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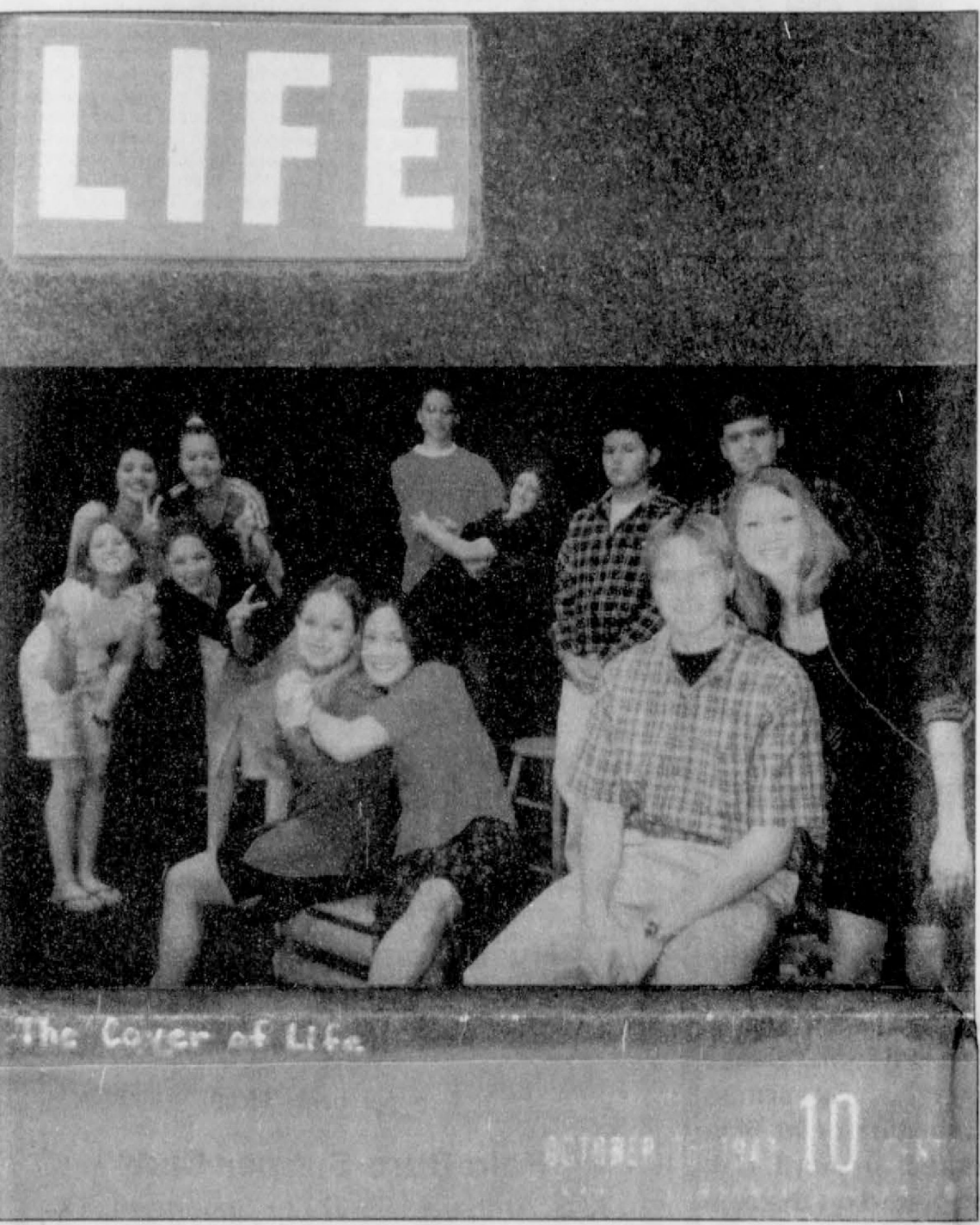
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## SHS One Act Play Advances To Regional



Spearman High School advanced to the Regional One Act Play competition. They performed their One Act play, R.T. Robinson's *The Cover of Life*, under the direction of Frances Pipkin, at the District One Act Play Contest at West Texas A&M University in Canyon on Tuesday, March 28th.

*The Cover of Life* takes place in Sterlington (a small town in Louisiana) during World War II. The plot focuses on the wives of three brothers who all enlist in the military on the same day. The girls move in with the boys' mother until

their husbands return. The mood of the play is a combination of drama and comedy.

The cast consists of seven characters - six females and one male. The roles are as follows: Tood Cliffert - Erin Boxwell, Sybil Harrist Cliffert - Cristy Alvarado, Weetsie Cliffert - Angela Pipkin, Aunt Ola - Allison Haney, Kate Miller - Kathryn Murphy, Addie Mae McGough - Tashi Schumann, Tommy Cliffert - Randy Duffy.

The crew is made up of two stage managers (Matt Davis and Art Maestas), a sound technician

(Jennifer Whitefield), a light specialist (Tommie Dewberry), and an alternate (Nicole Ramon). The play is the last production to be directed by Mrs. Frances Pipkin, Candy Boxwell and Jane Henton.

In addition to their advancement to the regional competition, several cast members were recognized for their performances. Erin Boxwell was named Outstanding Actress, Kathryn Murphy and Cristy Alvarado were named All Star Cast, and Tashi Schumann was named Honorable Mention.

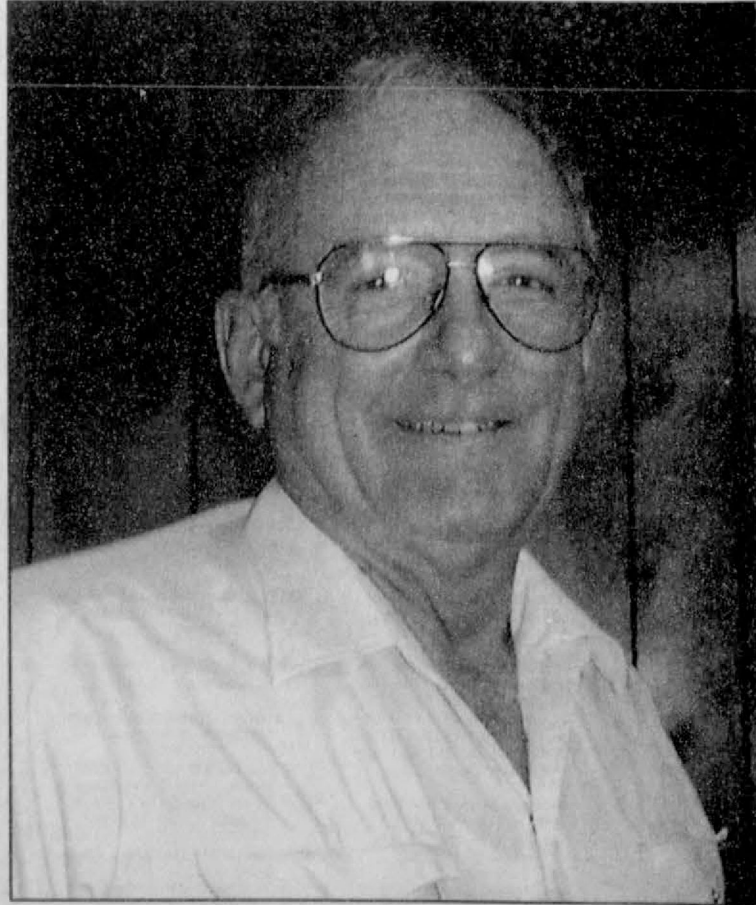


### Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet

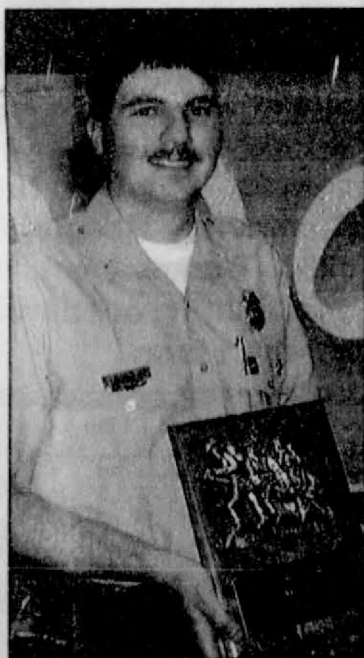
Spearman High School One Act Play Cast & Crew: (L-R) Erin Boxwell, Cristy Alvarado, Kathryn Murphy, Jennifer Whitefield, Tashi Schumann, Allison Haney, Tommie Dewberry, Angela Pipkin, Art Maestas, Randy Duffy, Matt Davis and Nicole Ramon



Jenn Schnell



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Jimmy Younger  
Fireman of the Year



JoAnn Hawkins  
Employee of the Year



Tina and Dr. James Pinkerton  
Business of the Year



Maxine Little  
Citizen of the Year

### Schnell Named All-Region

by Jeff Beedy

Jenn Schnell has been named to the second team All-Region Basketball squad by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. Schnell, who is a 6-0" junior at Spearman High School, was a big part of Spearman's success this year in basketball. She was first team all-district, and was named the Most Valuable Player in district 5-2A. She was also an all-state alternate named by the 2A Texas Girls Coaches Association.

Jenn has a very bright future, and she and the rest of the Lynxettes will be a lot of fun to watch next year. This is a big honor, and Coach Short was very proud of her because she was very deserving of this award.

Jenn is the daughter of James and Karen Schnell, and the granddaughter of Louis and Barbara Schnell.

Spearman is expecting big things out of Jenn and the Lynxettes next year as they have a lot of talent coming back. Jenn would probably tell you that she wouldn't have received this honor without the help of her teammates.

Congratulations Jenn, we are very proud of you!



# Happy Birthday

Editor's Note: This Happy Birthday list is run as a public service by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. We apologize if any names are misspelled. If you know of a name that needs to be changed, added or deleted, please call 659-3434. Thank you, Catherine Smith.

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

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

**April 7**  
Birthday - Margaret Bell, Kallie Cluck, Will Evans, Jeannie (Potts) Dawkins, Sharlet Slough, Sammie Stavlo, Shawn Thompson, Kyle Winter, Kenneth Brown, Raymond Kirk, Jo McLaughlin, Wallace Berner, Jo Nell Grayson, Michael Brogdon, Beth Lesly, Denise Torrea, Tashaia Duncan, Linda Winegarner, Laura Beth Stedje, Seth Clemmons, Joshua Scott Bullard, Lorene Fulce, Denise Apodaca, Mason Fletcher, Greg Evans

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Donald Jackson, Mr. & Mrs. Monty Cassidy

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

**April 9**  
Birthday - Julie Martin, Phyllis Atwood, T.J. Bayless, Diane Brown, Jeremy Harris, Colby Hunt, Dan Odom, June Kelp, Annette Pope, Patti Schnell, Pepper Collingsworth, Cease Riley, Lori Young, Sims Reddin, Kara Womble, Clyde Hodge, April Butts, Robin Castillo

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Keith Burgess

**April 10**  
Birthday - Bill Been, Mack

Hoel, Matthew Hoel, Sally Jones, Blane Tolleson, Donita Lusby, J.L. Pierce, Mary Lou Wysong, Jan Halladay, Mac Sheppard, Penny Cummings, Shelby Lopez, Ramon Garcia Sr.

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Donnie Osbourne

**April 11**  
Birthday - Harlan Gerardy, Darrell Harvey, Billy Logsdon, Tammie Jo Simpson, Mike Stewart, David Pope, Wardell Volden, Robert Brisen, Slavin Sparks, Bill Baker, Dana McLaughlin, Mickie Fanning, Courtney Sheets, Austin Munoz, Diane Rosser, Jamie Renteria

**April 12**  
Birthday - Laneida Burnam, Linda Haenisch, Jennifer Lopez, Alice Slough, Mary TeBeest, Earl Taylor, Chance Jackson, E.J. Callaway Jr., Lelia Reyes, Paul Lopez Jr., Tara Butt, Sonya Messer, Tammy Red, Keith Hight, Helen Soto, Lilla Villa, Lauren Ferguson, Linda Haenisch

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Nollner

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

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Rey Burgess

**April 14**  
Birthday - Ross Bulls, Cynthia Floyd, Verla Kunsleman, Dorsey Perez, Ryan Perez

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Lusby, Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Bodey, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Harvey

**April 15**  
Birthday - Cathy Boone, Jim Roberts, Danny Knox, Dorothy Faye Baggerly, Michelle Beedy, Eva Mae Reger, Kenneth Pierce, Emma Garcia, Margie Crockett, Millard Tucker, Stephanie Campbell, Nicole Ramon, Jeff Coates, Austin Gross, Wesley Thompson

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Victor Soto, Mr. & Mrs. Wally Berner

## Harris To Perform Senior Recital

Oklahoma Baptist University student Ben Harris will perform in his senior recital at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 9, in Raley Chapel's Yarbrough Auditorium.

Harris, a piano performance major, will perform selections by Mendelssohn, Ginastera, Debussy, Beethoven, and Poulenc. He is from the studio of Dr. Don Clark, associate professor of music.

During the recital, Harris will be assisted by Jennifer Peck, flute, Joy Redfern, oboe, Adam Lewis, clarinet, Elizabeth Yarbrough, bassoon, and Elizabeth Wallace, French horn.

Harris is actively involved in the university as the University Chorale accompanist, an OBU Student Ambassador, and a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. In 1999, Harris was a featured performer in the university's annual Concerto Aria Concert. He has been on the President's Honor Roll for three semesters and has received the Warren M. Angell Scholarship, the John Grover Scales Memorial Scholarship, the Dean's Talentship in Music, and the Transfer Student Distinguished Scholar Award.

Harris is the son of Kenneth and Jean Harris of Gruver, Texas. After graduation, he plans to attend graduate school. The recital is free and open to the public.

## Connors State College News

The Connors State College Freshman Livestock Judging team recorded a fifth place finish in the Dixie National Judging Contest in Jackson, Mississippi.

Each year Connors sends its freshmen to a competition against sophomore teams.

The CSC team used some exceptional individual performances, to capture fifth. They just missed grabbing the runner-up spot.

Elgin Elmore, Wiley CO, and Ruth Shields, Spearman, TX, were fourth and fifth high individuals respectively in the contest. While Adrienne Ferguson, Lindsay, talked well and ended up third in the Brahman division.

## Thank You

We, the family of Tena B. Easley, wish to express our appreciation to the Rev. James Brown for his excellent service; to Rev. Roland Haney for his opening service message; to the Apostolic Faith Church, to Bob Boxwell for his added instruction, to all family, friends and the community - both near and far, for their gifts of thoughts, prayers, food, flowers, calls, and kindness shown to the family. A special thanks to all who fought the bitter cold, wet, rainy, snowy and windy weather. A special thanks to Edith Eddleman, to Hansford Hospice, to the Hansford Manor Nursing Staff for their support and kindness toward their co-worker Twila Benevides. We would like to let all those who couldn't come or be with us know that our love and prayers are with you all. She loved us - we love and miss her and hold tight to all the memories she left with us.

Sincerely,

Martha N. Booker, R.L. Easley, A.G. "Gary" Easley, Pamela K. Purdy, Grandchildren; Great-Grandchildren; and Great-Great-Grandchildren

## Little League Sign-Up Deadline April 7th

The deadline to register Little League players for the 2000 season is Friday, April 7th. Registration forms were distributed to students at Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High and were to be returned to their teachers. If you need a form, please contact Cindy Blackman, Spearman Community Resource Coordinator at 659-3233. Tryouts are scheduled for April 17th and 18th. Tryout times are listed on the registration form.

## Gillaspie Selected To Baptist All-State Choir



Laura Gillaspie has been selected to be a member of the 2000 Texas Baptist All-State Show. Texas Baptist All-State meants to provide motivating inspirational, and life-changing experiences for young people Tom Baptist General Convention of Texas churches. The young people must be exemplary in Christian character and excel in church music. This Vestry is offered to encourage the development of future church music leaders. This is a unique opportunity for musically talented young people to receive special, in-depth training as well as fellowship with other Christian youth of like talent and interests. It is a district honor to be chosen for the Texas Baptist All-State Choir, especially since this is the 25th anniversary.

Texas Baptist All-State is a non-profit, incorporated ministry governed by an advisory council from Texas Baptist churches. It is funded through the Cooperative Program and an endowment supported by donors who believe in this ministry.

Activities for the week involve a physically rigorous schedule including extensive rehearsals, Bible study, music development worship, entertainment, recreation, recording, performances, and memorable experiences.

The 2000 Baptist All-State will meet July 17-23, 2000 on the campus of Dallas Baptist University in Dallas with concerts at the Meyerson Symphony Center in downtown Dallas, on Saturday, July 22. The organization will lead worship in an area church on Sunday morning.

Laura was recommended for this honor by Carol Pack, minister of music, and Brian Foster, minister of youth both of First Baptist Church of Spearman. Laura was required to submit an audition tape which included selection from Sing Unto the Lord, Jonathan Wilcocks, 1999 Laurel Press #10/2095LA. Distributed by The Lorenz Corp. Participants are high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Laura, a sophomore, is the daughter of Dick and Leann Gillaspie. She is involved in the church's adult choir and helps with the children's choir ministry. Laura is also active in her high school chorus, having qualified for UIL all-district and all-region.

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Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Worship/Children's Church: 11 a.m.  
Sun. Eve./Youth: 6 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Mtg.: 7 p.m.  
Wed. Children's Choir: 7 p.m.  
Pastor - Edward Owens

**First Assembly of God**  
401 N. Bernice • 659-2295  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:35 a.m.  
Kid's Church: 10:35 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Mtg.: 7:30 p.m.  
Youth: 7:30 Wednesday  
Pastor - Walter Greaser, Jr.

**First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**  
29 S. Bernice • 659-2036  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 10:50 a.m.  
Minister - Gary Smith

**First Baptist Church**  
123 N. Bernice • 659-5557  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.  
Wed. Fellowship Meal: 6 p.m.  
Wed. Disc. Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Youth Mtg.: 8 p.m.  
Pastor - Rick Patrick  
Youth/Ed. Min. - Brian Foster

**Church of Christ**  
121 S. Haney • 659-3244  
Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m.  
KRDJ Radio Program  
Living W/Christ: 7:50 a.m.  
Minister - Leonard Harper

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
901 Roland • 659-2792  
Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m.  
Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English (aired on KRDJ-FM 98.3)  
(Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish)  
1:30 p.m. - Gruver - Cristo Redentor Mass - Spanish  
Rev. Scott Raef

**Trinity Fellowship Church**  
717 W. 7th Ave. • 659-2671  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service & Children's Church: 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor - Dennis Alger

**First Presbyterian Church (Worships with Lutheran)**  
1021 Cotter • 659-2033  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. at Lutheran Church  
Worship: 11 a.m. (alternates monthly between Lutheran & Presbyterian Church Bldg.)  
Pastor - Beverly Cook

**Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
1101 Bernice • 659-2252  
(Worships with First Presbyterian Church)

**First United Methodist**  
407 S. Haney • 659-5503  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m.  
Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday  
High School: 6 p.m. Sunday  
Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed.  
Pastor - Ken Cole

**Union Church**  
31 S. Endicott • 659-2644  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed  
Pastor - Bill Sparks

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

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

**Maranta Elm. Iglesia de Cristo**  
303 N. Bernice  
Worship: Thursday - 7:30 p.m.  
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1105 S. Roland  
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Escuela-Dominical - 10 a.m.  
Culto Evangelistico - 7 p.m.  
Jueves: Oracion - 8 p.m.  
Mier: Estudio Biblico - 7 p.m.  
Pastor - A.G. Martell  
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### Gruver

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

**Church of Christ**  
209 King • 733-2760  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:20 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m.

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

**Oslo Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
6 Miles West & 12 Miles North of Gruver  
339-7709  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.

**Gruver United Methodist**  
Broadway & Garrett  
733-2651  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.  
Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m.  
Pastor - Jerry Moore

**Spanish Cristo Redentor Church**  
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Friday Evening Mass  
Summer - 8:00 p.m.  
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Laugh  
and  
Live



by Catherine R. Smith  
CathyRSmit@aol.com

Someone recently e-mailed me the following story. I really enjoyed it, and thought you might, too. I think we all need to be "Ugly."

### A Cat Named "Ugly"

Everyone in the development knew who Ugly was. Ugly was the resident tomcat. Ugly loved three things in this world: fighting, eating garbage, and shall we say, love. The combination of these things combined with a life spent outside had their effect on Ugly.

To start with, he had only one eye, and where the other should have been there was a gaping hole. He was also missing his ear on the same side, his left foot had appeared to have been badly broken at one time, and had healed at an unnatural angle, making him look like he was always turning the corner. His tail had long ago been lost, leaving only the smallest stub, which he would constantly jerk and twitch.

Every time someone saw Ugly there was the same reaction. "That's one UGLY cat!"

All the children were warned not to touch him. The adults threw rocks at him, hosed him down, squirted him when he tried to come into their homes, or shut his paws in the door when he would not leave. Ugly always had the same reaction. If you turned the hose on him, he would stand there, getting soaked until you gave up and quit. If you threw things at him, he would curl his lanky body around your feet in forgiveness.

Whenever he spied children, he would come running, meowing frantically and bump his head against their hands, begging for their love. If ever you picked him up, he would immediately begin suckling on your shirt, ears, or whatever he could find.

One day, Ugly shared his love with the neighbor's huskies. They did not respond kindly, and Ugly was badly mauled. From my kitchen, I could hear his screams, and I tried to rush to his aid. By the time I got to where he was lying, it was apparent that Ugly's sad life was almost at an end.

Ugly lay in a wet circle, his back legs and lower back twisted grossly out of shape, a gaping tear in the white strip of fur that ran down his front. As I picked him up and tried to carry him home, I could hear him wheezing and gasping, and could feel him struggling.

"I must be hurting him terribly," I thought.

Then I felt a familiar tugging, sucking sensation on my ear - Ugly, in so much pain, suffering and obviously dying, was trying to suckle my ear. I pulled him closer to me, and he bumped the palm of my hand with his head, then he turned his one golden eye towards me, and I could hear the distinct sound of purring.

Even in the greatest pain, that ugly battle-scarred cat was asking only for a little affection, perhaps some compassion. At that moment, I thought Ugly was the most beautiful, loving creature I had ever seen.

Never once did he try to bite or scratch me, or even try to get away from me, or struggle in any way. Ugly just looked up at me, completely trusting in me to relieve his pain.

Ugly died in my arms before I could get inside, but I sat and held him for a long time afterwards, thinking about how one scarred, deformed little stray could so alter my opinion about what it means to have true pureness of spirit, to love so totally and truly. Ugly taught me more about giving and compassion than a thousand books, lectures, or talk-show specials ever could, and for that I will always be thankful.

Many people want to be richer, more successful, well liked and beautiful, but for me, I will always try to be Ugly.

Story Author: Unknown

May God bless and keep you; May He make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)



### Engagement Announcement

Mr. Phillip Gray and Mrs. Barbara Gray of DeSoto announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Michelle to Kyle Logan Pearson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doc Pearson of Spearman.

The bride-elect, a graduate of Texas Tech university, is employed by the Lubbock Independent School District.

The prospective groom, also a graduate of Texas Tech university, is employed by Lockhart Independent School District near Austin.

The couple will be married on Saturday, July 1, 2000 at the First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster.

### Thank You

Thank you to all who have shown their love for our mother and grandmother, Elsie Mathews. The cards, food, flowers, and prayers were greatly treasured. Seeing the love that you had for her was a great comfort to us in our time of sorrow.

The Family of Elsie Mathews "Honey"

### Bridal Registry

Kelli Butts & Thomas Straight - April 15th

Kenda Parrish & Justin Boyd - April 15th

Shawn Ross & Justin Tucker - April 22nd

Kellie Fowler & Dr. Tyce Hergert - April 29th

Dynell Vera & Shawen Moore

Rhonda Dunaway & Keith Martin

Jennifer Phillips & Monte Beck

Abby Johnson & Cody Pipkin

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Kelli Butts & Thomas Straight - April 15th

Traci Scribner & Jerry Don Lane - May 5th

Rhonda Dunnaway & Keith Martin

Dr. Tyce Hergert & Kellie Fowler

Monte Beck & Jennifer Phillips

Cody Pipkin & Abby Johnson

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Spearman,  
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## HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

### 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-Alde is in Spearman at the Hansford County Library, 122 Main Street, every Tuesday from 1:00-5:00 p.m. AARP Tax-Alde 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-AARP NOW (1-888-227-7669), or visit their web-site at www.aarp.org/taxaide/ \*\*\*\*\*

### Hansford County Promise Keepers

All men in our community are invited to attend the weekly Promise Keepers meeting on Thursdays at noon in the Panhandle Diner and Deli at 217 Main Street in Spearman. This interdenominational meeting will provide food, fellowship and an opportunity for studying some of the great men in the Bible. Come join us as we grow in becoming more like Christ. \*\*\*\*\*

### Gruver Music Club

The Gruver Music Club will present the Stedje sisters in an organ, piano and harp concert on Tuesday, April 11, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the Oslo Lutheran Church. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. There is no charge for admission. \*\*\*\*\*

### Hansford Hospice To Meet

Hansford Hospice will meet on Monday, April 10th at 6:30 p.m. at Hansford Manor to play bingo. A short meeting will be held following bingo. \*\*\*\*\*

### Frank Phillips College Offers Free Baseball Clinic

The Frank Phillips College Plainsmen Baseball Team is hosting a free baseball clinic from 1-5 p.m. on Sunday, April 16, 2000. Children from ages 8-15 are encouraged to participate. The clinic will be held at the Plainsmen Baseball field. For more information, contact John Green, Athletic Director, at 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 765. \*\*\*\*\*

### Full Gospel Comm. Worship Center Presents "One Voice"

The Full Gospel Community Worship Center of Perryton will be presenting the musical "One Voice" in three performances Easter weekend. Times will be: Good Friday, April 21st at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 22nd at 7 p.m. and Easter Sunday, April 23rd at 2:30 p.m. Admission is free, however, tickets are required for early seating. "One Voice" is a dramatic musical that will portray the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as seen through the eyes of the Pharisees. Invite your family and friends to come and experience the reason we celebrate Easter today! Performances will be held at the Full Gospel Community Worship Center in Perryton. Free tickets may be obtained at the church office, or by calling (806) 435-2506. \*\*\*\*\*

### Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System in conjunction with Hansford County Hospital will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at 712 S. Roland, in Spearman on April 24, 2000. 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. 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 (806) 356-1905 or toll free 1-800-377-4673 for more information. \*\*\*\*\*

### Donations Needed For SpearmanLynx.com

The Spearman Booster Club is needing donations from anyone that has enjoyed this web site and especially the streaming of the ball games over the internet. We are trying to take care of our problem of getting knocked off in the middle of the ball games. Any alumni, college kids, friends, or anybody that has enjoyed the games, we are raising money to pay for an ISDN line. This is an internet line that is digital that is just now becoming available in the Spearman area. Once connected to the internet, the chances of getting knocked off are very slim. This was a major problem this year and we want to alleviate the problem before next year. We also need to get started on this pretty soon so we will have all the bugs worked out before next fall. The cost of this project is going to cost about \$600 a year. This web site has been a lot of fun and many people have enjoyed it. Tim and I want to continue to provide a good web site that every one can enjoy and this is a vital part of it's success. So anyone from out of town or parents that listen when they are out of town, or anyone else, we need your help. Please make checks payable to: Spearman Booster Club, Box 343, Spearman, TX 79081. Any donation that you could give would be greatly appreciated. Thanks for your support! \*\*\*\*\*

### Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant

The Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant, sponsored by the Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, presents Groovin' to the Future on June 6, 2000. The entry deadline is Monday, May 1, 2000. Entries are available at Kid's Stuff, Lady Fair and the Chamber of Commerce office in Spearman, and at Main Street Store and My Mother's Garden in Gruver. Should you have any questions, contact Jody Hight at 659-3720. \*\*\*\*\*

### 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. \*\*\*\*\*

### Walk Across Texas

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# Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

The tornado at Ft. Worth and Arlington last weeks was much more widespread than first reported. Although the most severe damage was in the business section of Ft. Worth, there was much in Arlington. Many here have relatives or friends who live in the area, but so far as is known, none have reported damage.

Former Spearman resident Jenny Lind Massad spoke with Dorcas Collard here saying that her sister Pat, who lives in Arlington with her husband, James Baylis and family, said they had a little damage to their home and yard. He works in the post office in downtown Ft. Worth which was heavily damaged.

Jenny Lind, who graduated from school here in 1967, now lives in Wichita Falls with her mother.

Estelle and Bill Jackson returned Friday from a three months stay in south Texas. They spent most of the time in Brownsville enjoying reunions with friends of many years who also winter there.

They also visited their daughter and family who live on Padre Island.

Pam Schnell has been wheel chair bound for more than a week as a result of broken bones in her right ankle and connecting bone. A week ago Tuesday she and Clay were at the ranch near Fritch and she left the house to feed the turkeys. On leaving the porch she missed a step and fell, somehow causing the break. She was taken to one of the divisions of Baptist St. Anthony's where pins and a rod were attached on the break and she was released the next day. If all goes well she will soon have a boot, and can then use crutches.

While Pam didn't state that it was worth the misery to learn what an excellent care-giver husband Clay is, even over the Cook stove, she was much impressed. Their son Robert came over from Amarillo for the weekend and demonstrated his household abilities and bedside manner also.

Pam also expresses appreciation for the care and concern of many friends.

It was enjoyable to visit with the still vivacious Mickey Gribble. She arrived Saturday morning to visit her father, Willard Davis, who is recovering from a heart attack. She lives in Centralia, WA.

Kent and Robin Hargis enjoyed having his brother, Raney and Michelle Hargis and family over the weekend. They now live in Elk City, and Randy is formerly of Spearman.

Betty Clifford is spending a couple of weeks here visiting her parents, Edith and John Pipkin. Betty grew up in Spearman and is enjoying greeting many old friends as well as other relatives. She lives in Ingersoll, Ontario, Canada.

Results for Hansford County contestants at the Panhandle Cutting Horse Association, held at the Double E Arena, last weekend were: Mark Pearson - 2nd in 10,000 Non-Pro, 4th in 50,000 Amateur; Wilma Larson - 2nd (tie) Non-Pro, 1st in 10,000 Non-Pro, Sunday - 3rd in Non-Pro, 1st in 10,000 Non-Pro; Dana Larson - 4th in 10,000 Novice, Sunday - 4th in 10,000 Novice; Tatum Rice - both days - 1st in Youth; Tarin Rice - both days - 2nd in Youth; Boyd Rice - Sunday 1st in 10,000 Novice, 1st in 3,000 Novice.

The Texas Lawman, official publication of the Sheriff's Association

of Texas carried a picture of Kristin Evans being presented with the fall 1999 scholarship from the Sheriff's Association of Texas.

Kristin is attending Texas Tech University. Also in the picture were her parents, Chief Deputy Gary Evans, and Juvenile Probation Officer, Nelle Evans, and Sheriff R.L. McFarlin, Jr.

Mrs. Lucile Stiles is here visiting in the home of her daughter, Wanda and Ted Widener. They drove to Alamo, NM to get her last Wednesday.

The Wideners had just returned on Tuesday from a four months stay at Donna in the Rio Grande valley.

They enjoyed again greeting old friends from different sections of this country who also winter there. It was a pleasant winter, though drier than usual.

Guests of Rick and Kara Harrell during the weekend were his parents, Monta June and Johnny Harrell. They are from Memphis.

Several from the community attended the ceremony for the induction of Marshall Cator in the Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City. None were available here by the deadline for this column.

Claudine and Bob Hardy spent the week-end in Dallas where son Gary Hardy is hospitalized. He was in a motorcycle accident about two weeks ago and suffered a serious head injury. He is in Partland Hospital where his condition is unstable. The prognosis is indefinite.

The Hardys had other visiting to do while in Dallas - a joyful visiting of a new grandson, Hagen Thomas, first child of Allen and Leslie Gardiner, was born on March 27, 2000. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces on his arrival at Bethany Hospital in Dallas. The Gardiners live in Dallas.

Congratulations to Becky and Alvin Byers on the arrival of their first born, Haley Mechelle was born at Coronado Hospital in Pampa on March 30, 2000. She weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Joyce and Benny Byers and Dorothy Lusby, all of Spearman.

The weather records that Dwayne Smith so carefully keeps show that for the week of March 27 to April 3, the highest temperature was 81 on March 27; the lowest was 33 on the 1st and 2nd, and March 30. The moisture total for 4 days was 1.01 making a total for the year of 5.05.

The March total was 4.69. Billy Miller, who kept track for many years, believes that this breaks the all time record for moisture in Spearman in March. Complete weather history is available only in a government office in South Carolina.

There have been several items in the newspapers lauding the substitution of soy products for beef in school lunch programs. Of course, to make up for the loss of zinc, potassium, manganese, etc., all have to be added to the soy.

The authorities seem unaware that a number of years ago, cattle feeding programs were changed to all but eliminate the production of fat. Fat is the culprit that the know-it-alls want to eliminate.

Paul Harvey used to be a spokesman for the beef industry, but (according to some sources) he has turned vegetarian and is a soy advocate.

Children attending Spearman Kindergarten next school year will be invited to visit school in April. To know who these students are, Spearman Elementary School is starting the 2000-2001 Kindergarten list. It is important that next year's students be known now in order that they may be given information on the immunizations and other items necessary for enrollment.

If you have a child, or know of any child, whose birth date was prior to September 1, 1995, and who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2000, please complete the form and return it to the school office at the Elementary School, 511 S. Townsend. THIS SHOULD BE DONE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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Los niños que van a atender Kindergarten el año próximo van a ser invitados para visitar nuestra escuela en Abril. Para saber quien son estos alumnos, la Escuela Elemental de Spearman va a empezar la lista del Kinder para el año 2000-2001. Es importante saber quien son los estudiantes para el año que entra en orden de poderles dar información sobre las vacunas y otras cosas necesarias para matricularlos en la escuela.

Si usted tiene un niño/a o saber da uno/a que tenga 5 años o que la fecha de nacimiento era antes del día primero de Septiembre del año 2000, por favor complete la forma y regresela a la oficina de la escuela elemental la dirección es 511 S. Townsend. Esto debe ser lo mas pronto posible.

Forma de Registración por el año 2000-2001 para el Kinder de la escuela elemental de Spearman (por favor en letra despegada)

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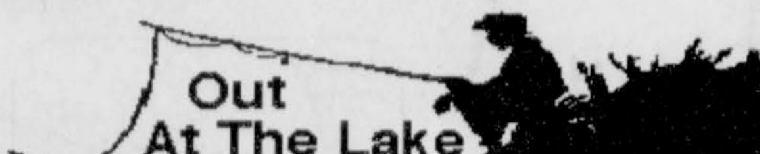
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by Dorothy Hudson Lake Depth--April 3, 2000--49.84 feet

Jim's Report Due to the rain and damp weather, the lake level only dropped a little under an inch and a half.

Jim has spotted the short-eared doe with last year's twin fawns still with her. He had not seen her since late last summer.

The red-winged blackbirds are back at their old locations in the cattails around the Kids' Pond. They are a fun bird to watch, and the male is a bird everyone can identify. The drab, slightly smaller female looks a little like an outsize sparrow. The female builds the nest and incubates the eggs without any help from the polygamous male, who sees his sole job as defending his territory by displaying his red shoulder patches that are bordered with yellow and singing his shrill konk-la-reee. As the female weaves her lovely little nest in the cattails from 3 to 8 feet above the ground or water, her drabness is part of her camouflage.

Predators, such as, raccoons, foxes, weasels, water snakes, crows, and grackles, help keep these prolific birds in check. Willy cowbirds often remove an egg and deposit one of their own in the red-winged blackbird's nest.

Some years back Archie and Marguerite Nelson kept one of these nests on display. They have since replaced it with a hummingbird nest from Austin. At the time I thought it would be fun to see these birds when they were nesting, and then get the discarded nest as the Nelsons had done.

Giving out the tax permits Saturday morning turned out to be fun, as I got to visit with some interesting people. One that I had wanted to visit with for some time was Corky Kizziar. He had been interviewed by John Peterson by telephone in 1987 when Peterson and others were making a historical survey of the Park area. These interviews have not been located.

Corky, born in a half dugout west of the Park area in 1931, lived as a small boy on the Ace Powers place and then later on the Gibner place. He spent a lot of time looking for the Rifle Pits. He had heard that wagons and rifles were buried somewhere in the environs and felt he would have a fortune if he could locate them.

David Bergin told me of how much enjoyment he and his family had boating up Horse Creek. Steve Bishop explained some fishing techniques and visited about hiking trail possibilities on the office side.

You are invited to attend a **Bridal Shower** honoring **Kelli Butts** bride-elect of Tom Straight on Saturday, April 15, 2000 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the home of Bill & Ginger Pittman 508 S. Roland • Spearman, TX

Mr. and Mrs. John Bruce Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Guymon Harris Phillips request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter **Jennifer Lorraine** to Mr. Monte Verlin Beck son of Mr. and Mrs Verlin Dwayne Breck on Saturday, the fifteenth of April, 2000 at seven o'clock in the evening University Christian Church • Austin, TX a reception will follow at Driskill Hotel

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We apologize if we have inadvertently omitted anyone.

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# Superintendent's Corner

by Rodney Sumner, Spearman ISD Superintendent

Over the past month our students have been involved in numerous academic competitions from cross-country, one-act play, UIL academics, and spelling bee as well as various other district spring athletic contests. The results thus far have been extremely impressive!

The first group that I would like to mention is our cross-examination debate students. Coached by Frances Pipkin, these students have worked all year preparing for this year's topic which was "How to improve academic achievement in secondary education." Once the topic was assigned, students began preparing a case which examined the affirmative and negative aspects of the topic and attended several invitational meets to fine-tune their presentations. Spearman High School had three debate teams consisting of the following individuals: Tommie Dewberry and Cynthia Goodman, Amber Ramon and Syd Woodington, and Evan Cudd and Stephen Salgado. The UIL Cross-Examination Debate Contest was held on February 12, 2000 in Stinnett. All three of our teams advanced to the semi-finals with Dewberry and Goodman finishing in second place and qualified for state for the second year in a row. The team of Ramon and Woodington also qualified for state as alternates by finishing in 3rd place and Cudd and Salgado placed 4th. Before they left for Austin the team of Tommie Dewberry and Cynthia Goodman also participated in the Texas Forensic Association (TFA) State Meet which was held in El Paso during Spring Break. They qualified for the TFA State Tournament based on their performance at earlier invitational meets. According to sponsor Frances Pipkin, "Although we did not place at the TFA State Meet, it did help us prepare for our later successes at the state contest." The UIL State Cross-Examination Debate State Meet was held on March 12-14, 2000 on the campus of the University of Texas in Austin. At Austin, Dewberry and Goodman finished in third place and won bronze medals. They are the first students this year to qualify for state and to receive medals. Way to go Tommie and Cynthia! We should be very proud of all our debate students and their coach. What makes this even more impressive is that this is only the third year

that we have had a debate class to help prepare these students to participate in cross-examination debate.

In addition to debate, several elementary and junior high students participated in the Hansford County Spelling Bee on March 15, 2000. I don't know about you but it appears to me that the art of spelling seems to be a lost art and I am always impressed to see those students participate in a spelling contest. One of our students, Maribel Moreno, a 6th grade student at Spearman Junior High School, won the Hansford County competition and will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee on April 15, 2000 on the campus of West Texas A&M University in Canyon. The regional winner will qualify for the National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. on May 28, 2000. Maribel is also a repeat winner having won the 4th/5th grade local spelling bee contest last year. Congratulations and good luck to Maribel!

The winning just keeps on going; however, time will limit me mentioning all the other success stories in this article. I hope to include these and other stories in my future articles. However, before I stop writing this week's article, I would be remiss if I didn't mention our One-Act Play. They participated in district last week and qualified for Area for the first time in over a quarter of a century. I can't tell you how proud I am of these students and as their sponsor Frances Pipkin said, "This is one of those pivotal moments in your life that you will remember forever." What makes this even more impressive is the level of competition at this contest. Boys Ranch and West Texas have dominated this competition year after year and are perennial powerhouses at the state level! Well, I am proud to say that we just didn't get our foot in the door at district, we kicked it down. Our performance of "The Cover of Life" was truly outstanding and in the opinion of this non-bias writer was the best performance of the day! Four of our students were recognized to the All-Star Cast. Tashi Schumann was named Honorable Mention All-Star Cast. Cristy Alvarado and Kathryn Murphy were both named to the All-Star Cast and Erin Boxwell was named the Best Actress! These students believed in themselves and prepared to win. The time and effort they put into preparing for this per-

formance is mind-boggling. I have never seen a group of students work as hard as they did and deserve the many accolades they have received. Few words can describe their sponsor Frances Pipkin except that she truly is one of a kind. Frances inspires confidence and brings out the best in the students she works with. She is truly a remarkable lady! If you missed the public performance last Saturday night, you missed a real treat. We've estimated that we had a crowd of approximately 300 people come and watch the performance. The area contest is this Thursday, April 6, at West Texas A&M University at the Branding Iron Theater. We are the fourth play to perform at approximately 4:00 p.m. If you haven't seen this play yet, don't miss this opportunity. I believe that you will be impressed and will agree with me that these students are the pride and joy of Spearman!

Wow - who says good things are not happening at school? From these recent success stories, I hope you can agree with me that we have something to be very proud of. These students deserve the same support and recognition for their accomplishments, as do our many athletes. Most of these activities do not lend themselves to a large audience watching them compete; however, the lessons learned are every bit as imprint. School is made up of a variety of activities. All are designed to teach fundamental values of teamwork, hard work, dedication, and respect for one's self and one's opponents. I for one believe that these academic contests are activities deserve our support and praise. Please join me in celebrating all the successes that our student's have recently received and let's renew our commitment in making these academic competitions an important and vital part of our school program!

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# Spearman Spring Sports

## Golf

by Jeff Beedy

The first round of district golf was played at the Dumas Country Club on Wednesday. The Lynx and Lynxettes fared very well as they are both in a position to finish in the top two and advance to the regional tournament in Abilene. The Lynx are in 4th place, but they are just eight shots out of 2nd place. The Lynxettes are in 3rd place and still within striking distance of placing either first or second. The Lynx were led by Travis Brown who shot an 86, followed by Coley Griffin and Landon Delozier who both finished with a 91. The Lynxettes were led by Haley Lombard with a 101, with Adrienne Simpson finishing with a 120. Haley is also the leading medalist in the district after the first round of play. The second and final round will be played next Wednesday in Borger at 9:00 a.m. Good luck Lynx and Lynxettes!

## Lynx Golf

Team Totals: 1. Canadian A 306; 2. Canadian B 357; 3. Stratford A 361; 4. Spearman A 365; 5. Sunray A 374; 6. West Texas A 381; 7. Sunray B 419; 8. Stratford B 428; 9. Spearman B 437; 10. West Texas B 452; 11. Boys Ranch B 477; 12. Boys Ranch A 496.

Spearman: Coley Griffin 91; Travis Brown 86; Landon Delozier 91; Dusty Barber 97; Nicholas Benton 101.

Spearman B: Winegarner 113; Parker 122; Baker 102; Duffy 110; Hearon 112.

Individuals: Scott Sauer, Spearman 130; Eric Vasquez, Spearman 135

## Lynxette Golf

Team Totals: 1. Canadian A 439; 2. Sunray A 462; 3. Spearman 501; 4. Stratford A 506; 5. Canadian B 545.

Spearman: Haley Lombard 101; Adrienne Simpson 120; Jennifer Whitefield 135; Leticia Gonzales 145.

Individuals: Nicole Ramon, Spearman 156

## Tennis

The Lynx and Lynxette tennis team traveled to Boys Ranch on Monday, April 3, 2000 for the first day of district tennis. They all did a good job, and several will go back on Thursday, April 6th to play in the semi-finals and hopefully the finals.

Kevin Beedy had a bye the first round and then coasted to an easy victory in the second round as he defeated Jones from Boys Ranch 6-0, 6-0. Beedy will play Rodriguez from Canadian on Thursday in the semi-finals.

Adam Cherry defeated Nusz from Stratford 6-0, 6-0 in the first round and then had a tough time against Culver from Canadian who was the #2 seed, but came out on top in a mild upset 2-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Matt Davis and Jeremy Mackie were the #2 seeds in boys doubles. They had a bye the first round and defeated Hargrove and Zeller from Boys Ranch to advance to the semis

on Thursday to play Heatwole and Heatwole who are the #3 seeds.

Garrett Griffin and Kolby Sumner had a bye the first round and then had a little tough luck and got defeated by Gray and Jobe from Boys Ranch 3-6, 3-6.

On the girls side, Sally Pittman had an easy time with Argo from Canadian defeating her 6-2, 6-1 to advance to the semis against Patton from Sunray.

Cheryl Gibson and Mindee Gillaspie won their first match in girls doubles defeating Brown and Little from West Texas 6-1, 6-3. In their second match, they were defeated 6-1, 6-0 by Hazlett and Lunt from Sunray.

Kallie Smith and Stephanie Villalobos won their first match 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 by defeating Wigley and Van Huss from West Texas. They were defeated by Francis and Miller from Canadian 1-6, 2-6 in the second round.

The winners return to Boys Ranch on Thursday to play the semi-finals and finals with the top two places advancing to regional in Abilene.

Good luck Lynx and Lynxettes!

## Track

The Track meet scheduled for March 31st and April 1st was canceled due to weather.

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In addition to Mr. Wyatt's program and presentation, there will be cash door prizes for some lucky stockholders. We will all enjoy the Ambassador's fabulous prime rib with all the extras and good company throughout the evening.

Registration begins at 5:15 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. The business meeting will consist of the director election, president's report, and chairman's report.

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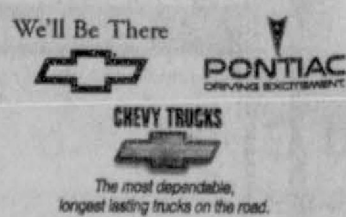
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# The Gruver

by Harletta Carthel

## One-Act Play Takes District Honors

"Antic Spring" took first place in the district one-act play contest last week in Amarillo. The plays of Gruver and Claude will compete for regional honors on Thursday, April 6, with Gruver's performance time set at 7 p.m. (the last performance of the competition.) Other schools in regional competition include Follett, Channing, Hartley, Higgins, and Claude. Two of the plays will advance to state competition.

GHS cast members winning individual honors included best actor - Chase Lamb, best actress - Holly Hart, all star cast - Kaycee Howe and Greg Ehrenberg, honorable mention - Miranda Thoreson and Cory Schneider. The play is directed by Ginger Barteel.

## Competition Highlights Week

GHS students will be competing in a number of events this week. The hectic competition schedule also coincides with six weeks tests. Scheduling includes:

Monday, April 3 - Boys and girls district golf

Tuesday, April 4 - Concert band competition, Golf finals

Wednesday, April 5 - District tennis in Amarillo

Thursday, April 6 - Finals in district tennis, Regional one act play

# Grapevine

competition in Amarillo, Golden Spread All Star Game at Cal Farley Arena in Amarillo

Friday, April 7 - High school district track at Shamrock, 9 a.m.  
Saturday, April 8 - Junior high district track at Shamrock, Golden Spread All Star Game Finals

## Logsdon Is Lone Filer

Incumbent Chad Logsdon was the only person to file in the upcoming city commissioner's race. Due to lack of opposition, the election has been canceled.

## Renner Advances to State Competition

Anise Renner, the daughter of B.J. and Glenda Renner, will be competing in the Oklahoma State Special Olympics. Renner won first in the softball throw and second in the 50 yard dash to advance to the state competition.

## Large Groups Attends Induction

A group estimated between 80 and 100 Hansford and Moore County residents were in Oklahoma City on Saturday for the induction of Marshall Cator into the Cowboy Hall of Fame as the winner of the Chester A. Reynolds award.

## Rainfall Recorded

The city of Gruver officially

recorded .92 inch of rain last week. This brought the monthly total for March to 4.83. This compares to 2.59 inches in March of last year.

## Get Well Wishes

Former resident and minister Harold Sneed had surgery to remove an eardrum which had become badly infected. Reconstructive surgery to replace the eardrum will be scheduled.

Rachelle Holt is recuperating from a broken leg she suffered in an farm accident near her home.

## Greyhound Moms to Meet

The Greyhound Mothers will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 10 in the GHS library. Among times on the agenda will be the upcoming athletic banquet.

## Senior Banquet Set

The First Baptist Church of Gruver will honor the seniors of GHS with a dinner on Tuesday, April 11 at 7 p.m.

## Track Meet Canceled

The Sunray Track Meet was canceled for both the junior high and high school last Friday and Saturday due to inclement weather. It was the second track meet canceled this season for poor weather conditions. GHS varsity track members will have competed in only one and a half meets (teams left early at Stratford meet for prom, therefore, the one - half) before their district meet on Friday, April 7.

## Environmental Quality Incentive Program Sign-up

The Natural Resources Conservation Service has set the sign-up deadline for the 2000 Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). The application deadline for the 2000 program year is May 5, 2000. Applications from individual landowners interested in participating in the EQIP during the 2000 program year received before May 5 will be ranked for program eligibility during the month of May. Applications received after the May 5 deadline, as part of the EQIP continuous program sign-up provisions, will be held until the 2001 program year ranking period.

Private landowners should be aware that EQIP provides technical, educational, and financial assistance to eligible farmers and ranchers to address soil, water and related natural resource concerns on their lands in an environmentally beneficial and cost-effective manner. EQIP is a voluntary program and is designed to assist farmers and ranchers with placing natural resource conservation practices on their property. Cost share is provided to program participants to achieve the goals of a con-

servation plan designed with the assistance of local NRCS staff. Cost share practices include placement of appropriate structural or vegetative practices, such as animal waste management facilities, irrigation management equipment, vegetative buffers and wildlife habitat enhancement, to name a few. Eligible practices will depend on the location of the farm or ranch on which the practice is to be installed and the major resource concern to be addressed in that particular area. Information on eligible cost share practices and major resource con-

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

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

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# Academic UIL Meets Held

Seventeen Spearman High School students will advance to the regional UIL academic meet on April 15, 2000 for their placing in the District 5-2A meet held March 30, 2000 in Sunray. Thirty-eight students from SHS competed in the competition.

Students placing in the top three in individual events and students that are members of a first place team will compete at region. Listed below is the list of students who participated in the district meet and their placing.

**Lincoln-Douglas Debate:**  
 \*\*Angela Pipkin, 1st, Jenn Schnell; Prose: Allison Haney, 5th; Hailey Lombard; Jennifer Whitefield; Poetry: \*\*Kathryn Murphy, 1st, Chelsey Villines, 5th, Christy Alvarado; Erin Boxwell, alternate; Current Issues and Events: Audrey Winegarner, Cheryl Gibson, Matt Davis, Randy Duffy, Alternate Steven Vasquez; Ready Writing: \*\*Sally Pittman, 1st, \*\*Chelsea Nollner, 3rd, Cindy Goodman; Computer Applications: Nicole Lozano, Brady Woolley, Evan Cudd, alternate Maranda Fight; Calculator - 1st Place Team: \*\*Denise Paschel, 1st, \*\*Kevin Beedy, 2nd, \*\*Tanner Beedy, 3rd, Art Maestas, alternate Edward Vasquez; Informative Speaking: \*John Brock, 4th, Audrey Winegarner; Persuasive Speaking: \*\*Amber Ramon, 1st, Ewin Boxwell, 6th, Cheryl Gibson; Spelling: Daniel Ellis, Maranda Fight, Nicole Lozano, Julie Bravo; Accounting - 1st Place Team: \*\*Kelsey Henton, 1st, \*\*Syd Woodington, 2nd, \*\*Camille Smith, Stephanie Bynum; Science: Denise Paschel; Literary Criticism - 1st Place Team: \*\*Tommie Dewberry, \*\*Cynthia Goodman, 3rd, \*\*Sally Pittman, 4th; News Writing: \*\*Chelsea Nollner, 1st, Jenn Schnell; Feature Writing: \*\*Chelsea Nollner, 4th, Adrienne Simpson, 5th, Jenn Schnell; Editorial Writing: \*Adrienne Simpson, 4th, Sally Pittman, 5th, Syd Woodington; Headline Writing: \*\*Syd Woodington, 2nd; and Mathematics: Denise Paschel, 6th, Kelsey Henton, Camille Smith, Halee Beasley.

Spearman Junior High and Gus Birdwell Elementary also participated in the District 5-2A UIL Literary Meet in Sunray on March 23 and 30, 2000.

Listed below are the results.

**8th Grade**  
 Science II: Zach Murray, 2nd; Modern Oratory: Sami Cazares, 2nd, Michel Huffaker, 4th; Calculator Applications: Taylor Simpson, 1st, Kelee Goodheart, 3rd; Oral Reading: Jentry Edwards, 5th; Listening: Carlos Carmona, 2nd, Jaye Noble, 4th; Maps, Graphs & Charts: Garrett Martin, 4th; Dictionary Skill: Wade Evans, 4th, Homer Martinez, 6th; Math: Ashlee Flowers, 4th, Marshall Hearon, 5th; Number Sense: Marshal Hearon, 4th

**7th Grade**  
 Calculator Applications: Dana McLaughlin, 1st, Macy Harbour, 2nd, Cayla Smith, 3rd; Spelling: Mark Thomas, 3rd; Ready Writing: Deremy Fleetwood, 3rd; Maps, Graphs & Charts: Wayne Gibson, 2nd, Melissa Quillin, 3rd; Impromptu: Cristal Alvarado, 2nd, Miranda Paul, 4th; Dictionary Skills: Adriana Mendoza, 3rd, Ashley Hernandez, 4th; Modern Oratory: Jeff Brock, 3rd, Linzi McCubbin, 4th; Listening Skills: Daniel Kern, 1st, Caleb Gillaspie, 5th

**6th Grade**  
 Oral Reading: Adriana Pinon, 1st, Lorena Briseno, 2nd; Dictionary Skills: Adriana pinon, 1st, Aleisha Sweat, 4th, Britta Vanderburg, 5th; Calculator Applications: Jacob Jones, 1st, Abby Winegarner, 2nd, Javier Frayre, 6th; Listening Skills: Ashlee Pillow, 3rd, Katie Bachler, 4th; Music Memory: Timberly Thomas, 4th, Holly Baker, Kaylee Mresner, Andrew Correll

**5th Grade**  
 Art - 2nd Place Team: Nicholas Avila, Francisco Briseno, Rhett Renner; Dictionary Skills: Clayton Smith, 1st, Zack Nollner, 2nd, Tarin Rice, 5th, \*Collin Gillaspie; Maps, Graphs & Charts: Charles Walsh, Bryn Garnett, Nicholas Avila, \*Wilhma Macias; Music Memory - 3rd Place Team: Alek Mires, Charles Walsh; Spelling: Saylee Flowers, Cara Gwin, Jessica Jarvis; Number Sense: Emily Hood, 4th, Tarin Rice, Aaron Maestas, \*Wilhma Macias; Oral Reading: Joel Lopez, Saylee Flowers, Sharon Haney, \*Haley Young; Listening Skills: Collin Gillaspie, 3rd, Brandon Cogdill, Saylee Flowers, \*Stuart Martin; Ready Writing: Zack Nollner, Rhett Renner, Sharon Haney, \*Emily Hood

**4th Grade**  
 Art - 3rd Place Team: Kylee Howard, Callie Cazares, Jesse Moreno, Elliott Sheets; Music Memory - 4th Place Team: Keagan Garnett, Mariela Ortega, Clara Kern, Amy Boyd, \*Sandi Carbajal; Ready Writing: Clara Kern, 1st, Blayne Baker, Brittney Bradley, \*Natalie Quintero; Spelling: Mattie Davis, 2nd, Kyla Reed, 5th, Kendall Schneider, \*Christy Lang; Number Sense: Kendall Schneider, 3rd, Jesse Moreno, Amy Boyd, \*Kyla Reed; Oral Reading: Amy Boyd, 4th, Clara Kern, Dane Harbour, \*Colby Odegaard

**3rd Grade**  
 Storytelling: Brett Winegarner, 1st, Tyler Schnell, 5th, Ashley Close, 6th, \*Hunter Cox; Spelling: Cha'ae Avila, 1st, Ashley Close, 2nd, Bond Pittman, 6th, \*Keagan Garnett; Ready Writing: Brett Winegarner, 2nd, Ashley Close, Destiny Fisher, \*Cha'ae Avila

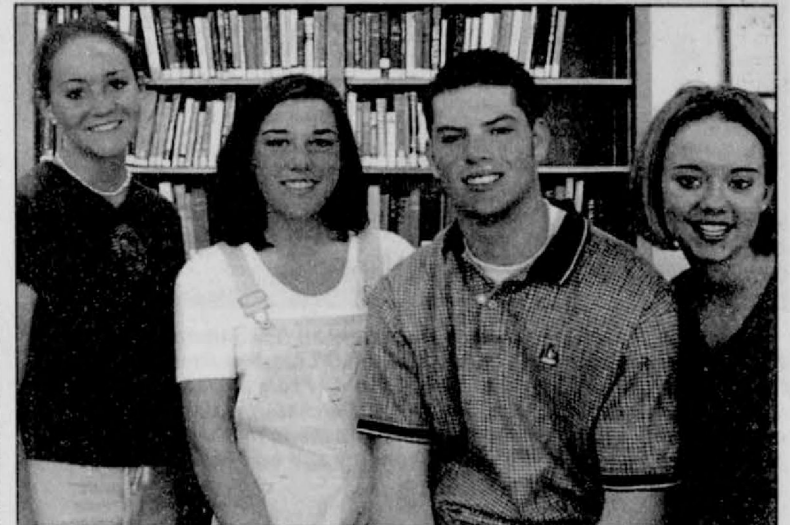
**2nd Grade**  
 Creative Writing: Mary Beth Hargis, 2nd, Caleb Odegaard, 5th, Tate Batton, 6th, \*Cassidy Taylor; Storytelling: Andi Linn Scarborough, 1st, Suttan Garnett, 5th, Mary Beth Hargis, \*Zack Hughes  
 (\*\*denotes those who will compete at region; \*denotes an alternate)



Spearman High School UIL academic winners advancing to regional competition include: (First row, left to right) Cindy Goodman, third place literary criticism and member of first place literary criticism team; Kelsey Henton, first place accounting and member of first place accounting team; Camille Smith, member of first place accounting team; and Denise Paschel, first place calculator and member of first place calculator team. Back row, Tommie Dewberry, second place literary criticism and member of first place literary criticism team; Stephanie Bynum, alternate member of accounting team; Art Maestas, alternate member of calculator team; Tanner Beedy, second place calculator and member of first place calculator team; and Kevin Beedy, second place calculator and member of first place calculator team. Not pictured is Adrienne Simpson, alternate in feature writing.



Two Gruver High School teams placed first in the district UIL academic contest last week to advance to regional competition on April 14 at South Plains College in Levelland. Members of the first place accounting team are (back row, left to right), Nikki Stewart, Janae Watley, and Cayla Simon. Members of the first place spelling team (Front Row, L-R) Chelsie Hicks, Jessica Moore, and Annie Mayhew.



Four GHS students advanced to regional competition by virtue of their placing in the district UIL Academic Meet. They are (L-R) Brooke Bevill, first in prose interpretation; Kaycee Howe, second in ready writing; Kade Carthel, first in ready writing and third in headlines; and Holly Hart, first in mathematics and third in number sense.



Spearman High School students advancing to regional UIL academic competition are (front row, left to right) Sally Pittman, first place ready writing and fourth place literary criticism and member of first place literary criticism team; Syd Woodington, second place headline writing, second place accounting and member of first place accounting team; Amber Ramon, first place persuasive speaking; and Angela Pipkin, first place Lincoln-Douglas debate. Back row, Chelsea Nollner, first place news writing and third place ready writing; John Brock, informative speaking alternate; and Kathryn Murphy, first place poetry.

Ten Gruver High School students will advance to regional UIL academic competition by virtue of their placing in district UIL competition held in Amarillo. The regional UIL academic meet will be Friday, April 14, 2000 on the campus of South Plains College in Levelland.

To advance to the regional event, students placed in the top three in individual events or were members of a first place team. Fourth place finishers will serve as alternates. Results of the district meet are as follows:

Lincoln Douglas Debate: Chad Howe, 5th, Lori Swink, 6th; Prose Interpretation - \*\*Brooke Bevill, 1st; Shea Lowe, 5th; Miranda Thoreson, 7th; Ready Writing: \*\*Kade Carthel, 1st; \*\*Kaycee Howe, 2nd; Number Sense: \*\*Holly Hart, 3rd; \*Dallas Henson, 4th; Mary Puebla, 5th; Informative Speaking - \* Sammie Stavlo, 4th; Persuasive Speaking - \* Shea Lowe, 4th; Sammi Johnson, 5th; Spelling and Vocabulary - 1st Place Team: \*\*Annie Mayhew, 1st,

\*\*Jessica Moore, 3rd, \*\*Chelsie Hicks, 4th; Accounting - 1st Place Team: \*\* Cayla Simon, 1st, \*\*Nikki Stewart, 4th, \*\*Janae Watley, 6th; Science: Holly Hart, 6th; News writing: \* Mary Puebla, 4th; Feature Writing: Beth Yanke, 6th; Headline Writing: \*\* Kade Carthel, 3rd; and Mathematics: \*\* Holly Hart, 1st.

(\*denotes those who will compete at region; \*denotes an alternate)

## Travis Selected As NMSU Student Ambassador

El Paso area students Karina Merjil, Serena Lyons and Jesse Travis have been selected as New Mexico State University student ambassadors.

Student ambassadors assist the admissions office with recruitment efforts for prospective students by giving campus tours, participating in visitors' days and attending admissions receptions around the state. About 20 NMSU students are involved in the program.

Travis, a senior marketing major from Clint, is president of Delta Sigma Pi, NMSU's professional business fraternity, and a senator for NMSU's College of Business. He is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and the American Marketing Association. Travis is the son of Jim and Linda Travis of Spearman.

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# Western Wishes Pairs Jessi, James



Charmayne James and Jessi Schmidt



On March 17, 2000, First State Bank held an Agricultural Seminar for their customers and Ag Producers at the O'Loughlin Center. The seminar was conducted by Dr. David Kohl, Professor of Agricultural Economics at Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg, VA. Dr. Kohl covered the many aspects of financial management, marketing, and future planning with a look at the world economy and how it affects our farmers.

by Harletta Carthel

There might have been a bit of teddy bear magic tucked within the fluffy stuffing of the special little bear that caught Jessica (Jessi) Schmidt's eye. There is certainly no doubt in Jessi's mind that her teddy had a part in making her special wish come true.

The little stuffed creation which was in the Western Wishes booth at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nevada, immediately caught Jessi's eye. Although the rodeo visit was really a sixteenth birthday gift to her brother Evan, Jessi thought the bear would make a perfect souvenir for her to take home. Since the Western Wishes Foundation uses the bears (which could be autographed by western celebrities) as a fund raiser, Jessi requested barrel racing legend Charmayne James' signature.

That request began a conversation that resulted in a wish come true for Jessi. The Western Wishes Foundation, which connects Western celebrities with seriously ill children, learned that 11-year-old Jessi battled cystic fibrosis, and that is where the magic began.

It was a question that needed no answer, when the Western Wishes asked Jessi if she would like to meet Charmayne James in person.

Jessi's wish materialized very soon. Several weeks later, Jessi and her mother Monica boarded a plane for Fort Worth. Receiving the red carpet treatment, the two were chauffeured to the Courtyard by Marriott in Fort Worth where they enjoyed a "room service" dinner.

Early the next morning, the duo visited Sundance Square before they were later whisked to the Fort Worth Rodeo. As Jessi and her mother visited with press members in the rodeo office, Charmayne James appeared. Taking the young cowgirl aside, the ten-time world champion barrel racer, soon began a friendship with her youthful admirer as they talked of their rodeo experiences. The special teddy which began the grand adventure was autographed by James, and Jessi was also given a Breyer Collectible horse which was a likeness of Miss James' famous mount Scamper. There was also a signed poster of James in National Finals competition where she won the first go-round despite a broken bridle on her horse. Perhaps the greatest gift though was James making Jessi the first member of a newly-formed Charmayne James Fan Club.

The wish also included a special dinner at the Riata Restaurant on the 35th floor of the Bank One building the next day followed by a visit to the Fort Worth Stockyards and world-famous Billy Bob's. There the Schmidts met Billy Bob's wife, Pam Minick, who is noted for her interviews with rodeo celebrities. When the adventure ended, the mother and daughter flew to Amarillo and then returned to their ranch home near Morse.

Although her wish has now ended, Jessi's friendship remains with James through an internet fan club site and through personal e-mail between the two. Jessi's room also houses momentos of her special time with the James' poster adorning the wall and pictures of the two friends displayed. And of course, there is teddy, the little fellow who started it all, to remind Jessi that wishes can come true, even cowgirl wishes.

# Chamber Banquet Held

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership Banquet was held on Tuesday, March 28, 2000. The theme for this year's event was "Lighting Up The Millennium."

The keynote speaker for the evening was Ralph Maxfield of Booker. Ralph served as Mayor of Booker for 16 years, and owns and operates Lemon Insurance Agency in Booker. He is the current president of the Booker Economic Development Corporation. He served a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Independent Insurance Agents of Texas in Austin.

Diane Maxwell was recognized as the Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Past President, and Donna McCubbin was introduced as the current president. Donna recognized Cindy Avila as the 2000 Women's Division Member of the Year. The Women's Division Executive Board consists of Donna McCubbin, Diane Maxwell, Cheryl Gibson-Salgado, LeAnn Carson, Cindy Blackman, Jody Hight, Arbeta Nobles, Sandy Pearson, and Debbie Elick.

Bruce Stinson, the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Past President, introduced Carolyn McLeod as the current president. The Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors consists of Carolyn McLeod, Bruce Stinson, Kim Brock, Jan Williamson, Dr. Scot Martin, Jim Younger, Tindle Ramon, Robert Patrick, Beth Brown, Sharon Cook, Linda Coombs, Diane Maxwell and Gary Smith. Members going off the board are Tami Kunselman, Worth Whitworth and Elaine Cook.

Chamber President Carolyn McLeod stated that as president of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, she has several goals for 2000. These goals included: 1) To Serve the Community; 2) Create a balance relationship between community and commerce; and 3) Assuring the Chamber of Commerce has a sound structure.

Ron Antalek, representing the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department, recognized Jim Younger, Jr as the Fireman of the Year. He also presented Prairie Motors with a plaque thanking them for their support of the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department.

Arbata Nobles, Rotary Club President, announced JoAnn Hawkins as the 2000 Rotary Employee of the Year.

JoAnn Hawkins was born in Hansford County, Texas. Her family consisted of three sisters and one brother. She has lived her all of her life, attending Spearman public schools and graduating in 1948.

JoAnn worked for public entities for many years. She quietly served, in several capacities, on county government. She started working in the courthouse in the seventies. Her first position was in the unemployment office.

Later she went to work in the Judge's office. She worked for Judge Johnnie Lee until he left office in 1978. She continued working in the Judge's office for Judge R.L. McFarlin. During this time, she also served as the Hansford County Salvation Army chairperson.

In 1985, she joined Johnnie Lee again at the Palo Duro River Authority. She has served as office manager for the Palo Duro River Authority. She has served as office manager for the Palo Duro River Authority since that time.

She married Jeff on October 3, 1966. She has four children, Jim David Crawford, Joe Ed Crawford, Vicki Crawford and Jana McCarley. She also has six lovely grandchildren.

Linda Coombs, President of the Spearman Retail Merchant's Association, recognized Dr. James Pinkerton as the 2000 Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year.

Dr. James Pinkerton If you were young and just starting out in your profession, would you choose to move to Spearman? Would you choose to give up all the things a bigger city had to offer and come to live in a small town?

You would if you were the kind of person who cared about your family, your children's education, the quality of life, and the service you could provide to a community in need.

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce is proud to recognize Business of the Year 2000. We are delighted to honor one that brings to our community a continued service. A business that will follow in the footsteps of a very great man, a man who has set a path of integrity. Dr. James Pinkerton, DDS.

Dr. Pinkerton not only offers a needed dental service to all citizens, especially children, but also employs three others.

Dr. Earl Novak began his dental practice 38 years ago and has served the community well! When he began having thoughts of retirement, he felt a real sense of duty and obligation and knew he could not leave Hansford County without a dentist. Prayers did not go unanswered, as on August 3, 1999, a fine and capable young dentist arrived on the scene.

Dr. Pinkerton is a graduate of West Texas A&M University and the University of San Antonio. He has a lovely wife, Tina, and four children, Shawn, Ashley, Jimmy and Mark.

Maria Pacheco is the Dental Assistant and office manager. She has been with Dr. Novak and now Dr. Pinkerton for 18 years, 7 months.

Her daughter, Anna, has been the dental hygienist for three years. Kathy Biggs has been with the office for two-and-a-half years.

A community like Spearman appreciates this kind of commitment and values citizens who find reward in serving their community.

Maxine Little was named the 2000 Citizen of the Year, Mayor Burl Buchanan was named Citizen of the Decade, and Carl and Peggy Archer were honored as the Citizens of the Decade.

Maxine Little is involved in the community and many things she does are anonymous, as she desires no credit. Therefore, there are numerous kindnesses and generous gestures that we will never know of.

However, there are some that should be mentioned. Meals on Wheels, Hospice, Christmas in April, First United Methodist Church, Golden Spread Center, and Rainbow Kids Club are just a few of the recipients of her charity and talent.

She is involved behind the scenes

in ways that most don't know. She prefers it that way. But there is a long list of those in need who benefit from her willingness to help in any way that she can.

She is a very talented artist and never hesitates to share this gift with the young and old, or anyone else in between who might just need something done or a helping hand.

She is truly a jar of clay that is filled with treasure.

**Burl Buchanan**  
Burl was born on February 26, 1937 in Borger, TX, and graduated from Spearman High School in 1955. He served active duty in the United States Army from 1957-58 and 1961-62.

Burl was elected as Mayor for the City of Spearman in 1990, after serving as City Alderman for seven years. During his tenure, he has been active in several organizations and won many awards as Mayor, not only within Spearman, but Regionally and Statewide.

Burl has been on the Panhandle Region Planning Commission Board of Directors since 1988; where he served as chairman in 1992. He is a past President and a current member of the Spearman Lions Club. He served as President of the Texas Municipal League Region II from 1993 to 1994, as well as serving as Regional Director for TML since 1994. Mayor Buchanan also currently serves on the following committees: TMS Small Cities Advisory Council, Texas Katepayers Org. to Save ENergy, and he has been appointed to two steering committees for the Texas Coalition of Cities of which he has served since 1995.

These appointments have given Burl the insight and contacts to ensure that Spearman residents are well represented at the State and National level. Mayor Buchanan actively worked to ensure that concerns to Spearman were well heard, leading to results for the City of Spearman. Recent accomplishments include a 10% create reduction in local electricity rates for Spearman, re-opening of the Spearman Municipal landfill when closed due to nonsensical regulation, and he was instrumental in amending legislation that favored rural communities.

Burl has recently announced that he will not seek re-election as Mayor, but the reputation of progression that Burl has instilled across the state will carry through to the next Mayor. Burl's dedication to Spearman has been tremendous.

## G/T Nominations for 2000-2001

We are now accepting nominations for the 2000-2001 school year G/T program. This gifted educational program is designed to challenge students with above average potential in academic and creative-productive thinking skills to accelerate above and beyond the regular school curriculum. Anyone wishing to nominate a student believed to be an intellectually or creatively gifted learner is encouraged to come by the office at Spearman Elementary or Spearman Jr. High and complete the nomination form. If you have questions or need further information, please contact the Counselor's Office at 659-3519.

## Nominaciones G/T para 2000-2001

Estamos ahora aceptando nominaciones para el programa G/T del año escolar 2000-2001. Este programa educacional dotado esta diseñado a retar a estudiantes con un potencial de promedio elevado en habilidades académicas y pensamientos creativos y productivos para acelerar arriba y mas alla del curriculum de la escuela regular. Alguien que desee nominar a un estudiante que crea que sea un aprendiz intelectualmente y creativamente talentoso lo animamos a que venga a la oficina de la escuela elemental y llenar la forma de nominacion. Los estudiantes nominados pasaran por un proceso de revisio para determinar su elegibilidad. Si usted tiene preguntas o necesita mas informacion, Favor de ponerse en contacto con la oficina del consejero al 659-3519.

## Pre-Kindergarten Program

Pre-Kindergarten Program If you have or know of a child who will be 4 years of age on or before September 1st, he or she may be eligible for our Pre-Kindergarten program for the 2000-2001 school year. Applications may be picked up at the elementary school office at 511 S. Townsend. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 659-2565.

## Programa de Pre-Kinder

Programa de Pre-Kinder Si tiene o conoce un nino/nis que va tener 4 anos de edad en o antes del 1 de Septiembre, el o ella puede ser eligible por nuestra programa de Pre-Kinder por el ano de escuela 2000-2001. Puede recoger un aplicacion en la oficina de la escuela elemental en S 11 S. Townsend. Si tiene preguntas, favor llama la oficina en 659-2565.

## Early Childhood Education Screening

Spearman Independent School District's Special Education Department and Region 16 ESC Early Childhood Intervention are offering a FREE Screening for children 0-3 years of age for Early Childhood Education on April 28th at Spearman Elementary. This clinic is to identify children who may need early classroom experiences or home intervention in: hearing, talking, seeing, playing with other children, learning about their world, using their hands, or may have a PHYSICAL HANDICAP.

Certified specialists will be working with children at the Elementary building on April 28, 2000. APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED and can be made by calling 659-2565. A parent or legal guardian will need to accompany the child to the screening to provide permission and needed developmental information. If you need additional information, call 659-2565.

## Clinica Interventiva Para Ninos

Clinica Interventiva Para Ninos - 28 de Abril, 2000 - Spearman Elementary. El Departamento de Educacion Especial del Distrito Escolar de Spearman (SISD) y Region 16 Centro de Servicio ofrecera una clinica GRATIS para ninos entre 0-3 anos de edad. La clinica es para identificar aquellos ninos que pueden necesitar educacion o intervencion en casa con: oiendo, hablando, mirando, jugar como otros ninos, adaptarse a sus alrededores, uso de las manos, o quizas tengan un IMPEDIMENTO FISICO.

Especialistas certificados examinaran a los nitos el 28 de Abril, 2000. SE REQUIEREN CITAS. Haga su cita llamando al 659-2565. El padre/madre o guardian debiera acompanar al nio para que de permiso y informacion tocante el desarrollo del nio. Para mas informacion, llame al 659-2565.

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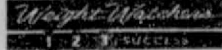
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 108 Linn - 3BR, 1 3/4B, Garage  
 111 S. Roland - 3BR, 1B  
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 429 Gruver Hwy. - Remodeled 3BR, 1B

**Gruver Property**  
 905 King - 1-2BR, 1B, New Wire/Plumb  
 514 Cluck - 2BR, 1 3/4B, Carport  
 512 Cluck - 1BR, 1B (sells w/514 Cluck)  
 311 Chessa - 2BR, 1B, 2 Car Crpl/1 Car Gar  
 101 N. Cooper - 3BR, 2 3/4B, 2 Car Gar  
 602 Womble - 2BR, 1 3/4B - REDUCED  
 906 King - 4BR, 1B - REDUCED  
 401 Cluck - 2BR, 1B - REDUCED  
 King & Hwy. 15 - Vacant Lots  
 007 King - 3BR, 1 3/4B - REDUCED  
 1924 W. Hwy. 15 - 3BR, 2B, 64 acre  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLOSING THE FOLLOWING STREET**  
 That portion of McCree Street lying between Lot 32, Block 23, and Lot 17, Block 24, All in the original Town of Gruver, Hansford County, Texas. Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Gruver, Texas, will hold a public hearing on the 12th day of April, 2000, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., at the City Hall in Gruver, Texas, for the purpose of taking citizens input on the vacating, closing and abandonment of that portion of McCree Street lying between Lot 32, Block 23, and Lot 176, Block 24, All in the Original Town of Gruver, Hansford County, Texas. Further information concerning the public hearing can be obtained by calling A.J. Ratliff at (806) 733-2424.

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 District: Amarillo; Contract 6055-34-001 for CLEANING AND SWEEPING HIGHWAYS in HANSFORD County, etc. will be opened on April 25, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$180,000.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available at reproduction companies in Austin, TX at the NPO: 42. State Office: Construction Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, TX 78704; Phone: 512-416-2540. District Office: Amarillo District, District Engineer, 5715 Canyon Dr., Amarillo, TX 79110; Phone: 806-745-4411.

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Hansford County Commissioner's Court will receive Total Cost Bids until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, 2000 on the purchase of one front end loader, with and without trade-in. Bids will be opened on Monday, April 24, 2000 at the regular Commissioner's Court meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m. Specifications are available in the County Judge's Office or the County Auditor's Office in the Hansford County Courthouse. The Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.  
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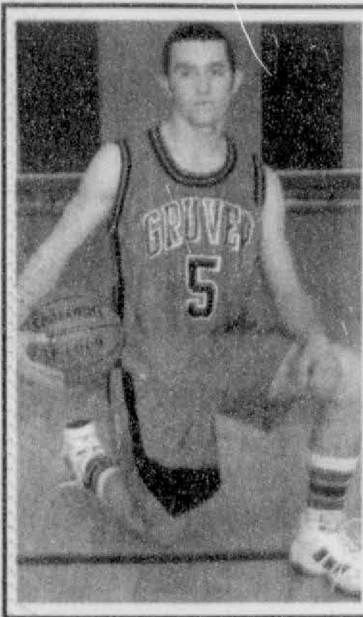
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Dallas Henson, Gruber High School senior, has been selected to play in the Golden Spread All Star Classic April 6, 7, and 8 in Amarillo in Cal Farley Coliseum. Henson, an all district basketball pick, will be a member of the north squad. He is the son of Danny and Mary Jane Henson.



The Spearman 3rd & 4th Grade All-Star Basketball Team went undefeated (9-0) this season. They won 1st place in three tournaments: Morse, Spearman, and Parryton. Team members include: Courtney Evans, Amy Boyd, Amy Brown, Clara Kern, Kylee Howard, Kendall Schneider, Mattie Davis, Kyla Reed, Brittney Bradley, and Callie Cazares. The Coach was Rick Howard.

by Paige Speck

The Pringle-Morse PTA Pee-Wee Basketball Tournament held March 10th & 11th was a blast! Many schools in the area participated.

The PTA extends thanks to the Pringle-Morse Seventh Grade for providing a concession stand, the Pringle-Morse School, and all volunteers and parents for coming out and supporting our youth.

Donations for medals were generously provided by Hickerson's Jewelry, First National Bank, and Morse Implement.

5th & 6th Grade Girls 1st - Spearman 5th & 6th; 2nd - Gruber 6th; 3rd - Pringle-Morse Fifth & 6th

5th & 6th Grade Boys: 1st - West Texas 5th & 6th; 2nd - Pringle-Morse 5th & 6th; 3rd - Spearman 5th

3rd & 4th Grade Boys: 1st - Gruber; 2nd - West Texas; 3rd - Borger Cornerstone

3rd & 4th Grade Girls: 1st - Spearman; 2nd - Spearman; 3rd - Gruber

## Property Tax Information Available From Appraisal Office

Alice Peddy, chief appraiser for the Hansford County Appraisal District, offers property owners a 2000 pamphlet called *Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies & Responsibilities* to help them save on their property taxes.

Published by the State Comptroller's office, the *Remedies* pamphlet explains how the property tax system in Texas works and tells property owners about possible tax savings.

Peddy noted that the pamphlet applies to property taxes collected by all types of taxing units: counties, cities, school districts and special districts such as municipal utility,

junior college, and hospital districts).

"Homeowners may file for various property tax exemptions offered by taxing units on residence homesteads," Peddy said. In Texas, a homestead is generally the house and yard used as the owner's principal residence. The pamphlet explains each exemption and how to apply for it.

For example, all homeowners who owned and lived in their homes on January 1st may file for a \$15,000 general exemption from their principal home's value for school taxes. In addition, certain disabled homeowners and those aged

65 or older may qualify for an additional \$10,000 exemption from the value of their homes.

"A tax freeze, or ceiling, for school taxes is a benefit for homeowners once they become 65 years old," Peddy said. "State law provides that homeowners who turn 65 may apply during the year, rather than waiting until the next January 1st."

"An elderly homeowner's taxes that pay for public schools cannot increase above the total school tax amount on that home in the first year that the homeowner receives the over-65 homeowner exemption," Peddy continued. "But, it may increase if the homeowner improves or adds to the house, such as adding a room or patio."

The law provides an additional school tax benefit for certain homeowners. If the surviving spouse of an over-65 homeowner is at least 55 years old at the time of the older spouse's death, then he or she can keep the school tax ceiling. The tax ceiling, however, does not apply for other taxing units, such as the county and city.

The surviving spouse also may retain the over-65 homeowner's exemptions offered by the local taxing units, if the surviving spouse is at least 55 years old at the time of the older spouse's death and owns and lives in the home.

The chief appraiser pointed out that homeowners age 65 or older do not need to reapply for the exemption this year if they received the exemption and tax ceiling last year. Homeowners turning 65 during the year may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year from the date they turned 65, owned the home, and lived in it as their principal residence. Only those who have never had the exemption and tax ceiling - such as the surviving spouse age 55 or older - must apply in 2000.

Homeowners are also eligible for a \$3,000 general exemption for their county taxes because the county levies a tax for farm-to-market or flood control.

Peddy added that any taxing unit may offer a local-option exemption that allows a percentage reduction in each residence homestead's appraised value. In 2000, a taxing unit may exempt up to 20 percent of each qualified home's appraised value. Taxing units offering the per-

centage exemption and the percentage they offer are: City of Spearman, Gruber ISD, Pringle-Morse CISD, Hansford County, Hansford Hospital - 20%, and North Plains Water District and Palo Duro River Authority - 5%.

The taxpayer pamphlet also describes other exemptions available, such as those for disabled veterans and other disabled persons.

Productivity appraisal is another type of tax relief available to agricultural or timberland owners. It is available in two forms, referred to by its location in the Texas Constitution: "I-d" or agricultural-use appraisal and "I-d-1" or open-space land appraisal.

Landowners who wish their land to receive I-d appraisal must apply each year. The landowner must file a signed, sworn application with the chief appraiser by May 1st. However, owners of land receiving I-d-1 appraisal do not need to reapply, unless the chief appraiser requests in writing that they do so. The only applications required this year are the ones on property that has changed ownership or a change of use has occurred during this past year.

Because the qualifications are less strict, many landowners choose to apply for I-d-1. However, if the land's use changes to a non-agricultural one, the period for recapturing lost taxes is five years for I-d-1. For I-d, the recapture time is three years for change of ownership or use.

"Appraisal district staff can offer more information about special and appraisal, tax reductions and exemptions," Peddy said.

She said the *Remedies* pamphlet also contains information about protesting to the appraisal review board (ARB). The ARB is a citizen board that hears taxpayer protests to ensure that property values are fair and uniform.

Another section deals with how voters can petition for an election to reduce the amount of a tax increase adopted by any taxing unit.

"I urge all property owners in the Hansford County Appraisal District to read the pamphlet and learn about the property tax system and all possible property tax relief," Peddy said. "Remember, taxpayers must file exemption applications with the appraisal office by May 1 and any protests by May 31 of this year."



### Beauty in the Beast

It was a farmer's rewriting of the classic "Beauty and the Beast" when Gruber High School senior Derik Grotegut picked up his beauty Jessica Moore in his new beast, for the Gruber prom.

## Hansford Golf Club News

submitted by Charlie Salgado

Ervin Davis made a hole-in-one on the #2 par 4 (251 yards) with his driver on March, 28, 2000. Witnesses were Bob Hardy, James Cunningham, Larry Butts, Eddie Clemmons and Neil Pack.

Tuesday Scrambles will begin on April 18, 2000. The fee will be \$5.00 for members, and \$9.00 for non-members.

The Hansford Golf Club would like to announce that we will be sanding and plugging greens on April 7th. We understand that this will hamper golf play, but we would appreciate your cooperation when this procedure will take place.

The Board of Directors would like to thank everyone who helped out this year with the golf course. It was a rebuilding year, and it looks like we're off to a good year again. Everyone is invited to come and see the changes that will be taking place. Check out the membership fee, and what benefits it holds. Once again, thank you to Spearman, Gruber and Morse for your cooperation.

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