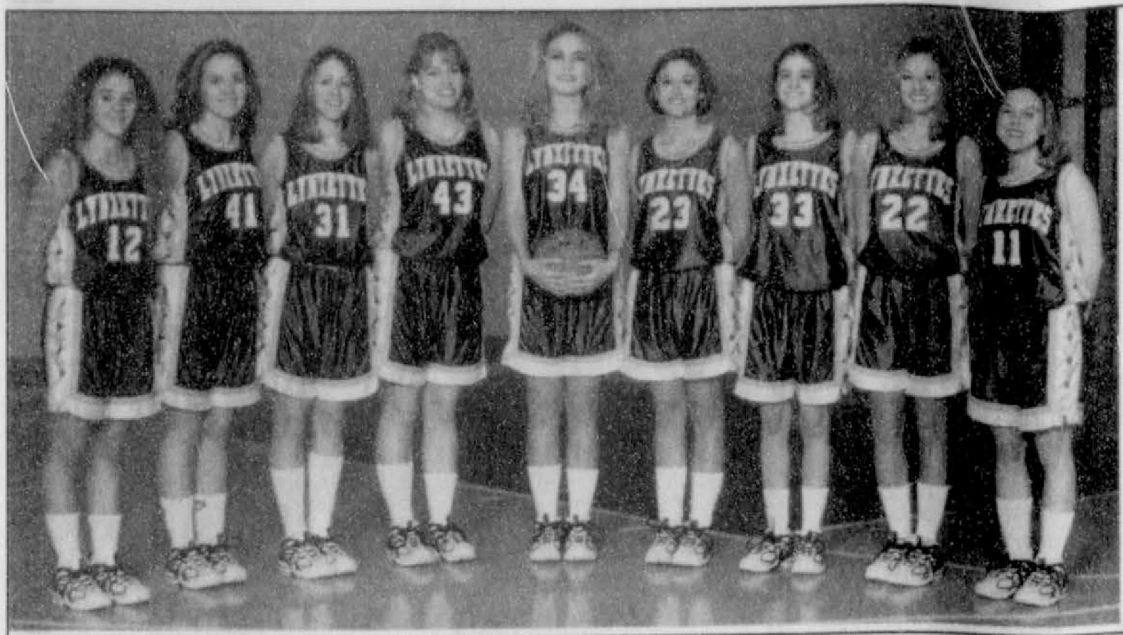
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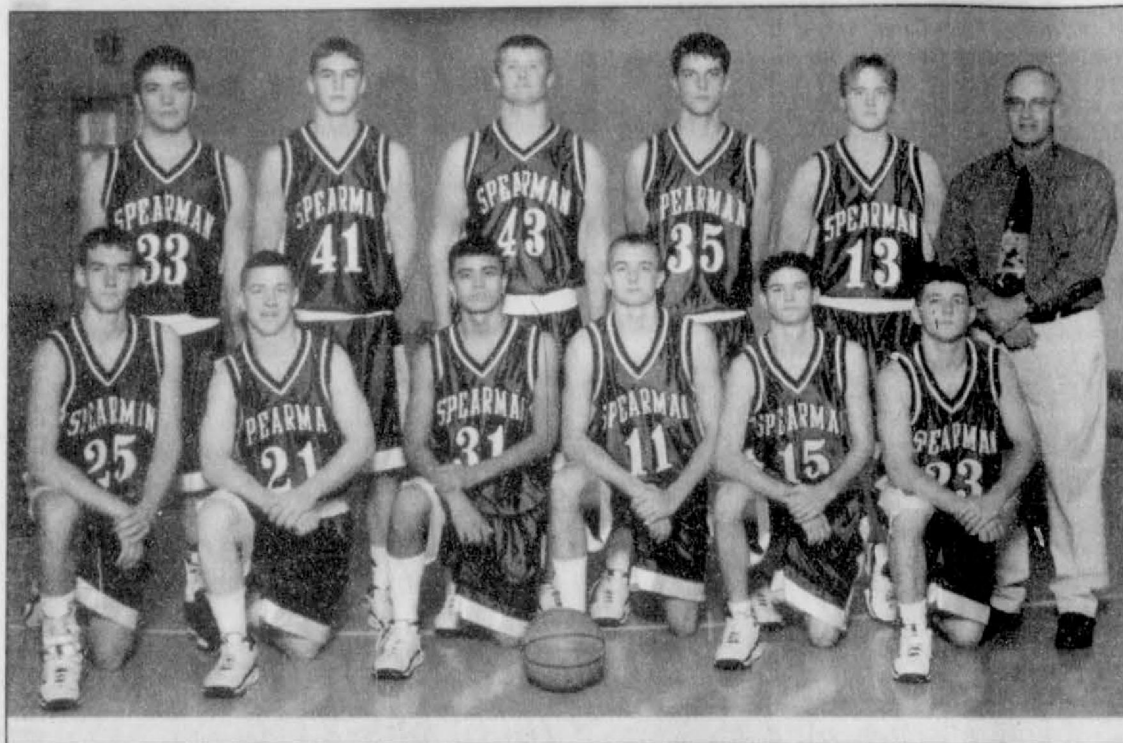
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1999-2000 Spearman Lynxettes Bi-District Champs

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1999-2000 Spearman Lynx

(Back Row, L-R) Aaron Winegarner, Dib Kirk, Jordan Brock, Mickey Schoenhals, Randy Duffy, and Coach Wendell Neff; (Front Row, L-R) Brady Woolley, Jeremy Mackie, Steven Vasquez, John Brock, Coley Griffin, and Clayton Wilkerson

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Offers Scholarships

The North Plains Groundwater Conservation District would like to announce the rules and deadline for its annual scholarship contest.

The contest is open to all high school students (freshmen through seniors) who reside within the Water District. The District includes all of Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, and Lipscomb counties, as well as most of Dallam, Hartley, and Moore counties, and the northern portion of Hutchinson County.

By writing an essay emphasizing the importance of water conservation, high school students are eligible for scholarships up to \$4000 for the college of their designation. Each essay should have a title, and the subject should be: "Why Is Water Conservation Important?". The essay must be more than 1,000 words but fewer than 1,500 words in length, and must be typewritten and double-spaced. The essays will be judged on accuracy of information, originality, neatness, arrange-

ment, subject matter, grammar, and spelling. Additional points are awarded for each applicant's scholastic record, school activities, community involvement, and future plans.

All essays must be received by the District Office located at 603 East First (Post Office Box 795) in Dumas by 5 p.m. on April 3, 2000. Any essay which is found to be a resubmission of a previous winning essay will be disqualified.

The prizes to be awarded are as follows:

First place - \$1 000 scholarship per year for 4 years = \$4000 total award amount

Second place - \$ 750 scholarship

per year for 4 years = \$3000 total award amount

Third place - \$ 500 scholarship per year for 4 years = \$2000 total award amount

These scholarships are to be paid to the college of the winner's choice and applied toward his/her education. Each initial scholarship amount awarded will be renewable for three additional years as long as a minimum of a 2.75 Grade Point Average and 12 course hours per semester are maintained.

Any students who are interested in entering the contest may obtain additional contest and resource information from the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District.

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by Pauline McGee

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Each member plans to invite a guest or guests to attend the worship service and to be our guest at a catered fellowship luncheon. It is our desire that as we open the doors of our church to our guests, that they will feel welcome, and that we will all experience a happy, rewarding time.

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