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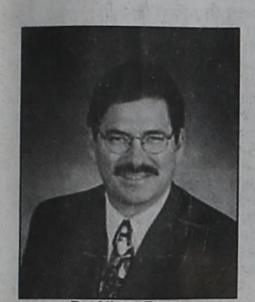
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# "Bridging Cultures, Building Lives" **Presented At Open Forum Meeting**



Dr. Albert Reyes, President of Baptist University of the Americas

"Bridging Cultures, Building Lives" is the motto for Baptist University of the Americas in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Albert Reyes, President of BUA will be the keynote speaker at an open forum meeting hosted by First Baptist Church, Spearman on Saturday, February 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

An open invitation is extended to all Spearman and area churches (not just Baptist) for pastors, church leaders, missions committees, and any individuals in learning creative and effective ways of building bridges of relationships between the growing Hispanic population and the Anglo residents of Spearman and the surrounding communities. The BUA motto will be the theme for this meet-

In February, 2003, the United Census States Bureau announced that people of Hispanic origin became the largest minority in the country. Demographers are saying that by 2015 every other Texan will be Hispanic. As we watch the changing demographics of Spearman, it is evident that this projection is a viable reality.

As our community changes, there is a need for citizens to be proactive in developing cross cultural understanding and cooperation for the betterment and stability of our schools, churches, and community. To be able to draw on the understanding and expertise of Dr. Reyes in addressing issues that are already having an impact on our lives is a unique and timely opportunity.

Dr. Reyes is a gifted communicator and, if there is need, can address the gathering bilingual-

He has served as a River Ministry missionary, pastor, church planter, missiologist, and educator in Texas and has ministered in Mexico, Brazil, Spain, and North Africa. He is the

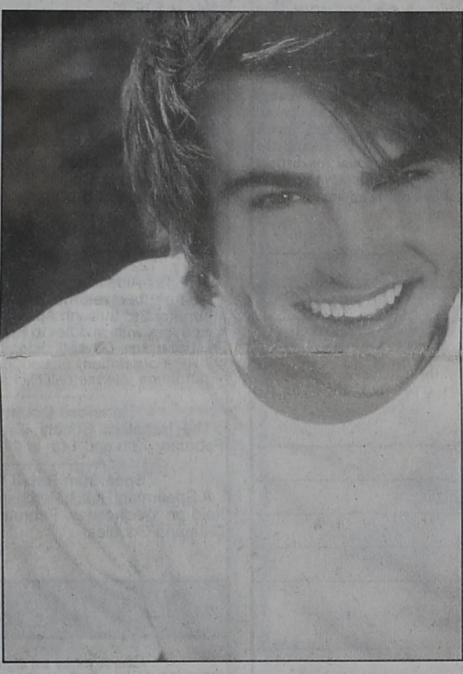
inaugural awardee of the George W. Truett Award for Excellence in Ministry for a Singular Achievement awarded by Baylor University and the Baptist Standard. He has been appointed as Chairman of the David, and Thomas. Hispanic Task Force for the Hispanic Academic Excellence, U. S. Department of Education. Dr. Reyes holds a BBA from Angelo State University and M. Southwestern Theological Seminary, and is enrolled in the PhD Leadership program at Andrews University. He was awarded an honorary Baptist University.

Lubbock.

He is married to Dr. Belinda Reyes, Associate Professor of Communication Disorders at Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio. The Reyes have three sons: Joshua,

Dr. Reyes will also be preach-White House Initiative on ing at the 11:00 a.m. worship service at Spearman First Baptist Church Sunday, February 8. It is a distinct honor to be able to host Dr. Reyes, and Div., and D. Min. degrees from the church extends an invitation Baptist for everyone to come both for the Saturday meeting and for the worship hour the next morn-

Anyone needing child care in doctoral degree by Dallas order to attend Saturday In evening is asked to call the November, 2003 he was elected church office (659-5557) so that First Vice-president of the nursery arrangements can be Baptist General Convention of made in advance. Child care is Texas at its annual meeting in available for the Sunday serv-



Cory Schneider, formerly, of Gruver, garnered nine awards in the IMTA modeling and talent competition held recently in Los Angeles, CA.

The 2001 Gruver graduate was awarded first place in the monologue competition, first place in cold reading, second place Young Adult Actor of the Year, second place Model of the Year, and five other awards.

Schneider, who has moved to Los Angeles, will be appearing in runaway shows in Chicago and Germany.

# **School Board Appreciation Month Celebrated**

January has been proclaimed School Board Recognition Month. The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman and the Gruver, Pringle-Morse and Spearman school districts gratefully acknowledge the dedication and time contributed by the school board members of Gruver ISD, Pringle-Morse CISD and Spearman ISD.

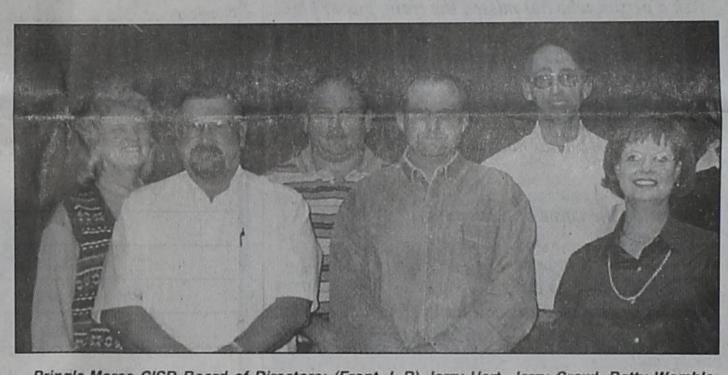
These school districts continues to benefit from decisions made by a competent, honest, and reliable group of board members. Solid school board leadership allows these school to continue to grow while maintaining individual student success in a nurturing, learning environment.

We appreciate that our school boards watch legislative activity and communicate with state officials regarding the ramifications of their impending decisions on our local school finances. We remain confident about the board's fiscal decisions that affect staffing, technology, campus facilities, cafeteria, and extra-curricular activities.

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman would like to take this time to honor the Gruver ISD, Pringle-Morse CISD and Spearman ISD school board members for the excellent job they have done for their schools and communities.



Gruver ISD Board of Directors: (Front, L-R) Paul Stavlo, Terry Sherrill, Jody Irwin (Back, L-R) Davin Winger, Brent Stedje, Dwayne Thompson and Buddy Lowe



Pringle-Morse CISD Board of Directors: (Front, L-R) Jerry Hart, Jerry Crowl, Betty Womble; (Back, L-R) Carolyn Shields, Robin Wilson, Clyde McCloy, Jon Mark Tolleson.



Spearman ISD Board of Directors: (Front, L-R) Will Jarvis, Stephanie Crossland, Carol Dunnihoo (Back, L-R) Bob Boxwell, Mark Allen, Mark Sheets and Dwayne Mitchell

# **Run-Off Special Election Set**

Gov. Rick Perry set Tuesday, February 17th as the special election run-off date to fill the vacancies for Senate District 1 and Senate District 31.

Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo and Kirk Edwards, R-Odessa, will face each other in the runoff because they placed first and second, respectively, in the special election held January 20th. Anyone registered to vote can

participate in the runoff. Even those who didn't vote in the special election can vote in the runoff.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Hansford County Clerks Office in

Spearman and the branch office at the City Hall in Gruver. Voting will be conducted between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. from February 9th-13th.

This special election will be held on February 17, 2004 at the City Hall in Spearman and the High School Library in Gruver, beginning at 7 a.m. and ending at 7 p.m.

# NOTICE

Due to corporate business decisions, Allsup's is no longer selling newspapers out of their stores. We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to Allsup's for providing this service to our readers in the past.

For our readers' continued convenience, the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman will still be available for overthe-counter sales at Taylor's Food Mart in Spearman, Lowe's in Spearman, The Grocery Store in Gruver, and at The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman office.

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman is also available through a yearly subscription. The in-county rate is \$25 per year, and the out-ofcounty rate is \$30 per year. For more information, call (806) 659-3434.

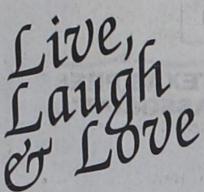


Faye McDonald (left) of Alco presents a check to Rosetta Barrera (center) and Charla Hargis in the amount of \$381.82. The check is from money collected in the annual "Cute Baby Contest."

The annual Hansford County Livestock Show will be held Friday and Saturday, February 13 and 14, in the Gruver County Barn.



Ryon Atwood, 1995 Gruver graduate, has been named assistant coach for the new Amarillo Intense Football League (IFL) team, the Dusters. The IFL is an arena football team which will play games in the Amarillo Civic Center beginning May 1 and continuing through the summer. Atwood, who has experience playing arena football, hopes to also be a player for the newlyformed team. He is the son of Toni and Phil Atwood of Gruver.





by Catherine R. Smith

CathyRSmit@aol.com

My friend Mary Moore sent me the following article. I think I have used it before, but it has been a while so I thought we could all use a reminder.

## To Realize . . . .

To realize the value of a sister Ask someone who doesn't have one.

To realize the value of ten years: Ask a newly divorced couple.

To realize the value of four years: Ask a graduate.

To realize the value of one year: Ask a student who has failed a final exam.

To realize the value of nine months: Ask a mother who gave birth to a still born.

To realize the value of one month: Ask a mother who has given birth to a premature бабу.

To realize the value of one week: Ask an editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realize the value of one hour: Ask the lovers who are waiting to Meet.

To realize the value of one minute: Ask a person who has missed the train, bus or plane.

To realize the value of one-second: Ask a person who has survived an accident.

To realize the value of one millisecond: Ask the person who has won a silver medal in the Olympics.

To realize the value of a friend: Lose one.

Time waits For no one.

Treasure every moment you have. You will treasure them even more when you can share them with someone special.

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.

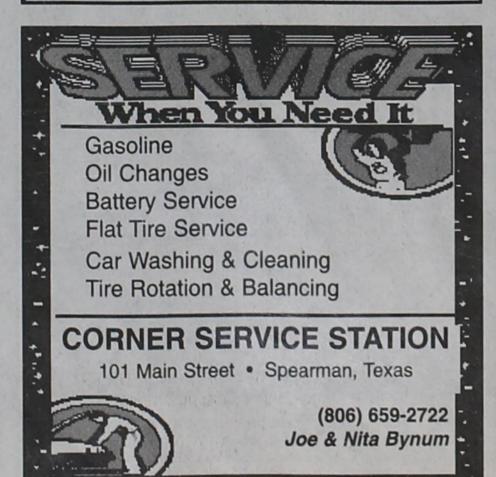
Catherine:)

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### **Chamber Accepting Business** of the Year & Citizen of the **Year Nominations**

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year. Nominations must be submitted to the Chamber office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 13, 2004. The awards will be awarded at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet, which will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2004.

### **Business of the Year**

This award recognizes a Spearman business for achievement and leadership in business. Eligibility requirements include membership in the Spearman Chamber of Commerce; a business that has been in business for at least two years; a record of involvement in the Chamber of Commerce and other civic endeavors; and a busi-

ness that promotes spearman and the residents it serves.
Name of Business:
Address:
Phone:
In the space below, discuss in detail those achievements which in your judgment, make this business uniquely qualified for the award indicated above.
If necessary, please attach additional pages.
Signed by:
Phone: Nominations must be returned to the Chamber office by 5: p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2004.

### Citizen of the Year

This award recognizes an individual for exceptional service that has contributed to the development of Spearman. The award may recognize contributions that have enhanced Spearman's quality of life, or its economic development. It may encompass exceptional achievements related to government leadership, the arts, social welfare programs, civic services, or other appropriated avenues that have enhanced life for all Spearman citizens. While the award is intended to recognize an individual for specific achievements that have occurred during the year immediately preceding the presentation, it may, however recognize an individual for distinct lifetime achievement in the area of community service. Nominations may be made by any resident of Spearman or by any Spearman social service or organization.

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# HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Rotary Club "Employee of the Year" Nominations
The Spearman Rotary Club is currently accepting nominations for "Employee of the Year". This award will be presented at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Saturday, February 28th. Nominations should be submitted in writing to Jason Cantrell or any Rotary Club member, or may be mailed to: Rotary Employee of the Year, Box 492, Spearman, TX 79081. Nominations must be received on or

before February 15, 2004.

Chamber Business & Citizen of the Year Nominations The Spearman Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year. Nominations must be submitted to the Chamber office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2004. The awards will be awarded at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet, which will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2004 at the O'Loughlin Center. Call the Chamber office at 659-5555 for more information.

Hospice Bereavement Support Group

A new Hospice Bereavement Support Group will be held March 22nd through April 19th on Monday and Thursday nights from 7-8:30 p.m. This support group is being sponsored by Hansford Hospice Volunteers and is open to all persons dealing with grief. It will meet in the First Methodist Church parlor in Spearman. For further information, or to enroll, please call the Hospice office at (806) 659-5811, or call Ken Cole at 659-5503.

Adult English Classes

Adult English classes will continue on Thursday night from 7-9:30 p.m. in the Gruver Jr. high, 600 Garrett St. Classes begin January 29th, and will be taught by Mr. Acevedo. 15 students are needed for the class.

Clases de Ingles Para Adultos Las classes de Ingles vana continuar el jueves de las 7-9:30 p.m. Estaremos en la escuela jr. high de Gruver en la calle 600 Garrett. La clase comienza 1/29/04, Maestro Senor Acevedo, 15 extudiantes necesario.

**Conversational Spanish Classes** 

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Conversational Spanish Classes will begin Thursday,
February 5, 6:30-8:00pm in room 112 at Spearman High
School. Dana Saylor, ESL teacher at Gus Birdwell
Elementary will be teaching this class. There is still room for
students. If you are interested, call Cindy Blackman,
Community Resource Coordinator, at 659-3233 to sign up for the class. Conversational Spanish class will be very basic depending on your profession and need. The cost of the class is \$35.00.

Gruver ISD Community Meeting
Gruver ISD will host a Community Meeting in the Cafeteria on Thursday, February 5, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in exchanging information about an open Pre-Kindergarten for the 2004-2005 school year is encouraged

to attend.

**Hansford County Livestock Show** The Hansford County Livestock Show will be held on February 13th and 14th in the Gruver County Barn.

AARP Offers Free Tax Help

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AARP Tax-Aide is in Spearman at the Hansford County
Library, 122 Main Street, every Tuesday from 1-5 p.m.

AARP Tax-Aide is a free, quality and confidential service that
prepares tax returns and answers tax questions from
February 3rd through April 9th. Services are available to all
taxpayers with middle- to low-income, with special attention
to those age 60 and older. It is administered through the
AARP Foundation, in cooperation with the IRS. For more
information, please call Richard Gaines at 659-2853.

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Spearman Retail Merchants Meeting

A Spearman Retail Merchants Association meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4th at 8 a.m. at Grammy's Gifts and Goodies.

# PANHANDLE PLANNER

Area Agency on Aging Seeks Volunteers

The Nursing Home Ombudsman program of the Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle is actively seeking individuals to serve as advocates for residents of area nursing homes. Volunteer opportunities are available throughout the Panhandle. Ombudsmen promote resident rights, quality of life and quality of care by identifying and resolving complaints by or on behalf of residents. To learn more about this rewarding volunteer opportunity, please contact Jeff Price or Tanya Mock of the Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle at (800) 642-6008.

Prairie Rivers Musical
The Prairie Rivers Musical is featured on the 3rd Saturday of each month (October through April) at Canadian Middle School. There is no admission charge. For more information, call (806) 323-6213.

Step Forward Meetings Begin in Liberal

Step Forward is a nondenominational Christian 12-step program for those who struggle to lose or to maintain a healthy weight. Starting February 5th, Step Forward meetings will be held every Thursday from 7-7:50 p.m. at the Memorial Library (Cooper Clark Room), 519 N. Kansas in Liberal. This program was developed by Julie Morris, who has worked as a coronary intensive care nurse and as the supervisor of a large medical surgical floor. She has also taught Bible classes for more than 25 years, and has written several books on weight loss. Julie's nursing experiences have given her expertise on the physiological aspects of weight loss; however, it is her personal struggle with the emotional roots of weight management, and her understanding that a closer relationship with God is the key to recovery, which makes Step Forward unique. This 12-Step support group helps members change, one day at a time, through Bible study, prayer and building sound nutritional habits. The program addresses stress, anger, guilt, pressure, criticism, crisis, and many other familiar triggers for overeating. Through working the 12 Steps members not only lose or maintain a healthy weight, but also grow spiritually and emotionally. There are no dues or weigh-ins. The only cost is the optional purchase of the Step Forward handbook. For more information you may call Nancy at (620) 624-2382. 620) 624-2382.

St. Patrick's Day Lad 'n Lassie Pageant
The 12th annual St. Patrick's Lad 'n Lassie Pageant will be held
on Sunday, March 21, 2004, at the Shamrock High School
Auditorium in conjunction with the 57th Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Any child between the ages of birth to 8th grade are eligible to participate. The pageant will begin at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Dana Hosack at (806) 256-3503 or Betty Lee at 256-5337 after 6 p.m. Entries need to be received no later than March 1, 2004. For a complete list of rules, requirements, and entry forms, please write to: Lad n' Lassie Pageant, % Dana Hosack, PO Box 43, Shamrock, TX 70070

Miss Irish Rose Pageant
Shamrock, Texas will host their Annual St. Patrick's Celebration on March 19-20, 2004. One of the many highlights of this celebration is the crowning of Miss Irish Rose. This Scholarship Pageant is open to all young ladies who are between the ages of 14 and 19, and who are currently enrolled in high school. Contestants do not need to live in the Shamrock or Texas area, nor do they need to be currently holding a title or reign. The 2004 Miss Irish Rose, along with her three runner-ups and Miss Congeniality, will receive a scholarship to a college of their choice. For further information, please send a SASE on or before February 18, 2004 to St. Patrick's Association, Att: Betty Lee, PO Box 588, Shamrock, TX 79079, or call Betty Lee after 6 pm. at (806) 256-2897, or the Chamber of Commerce Office at (806) 256-2501. Commerce Office at (806) 256-2501.

# Our Deepest Sympathy

NELLIE S. ALBRECHT GRUVER - Nellie S. Albrecth, 98, died on Monday, January 26,

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, January 27, 2004 at 11 a.m. in Gruver Cemetery with the Rev. George Price and the Rev. Scott Curry officiaiting. Interment was under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Ms. Albrecht was born March 25, 1905 in Kerr County, Texas. She had lived in the area since 1985, moving from Tulia, TX. She married August Albrecht on June 19, 1926 in Kerr County.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Gruver United Methodist Church. She was a former member of the Home Demonstration Club, the Turtlecreek Sewing Circle and a 4-H vol-

She was preceded in death by her parents, Oscar & Dora Strohacker; her husband, August Albrecht, in 1987; and son, Roy

David Albrecht, in 2003. Survivors include three daughters, Dorothy Taylor of Paonia, CO, Nelle Evans of Gruver, and Irene Keating of College Station; a sister, Emma Granez of De Queen, AR; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchidlren.

The fmaily suggests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 S.

Roland, Spearman, TX 79081.

## Thank You!

Words cannot express the gratitude we have for each of you in our community. Thank you so much for the prayers, the food, the donations, and all the support you have shown us in this time of

Thank you so much, and may God bless each and every single one of you.

Love, Elva, Reyna, Gerardo, and Kevin Ruiz

## Thank You!

We wish to thank everyone that came and carried out everything we had in the basement when a water line burst. They waded through the water.

We especially thank Sam Abston and his wife and Lance Wood and Joey Woolley for pumping out the water and also want to thank Don Maize for calling the insurance company, also Jerry Wilson. With love,

Henry and Christian Babitzke

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In the event that numerous letters are received concerning the same subject, letters can be limited to one pro and one con letter per publication. Eligible letters will be published in the order in which they were received.

"Letters To The Editor," like all materials submitted to this newspaper, are subject to editing for space and clarity. The publication of any letter or article is the decision of the Editor and Publisher. Deadline for all news, as well as "Letters To The Editor," is 5 p.m. on Monday.

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**United Methodist Women** 

# GROUND HOG DINNER

Tuesday, February 3rd 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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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 Thank 659-3434. Catherine

January 29 Birthday - Bill Hadley, Erin Derington, Linda Gaither, Andy Johnnie Graham, Richard Larson, Estella Gilmore, Andi Hager, Tanner Beedy, Gerry Davis,

Mitchell, Dustin Nancy Hodge, Delphia Duke, Brad Hicks, Travis Reiswig, Jackson Davis Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs.

January 30 Birthday - Vicki Crawford, Terry Jackson, Timothy Schultz

Harold Anderson

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Eusebio Vela Sr., Richard & Arlene Paschel, Mr. & Mrs. Jose Perez

January 31 Brian Stewart, Austin Brian Zimmer, James Schnell, L.C. Owens, Cory Schneider, Lilley, Hudson Charles Younger, Williams, Jim Karen Ferguson

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Ruiz, Mr. & Mrs. John Shields, Mr. & Mrs. Dick Hintergardt, Mr. & Mrs. Royce Mathews

February 1 Birthday - Mary Fern Terry, Lynn Whitefield, Kenneth Lee McClellan, Ann White, Breedon, Terri JoeBob Goodknight, Lacie Baker. Linde, Anthony Clint Renteria, Brian Johnson, Cherlynn Thompson, T.J. Vasquez, Charles Davis Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs.

George C. Lowe

February 2 Birthday - Sergio Favela Jr., Margie Boone, Michael T. Davis, Sheila Brand, Grace McDade, Nadine Bishard; Connie Garcia, Cayla Simon, Toby Thompson

Anniversary - Jeff & Chris Spencer, Bill & Dalene Baker, Louis & Mary Miesner

February 3 Birthday - Jerry Kiser, Joanne Hays, Kelly Davis, Jr. Hart, Pip Craig, Glenna Dibbern, Todd Ware, Donna Roberts, Beth Baker, Jerry Laird, Roy Dee Martin, Evelyn Burch, Traci Clift

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Cook, Bob & Candy Boxwell, Mr. & Mrs. Jose Salgado

February 4 Birthday - Mary Dawn Henson, Bill Logsdon, Argelia Rodriquez, Heath

Tolleson, Misty Barnes, Roy Lee Uptergrove, Linda Davis, Dale Hendrick, Tina Marie Jenkins, Andres Ortiz, Chris Evans, Cynthia Goodman, Ted Widener, Joan Farr, Bonnie Ball, Landri Burnam, Samantha Myatt

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Nick Jordan, Lenis & Holly Simpson

February 5 Birthday - Rose Lopez, Jerry Tipps, Kym Williams, Dorothy Cator, Reba Phillips, Cody Pipkin, Theron Zachary Spencer, McCammond, Matt

Watlington, Matison Jones, George DeSantiago, Larue Mayo, Julie Richter, Larry Murphy

February 6 Birthday - Erica Blount, Larry Irlbeck, Mrs. Nell Patterson, Carlos Espinosa, Cora Lesly, Ruben Vera, Ofelia Bradly Laxton, Zamora, Courtney Jo Myers, Wayne Shook, Betty Allen, Kimberly LaFarr, Becky Brown, Moses Lomeli, **Tammie Purvines** 

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Hohertz, Patsy & Jerry Hunt, Mr. & Mrs. Curt Fitzgearld

February 7 Birthday - Alicia Barkley, Chris Johnson, Buddy Lowe, Mike Stedje, Monique Yancy, Virginia Poole, Tracy Taylor, Calvin Pearson, Jill Havens, Kay Atkinson, Michelle Bass, Noble, Janice Noble, Mackie, Sara Eisfeld Janice

February 8 Birthday - Louise Etter, Bobby Mosier, Ben Vaughn, Domingo Salazar III, Verlin Beck, Dorothy Karns, Jesse Verlene Briseno, Zachary Logsdon, Watts

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Tony Herndon

February 9 Birthday - Lorene Dahl, Andy Hoel, Elena Salazar, Carole Hall, Sara Avila, Paula Garza, Doris Breedon, Jackie Pearson, Linda Rodriguez, Lori Williams, Rossetta Barrera, Michelle Laughlin, Armando Borunda, Drew Mireles, Betty Scribner Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Martin Ochoa, Bill & Alice Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Cecil

Reynolds, Mr. & Mrs. Dwayne TeBeest February 10 Birthday - Karen Cotter, Mark Irwin, Tammy White, Robbie Cator, Mary Ann Lasater, J. Travis Garnett, Evelina Martinez, Gregory Brand, Jimmy McLeod, Charles West, Fanetta Pierce, Josie Holt, Debbie Eslick, Karen Schnell Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs.

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121 S. Haney • 659-3244 Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m.
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Grace Presbyterian Church (Worships with Faith Lutheran Church) 1101 Bernice • 659-2033 Pastor - Beverly Cook

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> 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

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. Pastor Joe Garcia Jr.

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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: 7:00 p.m. Minister - Gaylord Cook 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

**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 - George Price

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# **Hunt, Etheredge Wed**

er's ring.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Etheredge

Ring Bearers were Zane

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Musical providers for the

service were pianist/organist Kenny Shore of Dumas, instru-

mentalists Adam Inmon and

Soloist Amy Seagler of Dumas sang "Grow Old along with Me" while Adam Inmon

Guest book attendants were

Maddison and Whitney Schad

of Gruver, cousins of the groom. Presented in marriage by her

father, the bride wore a formal

gown of white Italian matte

satin featuring a strapless sil-

houette that was detailed with

an asymmetrical pleated front

drape trimmed with a beaded

applique. The carriage style back drape with overlay was compete with a chapel length

train. Her cathedral length veil

was edged with large scallops

and topped with two shorter fin-

gertip length tiers. Crystal

teardrops were attached at each

The bride carried a contempo-

The tradition of something

old, something new, something

borrowed, and something blue

was carried out by the bride.

The bride carried a satin-cov-

ered Bible that was carried and

signed by her mother and sever-

al relatives and friends. She also

carried her grandmother's blue handkerchief. Her handcrafted

rary cascading bouquet of white

Calla lilies and seeded eucalyp-

tus with gay lax leaves.

scallop.

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LaMaddelena, Italy, is getting hitched to

**Judith Ann Gorman** 

of Tring, England

on January 31, 2004 at 15:00 in Amarillo

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stationed in

Evan Inmon of Dumas .

sang "I Will Be Here."

Hunt and Tanner Hunt of

Dumas, cousins of the bride.

Hamby of Dumas and Garret

Galloway of Del Rio, TX,

cousin of the bride.

Shelly Lynn Hunt of Amarillo and Michael Andrew Etheredge of Dumas were united in marriage in an early evening ceremony Saturday, January 3, 2004, at the First United Methodist Church of Dumas with the Reverend Thacker Haynes of McLean, officiating.

Parents of the bride are Brady and Janis Hunt of Dumas . Grandparents of the bride are Frank and Genell Galloway and the late Morris and Billie Hunt,

all of Dumas. Honorary grandmother of the bride is Lydia Rivera of Dumas.

The groom is the son of Billy and Debbie Etheredge of Amarillo and the grandson of Dorsey and Lucille Schad of Gruver and Pete and Bessie Etheredge of Pampa.

Maid of Honor was Nikki Galloway of Flagstaff, Arizona, cousin of the bride.

Bridal attendants were Mrs. Laura Boggs, sister of the groom, Bentley Ross and Haley Ross, both cousins of the bride from Richland, TX, and Mrs. Kandy Pounds of Sunray, TX.

Serving as Best Man was Denny Pounds of Sunray with groomsmen Rowdy Boggs of Groom, brother -in-law of the groom; Cliff White and Jason Hays of Dumas; and Tyler

Pounds of College Station, TX. Ushers were Jake McDowell of Abilene, Tim Woods, of Amarillo, cousin of the bride; David Irwin of Lubbock, and Billy Bob Etheredge of

Amarillo, brother of the groom. Flower girls were Savanna Hamby of Dumas and Suzanne Schad of Gruver, cousin of the The Maid of Honor and

wedding ring was inlaid with

gold from her late grandmoth-

bridesmaids carried contemporary clutch bouquets of white Calla lilies wrapped with aspidistras leaves. The flower girls carried pomanders made up of moon vista carnations. The mothers and grandmothers wore corsages made of white Calla lilies. The guest registrars and musicians wore boutonnieres of white Calla lilies. The groom, best man, and groomsmen wore white two- fold handkerchiefs.

The sanctuary was decorated with contemporary rustic candlabrum with off-white pillar candles adorned with southern wild similax and white Calla lilies. The altar centerpiece was made of white Calla lilies, white spider mums, and gay lax leaves, and similax.

A wedding reception immediately following the service was held at the First Baptist Church of Dumas where the contemporary theme was followed through.

The guest tables were decorated with contemporary crystal vases with white Calla lilies with clear votive candles and marbles surrounding them.

The bride's table was decorated with a a large contemporary vase filled with white Calla lilies and curly willow. The cake was topped with white Calla

The groom's chocolate cake was decorated with chocolatedipped strawberries.

A buffet table was set with a sculptured ice bowl filled with fruit along with slate trays holding cheese and grapes. Brisket and ham were served with small buns along with cheese balls and crackers.

The servers at the reception at the bride and groom's tables were Brittany Womack of Lubbock. Cassie Doss of Amarillo, Anna Stribling of Canyon, and Randi Ferris of Channing.

Members of the houseparty were Mary Lynn Garth, Dorothy Beauchamp, Sheryl Frische, Jolando Cook, Jamie Sims, Daina Riehl, Carlene Leone, Sue Sims, and Callie Sims.

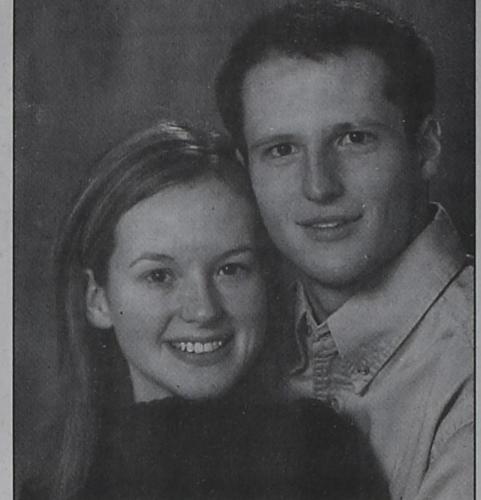
Piano music was provided during the reception by Mrs. Tamra Copeland.

Special out-of-town guests were Tiffany and Matt Skinner from Shreveport, LA; Todd Templeton of Dallas, Tyler Martin from Salina, KS, and Presley Watkins from Abilene.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Dumas High School and is a senior at West Texas A&M University where she is currently pursing a degree in Psychology and Math. She is employed by Amarillo National Bank where she works in the loan and mortgage department.

The groom graduated from High Plains Christian Academy in 1996. He is pursuing a degree in accounting at Amarillo College. He is self-employed in the agricultural field.

After a trip to Angel Fire, Taos, and Red River, NM, the couple will be making their home in Amarillo.



Engagement Announcement
James and Connie Walker of Sunray, TX announce the engage-

ment and approaching marriage of their daughter Courtney Jai Walker to Jon Tye Womble, formerly of Morse and now of Dumas. The prospective groom is the son of Bob and Suzie Womble of

A March 27, 2004 wedding is planned at the Sunray Baptist

Church in Sunray, TX. The bride - elect is a 2001 graduate of Sunray High School and is attending Amarillo College pursuing a degree in Office Administration. She is employed by Select Staff as a Process Safety Clerk at Valero Energy Corporation.

The prospective groom is a 1996 graduate of Gruver High School and a 2001 graduate of Texas Tech University. He is a mechanical engineer employed by Valero Energy Corporation.

It's A Girl!

Kaci Linn Davis was born on January 13, 2004 to Harold and Sunshine Davis of Perryton. She weighed 6pounds, 7 ounces and was 18 inches long.

Kaci was welcomed home by her big sister, 4 1/2-year-old Kylee

Proud grandparents are Ric and Sandee Smith of Spearman and M.B. Davis of Elk City, OK.

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GOODIES

# Among The Neighbors by Helen Fisher

La Rue Whitefield was taken to the Heart Center in Amarillo for open heart surgery during which she had three stints placed in her heart. It was performed on Friday and she was able to return home on Sunday. She is recovering but feels that it is very slow.

DeLinda McLaughlin and Iris Erickson of Perryton went together to Austin last week to attend regional convention of Memories Creative Organization. They were there three days.

In addition to attending the sessions they found time to tour the state capitol.

Phillip Turner was in Hansford Hospital with pneumonia for several days last week. He was able to go home on Tuesday.

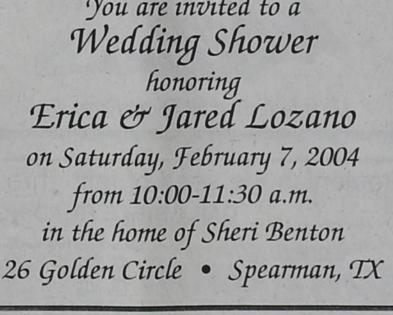
Members of the First Baptist Church are still speaking of the solo hymn by Vanessa Biggs in service last Sunday- her rendition was beautiful.

Vanessa, a former member of the church, is now living in Amarillo where she is employed in the business office of Northwest Texas hospital. She is the daughter of Wayne and Kathy Biggs of Spearman.

If you have information you would like to include in this column, you may submit it at the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman, TX 79081; or you may call (806) 659-3434; fax (806) 659-3368; or e--mail to CathyRSmit@aol.com.

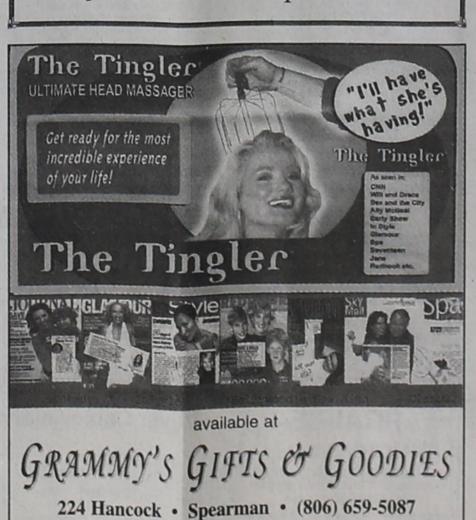
You are invited to a Wedding Shower honoring from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the home of Sheri Benton

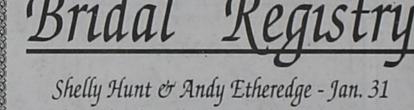
You are invited to a Wedding Shower honoring Grace (Davis) & Justin Calvert on Saturday, February 7, 2004 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the home of Sheri Benton 26 Golden Circle • Spearman, TX





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Lake Level--January 2004--27.06 feet (-0,11)

This reading is a little lower than the one last May when we began to get some rains. Jim didn't think the light, fluffy snow of this morning would help much.

The eagles are still around, and there are some geese, but not as many as other years. Jim. seeing white in the ducks, investigated and found they were the males of the common mergansers. They are considered fairly common in the Panhandle, but I don't remember ever seeing this large duck.

Two different groups of Scouts were using the Park Saturday evening.

An out-of-town group was in Dedication Park, and Doug Cummings had 4 Scouts on a learning trip. He gave them their coordinates, dropped them at the entrance with their gear, and then hid himself where the directions led.

I am assuming they found him, and then they all camped for the night.

If you would like to bird watch with the Panhandle group on Saturday, January 31st, be at the office at 10:00 a.m. Bring a

Bill Henderson, Early Day Outlaw

Cleon Roberts has developed information on the early years of Hansford County that may be of interest to area readers -including the fact that the county was home to a notorious cattle rustling band.

After the Battle of Adobe Walls and the Red River Wars had made the Panhandle safer for buffalo hunters, merchants and cattlemen, the legislators in Austin still had not taken their rulers and divided the Panhandle into counties. This later. bureaucratic slowness notwithbecome Hansford County had begun its slow growth.

Reynolds, put in a store close to the junction on the Palo Duro Creek where trails from Fort Dodge--Fort Bascom and from Granada, Colorado to Adobe Walls met. One of the first semi permanent dwellings, the home of Charles Newell and his family, was built along with other dugouts near the creek. In early spring Charley Newell brought his herd of cattle from Colorado

to his ranch near the store. We can confirm the existence of the Newell Ranch thanks to a tally sheet for the Palo Duro Store, dated September 17, 1875 which shows that Jim Cator had killed a number of buffalo at Big Hollow, at Newell's Ranch, and at the Store. Charles Goodnight and Thomas Bugbee were not to come to the area until 1876.

It was in the month of September that unwelcome visitors came to the Palo Duro country. A band of rustlers headed by John Adams and Henry Johnson had stolen 700 beeves from the post traders at Cantonment. They added to the herd by stealing cattle from a rich Texan called "Colonel" O. W. Wheeler on Commission Creek. Wheeler, foolishly as it turned out, followed the thieves with four well armed men. Badly outnumbered by the rustlers, Wheeler and his men were all killed in the shootout.

The thieves brought half of the stock on to the Palo Duro where they joined up with Bill Henderson and the rest of the gang. Henderson, down from Bent County, Colorado, had a minimum of twenty men and a maximum of 150 men. They held cattle, horses, and mules in the area, but due to their strength, the locals did not attack them.

The, post trader A. E. Reynolds tried to get a vigilante group together, but before he did, Bill Henderson was arrested in Colorado. With the cover of darkness and a fleet horse, Bill escaped from Colorado and spent another period of time on the Palo Duro. That winter he killed Jack Johnson, who was buried in a shallow grave near the grove of trees that became Near to Nature Park many years

Bill continued his wicked standing, the country that was to ways, moving down to Fort Griffin. Finally he was arrested at Dodge City and sent back to In the spring of 1875, Albany, Texas. On June 3, of 1876 on a Friday night, about 50 vigilantes overpowered the sheriff and jailer at Albany, took Henderson from the jail and hanged him with a man named Floyd a short distance from town. This ended the first organized rustlers in Hansford

Editor's Note: Gleaned from Charley Newell Shot! by Cleon

# by Merry Sparks

Thank you to the First Christian Church of Spearman for bringing church to the Manor. We appreciate you sharing your time and talents with

What can I say about exercise on Monday morning? Let's see, we celebrated Dolly Parton's birthday, Martin Luther King day, and the Everly Brothers. What a diverse mixture. It makes a fun program.

That afternoon we started a new program called "Make A Wish." The residents filled out forms outlining their wish. We all agreed and signed a statement that we would all work together to try to fulfill the wish that was drawn. Of course, there are rules. We had to agree to wish for things that are attainable. Each time we fulfill the wish drawn, we will draw a new one to work on.

The first wish drawn was by Irene Edwards who wished that her sister and great-niece and she could go to the Perryton Museum for a day. That wish took only about 10 minutes to get set up. When it is fulfilled I will let you know all about it. Also, when it is fulfilled, we will draw a new one to work on. The residents and staff seem to be excited and eager to work together to see someone's wish come true.

Thank you to Xi Zeta for sponsoring bingo Monday night. One of the highlights of the week!

Tuesday morning was rocking time with musercise to the music of Virginia Reel among

That afternoon we gathered in the activity room and started teaching residents how to play Mexican Train dominoes.

Wednesday morning was hearalded in with fresh. warm donuts from Kountry Donuts and a very interesting Bible study on how to hear God by Ann Whitaker.

The afternoon was spent decorating the heart-shaped boxes that the residents painted for Valentines Day. They are turning out really pretty with sequins, lace and glitter.

Thursday morning everyone lined up to begin olympic practice. We plan to have winter olympics in house with the residents again this year as it was such fun last year. We started by

practicing bowling with our new bowling mat, dart board, and a tar grip game. Velcro balls are thrown at targets and where they land, you receive the score that they hit.

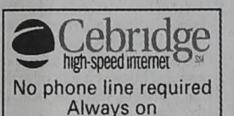
That afternoon the auxillary hosted bingo. Thank you auxil-

Friday morning was spent with an informative program on Chinese New Year. Much information was shared by Janie Kunselman and Ernestina Salgado who brought different items from China that their families had given them. We also had genuine Chinese food catered from Tong's Chinese Restaurant here in Spearman. The food was delicious.

Then there was a performance of the dragon dance. This is the year of the monkey so of course the head of the dragon was wearing a monkey face. It was fun with the sheets and crepe paper flying. I won't mention who the head monkey was. Sandi Foster, Ernestina, and Sharon Barkley carried the rest of the body and "drug up the rear of the dragon". What a

Friday afternoon was the monthly birthday party. We were blessed by the music of Steve Mathews and Charles Brillhart. Thank you guys!! They are very good and play by

The ever faithful auxillary served delicious pies. Thank you to the auxillary. We had several dancers and started line dancing. There was singing, dancing, and laughter abounding!! We had a great party with thanks going to Steve, Charles and the auxillary!!



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# The Gruver Grapevine

**Little Miss Frazier Arrives** Brian and Suzanne (Hart) Frazier of Cimmaron NM, proudly announce the birth of their daughter Kelli Kristin Frazier.

Born Tuesday, January 20, 2004, in Raton, NM, the little miss weighed six pounds and 11 ounces and was 19 and 1/2 inches long.

Miss Frazier's grandparents are Jon and Marilynn Hart of Gruver and Jerald and Nelda Frazier of Des Moines, NM.

Great grandparents are Betty Thieman of Tucson, AZ and Leila Frazier of Callahan, CO. Great-great-grandmother is Mildred Thieman of Colorado Springs.

The new arrival was welcomed by sisters Tessa Thoreson, 16, Marti Frazier, 8, and brother Dusty Frazier, 4.

**Community Care Concerns** Former resident Jerry Swink, was being taken out of a drug induced coma this week.

Swink, who suffered a fall resulting in a head injury earlier in the month, was responding to verbal commands.

Mike Johnson of the Morse community recently underwent back surgery. This week, his wife Carla had her turn with her own back surgery in Amarillo on Wednesday.

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**Academic UIL Preparation** Gruver High School students are spending their Friday tutorial period beefing up their UIL Academic skills in preparation

for the district meet March 31, and April 1. Parents, if your child is not in

a UIL academic event, encourage them to participate. Besides representing their schools, perfecting their skills, and adding to their high school resume, UIL offers thousands of dollars in scholarships for students who compete in the state UIL contest.

### **Pre-K Meeting Set**

A meeting to discuss the Gruver School District having an open Pre-K program will be held Thursday, February 5, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. in the school

The public is invited and encouraged to participate in this exchange of information.

### **Hoops in Boots**

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# Swan Announces Bid for **Hansford County Sheriff**

Lance A. Swan has placed his name among those seeking election in the March 9th Republican Primary for Hansford County

Lance, a lifelong resident of Hansford County, graduated from Spearman High School in 1989. He graduated in 1991 with an associates of Science Degree in Kinesiology from West Texas A&M University. Lance and his wife, Sally, returned to their hometown later that same year to build a home and fam-

In 1997, Lance completed his Bachelor of Science in Exercise Sports Science from Oklahoma Panhandle State University. He then began his own successful small business, Classic Carpet Care.

Upon graduation in August 1999 from Amarillo College Seventy-Ninth (79th) Police Academy, less than two months after the birth of his son, Reid, Lance began working for the Hansford County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff.

Lance is a trained K9 Officer. He and his K9, Casey, hold two national certifications in drug interdiction.



As a parent, I feel that drug interdiction is a high priority in Hansford County. We must all work together to help win this war that is raging in Hansford County.

I am dedicated to serving the citizens of Hansford County and feel my experience and training will be an asset

to the office of Sheriff. I love my job as a deputy and would like to have the opportunity to lead the Sheriff's Office during these difficult times. It will take a strong leader to streamline the department to continue to offer quality service under current budget

I feel I am qualified and dedicated to providing this leadership to the citizens of Hansford

Thank you for your support in the March 9th election.

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2003 Spearman High School All-District football players: (Back Row, L-R) Ricky Garcia, Kylie McGaha, Jeff Brock, Eric Flores; (Front Row, L-R) Marshall Hearon and Wayne Gibson

### SHS All-District Football

The District 6-AA All-District Football teams have been announced.

2nd Team Offense: Runningback - Clete Vanderburg, Lineman -Marshall Hearon

2nd Team Defense: Linebacker - Clete Vanderburg, Defensive End - Jeff Brock, Defensive Lineman - Wayne Gibson

Honorable Mention Offense: Center - Wayne Gibson, Tight End - Jeff Brock, Offensive Lineman - Eric Flores, Wide Receiver -Ricky Garcia

Honorable Mention Defense: Defensive Lineman - Kylie McGaha

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# **Hansford County Basketball**

### Spearman Lynxettes

January 20, 2004 Lynxettes 47, Panhandle, 34 L. Short 2, J. Short 6, C.

Smith 4, A. Flowers 5, K. Rex 18, S. Flowers 6, T. Hart 6 Coach's Comments: We played good team defense, and had a game that we shot really well from 3-point land and the Free-Throw line. Panhandle

had been playing well, so we feel good about beating them a second time.

January 20, 2004 Lynxettes 29, Canadian 56 L. Short 4, M. Harbour 3, J. Short 2, K. Goodheart 2, A. Flowers 3, K. Rex 7, T. Hart 2, J. Whitefield 6

Coach's Comments: We did not play well enough to beat a very good team on their home court. You have to give Canadian's defense a lot of credit for our offensive woes. We think we are capable of playing better against this type of team.

### JV Lynxettes - Prpl. January 20, 2004

Lynxettes 34, Panhandle 25 Tabatha Shields 6, Sonny Parker 6, Britta Vanderburg 4, Jordanna Lozano 13, Miranda Paul 3, Brittney Montgomery

Coach's Comments: We started slow. We turned our press into some easy baskets in the third quarter and that got us going. This was a win over the only district team to beat us

### January 23, 2004

Lynxettes 25, Canadian 39 Tabatha Shields 3, Sonny Parker 2, Britta Vanderburg 2, Jordanna Lozano 8, Brittney Montgomery 10

Coach's Comments: We didn't compete in the first quarter. Only two points separated the two teams in the second, third and fourth quarters. The girls fought hard late in the game, but we have to play four quarters to win.

### JV Lynxettes - White

January 19, 2004 Lynxettes 15, Canadian 34 Kaley Barns - 5, Adriana Mendoza - 2, Mallory Paul - 5, Jessica Brown - 3

Coach's Comments: We played a very competitive first half. In the second half, though, we didn't move as well on either side of the floor, and we had a hard time scor-

### Sanford-Fritch Tourney January 22nd-24th Round 1

Lynxettes 21, Perryton 14 Adriana Mendoza 8, Mallory Paul 6, Sara Barnes 6 Coach's Comments: We had a really good first half. The girls advance to the semifinals.

### Round 2

Lynxettes 21, Stratford 19 Kaley Barnes 4, Adriana Mendoza 5, Mallory Paul 4, Jessica Brown 2, Sara Barnes

Comments: Coach's Stratford beat us by 19 points one week ago. The girls played hard down the stretch and made some free-throws to win the game. This win advances us to the finals of the tournament.

### Round 3 - Finals

### Lynxettes 23, Perryton 36 Kaley Barnes 3, Adriana Mendoza 5, Mallory Paul 6, Jessica Brown 3, Sara Barnes

Coach's Comments: The girls played well in this tournament. We won two close games and finished as a runner-up in the tournament. The girls worked hard.

### 8th Grade Lynxettes

January 19, 2004 Lynxettes 26, Panhandle 28

### 7th Grade Lynxettes January 19, 2004

Lynxettes 25, Panhandle 16

### **Gruver Greyhounds**

Gruver 46, Stratford 47 Lance Williams 4, Carlos Borunda 12, Matt Messer 2, Cody Mac Been 16, Reid Winger 13, Stephen Salazar 2.

Although leading most of the game, a late Elk basket gave the Hounds their first district defeat.

### Hounds 38, Sunray 36

Brock Irwin 2, Lance Williams 4, Carlos Borunda 10, Matt Messer 4, Cass Cooper 3, Cody Mac Been 9, Reid Winger 2, Stephen Salazar 4.

The score was tied at 31 at the end of the third quarter. With the Hounds ahead by 2 with 16 seconds in the game, the ball went to Sunray. Sunray's last effort shot failed, and the victory went to the Hounds.

The win gave the Hounds top billing in district play with a 4-1 record.

### **Lady Hounds**

Lady Hounds 45 Stratford

Lindsey Clift 4, Lauren Urban 19, Laina Grotegut 3, Laci Fitzgearld 2, Liz Lopez 1, Rachelle Holt 4, Cassie Myatt

The Lady Hounds, not intimidated by the state ranking of the Lady Elks, gave Stratford a 45-30 schooling on the fine art of basketball.

# Lady Hounds 27, Sunray 33

Lindsey Clift 4, Lauren Urban 4, Laina Grotegut 8, Laci Fitzgearld 3, Kelly Jones 1, Rachelle Holt 4, Cassie

The Lady Hounds, hot off a big win on Tuesday night over Stratford, couldn't get their shots to fall and fell to a quick Lady Cat team

The Lady Hounds' loss put them in a three-way tie for first place in district with Sunray and Stratford, all having records of 3-2.

### Gruver JV Lady Hounds JV Lady Hounds 9, Stratford

Jessica Vela 2, Bonnie Frick 1, S. Flores 3, Vicki Vela 3.

JV Lady Hounds 30, Sunray

Kellyn King 2, Bonnie Frick 2. Sarah Mireles 13. Callie Hargis 10.

### **Gruver JV Hounds** JV Hounds 46 Stratford 22

Crispin Borunda 11, Pedro Bonilla 4, Tyler Lane 13,

### Tucker Williams 2, Conrad vs. Gruver Curry 2, Brian Johnson 10, Baldermero Garcia 2.

JV Hounds vs. Sunray Tanner Irwin 4, Pedro Bonilla 7, Tyler Lane 7, Tucker Williams 6, Conrad Curry 6, Brian Johnson 4, Blaine Tolleson 2

### Gruver Jr. High Basketball **Tournament** January 29th & 31st

Gruver Junior High will host their annual Basketball Tournament next weekend, January 29th and 31st. Schedule as follows. (Team listed last is home.)

Round 1 Thursday: Activity Center -7:30 p.m., 7th Boys, Spearman vs. Gruver; 8:45 p.m., 7th Girls, Spearman vs. Gruver; Varsity Gym - 7:30 p.m., 8th Girls, Spearman vs. Gruver; 8:45 p.m., 8th Boys, Spearman Sanford-Fritch vs. Gruver

Round 2 Saturday: Activity Center -9 a.m., 7th Girls, Spearman vs. Sanford-Fritch; 10:15 a.m., 7th Boys, Spearman vs. Sanford-Fritch; 11:30 a.m., 8th Girls, Spearman vs. Sanford-Fritch; 12:45 p.m., 8th Boys, Spearman vs. Sanford-Fritch; Varsity Gym - 9 a.m., 7th Girls, Sunray vs. Gruver; 10:15 a.m., 7th Boys, Sunray vs. Gruver; 11:30 a.m., 8th Girls, Sunray vs. Gruver; 12:45 p.m., 8th Boys, Sunray

### vs. Gruver Round 3

Saturday: Activity Center -2:15 p.m., 7th Girls, Spearman vs. Sunray; 3:30 p.m., 7th Boys, Spearman vs. Sunray; 4:45 p.m., 8th Girls, Spearman vs. Sunray; 6 p.m., 8th Boys, Spearman vs. Sunray; Varsity Gym - 2:15 p.m., 7th Girls, Sanford-Fritch vs. Gruver; 3 p.m., 7th Boys, Sanford-Fritch vs. Gruver; 4:45 p.m., 8th Girls, Sanford-Fritch vs. Gruver; 6 p.m., 8th Boys,

### SCHOOL NEWS

There will be no school Friday, February 13. The Hansford County Livestock Show will be held Friday, February 13, and Saturday, February 14, in the Gruver County Barn.

### Spearman High School

Cross X Debate members will travel to Canyon for contest at West Texas A&M University January 30th.

The band solo and ensemble contest will be February 6 and 7, at West Texas A&M University

### Spearman Jr. High

Spearman girls and boys teams will compete in the Gruver Junior High Tournament January 29 and 31.

Choir and ensemble contest will be held January 31.

The band solo and ensemble contest will be held February 6 and 7.

An immunization clinic will be held Thursday, February 12th from 10:30-12 noon and 1-3:30 p.m.

February 13th will be the end of the fourth six weeks.

### **Gus Birdwell Elementary**

First graders will be presenting the Program "USA" Friday, January

The third and fifth grades will travel to Amarillo, Wednesday, February 4, to view the musical "Grease." The trip is being sponsored

An immunization clinic will be held Thursday, February 12th from 10:30-12 noon and 1-3:30 p.m. \*

Valentine parties will be February 12

### **Gruver High School** The band solo and ensemble contest will be January 30.

Representatives of Oklahoma Panhandle State University will meet with Gruver seniors during tutorials on February 3.

Lions Club guests for February 4 will be Diana Lopez and Luis

The ACT test will be administered in Gruver on February 13. The test will begin at 8:00 a.m. Students are urged to be present by 7:45

# Gruver Jr. High

### The annual Gruver Junior High Basketball Tourney will be held Thursday, January 29 and Saturday, January 31.

**Gruver Elementary** Valentine parties will be held Thursday, February 12.

Extended days to prepare students for upcoming TAKS tests will be February 16-19 for fourth grade writing, and February 23-26 for third grade reading. The TAKS test for fourth grade writing will be Feb. 24.

February 18 will be picture day.

A book fair will be held in the library February 17-20.

The second grade will present the play "Little Grunt" Friday, February 20. Pringle-Morse CISD

The Cougars will travel to Booker for games Monday, February 2, eginning at 5 p.m.

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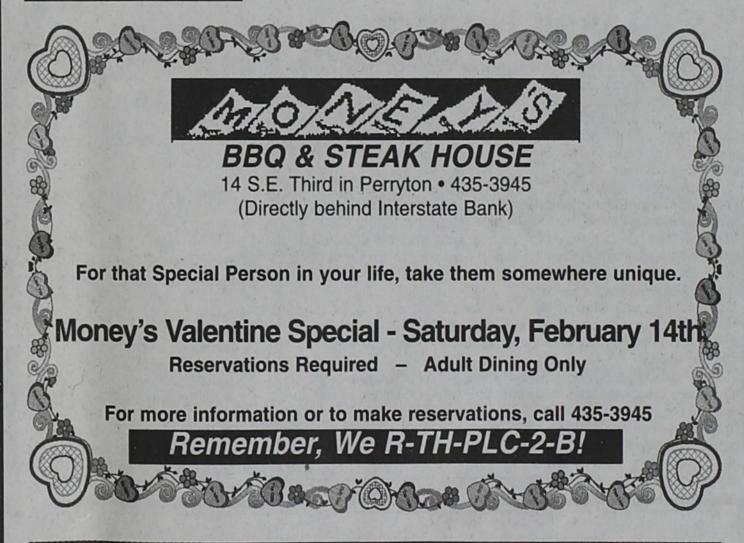
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# **Academic UIL Results**

Gruver Elem.

Gruver Elementary was awarded second place overall in the UIL Academic competition. The events and students scor-

ing points were: 3rd Grade

Music Memory: 1st - Team of Cale Curry, Callie Stedje, Paula Terrazas, Korbin Irwin Ready Writing: 2nd -Maggie

Spelling: 1st - Maggie Key,

2nd - Dallas Reynolds, 4th -Korbin Irwin 4th Grade

Art Smart: 3rd - Team of Kaysha Bass, Kramer King, Daniela Luciano, Ashlynn Miner and Ali Tyler

Music Memory: 1st - Shelley Gibson, Madison McLain, Yesenia Monroy and Ali Tyler Number Sense: 1st - Shelley Gibson

Ready Writing: 1st -Madison McLain, 2nd - Shelley Gibson

Gruver Jr. High Gruver Junior High swept

first place honors in district Academic UIL competition. The events and students scoring points were:

5th Grade Dictionary Skills: 6th - Jesus

Balderrama Listening Skills: 1st -Mariela Barrera, 2nd - Shelby

Williams Maps, Graphs, and Charts: 3rd - Mary Hart, 5th - Colton Moffett

Art Smart: 2nd - Team of Colton Moffett, Cambry Copper, Zach Logsdon, Crysto Ortiz and Luis Munoz

Music Memory: 2nd - Team of Mariela Barrera, Gabriela Barrera and Shelby Wagner Number Sense: 3rd - Shelby

Williams, 5th - Mary Hart Spelling: 4th - Shane Atwood

6th Grade Dictionary Skills: 2nd Mary Barron, 5th - Katie

Listening: 4th - Reagan Karlin, 6th - Cory Graves

Maps, Graphs and Charts: 1st - Drew Mireles, 4th - Luli Hernandez

Calculator Applications: 5th - Katie Gibson, 6th - Mary Barron

Mathematics: 1st - Katie Gibson

**SHS Forensics Team** 

**Takes Honors** 

Tournament, Spearman High School took second place in the

Sweepstakes award, being narrowly edged out by Quanah and won

eight individual awards, including four trophies and four medals.

Competing in the Annual Texas Tech Raider Speech

Winners included Russell Sheets who received a third place in

United States Extemporaneous, a third place in Cold Interpretation,

and a fifth place in Poetry. He was named the outstanding speaker

Other winners included Cristal Alvarado who placed fifth in

Prose, Linzi McCubbin who won fourth in Prose and fifth in Cold

Interpretation.. The Cross X Debate team of Si Li Tang and

Maribell Moreno, who are in their first year of debate, progressed

to the semi-finals of Policy Debate where they were defeated by

the A team from Amarillo High. they went on to receive a second

Other debaters were Mark Thomas and Jeremy Ashby who

Spearman High School currently has 35 speech team members

who have competed on the circuit this year. Fourteen of the stu-

dents have national degrees of merit from the National Forensic

League and one student, Russell Sheets, has been honored with the

coveted degree of "Special Distinction of Honor" for his outstand-

placed third in preliminaries and missed the semi-finals by one

point, and Timberly Thomas and Christian Hunter who were first

Music Memory: 4th - Team of Cory Graves, Reagan Karlin,

in the 2-A division.

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place trophy in Novice Debate.

ing work in the arena of Forensics

Leigh Anne Winger, Caleb Miller and Riley Urban Spelling: 1st - Katie Gibson,

4th - Drew Mireles Ready Writing: 4th - Leigh Anne Winger

7th Grade Dictionary Skills: 2nd -Lynn Vela

Editorial Writing: 1st -Miles Messer, 4th - Lynn Vela, 5th - Mallory Reid

Impromptu Speaking: 1st -Sydney Clawson, 2nd - Lynn

Listening: 4th - Miles Messer, 5th - Miranda Baird Maps, Graphs, and Charts:

3rd - Lynn Vela Modern Oratory: 1st -Lindsey Mireles, 4th - Lynn

Vela, 5th - Miles Messer Number Sense: 3rd - Matt Salazar Oral Reading: 6th - Devlin

Reynolds Ready Writing: 1st - Lynn

Vela, 2nd - Miles Messer, 4th -Devlin Reynolds Spelling: 4th - Lindsey

Mireles

8th Grade Calculator Applications: 3rd

- Maydeli Ortiz Dictionary Skills: 1st -Maydeli Ortiz, 2nd - Seth Thompson, 5th - Yadira Garcia Editorial Writing: 1st - Abbi

Impromptu Speaking: 1st -Tanner Sherrill

Listening Skills: 2nd - Abbi Maps, Graphs, and Charts:

1st - Seth Thompson, 5th -Maydeli Ortiz Modern Oratory: 1st -

Yadira Garcia, 2nd - Abbi Yanke, 4th - Seth Thompson Ready Writing: 3rd - Kayla

Spelling: 1st - Maydeli Ortiz

Gus Birdwell Elem.

Spearman Elementary placed

fourth in the UIL Academic of all student taking 12 or more The events and students scor-

ing points were: 2nd Grade Storytelling: 2nd - James

Sowder, 3rd - Sydney McDonald 3rd Grade

Ready Writing: 1st - Paige Pierson, 2nd - Eryrn Saenz Spelling: 3rd - Crystal Cantu Storytelling: 1st - Paige

4th Grade Number Sense: 3rd - Derrick Zimmerman, 4th - Margarita

Oral Reading: 2nd - Gately

Ready Writing: 6th - Gately

5th Grade Art Smart: 4th - Team of Marcos Vargas, Jessica Pinon, Lexi Painter, DeDee Vaquera, and Ramon Garcia

Spelling: 3rd - Jessica Bueno Dictionary Skills: 2nd - Tori Sheets, 3rd - Jessica Pinon Listening Skills: 2nd - Stevie

Couch Music Memory: 2nd - Team of Jessica Pinon, Tori Sheets, and Nikki Boyd

Number Sense: 4th - Trent Goodheart, 5th - Seth Salgado Oral Reading: 6th - Tori Sheets

Spearman Jr. High Spearman Junior High placed fourth in the UIL Academic

The events and students scoring points were:

6th Grade Dictionary Skills: 3rd - Rosa Ortiz, 5th - Leanna Espinosa Oral Reading: 5th - Sutton

Maps, Graphs, and Charts: 1st - Tate Batton, 2nd - David Salazar, 4th - Whitney Maestas Mathematics: 6th - Kathryna Ceniza

Calculator: 1st - Jose Ibarra Spelling: 6th - Andi Linn Scarborough

7th Grade Oral Reading: 5th - Destiny

Listening Skills: 3rd - Seth

Coates Dictionary Skills: 3rd - Dee

Dee DeLaRosa, 4th - Dylan

Spelling: 2nd - Ashley Close, 6th - Cha'tae Avila Ready Writing: 3rd - Ashley

Close Calculator: 2nd - Brenda Ortiz

Mathematics: 6th - Cha'tae Maps, Graphs, and Charts:

Number Sense: 3rd - Brett Winegarner, 4th - Haley Smith Impromptu Speaking: 1st -Bond Pittman

1st - Dylan Sumner, 4th - Tyler

8th Grade Listening Skills: 2nd -

Christy Lang Spelling: 3rd - Janica Ceniza Ready Writing: 4th - Kyla

Impromptu Speaking: 1st -Amy Boyd, 4th - Clara Kern,

6th - Jesse Moreno Dictionary Skills: 3rd -Miriam Mendoza, 5th - Crystal Bridwell

Maps, Graphs, and Charts: 3rd - Cristal Bridwell, 6th -

Number Sense: 6th - Jesse Moreno

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credit hours who post a GPA of 3.45 or Better.

Rice University

John Brock of Spearman has been named to the President's Honor Roll at Rice University. To be named to the President's Honor Roll, a student must have taken at least 12 semester hours with a GPA of 3..5 or above.

John Brock, Humanities major, was named to the Western Athletic Conference All Academic Team.

To be named to the team, an athlete must have competed at least one academic year and have at least a 3.2 cumulative GPA as well as participating in at least fifty percent of the team's contest.

Rice university had 13 football players receiving this honor, which was the most of any school in the WAC.

**Texas Tech University** 

Mark Stephen Mathews, a senior, majoring in Restaurant, and Institutional Hotel, Management, Doran Henry Schoenhals, a senior, majoring in Exercise and Sports Sciences, Samantha Lynn Johnson, a freshman majoring Architecture, and Jason Patrick TeBeest, a senior majoring in Agric Eco/General Business, have been named to the Dean's List at Texas Tech University for the Fall 2003 Semester.

To be named to the Dean's List, a students must have taken

12 quality hours during the semester and maintained either a GPA of 3.5-3.9.

Texas Tech University has announced the following graduates for the Fall of 2003: Michael Evan Cudd, BA in The Deans List is comprised Telecommunications, Maribel Martinez, MS in Atmospheric Science, Markus Ahren Schick, BS in Mechanical Engineering, Sammy Rolando Renteria, MS in Agricultural and Applied Economics, and Lanna Camille Smith who graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BBA in

West Texas A&M Univ.

Degrees were officially conferred on 437 West Texas A&M University students during fall commencement exercises Dec. 13 at the WTAMU Event Center. The University awarded 350 baccalaureate and 87 master's degrees.

Graduates from Gruver included Amber L. Holland, BS in Interdisciplinary Studies; James C. Potts, BS in Social Sciences; and Jody Robinson, BBA Management. Graduates from Spearman included Keith R. Winegarner, BBA in General Business.

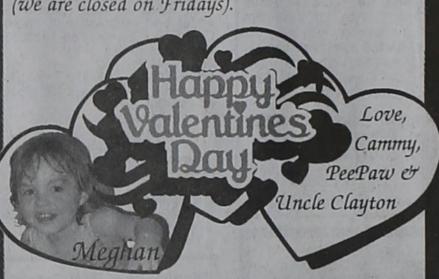


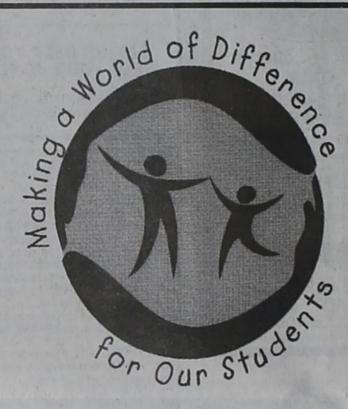
Statesman's Valentine picture page. Photos of your children, grandchildren, sweetheart, spouse or special valentine will be published in the February 12th newspaper.

Deadline for bringing photos to the paper will be noon on Monday, February 9th. Your pictures will be available for pickup after the Valentine weekend. Any size photo is okay.

The cost is \$14 per picture (must be pre-paid). Pictures that require a larger space will be slightly higher.

Bring your pictures and information to the Reporter-Statesman office during business hours (we are closed on Fridays).





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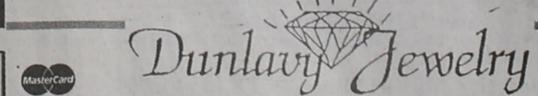
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