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## IN THE NEWS

**Roads Out of Baghdad Become No-Go Zones**  
Iraq's National Assembly met for the first time Wednesday. The session was rattled by nearby mortar shells.

**Hizbollah Vows to Keep Weapons, Syria Withdraws**  
The Shi'ite Muslim Hizbollah group said on Wednesday it would not lay down its weapons despite U.S. pressure, as Syrian intelligence agents pulled out of Beirut and large parts of Lebanon.

**Caribbean Vulnerable to Tsunami, Study Finds**  
Large cracks off the coast of Puerto Rico show there is a strong chance of quakes, landslides and tsunamis in the Caribbean region, geologists said on Wednesday.

**Bush Insists Iraq Coalition Not Crumbling**  
President Bush insisted Wednesday the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq was not crumbling and he shrugged off Italy's decision to begin pulling troops from Iraq by September.

**Israeli Forces Hand Over Jericho in Boost to Abbas**  
Israeli forces transferred control of Jericho to the Palestinians Wednesday, a move likely to help Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas commit militants to a cease-fire so he can talk peace with Israel.

**Syrians Withdraw, Lebanon PM Urges Halt to Rallies**  
Syrian intelligence agents pulled out of Beirut and large parts of Lebanon Wednesday, a major step toward meeting U.S. and Lebanese opposition demands for Syria to release its grip on its small neighbor.

**India, U.S. Hit Snags Over Iran, Arms to Pakistan**  
Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's visit to India as part of a shift toward closer ties hit potentially serious snags Wednesday over a pipeline from Iran and possible sales of F-16 jets to Pakistan.

**Iraqi Parliament Meets But No Deal on Government**  
Iraq's parliament met for the first time Wednesday more than six weeks after it was elected, but rival blocs were unable to agree on a government and insurgents marked the meeting with a mortar barrage.

**N. Korea Says No Talks Without U.S. Retraction**  
North Korea ruled out on Wednesday a return to stalled six-way talks on its nuclear weapons programs unless the United States retracted its labeling of Pyongyang as an "outpost of tyranny."

**Senators Want More Money for Highways, Transit**  
U.S. senators said on Wednesday that they want to boost long-term highway and transit funding despite a White House veto threat to hold the line at \$284 billion.

**Actor Robert Blake Acquitted of Murdering Wife**  
A jury found actor Robert Blake not guilty on Wednesday of the 2001 murder of his estranged wife and also acquitted the former "Baretta" star of soliciting a former stuntman to have her killed.

**Senate Defeats Measure Making Tax Cuts Harder**  
The U.S. Senate on Wednesday narrowly defeated a measure that would have made it harder to push through tax cuts favored by President Bush.

**Senators Propose Reforms for Pentagon Intelligence**  
Two lawmakers from the Senate Committee on Armed Services proposed a bipartisan intelligence reform measure on Wednesday that would give the incoming U.S. intelligence czar a single contact in the Pentagon bureaucracy.

**Wolfowitz at World Bank: A Bumpy Ride?**  
Bush's nomination is seen as complicating efforts to smooth out relations with other nations.

## WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

**THURSDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. West winds 15 to 20 mph.

**FRIDAY** - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. North winds 10 to 20 mph.

**FRIDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Northwest winds around 10 mph shifting to the southwest after midnight.

**SATURDAY** - Partly cloudy. Highs around 60.

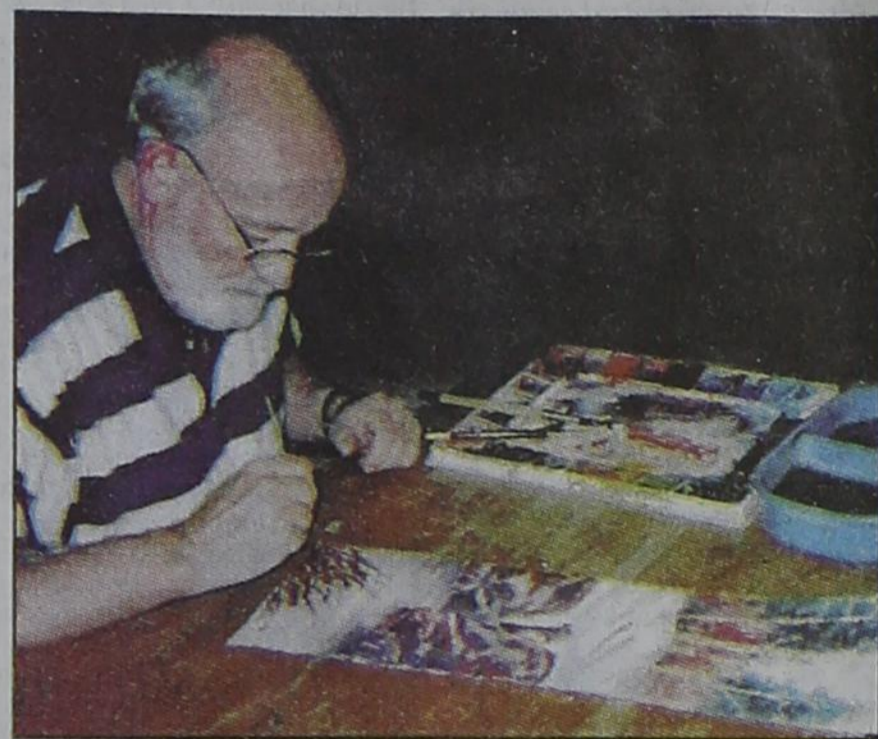
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## Artist Birdsong to be in Spearman



Jon Birdsong works on a painting during a workshop.

Artist Jon Birdsong will be at the Zulu Art Academy and Gallery on Friday, March 18th from 6:30-8 p.m. His work will be available for viewing and purchase at the Zulu Art Academy and Gallery for the next month. He will also present a workshop at Spearman High School on Friday.

Although the beautiful landscape of New Mexico now consumes his interest, the Texas Panhandle, an area of vastness and isolation, has been Jon Birdsong's inspiration for most of his art career.

Birdsong's works reflect the beauty of many regions of the country. Paintings characterized by moody skies, nostalgic buildings, trees with character, weathered fences and barns, old "out to pasture" vehicles and farm implements, and a smattering of wildlife have earned Birdsong nation wide appeal.

Preferring to work with watercolor, Birdsong's technique is basically wet-into-wet with dry brush in the final stages. He utilizes a limited palette which he feels sets the mood of his subject matter.

He has won several prestigious awards, making his works, which are sold through major galleries in Texas and New Mexico, in great demand. He first received national prominence when President Gerald Ford accepted a Birdsong painting to hang in the White House. In addition, his work was recently added to Governor Jim Guy Tucker's collection.

Birdsong has coupled his natural talent with a love of teaching. He earned his undergraduate degree with certifications in social studies and art and completed a master's of education degree from West Texas State University. He has been an art instructor in the public school system for 20 years, has taught courses on the university level and conducts 10-15 watercolor workshops each year.

Birdsong prefers to do his painting in his home studio, but spends much of his time at his studio/gallery on South Avenue B in Portales. He and his wife, Ronnie, welcome those interested in workshops to write for information and dates, and invite visitors to their Portales studio. (Birdsong Studio, 1400 South Avenue B, Portales, New Mexico 88130, 505-714-0502)

## Editorial

As the editor of the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, I have read many, many "thank you" notes extended to the citizens of Spearman. I can't tell you how many of them included the phrase "We are so blessed to live in such a caring and generous community" (or something to that effect), and I have to agree.

Spearman is indeed a caring and generous community. When someone faces surgery, illness, death, or numerous other trials, this community comes together to share the burden - especially when it involves a child.

As a typical rural community, we pride ourselves on the achievements of our children. We come together to support them when they compete in events such as sports, band, theater, etc., and we provide them with the best possible equipment.

Don't they also deserve the best possible learning environment? I believe in our children, and I believe in our community. Please consider voting for the bond election on Saturday, April 23rd.

## Spearman ISD Issues Bond Election

On February 14th, the Board of Trustees of the Spearman Independent School District called for a bond election in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000. The proceeds from the bond will be used to construct a new junior high school to replace the existing junior building (which was built in 1930), to renovate and enlarge the existing elementary school, to build a new elementary/junior high cafeteria, and to provide better parking and safer traffic flow around the elementary/junior high campuses.

The proposed plan was determined by the Board of Trustees to be the most cost-effective.

A pressing concern for the Board of Trustees was how to bring the Junior High restroom facilities into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The current restrooms at the junior high do not meet ADA standards, and the District has been mandated by the Office of Civil Right (OCR) to bring these facilities into immediate compliance.

A previous engineering study stated that because the exterior of the junior high school is non-reinforced load-bearing walls, no significant modifications are allowed to the interior of the building without structural overhaul. The only feasible alternative, besides building a new junior high facility, is to construct new restroom facilities adjacent to the existing junior building.

In addition to the restroom dilemma, there are other maintenance issues, including a boiler, plumbing, asbestos and termites, as well as safety concerns due to the parking and traffic flow around the elementary and junior high campuses. Both buildings also lack instructional classroom space to meet the needs for the current curriculum and programs.

The bond election has been set for Saturday, April 23, 2005. If approved by the voters, the bond issue is projected to increase taxes an estimated 35¢ per year per \$100 of taxable property. The proposed length of the bond is for 30 years. (For taxpayers 65 years of age or older who have applied for and received the Age 65 Freeze, the school taxes on their homestead will not increase from this bond.)

Questions can be addressed by contacting any school board member or the Superintendent, Rodney Sumner, at 659-3233. For those who have Internet access, additional information can be obtained at [www.spearmanisd.com](http://www.spearmanisd.com) under the Board of Trustees section.



## Spearman farmer elected to Texas Soybean Board

Richard Raun, Chairman of the Texas Soybean Board and a farmer from El Campo, recently announced the results of the Soybean Board's recent election. Mike Skinner, a producer from Spearman has been elected to serve a six year term on the board and will represent the High Plains and Panhandle areas of Texas.

Skinner has been producing milo, wheat, corn, alfalfa, and soybeans for 33 years on the family farm that was established by his grandparents. He returned to the farm after receiving his degree from OU. With assistance from his family, they have built on-farm grain storage. Always looking for ways to diversify, Skinner learned the best methods of growing, formulating, and producing feed for area livestock from courses at Texas Tech. He currently is focusing on high quality alfalfa feed for horses and dairies.

As soybean producers face the challenges of continued low prices and Asian Soybean Rust, Skinner says, "It is during the hardest of times that he feels there is the most benefit from being diversified." He looks forward to working with local producers on ways to market their soybeans and increase their profit margin.

Skinner is amazed by the number of new uses that are being developed for soybeans (home insulation, printer ink, truck bed liners) and is especially interested in the

use of soybean oil for biodiesel. He hopes to work on increasing the availability of soydiesel in the area and encourages producers to ask for it at their local fuel supplier.

The Texas Soybean Board is responsible for the allocation of the soybean checkoff. All soybean producers pay the checkoff (1/2 of 1% of the net value of the soybeans) when they sell their soybeans. One half of all funds collected remain in

Texas for education and research purposes. The remaining funds are sent to the United Soybean Board and pooled with funds from across the nation for larger projects (development of new uses, international marketing, and production research). The state board is made up of 9 producers from across Texas. They are elected by their fellow producers to serve 6 year terms.

## Filing closes for school board, city elections

Joe Garcia and Mark Murray added their names to the list of candidates filing for the two expiring seats on the Spearman ISD School Board. They join incumbents Carol Dunnihoo and Dwayne Mitchell who filed earlier.

Gruver ISD posts three people filing for two positions. Lee Bob Harper, Tracy Venneman and Davin Winger will vie for the two seats being vacated by incumbents Jody Irwin and Terry Sherrill.

Pringle Morse CISD will not hold an election as only the incumbents Jon Tolleson, Clyde McCloy Robin Wilson filed for the three seats that are expiring.

In the Spearman City Commission race, Kathy Boyd has filed, along with incumbents Brian Gillispie, Alfred Avila and Ron Antalek.

In the Gruver City Commission race, Kenny Red and incumbent Mark Irwin have filed for mayor, and incumbent Johnnie Williams has filed for city commissioner.

The deadline for filing for the city commission in both Gruver and Spearman and the school board in Gruver, Morse and Spearman was 5 p.m. on Monday, March 7th.

## USDA Rural Development announces grants

Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today USDA Rural Development is accepting applications for the Value-Added Producer Grant Program. Funding in the amount of \$14.3 million is available to develop value-added agriculture business ventures and develop alternative sources of renewable energy which support President Bush's energy plan to develop alternative sources of renewable energy.

The Value-Added Producer Grant Program provides competitive grant funds for one of the two following activities: (1) to support the planning activities needed to establish a viable value-added marketing opportunity for an agricultural product or (2) to acquire working capital to operate a value-added business venture that will allow producers to better compete in domestic and international markets.

"This grant will help agricultural producers become more profitable through value-added agricultural business opportunities," said Daniel. "In addition, priority consideration will be given to those grant applications that have at least 51% of project costs dedicated to activities for a bio-energy project." Grants are available to independ-

ent producers, agricultural producer groups, farmer or rancher cooperatives, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures. Eligible applicants applying under the renewable energy category must include energy projects generated through the use of agricultural commodities, wind, water or solar power. The maximum award for the planning grant is \$100,000 and the maximum award for the working capital grant is \$150,000. Applications must be completed and submitted no later than May 6, 2005. For more information on the Value-Added Producer Grant, please contact Billy Curb, Business and Cooperative Specialist, (254) 742-9775 or visit the website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity, USDA Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting the web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

## City of Gruver steps up animal control

Due to the recent rise in rabies cases in Hansford County the City of Gruver will step up their animal control policies to insure the safety of it's residents.

The City of Spearman employs an animal control officer, Pablo Perez, who continuously patrols the community for stray animals.

All dogs running at large will be impounded and not released without proper proof of current rabies vaccinations. Also a citation will be given to each owner for not obeying the City Ordinance along with the regular impound fees.

By imposing these extra penalties and regulations the City hopes that dog owners will be more conscientious of their pets safety as well as the safety of their neighbors.

For more information, contact the City of Gruver at 733-2424 or the Spearman Police Department at 659-3707.

# Live, Laugh & Love



by Catherine R. Smith  
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*My friends Cindy and Roy Ballard of Dallhart sent me the following story. I found it very touching with a very good message. I hope you enjoy it.*

*Jack took a long look at his speedometer before slowing down: 73 in a 55 zone. Fourth time in as many months. How could a guy get caught so often?*

*When his car had slowed to 10 miles an hour, Jack pulled over, but only partially. Let the cop worry about the potential traffic hazard. Maybe some other car will tweak his backside with a mirror. The cop was stepping out of his car, the big pad in hand.*

*Bob? Bob from Church? Jack sunk farther into his trench coat. This was worse than the coming ticket. A cop catching a guy from his own church. A guy who happened to be a little eager to get home after a long day at the office. A guy he was about to play golf with tomorrow.*

*Jumping out of the car, he approached a man he saw every Sunday, a man he'd never seen in uniform.*

*"Hi, Bob. Fancy meeting you like this."*

*"Hello, Jack." No smile.*

*"Guess you caught me red-handed in a rush to see my wife and kids."*

*"Yeah, I guess." Bob seemed uncertain. Good.*

*"I've seen some long days at the office lately. I'm afraid I bent the rules a bit - just this once."*

*Jack toed at a pebble on the pavement. "Diane said something about roast beef and potatoes tonight. Know what I mean?" "I know what you mean. I also know that you have a reputation in our precinct." Ouch. This was not going in the right direction. Time to change tactics.*

*"What'd you clock me at?"*

*"Seventy. Would you sit back in your car please?"*

*"Now wait a minute here, Bob. I checked as soon as saw you. I was barely nudging 65." The lie seemed to come easier with every ticket.*

*"Please, Jack, in the car."*

*Flustered, Jack hunched himself through the still-open door. Slamming it shut, he stared at the dashboard. He was in no rush to open the window.*

*The minutes ticked by. Bob scribbled away on the pad.*

*Why hadn't he asked for a driver's license?*

*Whatever the reason, it would be a month of Sundays before Jack ever sat near this cop again. A tap on the door jerked his head to the left. There was Bob, a folded paper in hand Jack rolled down the window a mere two inches, just enough room for Bob to pass him the slip.*

*"Thanks." Jack could not quite keep the sneer out of his voice.*

*Bob returned to his police car without a word. Jack watched his retreat in the mirror. Jack unfolded the sheet of paper. How much was this one going to cost?*

*Wait a minute. What was this? Some kind of joke?*

*Certainly not a ticket. Jack began to read:*

*"Dear Jack, Once upon a time I had a daughter. She was six when killed by a car. You guessed it- a speeding driver. A fine and three months in jail, and the man was free. Free to hug his daughters, all three of them. I only had one, and I'm going to have to wait until Heaven before I can ever hug her again.*

*A thousand times I've tried to forgive that man. A thousand times I thought I had. Maybe I did, but I need to do it again. Even now. Pray for me. And be careful, Jack, my son is all I have left."*

*"Bob"*

*Jack turned around in time to see Bob's car pull away and head down the road. Jack watched until it disappeared. A full 15 minutes later, he too, pulled away and drove slowly home, praying for forgiveness and hugging a surprised wife and kids when he arrived.*

*Life is precious. Handle with care.*

*Drive safely and carefully.*

*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 :)

## Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

### Column Correction

In reporting the board meeting last week, I erroneously left out Mildred Becker's name from those who attended. Not only did Mildred attend, but she chaired the meeting. Mildred, forgive me for overlooking your presence.

### Museum Happenings

Well, we are happy again. Our second boss is back. Dorothy Schoenhals returned from her winter vacation down South. She was full of energy and work when she returned to the museum on Wednesday. Welcome back, Dorothy.

### Lipscomb County History

Beginning in 1964 in the Higgins News, a column began to appear that told stories of the early settlers and happenings in Lipscomb County. The columns were written under the pseudonym of Prairie Dog. Keeping his reader's guessing his identity for many issues brought great delight to the author and the community. He called the column "Memories of By Gone Days".

Prairie Dog was the pin name for Jewell LaGeal Dixon. Mr. Dixon was born August 1, 1900, in

Marshall, Missouri. In February of 1908, the Dixons moved to Lipscomb County. After quitting school when he was sixteen, Geal worked on farms and ranches in the area. Then, after working on Highway 60, he ran a service station in Higgins until the year of the tornado, 1947, after which, he went into the burlap bag business full-time, operating the Higgins Bag Company until 1966.

Mr. Dixon was elected as county commissioner of Precinct no. 4 in 1958 and took office January 1, 1959. He was re-elected to this office every term until his death on August 21, 1968. Had he lived until Jan 1, 1969 he would have held the office for 10 years.

In 1927, Geal married Lottie Haley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Haley, Sr. Their two children Kitty Lorene and Roger are both teachers.

Geal published all his columns in a small book shortly before his death. The museum has not been able to locate one of the original copies but has received a reproduction of all the columns compiled and edited by his son, Roger in 1967. Next week, I will summarize the first column in which Geal tells of his boyhood.

**Museum Hours:** Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 2 to 4 p.m. Special hours upon request.  
**Museum Information:** Hwy 305, Lipscomb; telephone: 806-852-2123; fax: 806-852-217; email: wolfcreek@amaonline.com; website: www.wolfcreekheritagemuseum.com

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

March 17th is St. Patrick's Day. Like other holidays, this day has its beginnings in ancient times with a young boy named Patrick living in the British Isles. The Isles had been invaded and conquered by first the Romans and then by Germanic tribes. Patrick was captured and taken as a slave to Ireland. He lived there for years herding sheep. He was a religious boy and he prayed that he would someday return to his homeland.

Legend has it that one night while he was praying, a voice told him to escape from the farm, and find a ship that was waiting for him two hundred miles away. He got to the ship sailed to Europe and led the ship's crew through many dangerous events. These events appeared to be miracles and gave rise to later legends about Patrick.

Once home, Patrick felt that he was called by God to return to Ireland and become a missionary. During this mission, Patrick used the shamrock clover as a tool stating that "Here are three leaves, yet it is one plant. Imagine the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit as each of these leaves. Here they are, yet they are one plant". His most famous feat is forcing the snakes out of the entire country of Ireland. He died on March 17, and the Irish people set aside the day to mourn. He became the patron saint of Ireland. Mourning turned to commemorating him and then to celebrating his life.

The Leprechaun is a tiny elf connected with St. Patrick's Day. Legend states that the elf is always grumpy, untrustworthy and very tricky. He guards a hidden pot of gold which humans try to find but without success.

I end with the following Irish Blessing:

May the road rise up to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
And the rain fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

## HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

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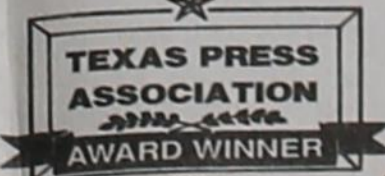
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Project Graduation

The parents of the Spearman High School Senior Class of 2005 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement exercises Friday, May 27th. To encourage the graduates to stay the entire night, door prizes are awarded throughout the evening. In addition, graduates can earn paper monies through their participation in various games so that prizes can be purchased. The graduation party will culminate with the distribution of grand prizes. Prizes, gift certificates, and cash are needed for the evening's gifts. If you, the community, who supported and encouraged these seniors these past 13 years of school, would be willing to share in this final "Class of 2005" memory, making this project "special", please call Delinda McLaughlin at 659-2800, Stephanie Brock at 659-1774, or Shannon Barnes at 659-5544. Thank you, in advance, for your support!

### Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S Roland, in Spearman on March 28, 2005. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

### Pringle-Morse CISD, Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High Saving Register Tapes

Pringle-Morse CISD, Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High are saving register tapes for educational equipment and sports equipment from Lowe's Marketplace stores. The deadline to submit register tapes is March 31, 2005. The students and faculty of each of these schools would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from participating Lowe's grocery stores in order to help them receive their needed equipment, such as computers, science, band or sports equipment, and much more. Receipts may be given to any student. Pringle-Morse receipts may be mailed to: Pringle-Morse CISD, PO Box 109, Morse, TX 79062. Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High receipts may be taken to each school office.

### Colt Cluck Memorial Tri-State Rodeo Scholarship

The Tri-State Rodeo is now accepting donations for the Colt Cluck Memorial Scholarship. Donations may be mailed to: Colt Cluck Memorial Scholarship, Tri-State Rodeo, PO Box 1414, Canyon, Texas 79015. For more information, contact Craig Cooper at (806) 733-5200.

### Pot O'Gold Dinner, Dance & Calcutta

The O'Loughlin Center will host their annual Pot O' Gold Dinner, Dance and Calcutta on Saturday, April 2nd at 7 p.m. For more information, call 659-3030.

### Reel in a Cure

The Hansford Division Board of Directors for the American Heart Association will host a Reel in a Cure Heart Banquet on Saturday, April 16, 2005 at the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman. This year's benefit will be in honor of Charlotte and T.J. Bergin. The evening begins at 6:15 p.m. with the silent auction, featuring an assortment of heart-felt items from generous local merchants. A steak dinner prepared by the Williams Family will be served by a host of local celebrities at 7 p.m. A live auction will be held at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased from any of the following board members: Kay Hobbs, Patricia Bratton, Charlotte Bergin, Amy Babbs, Carolyn Cummings, Peggy Frick, Darlene Pierce, Margaret Ralston, Penny Ralston, Anita Sumner or Anna Beth Wood. Sponsorships are available.

### ABC's of Computer Safety

The West Texas A & M University Small Business Development Center will be presenting the ABC's of Computer Safety on March 29, 2005. Randall Whipple of COA Technologies will be presenting a seminar to assist participants in using proven methods to protect their computer from virus attacks, email spam, popups and spy ware. This seminar will cover basic procedures as well as demonstrating software installation methods. If you're interested in keeping your computer working properly, this seminar is for you. Time: March 29, 2005 from 6 to 8 p.m. Location: Small Business Development Center located at 2300 N. Western, Amarillo, TX 79124. Cost: \$35.00. To register please call 806-372-5151 or visit our website at www.smallbusinessdevelopmentcenter.com.

### Join the Circle!

A SojoCircle, in connection with Sojourners magazine, is currently forming and we would like to invite you into the circle. SojoCircles are prayer, study, and discussion groups that invite its members to share issues of faith, hope, and peace in a time of uncertainty and war. All across the country (from Maine to California) and throughout the world (in places such as Chile, Jerusalem, and El Salvador), Christians are coming together to support one another and find a safe place to speak the language of faith. For more general information about SojoCircles, go to the Web site at www.sojo.net. To find out more or to join, contact Cathy Smith at 659-3434 or 659-3477.

### Marjorie Urban Memorial Scholarship

The Marjorie Urban Memorial Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for the 2005-2006 school year. The committee anticipates this to be a \$1000 scholarship, funded at \$500 per semester. The scholarship is limited to students majoring in music or religion, but not limited to 2005 graduates. Applications may be picked up and returned to Perryton National Bank, or your high school counselor. The deadline is April 1st. For more information, call (806) 435-9641.

### West Texas Economic Development Summit HUB

Texas Tech University will host their Third Annual West Texas Economic Development Summit HUB forum, which will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30, 2005, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center in Lubbock. The Summit is a daylong conference designed to help West Texas businesses learn the appropriate procedures for doing business with state and federal agencies, as well as allow them to meet one-on-one with public sector contracting officials from the major state/federal agencies to learn about statewide procurement opportunities. Over 42 booth registrants and over 200 West Texas businesses from Amarillo, Abilene, El Paso, Plainview, Lubbock, San Angelo and beyond will be in attendance. This year's speaker will be MR. Don Powell, Chairman of the FDIC in Washington, DC.

### "Let Freedom Sing"

The Barbershop Harmony Society "The Wizards of Harmony," Liberal's Barbershop Chorus, presents "Let Freedom Sing" featuring the 12th Street Rag and Zing, on Saturday, April 2, 2005 at 7 p.m. in the Liberal High School Auditorium in Liberal, Kansas. This presentation will be held in memory of Dr. Earl Novak of Spearman. Advance tickets are \$7 and tickets at the door will be \$8; student tickets (18 and under) are \$3. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call or write: Wizards of Harmony, 1504 N. Carlton Ave., Liberal, KS 67901-2123; (620) 624-4006. An afterglow will be held immediately following the show in the high school cafeteria. Afterglow tickets are sold at the door and include food and drink.

### 2005 Severe Weather Workshop Slated

The Amarillo National Weather Service, Amarillo Department of Emergency Management and Pantex will host a Severe Weather Workshop on Saturday, April 5, 2005. It will be held at the Civic Center Heritage Room in downtown Amarillo and is open to the public, free of charge. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., presentations begin at 10 a.m., and the workshop ends at 5 p.m. For additional info, please call the Amarillo NWS at 806-335-1121 or visit our website at www.srh.noaa.gov/ama.

### Grain Sorghum Meeting

There will be a Grain Sorghum meeting at the Ochiltree County Expo Center on Tuesday, March 22, 2005. The meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. Dryland Sorghum Management will be discussed by Dr. Brent Bean from the Texas Cooperative Extension office in Amarillo. Dr. Carl Patrick from the Texas Cooperative Extension office in Amarillo will discuss Sorghum Insect Management. Mr. Leon New, Texas cooperative Extension specialist from the Amarillo office will discuss Sorghum Irrigation and Scott Strawn will discuss Ochiltree County Hybrid Trials followed by a Texas Grain Sorghum Producers update. The free noon meal will be sponsored by the Ochiltree Ag Committee. This meeting will offer 2 CEU's. For more information, contact Scott Strawn at 806-435-4501.

### Getting Away with Murder

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# Happy Birthday!

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

Thank you, Catherine

**March 17**  
**Birthday** - Dala Cathey, J.P. TeBeest, Elvana Davis, Kathy Slater, Carol VanBuskirk, Tony Barrera Jr., Tony Lather III, Jamie Thomas, Terry Miller, Jason Genn, Anna Soto, Kathy Brown, Makayla Wheelock, Rachel Cook

**Anniversary** - M/M Richard Ooley, M/M Chris Christy

**March 18**  
**Birthday** - Danny Henson, Tony Harper, Charles Friday, Cody McLeod, Kenny Virden, Laura Garcia, Tobe Shields, Connie Hobbs, Kelsey Henton, Matthew Bain

**Anniversary** - M/M Edwin Percy, M/M Ken Bullard

**March 19**  
**Birthday** - Barry Haehisch, Melinda McCullough, Kerri Minter, Ron Gibson, Altha Groves, Vera Mae Hays, Pete Garcia Jr., Jesse Ruth Gerrard, Rose Marie Bruning, Cathy Davis, April Knight

**Anniversary** - M/M Michael Wilson

**March 20**  
**Birthday** - Mack Beville, Travis Ferguson, Chad TeBeest, Martha Stinson, Florencio Martinez, Angela Sinta, Jane Henton, Kim King, Marion Upchurch, Kay Christian, Gary Hathaway, Lisa Tice, Rocio Garcia

**Anniversary** - M/M R. M. Crawford, M/M Benny McCullough, M/M Rod Barkley

**March 21**  
**Birthday** - Kathy Duncan, Kelly Hart, Nancy Alvarez, Rhonda Riley, Judy Hargart, Chelsey Clark, Pepe Terrango, Jose Tarango

**Anniversary** - Bill and Jo Ann Weaver

**March 22**  
**Birthday** - Veta Allaway, Charmaine Gross, Maggie Key, Bob Miller, Payton Mitchell, Marty McCloy, Kelly Rauscher, Randie (Renner) Baumann, Roy Garrard, Rosalinda Vela, Tim Kizzar, Alice Miller, Michael Burke, Doug Gurnfory, Tavo Borunda, Jorge Soto, Carla Jones, Debbie Clement, Andy Lindsey, Reid Wilson, J.J. Gallegos

**Anniversary** - Mr. and Mrs. Benny Wilson

**March 23**  
**Birthday** - Tanner Irwin, Mercedes Perez, Dwayne TeBeest, Annie Houghton, Jamie Sterling, Beth Ann Flowers, Angela Craig, Teresa Russell, Marvin G. Wilson, Christopher Turner, Ramon Garcia Jr., Bernice Flores, Jason Evans, Carter Strawn, Wilbur Hull

**Anniversary** - Mr. and Mrs. Tony Cazares

**March 24**  
**Birthday** - Dillion Payne, Marie Bell, Mike Floyd, Charles Haight, Frank Sursa, Lesa Deakin, Karie Coates, Patricia Pool, Lera Deakin, Jeri Diane Sterling, Chandra Lee, Carla

James, Rebecca Garza, Corry Haight, Ruth Bryan, Beth Phelps

**Anniversary** - Mr. and Mrs. Mike Babbs, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Breland, Mr. and Mrs. Blair Traham

**March 25**  
**Birthday** - Rosalie Grotegut, Scott Jarvis, Jason Ward, Nellie Albrect, Oscar Rojas Jr., Kendra Kay Burke, Mike Dixon, Donna Brogdo, Jean Schaffer, Michael Covington, Joe Baca, Amy Bridges, Chad Howe, Mario Soto, LuAnn Hunter

**Anniversary** - M/M Josh Reed

**March 26**  
**Birthday** - Keith Dillard, Jamie Smith, George Jackson, Tada Taylor, James Brown, Judy Irbeck, Greg Holladay, Ruth Baker, John Paul Molina, Danny Bass, Joann Reynolds, Kristi Ann Balderrama, Sabrina Cantu, Joanna Myers

**Anniversary** - Mr. and Mrs. Andy Riley, M/M Jimmy Morley

**March 27**  
**Birthday** - Tommy Boone, Diana Stork, Carol Scroggs, Ylanda DeLuna, Bill Stevens, Wanda Wagner, Anthony Wilkerson, Clark Dunaway, Gary Urban, Debbie Herrington, Michael McCarney, J.D. Schick

**Anniversary** - Steve and Debbie Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schnell, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boyd

**March 28**  
**Birthday** - Ryan Renteria, Roma Tomlinson, Janet Cudd, Mandi Lair, Ray Hawkins, Jarrett Hendricks, Ross Jarvis, Byrnice Callaway, Rick Riggins, Carlos Castillo, Janet Scarborough, Mickey Schoenhals, Mark Hodges, Verna Strawn, Colten King, Tyrell King

**Anniversary** - M/M Larry Clawson, M/M Howard Hefley, M/M Jerry Tipps, M/M Richard Carter

**March 29**  
**Birthday** - Lacy Barkley, Dixie Karlin, Joshua Kirby, Jessica Stork, Josephine Salgado, Scott Beedy, Melissa Taylor, Wanda Burke, Tiki Farrar, Chad Guthrie, David West, Marg Cook, Janis Maupin, Josh Harris, Jeann Thompson, Scot Martin, Ruth Shields, Ramon Garcia Jr., Greyson Karlin

**March 30**  
**Birthday** - Jesus Favela, Loni Lamb, Vi Hornsby, Mrs. Elmer Longley, Nikki Strawn, Grady Cline, Denae Baker, Jimmy Blan, Heather Cline, Krystal Burkhammer, Shane Atwood, Mike Schick, Marvin Sparks, Dorothy Longley

**Anniversary** - M/M Ruben De Santiago

**March 31**  
**Birthday** - Reaetta Gammon, Crystal Gruver, Ken Jones, Comfort Winders, Kay Patterson, Nellie Buchanan, Dionne Pencille, Santiago Tercero Jr., Johnny Vernon, Cheryl Linde, Jolinda Wilson, David Flowers, Cortney Valdez, Teresa Carter, Weston Castillo, Kenton Johnson

**Anniversary** - M/M Chuck Sparkman, M/M Daniel Miser, M/M Jim Bass, M/M Dan Carthel, M/M Allan Beasley

## Words from Faith & Grace

*by Cecil R. Biggers, Parish Lay Minister Candidate*  
During Lent we have seen the work of the steadfast love of God through testing, trial, and the darkness of our earthly nature. This week we experience the Passion of the Christ-- Isaiah 50: 4-9; Psalm 31; Philippians 2: 1-13; Matthew 26: 14-27:66. Isaiah shows us the "suffering servant" of God who bears all with God's help. The Psalmist commits his spirit to God even though his body and mind are in extreme distress and he praises God for his love. In Philippians, Paul begs us to 'do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility to regard others as better than yourselves'; 'Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who though, he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself...and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross'. Matthew is the story of the Passion, a slow-motion view of the end of Jesus' earthly ministry. Please read these lessons for context, re-read them for meaning and pray for understanding. Each time I read these scriptures, study their background, and pray to understand them. I am reminded that truly Jesus did not die "for" me, He died because of me. What a debt I owe for the grace of God which allowed me to have faith in Jesus Christ which led to my baptism and inclusion in the Kingdom of God. May the Holy Spirit grant you grace to strengthen your faith, keeping your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

## NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF NORTH PLAINS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

The Nominating Committee, appointed by the Board of Directors of North Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc. met at the Cooperative's headquarters located in Perryton, Texas, on March 2, 2005. Three Directors shall be elected by and from the members at the 61st annual meeting of the Cooperative to be held on April 18, 2005, for a term of three years. The committee has prepared and posted at the Cooperative headquarters a list of nominations for Directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee(s) for each directorate district. Those nominated include:

- |            |                  |
|------------|------------------|
| District 1 | Ira Harbour      |
| District 2 | Travis Patterson |
| District 3 | Johnny Scribner  |
| District 4 | David Sell       |

The actions of this Committee in no way shall prevent additional nominations by petition as provided for in Section 406 of the Cooperative Bylaws. Any fifteen (15) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, listing their nominee(s) in like manner, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the annual meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted.

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**DANNY R. BARNES**  
BRIGHTON, COLO. - U.S. Veteran Danny R. Barnes, 65, of Brighton Colorado died on February 24, 2005. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at 11 a.m. at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home in Brighton, Colo. Interment was at Elmwood Cemetery in Brighton, Colo. Danny was born in Bloom, Kansas on January 23, 1940 to Benjamin Barnes and Alaina T. Barnes (Phillips). He attended schools in Montrose, Colorado. Danny married Patty Patterson in 1969 in Amarillo, Texas. He was a resident of Brighton since 1986. Danny worked for a few oil field companies in Brighton as a heavy equipment mechanic. He retired in 2002. Danny lost his battle with cancer which he had been fighting for the last 4 years. Danny loved fishing and hunting. He loved collecting guns. Danny is survived by his sons, Randy (Ilene) Barnes of Montrose, Hugh A. (Serena) Barnes of Ft. Lupton, Colo., Jessie Barnes of Grand Junction, Colo. and Robert (Belinda) Rogers of Brighton, Colo.; daughters, Roxanne (Todd) Stewart of Montrose, Colo. and LaVonda (Mike) Prokop of Glendale, Ariz.; brothers, Benjamin Barnes of Nebraska; sister, Rosie Clarkson of Brighton, Colo.; 20 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

**MARIE BECK**  
SPEARMAN - Marie Beck, 82, died Wednesday, March 9, 2005. Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ken Cole and the Rev. Derrel Evins officiating. Burial followed in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home. Mrs. Beck was born Nov. 18, 1922, in Ochiltree County and had lived in the area her entire lifetime. She married Sid Beck Jr. on June 3, 1940, in Bowie. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Spearman. She was a homemaker and was involved in the County Extension Club for more than 50 years. She faithfully served her family, her community and her church throughout her lifetime. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1984; her parents, Bill and Elmina Williams Deck; and a daughter, Merrilyn Beck in 1965. Survivors include three sons, Gerald Beck and wife, Nelva, and Ronnie Beck and wife, Kathy, all of Spearman, and Robert Beck and wife, Kathy, of McKinney; three daughters, Shirley Beggs and husband, Don, of Blossom and Barbara Gillam and husband, Tom and Becky Beck, both of Allen; a sister, Thadine Cooper of Amarillo; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. The family suggests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 547, Spearman, TX 79081; Hansford Hospice Volunteers, 707 S. Roland St., Spearman, TX 79081; or a favorite charity.

**HANNAH LINDSEY COATES**  
AMARILLO - Twenty-three-month-old Hannah Lindsey Coates passed away on March 13, 2005. Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 18, 2005 at 3 p.m. at First Christian Church Robinson Chapel with Jerry Kirkpatrick and Jeremiah Virdon officiating. Interment will follow at Llano Cemetery East. Hannah was born in Amarillo on March 31, 2003. Her life was short, but she touched many hearts. Survivors include her parents, Brett Coates and Kerri Hersom Coates and a twin brother, Brody Stewart Coates, all of Amarillo; her grandparents, Danny "Granddad" Hersom, Becky "Nanaw" Hersom and Robbie "Grandmother" Stewart, all of Amarillo, Dean "Papa" Coates and Wanda "Granny" Redwine both of Spearman; three Aunts Krystal Morrow and Kim Roberts, both of Amarillo, Mae Coates of California, and one uncle, Seth Coates of Spearman. The family requests memorials to the Children's Miracle Network, 1600 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106.

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Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed.  
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Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m.  
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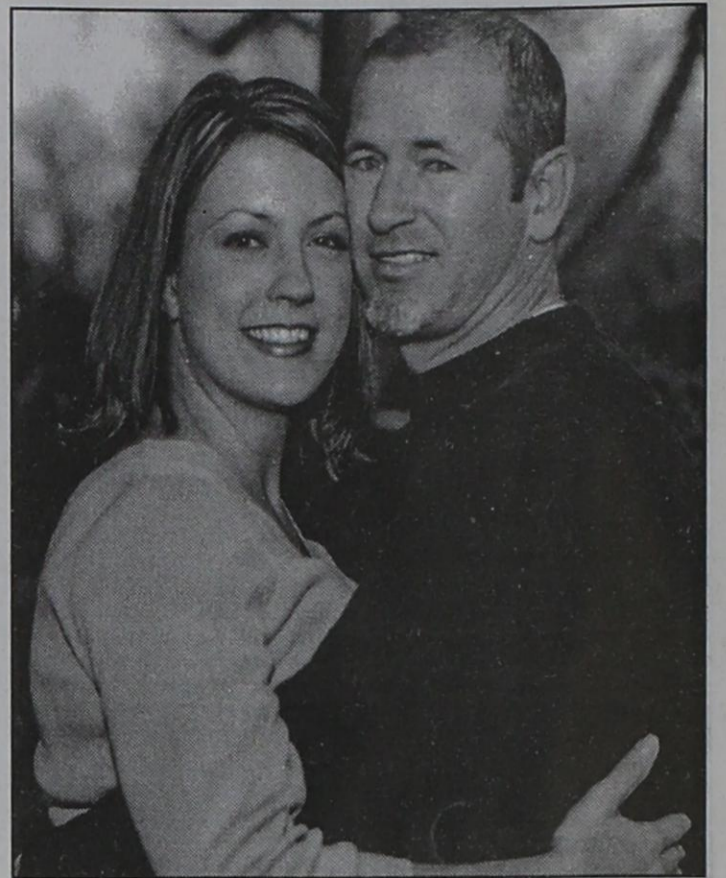
**Engagement Announcement**

Blake and Inell Trahan of Destrehan, Louisiana, announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Diane Grubbs, to Brian Baker. Brian is the son of James and Deanna Baker of Lubbock. The couple plan to wed May 21, 2005, at the Health Point in Lubbock. The bride-elect is a graduate of Shallowater High School. She also has a Bachelor of Accounting from Texas Tech University and a Masters of Business Administration from Wayland Baptist University. She is employed by SPCAA-Head Start. The prospective groom is a graduate of Monterey High School and has a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from Texas Tech University. The couple will make their home in Lubbock after a honeymoon to Negrial, Jamaica.



**Wedding Announcement**

Lindsay Worden and Kirby Hergert, both of Amarillo, were married on Saturday, February 5, 2005, at the Paris Wedding Chappel in Las Vegas, Nevada. The bride is the daughter of Sandy Worden of Amarillo and Pat Worden of Sidney, Nebraska. Parents of the groom are Carol Hergert of Amarillo, the late Donnie Hergert, and stepfather Harvey Stein. Grandparents of the groom are Lila "Mike" Hergert, the late Don Hergert, and LoRee and John Booth, all of Spearman. Maid of honor was Staci Stein, stepsister of the groom, of Frisco. Best man was Mark Mathews of Fort Worth. Lindsay graduated from Tascosa High School and will graduate from Texas Tech with a Bachelor of Interior Design in December of 2005. Kirby graduated from Amarillo High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Texas Tech University. In addition, the groom was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army and will serve his career in the Army as a Tactical Military Intelligence Officer. The couple will reside in Atlanta, Georgia.



**Engagement Announcement**

Bonita and Paul Reimer of Amarillo, formerly of Spearman, announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Nicole, to Jeffrey Dean Stowers. Stowers is the son of Cheryl Lawson of Pensacola, Florida and Gaylord Stowers of Friona, Texas. The couple plan to wed May 28th at Cluck's Ranch House in Canyon.



**Engagement Announcement**

Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Steger of Graham announce the engagement of their daughter, Abbe, to Chad Swearingen. Abbe is also the daughter of the late Connie Stegar, and the granddaughter of Virginia and John Trindle of Spearman. Chad is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Swearingen of Amarillo. The bride-elect is a graduate of Graham High School and has a Bachelor's Degree in nursing from Midwestern State University. She is a registered nurse at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. The prospective groom is a graduate of Amarillo High School and is a youth minister at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Amarillo. The couple will marry at First United Methodist Church of Graham on Saturday, April 30, 2005.

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  - Laura Conrad & Josh Harris - 4/23 (Gruver)
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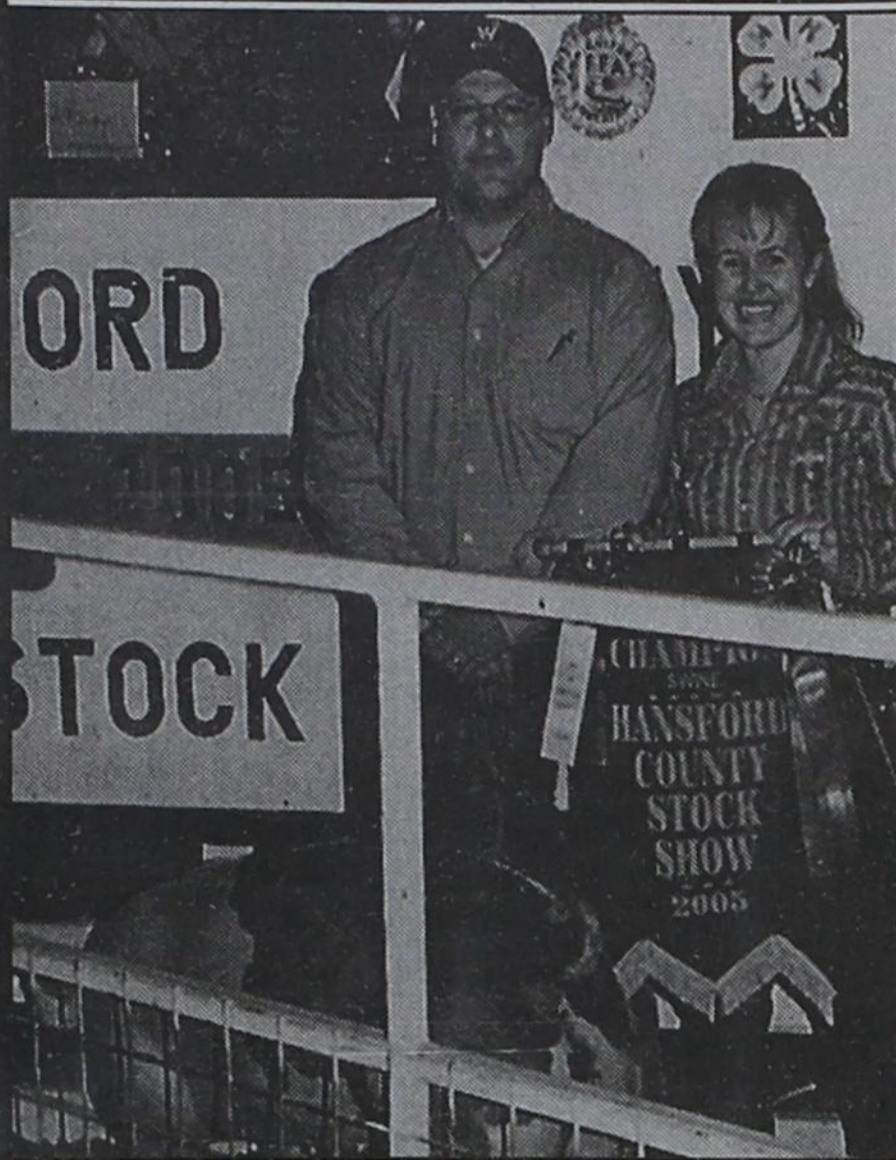
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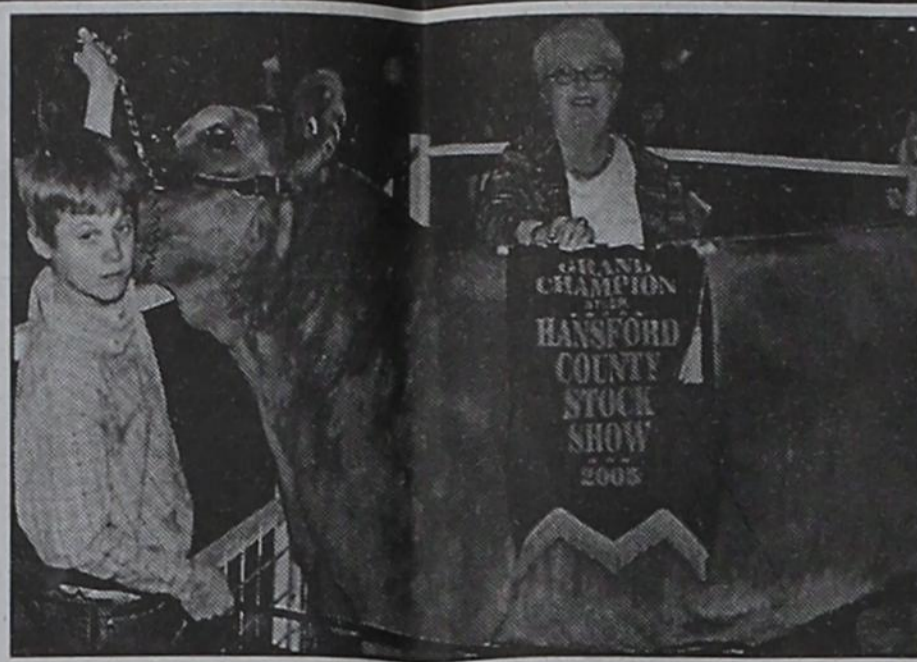


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**Grand Champion Swine**  
Timber Barkley  
Jason Holton representing buyer H&H Water Well



**Grand Champion Steer**  
Taylor Williams  
Rita Williams, representing buyer E.A. Williams



**Grand Champion Lamb**  
Kali Shields  
Scot Martin & Clint Irwin representing buyer Hansford Vet Clinic

# 2005 Hansford County Stock Show

## THANK YOU!

### LAMBS

**Grand Champion** - Kali Shields-Spearman 4-H- Hansford County Vet Clinic  
**Reserve Grand Champion** - Jessica Jarvis - Spearman FFA - Britt & Linda Jarvis  
**Junior Showmanship** - Amanda Pearson - Spearman 4-H  
**Senior Showmanship** - Tara Shields - Spearman 4-H

### Class I

Lauren Ferguson - Spearman 4-H - Hansford Implement  
Eva McCloy - Morse 4-H - Tim Stedje/Fort Dodge Animal Health  
Shakota Field - Morse 4-H - Jim Shields  
Jace Lane - Morse 4-H - Panther City Cattle Co.  
Richard Jarvis - Spearman 4-H - Hansford Air  
Halli Mans - Spearman 4-H - Pat & Cathy Patterson  
Ali Tyler - Gruver 4-H - Dan & Rex Ralston  
Seth Salgado - Spearman 4-H - Billy & Joan Brown/Arkoma Transport/Badger Resources/DBP Exploration/Fronk Oil Co.  
Matthew Jarvis - Spearman 4-H - Crop Chasers/Cropland Coop/Estes Chemical

### Class II

Addam Ferguson - Spearman 4-H - Interstate Savings & Loan  
Amanda Pearson - Spearman 4-H - Hi Plains Auto  
Sheldon Field - Morse 4-H - Perryton Equity  
Wil McCloy - Morse 4-H - Morse Implement  
Joey Pearson - Spearman 4-H - Panhandle Implement  
Lance Williams - Gruver 4-H - Hansford County Feeders  
Sabrina Butman - Gruver 4-H - Fontier Feeders

### Class III

Rachelle Holt - Gruver 4-H - Spark's Brother/Drilling/Texhoma Livestock Auction  
Allison Brown - Spearman 4-H - Cargill  
Cory Graves - Gruver Jr. FFA-Thoreson Farms  
Brenna Reid - Spearman 4-H - Don & Wanda Reed  
Sonny Parker - Spearman FFA - Kenton C. Johnson  
Corina Rivera - Spearman 4-H - Berry Grain  
Brian Close - Spearman FFA - Brown, Graham & Co., PC

### Class IV

Jessica Schmidt - Morse 4-H - First State Bank  
Callie Stedje - Gruver 4-H - Cattle Co  
Tate Batton - Spearman 4-H - Steve & Mary Lou Mathews  
Seth Thompson - Gruver 4-H - Hi Plains Auto  
Lanie Graves - Gruver 4-H - Lee Bob & Jennifer Harper

### Class V

Kali Shields - Spearman 4-H - Hansford County Vet Clinic  
Tara Shields - Spearman 4-H - Agco of Spearman  
Christen Ferguson - Spearman 4-H - Gene & Mike Cudd  
Bailey Reid - Morse 4-H - First National Bank  
Justin Bass - Gruver 4-H - Thoreson Farms/Tumbling T Cattle Co.  
Joel Lopez - Spearman FFA - Spark's Brother/Spraying/Gruver Farm Supply  
Preslee Baker - Spearman 4-H - Farm Bureau-Jason Cantrell

### Class VI

Jessica Jarvis - Spearman FFA - Britt & Linda Jarvis  
Eric Flores - Spearman 4-H - Berry Grain  
Blayne Baker - Spearman FFA - Willis Boyd Dirt Service  
Tyler Lane - Morse 4-H - Panther City Cattle Co.  
Lexi Batton - Spearman 4-H - Dan Ralston  
Justin Thompson - Gruver 4-H - 4 S Farms/Little Tiffanies

### Class VII

Seth Clemmons - Morse 4-H - Quentin & Kelly Harper

Jimmilee McCloy - Gruver FFA-Hansford Implement  
Tabatha Shields - Spearman 4-H - Five Star Equipment/Dumas Coop  
McKenzie Crane - Gruver 4-H - Del Cluck  
Travis Stedje - Gruver 4-H - Mike Stedje  
Kaysha Bass - Gruver 4-H - Hansford County Feeders

### STEERS

**Grand Champion** - Taylor Williams - Gruver 4-H - E.A. Williams  
**Reserve Grand Champion** - Bailey Reid - Morse 4-H - Monty & Katsy Cluck  
**Junior Showmanship** - Brenna Reid - Morse 4-H  
**Senior Showmanship** - Clete Vanderburg - Spearman 4-H

### Light Weights

Jacob Lieb - Morse 4-H - Pat & Georgia Holt  
Brenna Reid - Morse 4-H - Pittman & Sons  
Callie Stedje - Gruver 4-H - Monty & Katsy Cluck  
Britta Vanderburg - Spearman 4-H - Billy & Joan Brown/Clark Dirt Contractors/State Farm-Daniel Garbarino/Texas Farms/McDonald's of Perryton/D.A. Daniel, Inc.

### Medium

Taylor Williams - Gruver 4-H - E. A. Williams  
Bailey Reid - Morse 4-H - Monty & Katsy Cluck  
Clete Vanderburg - Spearman 4-H - Andrus Brother Roofing/Stedje Livestock  
Rachelle Holt - Gruver 4-H - Hansford County Feeders

### Heavy

Lance Williams - Gruver 4-H - Jerry & Rita Williams  
Tracy Brown - Spearman 4-H - First Bank Southwest/Badger Resources/Billy & Joan Brown  
Tucker Williams - Gruver 4-H - Hansford County Feeders  
Audrey Lieb - Morse 4-H - First State Bank

### Heifer

**Grand Champion Heifer** - Jessica Jarvis - Spearman FFA

### SWINE

**Grand Champion** - Timber Barkley - Gruver FFA- H & H Water Well  
**Reserve Grand Champion** - Malory Martin - Spearman 4-H - Willis Boyd Dirt Service  
**Junior Showmanship** - Brenna Reid - Morse 4-H  
**Senior Showmanship** - Clete Vanderburg - Spearman FFA

### Duroc

**Breed Champion** - Tylo Farrar - Spearman 4-H  
**Reserve Breed Champion** - Sheldon Field - Morse 4-H

### Class I

Kyler Cator - Spearman 4-H - Gruver Redi Mix  
Ashlynn Miner - Gruver Jr. FFA - Hinchey Ford/Dan Colbert/Paul Stavlo/Ricky Thompson/Gruver Muffler & Tire/Little Tiffanies/Lowe Cattle Co.  
Emma Lopez - Gruver 4-H - Dean Cluck Cattle Feedlot  
Jessica Montgomery - Gruver FFA - Holt Land & Cattle  
Jordan Hicks - Gruver FFA - Gruver Agri/Sunrise Feeds  
Corina Rivera - Spearman 4-H - Hansford County Feeders  
Chandler Miner - Gruver FFA - Spearman Moms  
Sonny Parker - Spearman FFA

### Class II

Tylo Farrar - Spearman 4-H - First State Bank  
Sheldon Field - Morse 4-H - Five Star Equipment  
Seth Carson - Spearman 4-H - Cluck Cattle Co.  
Jessica Schmidt - Morse 4-H - E. D. Baker Corp/Little Tiffanies  
Payton Thoreson - Gruver 4-H - Bob Cluck Family  
Bryce Jarvis - Spearman 4-H - Joanna Jarvis Roberts  
Charlie Slough - Gruver FFA

### Hampshire

**Breed Champion** - Rhett Renner - Spearman 4-H - Cargill  
**Reserve Breed Champion** - Jace Lane - Morse 4-H - Farmer's Ag/NK Seeds

### Class III

Cason Finley - Gruver FFA - Gruver CableVision/Roy Byrd/CJ's Pizza/Val Winger/Windmill Cattle Co./El Vaquero/Little Tiffanies/Frank's Floor Covering  
Callie Stedje - Gruver 4-H - Interstate Savings & Loan  
Leigh Anne Winger - Gruver Jr. FFA - Mike & Lee Wilhelm  
Miles Messer - Gruver FFA - Bartlett's Lumber  
Emily Hood - Spearman FFA - Francis Biles  
Seth Salgado - Spearman 4-H - Panther City Cattle Co.  
Matthew Jarvis - Spearman 4-H

### Class IV

Jace Lane - Morse 4-H - Farmer's Ag Supply/NK Seeds  
Jared George - Spearman 4-H - Perryton Equity  
Cory Graves - Gruver Jr. FFA - Diamond M Water Well/Mike McLain/Jason & Missy Bass/Little Tiffanies  
Travis Boyd - Spearman 4-H - Britt & Linda Jarvis  
Lance Huddleston - Spearman 4-H - Willis Boyd Dirt Service  
Seth Thompson - Spearman 4-H - Kyle Nollner/Mark Sheets  
Rily Urban - Morse 4-H - Morse Implement  
Casey Cator - Spearman FFA

### Class V

Rhett Renner - Spearman 4-H - Cargill  
Taylor Williams - Gruver 4-H - AeroFlight/Mike Hargrove/Little Tiffanies  
Hudson Williams - Gruver 4-H - Bort Agency  
Forrest Lopez - Gruver 4-H - DGC Feeders  
Tanner Sherrill - Gruver FFA - S & H Gas Association  
Carson Pearson - Spearman 4-H - Speartex Grain & Association  
Lauren Williams - Gruver 4-H

### Class VI

Brock Irwin - Gruver 4-H - Gruver Ford  
Blayne Baker - Spearman FFA - Farmers Ag/Nutrina Feeds  
Lauren Patterson - Spearman 4-H - Five Star Equipment  
Bailey Reid - Morse 4-H - Clay & Margaret Reid/Chapter Petroleum  
Halli Mans - Spearman 4-H - First State Bank  
Justin Bass - Gruver 4-H - Hansford County Feeders  
Joey Pearson - Spearman 4-H

### YORK

**Breed Champion** - Matt Messer - Gruver FFA - Bort Agency  
**Reserve Breed Champion** - Trent Goodheart - Spearman 4-H - Berry Grain

### Class VII

Zack Nollner - Spearman 4-H - Thoreson Farms  
Cara Gwin - Spearman FFA - Billy & Joan Brown/Arkoma Transport/Texas Farms/Batman Grain  
Reid Winger - Gruver FFA - Gruver State Bank  
Justin Parker - Spearman 4-H

### Class VIII

Matt Messer - Gruver FFA - Bort Insurance Agency  
Trent Goodheart - Spearman 4-H - Berry Grain  
Tori Boydston - Morse 4-H - First National Bank  
Audrey Lieb - Morse 4-H - Perryton Equity/Monsanto  
Brian Close - Spearman FFA - First National Bank  
Jack Karlin - Gruver 4-H - USA Feeders  
Malissa Montgomery - Gruver FFA

### CROSSES

**Breed Champion** - Timber Barley - Gruver FFA - H&H Water Well  
**Reserve Breed Champion** - Malory Martin - Spearman 4-H - Willis Boyd Dirt Service

### Class IX

Lance Williams - Gruver 4-H - Kevin & Ronda Holt  
Kaysha Bass - Gruver 4-H - Attebury Grain  
Shakota Field - Morse 4-H - Frontier Feeders  
Tyler Lane - Morse 4-H - 7 R Cattle Trucking/Panhandle Implement/Paul Freeman  
Richard Jarvis - Spearman 4-H - Britt & Linda Jarvis  
Megan Stedje - Gruver 4-H - Larry's Welding  
Jessica Jarvis - Spearman FFA - Cole Ivey Auto Plaza/Bad Cattle Co.  
Gabi Boyd - Spearman 4-H

### Class X

Malory Martin - Spearman 4-H - Willis Boyd Dirt Service  
Brenna Reid - Morse 4-H - Don & Wanda Reed  
Lexi Batton - Spearman 4-H - Panther City Cattle Co.  
Kali Shields - Spearman 4-H - Pittman & Sons  
Jordanna Lozano - Spearman 4-H - Agco of Spearman  
Blayne Schroeder - Spearman 4-H - Western Hot Oil/EPM Lease Service/Nicholas Water Service  
Molly Lieb - Morse 4-H

### Class XI

Stuart Martin - Spearman FFA - Berry Grain  
Reagan Karlin - Gruver 4-H - Wayne Garrett/Andrus Brothers/Roofing/Frank's Floor Covering  
Justin Thompson - Gruver 4-H - Stedje Livestock/Texhoma Livestock Auction  
Coley Ruebush - Gruver 4-H - Gruver State Bank  
Travis Stedje - Spearman 4-H - Harlan Gerardy Spraying  
Jacob Lieb - Morse 4-H - Hansford Agency  
Greyson Karlin - Gruver 4-H

### Class XII

Rachelle Holt - Gruver 4-H - Clyde McCloy  
Tanner Irwin - Gruver 4-H - H & H Water Well  
Lindsey Clift - Gruver 4-H - Hansford County Feeders  
Allison Brown - Spearman 4-H - Jimmy & Donetta Greene  
Hannah Boydston - Morse 4-H - Sargco Oil & Gas  
Preslee Baker - Spearman 4-H - Buzzard Farms  
Dakota Cator - Spearman 4-H - Hansford Agency  
Tate Batton - Spearman 4-H

### Class XIII

Tucker Williams - Gruver 4-H - First National Bank - Texhoma  
Reese Clark - Morse 4-H - Bill & Ginger Pittman  
Blythe Finley - Gruver 4-H - H & H Water Well  
Amanda Pearson - Spearman 4-H - Panther City Cattle Co.  
Mabry Sutterfield - Spearman 4-H - Lance & Sahala Gallaird/Brent & Julie Stedje  
Victoria Vela - Gruver FFA

### Class XIV

Timber Barkley - Gruver FFA - H & H Water Well  
Seth Clemmons - Morse 4-H - Clint & Jody Irwin  
Clete Vanderburg - Spearman FFA - Willis Boyd Dirt Service  
Sawyer Sutterfield - Spearman 4-H - Hansford Implement  
Lanie Graves - Gruver 4-H - Cecil Ralston Trust  
Lynn Vela - Gruver FFA

### Commercial Steer Results

**Grand Champion** - Rachelle Holt - Gruver 4-H  
**Reserve Grand Champion** - Lance Williams - Gruver 4-H  
Megan Stedje - Gruver 4-H  
Eva McCloy - Morse 4-H  
Callie Stedje - Gruver 4-H  
Brenna Reid - Morse 4-H  
Tracy Brown - Spearman 4-H  
Wil McCloy - Morse 4-H  
Travis Stedje - Gruver 4-H  
Jimmilee McCloy - Morse 4-H

### Livestock Judging Contest Results

**High Individual**  
Bailey Reid - Morse 4-H

Tray Mercer - Booker FFA  
Eva McCloy - Morse 4-H  
Clete Vanderburg - Spearman 4-H  
Trent Winchester - Seward County 4-H  
Charlie Slough - Gruver 4-H  
Kayloni Williams - Seward County 4-H

Fred Limas - Texhoma FFA  
Sonny Parker - Spearman FFA  
Tristan Cobb - Booker FFA  
Byron Hoover - Booker FFA  
Callie Stedje - Gruver 4-H  
Brenna Reid - Morse 4-H  
Wil McCloy - Morse 4-H  
Casey Cator - Spearman 4-H

### High Teams

Hansford Co. Sr. - Tucker Williams, Bailey Reid, Charlie Slough, Clete Vanderburg  
Booker FFA - Tristan Cobb, Byron Hoover, Tray Mercer  
Hansford County Sr. JV - Casey Cator, Eva McCloy, Jimmilee McCloy, Katie Winkler  
Mustangs - Brenna Reid, Dakota Cator, Shelby Williams, Wil McCloy  
Spearman FFA - Jessica Jarvis, Sonny Parker, Cara Gwin, Emily Hood  
Texhoma Sr. I - Fred Limas, Pete Dahl, Derek, Troy Freeman  
Seward County 4-H - Kayloni Williams, Trent Winchester, Cassidy Sandoval  
Texhoma Jr. - Savanna Pugh, Layton Berry, Johnny Wacker, Clayton Kincaon Higgins FFA - Doc Clayton, Jordan Clayton, Brandon Clayton  
Hansford 4-H Smarties - Mabry Sutterfield, Malory Martin, Tylo Farrar, Halli Mans

**The Hansford County 4-H, Spearman - Gruver FFA, The Hansford County Stock Show Board would like to thank all the individuals and businesses for their support.**

### Auctioneer

Clay Myers

### 2005 Floor Buyers

Pat Holt, Diamond L. Farms - Dale Lanham & Wiechman Pig Co.

### 2005 Commercial Steer Supporters

Hansford County Feeders, L.P., Palo Duro Feeders, Morris Stock Farm, Frontier Feeders, Spearman Cattle Feeders, Cactus Feeders, USA Feeders, Stedje Livestock, Texas Beef Producers and Flint Rock Land & Cattle Co.

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Reserve Grand Champion Lamb  
Jessica Jarvis  
buyer Britt Jarvis of Jarvis Law Office



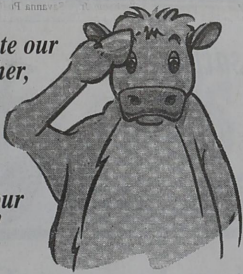
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Malory Martin  
buyer Willis Boyd of Willis Boyd Dirt Service



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Bailey Reid  
buyer Monty and Katsy Cluck

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*We salute our  
ag teacher,  
Scott  
Stedje,  
and the  
good  
things our  
kids do!*



**Spearman Independent  
School District  
and Board of Trustees**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

to all the boys and girls in  
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**We're Proud Of You!**

We are proud of the young people --  
FFA and 4-H youths -- adults and spon-  
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& FFA who

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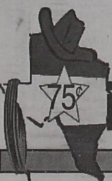
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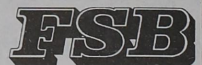
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*4-H & FFA Members!*

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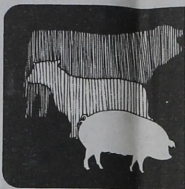
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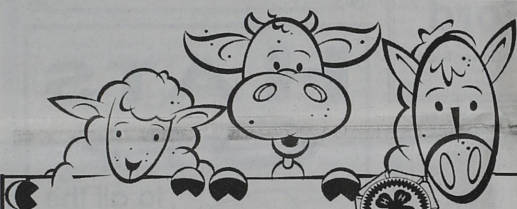


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to all the boys and girls in FFA and 4-H on a great job in the 2005 Hansford County Livestock Show.

## Hungry Cowboy

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## North Plains Electric Co-op

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FFA & 4-H Members!

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## Hansford Implement Co.

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to all the youth who participated in the Hansford County Junior Livestock Show & Sale.



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# ET CETERA

**Winter Storm**  
A winter storm passed through the Panhandle the early part of the week, bringing six inches of snow to Gruver and Spearman.

**It's A Girl!**  
Brian and Lesly McLaughlin wish to announce the birth of their daughter, Rilee Shae McLaughlin. Rilee was born on February 28, 2005 at 5:01 p.m. in Borger. She weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Rilee was welcomed home by her four-year-old big brother, Brice.

Proud grandparents are D'Anda Widener and Danny and Delinda McLaughlin, all of Spearman. Great-grandparents are Ted and Wanda Widener and Jo McLaughlin, all of Spearman.

**Hansford Manor Schedule**  
March 20-27, 2005

**Sunday, March 20:** Palm Sunday; 3 p.m. - Church service, living room, Gruver Methodist Church  
**Monday, March 21:** 10 a.m. - Newscurrents, living room; 2:30 p.m. - Manicures, activity room; 6:30 p.m. - Bingo, dining room, Spearman Rotary Club  
**Tuesday, March 22:** 4 a.m. - Exercise, living room; 2:30 - Happy Hour, "Spelling Bee," activity room  
**Wednesday, March 23:** 10 a.m. - Bible study & donuts, living room; 2:30 p.m. - Crafts, activity room  
**Thursday, March 24:** 9 a.m. - Kindergarten Easter Egg Hunt, dining room; 1:30 p.m. - Bingo  
**Friday, March 25:** 10 a.m. - Dye Easter Eggs, activity room; 2:30 p.m. - Life Enrichment, living room  
**Saturday, March 26:** open for visitation from friends, family and community; play Skip-bo or Dominoes  
**Sunday, March 27:** Easter Sunday; 3 p.m. - Church service, living room, Primera Iglesia Bautista  
**Monday, March 28:** 10 a.m. - Newscurrents, living room; 2:30 p.m. - Sewing Club, activity room; 6:30 p.m. - Bingo, dining room, Spearman Rotary Club  
**Tuesday, March 29:** 10 a.m. - Exercise, living room; 2:30 - Happy Hour, "Fifty Nifty States," activity room  
**Wednesday, March 30:** 10 a.m. - Bible study & donuts, living room; 2:30 p.m. - Crafts, activity

room  
**Thursday, March 31:** 10 a.m. - Exercise, living room; 1:30 p.m. - Bingo

**Hansford County Calendar**  
March 18-31, 2005

**Thursday, March 17:** St. Patrick's Day; Clarendon Tennis Tourney (Girls); 8:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. - Spearman 1st Grade Play; 6-7 p.m. - Spearman Elementary Open House; 7-8 p.m. - Spearman JH Open House; 7 p.m. - Spearman Volunteer Fire Department meets

**Friday, March 18:** 8:30 a.m. - Spearman 1st Grade Play; Perryton JH Track Meet

**Saturday, March 19:** Perryton HS Track Meet; Plainview Tennis Tourney; Floydada Tennis Tourney; Spearman Band Walk-A-Thon

**Sunday, March 20:** Palm Sunday

**Monday, March 21:** Spearman Tennis Tourney (Boys); 7-9 p.m. - Spearman Band Clinic

**Tuesday, March 22:** Guymon Golf Tourney (Boys); Spearman Tennis Tourney (Girls); HS UIL Academic Meet (SHS), WTAMU; RPTE Test (6th-8th Grade); 7 p.m. - GHS Band Practice  
**Wednesday, March 23:** RPTE Test (3rd-5th Grade); 1:30 p.m. - Spearman JH/HS Cheerleader Tryouts

**Thursday, March 24:** Stratford Track Meet; Perryton Dual Tennis Match (Boys/Girls); Zone One-Act Play (GHS), Stinnett; Kindergarten Easter Egg Hunt, Hansford Manor; 1 p.m. - SISD Early Release for Easter Weekend; 7 p.m. - Spearman Volunteer Fire Department meets

**Friday, March 25:** School Holiday; Good Friday  
**Saturday, March 26:**  
**Sunday, March 27:** Easter Sunday

**Monday, March 28:** 10 a.m. - HC Commissioners Court meets; Zone A One-Act Play (SHS), Borger; Dumas Golf Tourney (Girls)

**Tuesday, March 29:** Dumas Golf Tourney (Boys); FFA Tarleton Invitational CDE; District One-Act Play (GHS)

**Wednesday, March 30:** RPTE Test (9th-12th Grade)

**Thursday, March 31:** District One-Act Play (SHS), Clarendon; HS District UIL Meet (GHS), Amarillo College; 7 p.m. - Spearman Volunteer Fire Department meets

# Spring Sports

## CANADIAN TRACK MEET

The Spearman Lynxettes competed in the Canadian Track Meet held in Stratford on March 4th and 5th.

### Varsity Lynxettes

**Fourth Place Team**  
3200 M. Run: 2. Tara Shields; 800 M. Relay: 3. Amy Boyd, Christy Lang, Sonny Parker, & Mallory Paul; 400 M. Dash: 1. Melissa Lesly; 1600 M. Run: 1. Jessica Diaz; 1600 M. Relay: 3. Harbour, Shields, Parker, & Lesly; High Jump: 3. Sonny Parker; Long Jump: 3. Sonny Parker

## SUNRAY TRACK MEET

The Spearman Lynx and Lynxettes competed in the Sunray Track Meet on Feb. 24th and 26th. The Lynx took first place and the Lynxettes came in second, behind Sunray.

### Varsity Lynx

**First Place Team**  
Ducus: 2. Wayne Gibson, 4. Brock Town; High Jump: 2. Jarick Howard; Long Jump: 1. Justin Parker, 3. J.J. Gallegos, 6. Gerardo Ruiz; Pole Vault: 1. Bryn Garnett; Shot Put: 1. Brock Town, 3. Wayne Gibson, 6. Eric Flores; Triple Jump: 1. Justin Parker, 4. Lance Huddleston, 5. Roberto Flores; 800 M. Run: 1. Daniel Kern, 2. Lance Huddleston; 110 M. Hurdles: 1. Bryn Garnett, 4. Jarick Howard; 100 M. Dash: 2. Brock Town, 6. J.J. Gallegos; 800 M. Relay: 3. J.J. Gallegos, Justin Parker, Roberto Flores, Brock Town; 400 M. Dash: 1. Daniel Kern; 200 M. Dash: 1. Justin Parker, 6. Hernando Perez; 1600 M. Run: 6. Carlos Baca; 1600 M. Relay: 3. Justin Parker, Bryn Garnett, Roberto Flores, Lance Huddleston

### Junior Varsity Lynx

Long Jump: 1. Victor Flores, 3. Zach Nollner; Pole Vault: 1. Aaron Maestas; Triple Jump: 2. Zach

Nollner, 3. Aaron Maestas, 5. Victor Flores; 400 M. Relay: 4. Aaron Maestas, Zach Nollner, Joel Lopez, Victor Flores; 800 M. Run: 6. Marlon Robledo; 100 M. Dash: 2. Zach Nollner, 4. Aaron Maestas; 200 M. Dash: 3. Victor Flores, 6. Eduardo Soto

### Varsity Lynxettes

**Second Place Team**  
3200 M. Run: 1. Tara Shields, 2. Amy Brown, 3. Tabatha Shields; 800 M. Run: 1. Tara Shields, 6. Jessica Diaz; 100 M. Hurdles: 4. Kylee Howard, 5. Mallory Paul; 100 M. Dash: 6. Macy Harbour; 400 M. Dash: 1. Melissa Lesly, 6. Macy Harbour; 300 M. Hurdles: 4. Kylee Howard, 6. Christy Lang; 200 M. Dash: 1. Melissa Lesly; 1600 M. Run: 1. Amy Brown, 5. Tabatha Shields; 1600 M. Relay: 3. Macy Harbour, Christy Lang, Sonny Parker, Melissa Lesly; High Jump: 2. Sonny Parker, 5. Melissa Lesly, 6. Christy Lang; Long Jump: 1. Kylee Howard, 2. Sonny Parker; Triple Jump: 2. Kylee Howard; Pole Vault: 5. Macy Harbour, 6. Jessica Diaz; Shot Put: 4. Jenna McElroy

### 7th Grade Lynxettes

**Third Place Team**  
800 M. Run: 3. Brittney Vasquez; 800 M. Relay: 3. Preslee Baker, Sutton Garnett, Brittney Vasquez, Leanna Espinosa; 400 M. Dash: 1. Leanna Espinosa; 200 M. Dash: 1. Leanna Espinosa; Long Jump: 2. Leanna Espinosa; Triple Jump: 3. Leanna Espinosa

### 8th Grade Lynxettes

**Third Place Team**  
400 M. Relay: 3. DeeDee DeLaRosa, Chasity Thomas, Ashley Close, Jennifer Perez; 100 M. Hurdles: 1. Bond Pittman; 100 M. Dash: 1. Bond Pittman; 200 M. Hurdles: 1. Bond Pittman; High Jump: 3. Hailey Smith; Long Jump: 3. Chasity Thomas; Triple Jump: 2. Bond Pittman; Pole Vault: 1. Bond Pittman, 2. Destiny Fisher

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Spearman Lynxettes played in the Borger/Phillips Golf Tournament on February 25th and 26th against Borger, Dalhart, Shamrock, Canyon and River Road A. Their team total was 981.

Individual Scores: Emily Hood 146+130=246; Maribel Moreno 147+---=147, Hannah Haddock 137+114=251, Cara Gwin 124+106=230, Crystal Bridwell 139+115=254

They played in the Booker Golf Tournament against Booker, Laverne, Spearman, Stratford, Turpin and Perryton. Their team total was 504.

Individual Scores: Jessica Brown 61+57=118, Sonny Parker 62+61=123, Crystal Bridwell 67+66=133, Hannah Haddock 67+67=134, Mattie Davis 67+63=130; Kyla Reed played as an individual, scoring 71+59=130.

## DUMAS SMALL SCHOOL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The Spearman Lynx and Lynxettes competed in the Dumas Small School School Tennis Tournament on March 11th and 12th.

### Girls Singles

**Lindsay Short - Singles Champion:** defeated Roberson of Dalhart 8-0; defeated Mears of Highland Park 8-0; defeated Allen of Hereford 6-0, 6-0; defeated

Perez of Dalhart 6-0, 6-1; defeated Young of Borger 6-0, 6-1

Trudy Hart: lost to Jimenez of Borger 8-4; defeated Hebert of Hereford 8-3; lost to Skinner of Caprock 6-0, 6-2

### Girls Doubles

**Ashley Hernandez and Abby Winegarner - Third Place:** lost to Loyas & Shoal of Randall 8-6; defeated Villalobos & Olmos of Hereford 8-5; defeated Reynolds & Fuentes of Dalhart, 6-2, 6-1; defeated Leamon & McBrayer of Borger 6-2, 7-6 (5); defeated Chambers Wray of Perryton 7-5, 6-1

Tonya Hart and Saylee Flowers: lost to Brame & Kramer of Borger 8-6; defeated Rivera & Vasquez of Borger 8-1; defeated Jackson & Monroy of Hereford 6-0, 6-1; lost to Chambers & Wray of Perryton 6-3, 6-3

### Boys Singles

Bryn Garnett: defeated Mays of Caprock 8-4; lost to Paxton of Hereford 8-4

Colby Odegaard: defeated Aragon of Borger 8-1, lost to McIlvain of Perryton 3-6, 6-3, 6-4

## We want your news!

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## GHS student of the month



Lucy Trejo

Lucy serves at the FCCLA president, treasurer for the National Honor Society and is a member of the annual staff.

She enjoys reading and listening to music.

After graduation from Gruver High School, the senior plans to attend West Texas A&M University in Canyon to pursue a career as an accountant or a Spanish teacher.

Lucy likes the people of Gruver and will miss her classmates, friends and teachers at Gruver High School. She listed Mrs. Babbs and Mrs. Curry as the teachers who were most influential.

Lucy is the daughter of Felix and Maria. She has two brothers, Fernando and Francisco and three sisters, Guadalupe, Yolanda and Modesta.

## BORGER

## Texas crop and weather report

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Soil moisture is adequate. Temperatures rose 20 degrees above normal by the end of the week. No rain was reported. Land preparation for spring planting is making good progress. Wheat continues to grow well; it is rated mostly good to excellent. Weeds are a problem in many fields. Greenbug and Russian wheat aphid infestations are reported. Range conditions are rated as mostly fair to good. Cattle are in fair to good condition; supplemental feeding continues.

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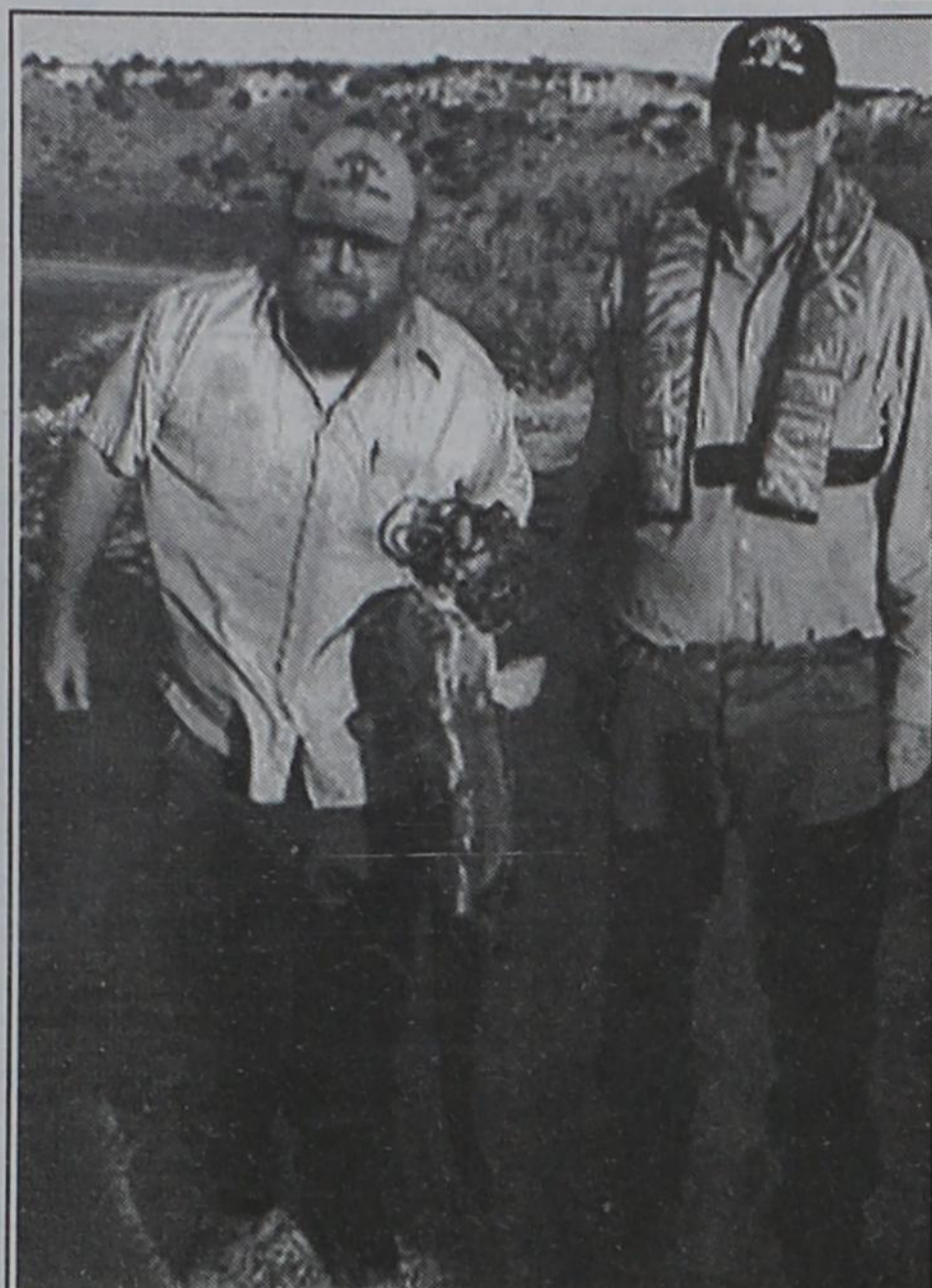
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by Dorothy Hudson

## Out At The Lake



Sam Gruver and Ray Brandvik with an 18.5 lb. Blue Catfish, caught Saturday at Lake Palo Duro.

Lake Level--March 14, 2005--31.95 feet

Fishing has picked up as many of the fishermen have remembered this as a good time to catch the big blue catfish. Jim reported that in the last few days catfish had been

caught weighing from 10 to 28 pounds. Roy Flaherty of Guymon caught the largest, a blue that weighed 27.9 pounds, and 3 were caught weighing in the 27-pound range. Jim reminded me that the record blue catfish caught 2 years

ago had weighed 28 pounds. Jim expects one of 30 pounds to be caught this year.

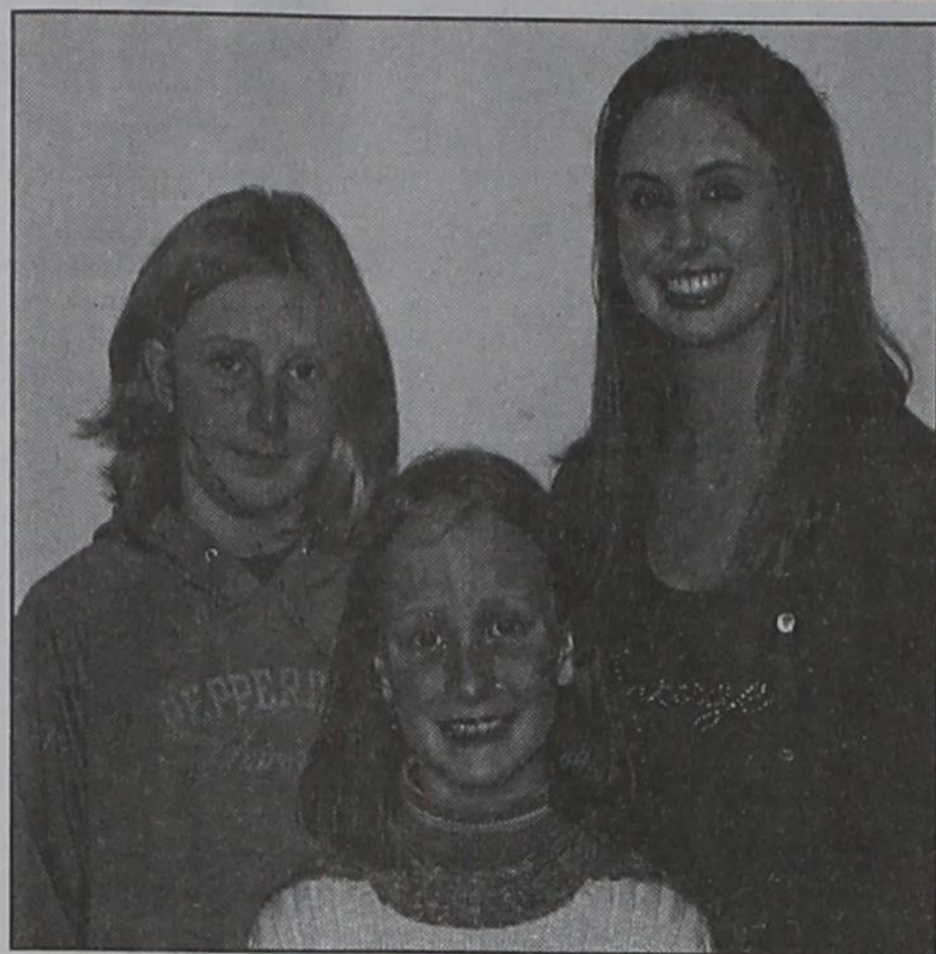
Springtime is also the time the annual water association meetings are held. Last week the Canadian River Compact met at Albuquerque. Earlier the Texas Water Conservation Association had their annual meeting at Austin. Every two years when the Texas Legislature is in session, the TWCA holds their 3-day meeting there.

The third meeting was in Amarillo where the Regional Water Group met. The program on water reuse was presented by Excel at their Harrington Station. Jim explained it is the coal burning station north of Amarillo.

The attendees were given a tour of the plant and shown how the effluent water from Amarillo is treated and then piped to the Harrington Station where it is treated again and then recirculated 9 times in the cooling towers. After that the water is used in pivots to water nearby farm land.

This warm spring has brought out the blossoms on many trees and has caused early flowers on many weeds and floral plants. However, snow and freezing weather is predicted for the county tonight.

Two of the flowering weeds are henbit and filaree. In places the henbit is a solid mass of lavender. The filaree has very noticeable small purple flowers. I don't remember seeing filaree in other years. I am curious if it is a recent import to our county. Cattle eat the filaree, but henbit seems to be just another problem weed.



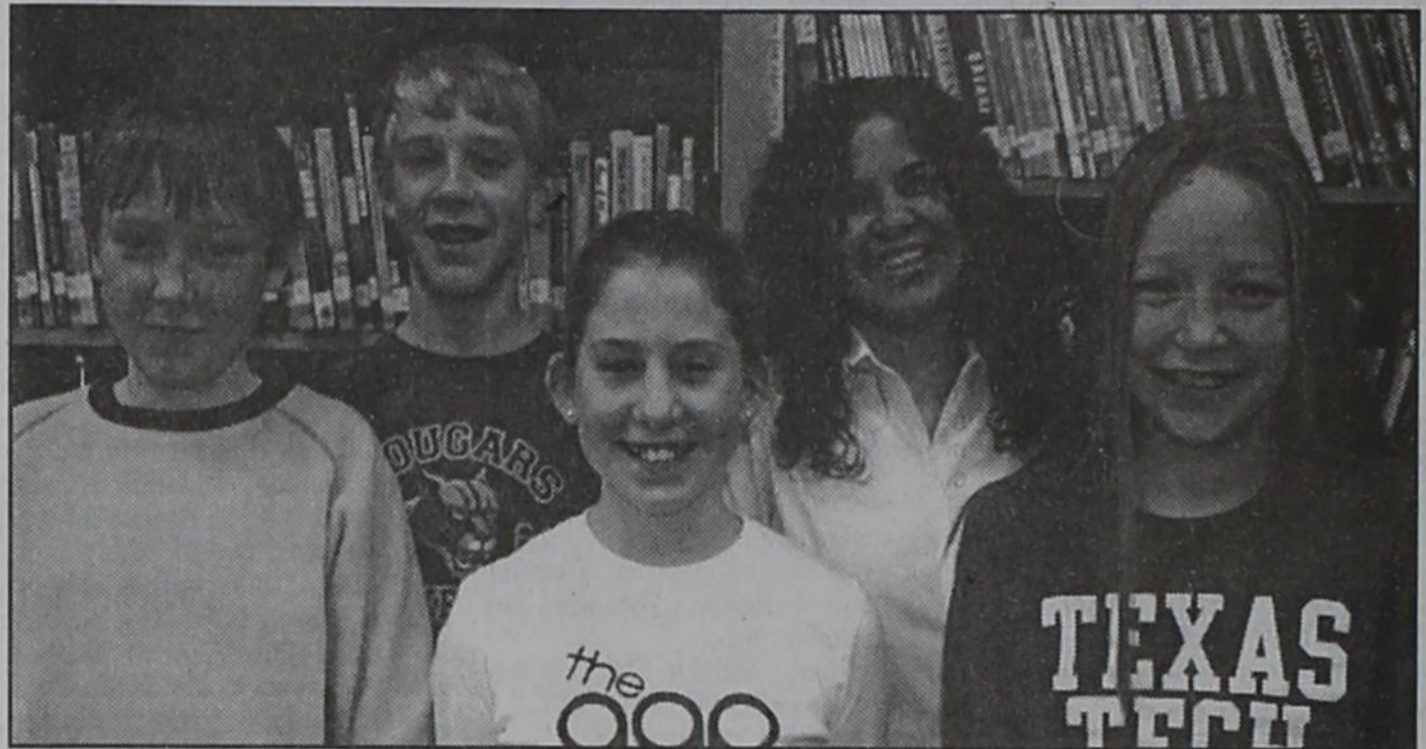
Tori Sheets, Ashley Keim and Sharon Haney recently competed in the District 4-H Roundup Share-the-Fun competition held at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

## Hansford 4-H youth compete in District Roundup

Hansford 4-H youth competed recently in District 4-H Roundup Share-the-Fun competition held on the West Texas A&M University campus.

Jimmilee McCloy from Morse placed first in Senior Musical, and will advance to state 4-H Roundup in June. Sharon Haney placed 2nd in Senior Vocal and Tori Sheets placed 2nd in Junior Musical.

Junior Poetry contestants were Wil McCloy, Maci Forrest and Audrey Lieb. Ashley Keim competed in Junior Vocal and Jacob Lieb in Junior Musical.



Five Pringle-Morse students participated with other Hansford 4-H youth in the District Roundup Share-the-Fun competition. (Back, L-R) Wil McCloy and Jimmilee McCloy; (Front, L-R) Jacob Lieb, Maci Forrest and Audrey Lieb.

## Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

Monday morning was off in a flurry of activity as usual. The Newscurrants Program was very interesting. We spent the morning in the living room discussing different world events.

That afternoon we gathered in the activity room to continue our sewing project. Some were cutting fabric, some pinning it together, some were pressing and some were running the sewing machines. I must say that the valances are turning out beautifully.

That evening the Rotary Club hosted bingo for the Residents. Thank you to the Rotary Club!

Tuesday morning we were off to olympic practice. The games are adapted so that everyone can play. We enjoyed playing and watching each other.

That afternoon we had special snacks supplied by our dietary department and had a discussion group about "You Be the Judge". It was documented cases from courts that the Residents were asked to judge, then the actual verdicts were discussed and why they went the way that they did. It was very interesting since it was from real life.

Wednesday morning Janie read Bible verses to the Residents and they had a discussion group.

After lunch we met in the activity room to finish the shamrocks that they had been working on and to also work on ceramics.

Thursday morning was crash morning at olympic practice since the olympics were to be the next day. Everyone was down and practicing hard for the upcoming competition.

After lunch the auxiliary hosted

bingo for the Residents. Thank you to the Auxiliary!

Friday morning came and we were hustling and bustling around early so that we could get the olympics kicked off. We had volunteers all over the place. Jobs were assigned, games were set up, the Residents were up and ready thanks to the nursing staff, and the games began. We had wonderful participation and a really fun filled day with

all of the volunteers and all of the games going on all over the Manor. (The story of the olympics will be in a later edition of the newspaper.)

After lunch we had refreshments furnished by the dietary department and the awards ceremony. It was a great day at the Manor.

After the awards program we were really blessed to have Bethany & Justin to sing for the Residents. Thank you, Bethany & Justin!



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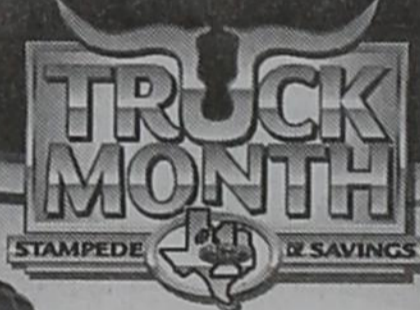
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**SPEARMAN CITIZEN'S FACILITY COMMITTEE**

**Joint/Called Meeting with Spearman ISD Board of Trustees**

The Citizens' Facility Committee met in a joint meeting with the Spearman ISD Board of Trustees on Monday, November 8, 2004 in the elementary/junior high cafeteria at 6:00 p.m.

**Members Present**

Citizen's Facility Committee members present at the meeting were: Paige Burgin, Hank Sutterfield, Richie Thompson, J.B. Sintas, Bill Carson, Kevin Bynum, Jon Garnett, Rickey White, Audene Beck, Rosi Martinez, Rosalee Bueno, Judy Nelson, Mansel Phillips, Jackie Pearson, Mary Anne George, Martina Miller, Maria Carbajal, Sheri Benton, and Mark Garnett.

Board members present at the meeting were: Mark Allen, Dwayne Mitchell, Stephanie Crossland, Carol Dunnihoo, Will Jarvis, Mark Sheets, and Bob Boxwell.

School officials present were: Rodney Sumner, Ronnie Cogdill, Bill Wiggins and Garry Dodd.

**Discussion/Business**

• Bob Boxwell welcomed those present on behalf of the Spearman ISD Board of Trustees and reviewed step by step what the board has done starting in November 2002 addressing the issue of district facilities. A handout was provided with a chronological list of what has happened during this period of time relating to facility master planning done by the board of Trustees.

• Bob Boxwell indicated that the committee's role was as an advisory committee to the Board of Trustees. He said that Board of Trustees has been working hard on doing the homework on this issue; however, it was time to involve the community in reviewing what has been done and providing additional input, suggestions and ideas on what might need to be done to address the aging district facilities. He added that this process could take 4-6 meetings (maybe more or maybe less) depending on what the committee feels they need.

• A tour of the junior high and elementary school was conducted by the campus principals. A handout was provided on observations of the facilities as well as some of the improvements that have been made on the campuses in recent years. Mr. Sumner asked those present to make a list of other observations that they had about the facilities toured.

• Jackie Pearson was selected to serve as the Chairperson of the Citizens' Facility Committee, and Sheri Benton was selected to serve as the vice-chair in the case of the absence of Mrs. Pearson. Bob Boxwell said that Rodney Sumner and Mark Allen would serve as ex officio members of the committee to serve in the role of support and to help answer any questions.

• The committee will meet next Monday, November 15, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library. Mr. Sumner provided the members of the committee with a copy of the Facility Study done by Dr. Paul Trautman and asked everyone present to look through this material in order to begin discussion at the next meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The purpose of these minutes is to communicate activities to staff, parents and the community. Persons who have questions or comments should direct them to any member of the facility committee or to a school board member.

**FACILITY TOUR**

**Junior High School Observations:**

- Plumbing issues
- Electrical issues (comments: Electricity is at maximum capacity. Breakers trip often due to excessive drain on the system. Limited outlets in rooms with no capacity to add additional outlets.)
- Structural issues (comments: Medals rods have been placed through the roof to prevent separation of the exterior walls from the building. Settlement and deterioration of bricks and mortar.)
- Cafeteria issues (comments: Collapsed sewer lines. Inadequate cooking area and equipment. Deliveries block traffic in the parking lot. Freezers located outdoors.)
- Restrooms do not meet ADA standards (comments: Due to structural issues no remodeling can be done. Masonry on walls is becoming brittle.)
- Inadequate storage space
- Cracker Box gym (comments: Outside sidewalk higher than the gym floor which is causing leaking into the gym. As a result wood is rotting and masonry is crumbling from walls.)
- Classrooms (comments: Rooms are too small for instructional activities. Floor tiles are buckling up. These tiles contain asbestos, and an abatement process is required to address the issue. Masonry is coming off walls. Walls cannot be moved to enlarge rooms due to the structural integrity of the building. ESL classroom is an old janitor's closet. Science labs are missing safety equipment and lack inadequate ventilation. Inadequate storage room for chemicals.)
- Lacks faculty workroom, faculty restrooms, conference and meeting rooms
- Elevator does not meet current ADA code
- Life Skills is located in band/choir building (comments: No ADA restroom facilities are present. Classroom is located between band and choir rooms, and noise level prevents adequate instruction.)
- Side walks in need of repair

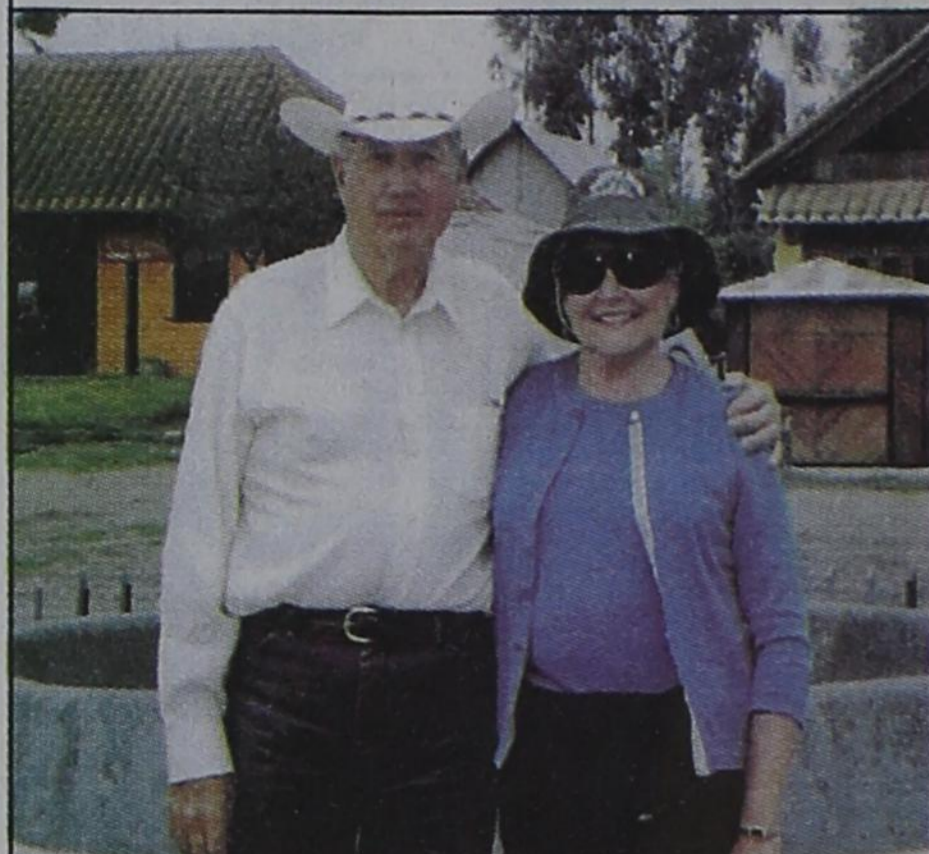
**Elementary School Observations:**

- Inadequate storage throughout building
- Hallways do not have heat
- Inadequate space in Pre-Kindergarten classrooms
- AC units on the top of the building over 15-years old and are breaking down (need to be replaced/life expectancy is 15 years).
- Electrical issues (comments: Not enough electrical outlets in classrooms to support technology.)
- Asbestos flooring throughout old part of building
- Special needs programs meeting in janitorial closets and sharing same classroom with other programs.
- Portable buildings required to house required special needs programs (i.e., dyslexia, Reading Recovery, bilingual, speech therapy, etc.)
- Students must walk outside to go to cafeteria and PE.
- Limited meeting spaces for parent conferences and student testing.
- Science classroom inadequate for required curriculum.
- Nurses office former custodial closet. (comments: Restrooms do not meet ADA code. Room does not have adequate heating and cooling. Location is at the back of the building.)
- Lack of storage in classrooms
- Teacher Workroom is now a classroom
- BIG ISSUE at the elementary school --- SPACE!

**What upkeep has been done over the past five-years?**

- ADA hardware on all doors at elementary and junior high school
- Replaced AC units as they crashed
- New lighting in classrooms and in halls at the junior high school
- New ceiling tiles in the junior high hallways
- New ceiling tiles in the choir room
- ADA kitchen remodeled in life skills room
- Surveillance cameras installed at junior high school
- Cracker Box gym floor repaired and refinished
- ADA water fountains in both campuses
- Braille room signs installed on both campuses
- Music room at the elementary school enlarged for public performances
- Portable building purchased to address elementary space problems.
- Roof repair at both campuses
- Cafeteria painted and graphic designs for walls
- New cafeteria tables purchased
- Some outside doors replaced

**Sheets return from trip to South America**



Claude and Jo Nell Sheets stand on each side of the equator.

Claude and Jo Nell Sheets returned recently from a trip to the Amazon Jungle, Iquitos, Lima, Cuzco and Machu Pichu, Peru, as well as Quito, Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands.

They enjoyed going down the Amazon River about a hundred miles, visiting native villages, catching pirhana, as well as jungle trails and walking over the tree tops on a swinging bridge.

Iquitos is a small city (about 3 million) with very few cars, some rather rickety busses and 17 thousand motorized rickshaws. Lima is a rather modern city of 27 million. Cuzco is a small area city of about 8 million people situated in the andes Mountains at 11,300 ft.

They enjoyed a train ride to Machu Pichu, and exploring the ruins. Quito is a modern thriving city of about 9 million people. (Each day they record at least a 3 on the Rector Scale in tremors.)

The Galapagos Islands is where Darwin conducted many of his studies. There are many species of plants and animals indigenous to the islands. They saw Blue Footed Boobies (a bird) and small penguins, sea turtles, giant land tortoises, land iguanas and marine iguanas by the hundreds, as well as whales. Sea lions were plentiful, and had to be walked around, or stepped over if they were sunning in a walkway. They saw many strange fish and sea creatures while snorkeling.

The trip was very enjoyable, but there are so many reasons to be thankful for living in the Panhandle of Texas.

**Daffodil Day Festival - Celebration 2005**

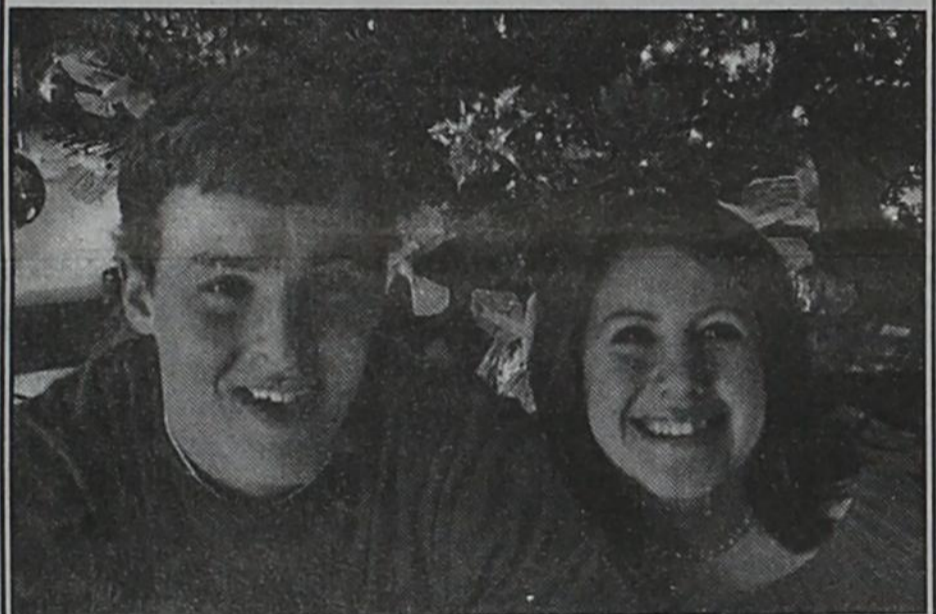
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**SHS Students of the Month**



Mark Thomas and Rossilyn Bulls

Mark Thomas and Rossilyn Bulls were named the December Students of the Month at Spearman High School.

Mark has been involved in athletics and is a member of Who's Who Among American High School Students and the National Honor Roll.

When not studying, Mark enjoys playing guitar, hunting and playing Playstation 2.

After graduation he plans to attend Texas Tech University, and hopes to become an electrical engineer.

Mark likes the friendly environment in Spearman and states that the faculty, friendly atmosphere and educational opportunities are what he thinks make Spearman High School great. His most influential teacher was Mr. Tony Sidwell.

Mark is the son of David and Suzanne Thomas, and has three brothers, John, Bryan and Jeffrey.

Rossilyn is a member of the FCCLA, National Honor Society, Cross Country team and the SYBOC youth group.

She has served as vice president of the National honor Society and was named Academic All-State in Cross Country.

Rossilyn enjoys running and spending time with her friends and family. She stated that one of the things she likes best about Spearman is the support from the community, and really enjoys the environment at Spearman High School. Her most influential teacher was Mrs. Mollie Holton.

After graduation she plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in history.

Rossilyn, the daughter of Sara Bulls and Justin Harland, has one brother, Roy John.

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