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Heart Association Banquet Held

The Hansford Division of the American Heart Association hosted its Annual Heart Gala on Saturday, April 8, 2000. The theme for this year's event was the "Heart Beat of Texas."

Beginning at 6:15 p.m., everyone was invited to enjoy a taste of the west as they browsed the Heart Beat of Texas Country Store and sampled appetizers provided by Hansford Division Board of Directors.

Beginning at 7:00 p.m., the Williams Brothers provided some serious country grazin', served by famous local outlaws (Stephen & Tammy Batton, Bob & Cathy Davis, Curt & Tricia Fitzgearld, Gary & Karla Flowers, Keith & Darlene Gibson, Rick & Jan Howard, Scot & Julie Martin, Tindle & Kristi Ramon, Lance & Sally Swan, and Shane & Maria Sumner). The menu for the evening was: Outlaw Salad, Range Baked Potatoes, Chuckwagon Beans, Wild West Beef, Ranch Rolls, Sweets, and Cowboy Coffee.

This year's entertainment was provided by John Hood, a Cowboy Poet. The live auction began at 8:30 p.m.

The Hansford Board of Directors dedicated this Gala to the memory of Garrett Rex. Garrett, the son of George and Tina Rex and brother of Tiffany, Brandon and Kelcee, experienced a life of cardiovascular illness.

His short life shows the necessity of the need of research. In order for research to be done, funding has to be provided. These events are a main source of funding. The people of Hansford County have always given their support in making Hansford County the highest monetary contributions per capita in the Texas Panhandle.

Hansford County American Heart Association Board Members are: Anita Sumner - President, Missie Sumner - President Elect, Penny Ralston - Secretary, Sharron Swan - Treasurer, June Barkley, Charlotte Bergin, Rosemary Brown, Dr. Paul Bubliss, Kay Hobbs, Darlene Pierce, Margaret Ralston, Colleen Schaefer, Anna Beth Wood, and Deanna Shields.

Sponsorships of \$500 were: Mr. & Mrs. Carl Archer, Dr. & Mrs. Paul Bubliss, Monty Dixon & Amber Dobler-Dixon, M.D.; \$250 donors were: Mr. & Mrs. T.J. Bergin, Bort Agency, Inc., Mr. & Mrs. Gene Cudd, Mr. & Mrs. Dean Cluck, Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Pete Fisher, Golden Spread Sales Company, Gruver Insurance Agency, Inc., Gruver State Bank, Interstate Bank, Mr. & Mrs. Marvin L. Jones, Morse Implement & Auto Supply, Mr. & Mrs. R.D. O'Loughlin, USA Feedyard; \$200 sponsorships were: D.G.C. Feeders, Inc., First National Bank of

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Donations may be mailed to the American Heart Association, Box 131, Spearman, TX 79081.



Hansford Heart Association President Anita Sumner presents George and Tina Rex with a plaque in memory of their son, Garrett Rex. This year's Heart Association Banquet was dedicated in memory of Garrett.

Christmas-In-April

submitted by Beverly Cook

Christmas in April, Hansford County, Texas, is a local community organization for the purpose of repairing the homes of elderly and/or handicapped people in Hansford County.

Specifically, Christmas in April: finds projects, finds volunteers, makes matches between the two, and raises funds for materials.

In finding projects, the emphasis is on three aspects of home improvement: safety, accessibility and quality of life.

Volunteers are recruited from local churches, clubs, schools and other organizations, as well as on an individual basis for certain professional skills.

Matches between projects and volunteers are made at a House Captains Meeting held about one

month prior to the Work Day. Fundraising is done mostly by the Board of Directors, which meets two or three times a year.

Our local chapter is now about three years old, having held our first one-day event in April '98. Seven homes in Spearman and Gruver were repaired and spruced up by more than 150 local volunteers.

Last year's event was held Saturday, April 17, 1999.

This year's event will take place on Saturday, April 15, 2000. Projects include 8 homes to be renovated in Spearman. An organizational meeting was held recently matching volunteers with projects. About 150 people are expected to participate in various capacities.

Currently, our greatest need is to raise between \$8,000 and \$10,000 more in order to repair 10 Hansford

County homes. Any excess over the amount used this year will go into a reserve fund which the Board hopes to use for development of a year-round "emergency" response capability.

Materials are currently being purchased for this year's projects. If you are interested in establishing this way of neighbors helping neighbors in our community, help by indicating your individual or your group's sponsorship preference on the form below and return it, along with your check made payable to C-I-A*Hansford County, Texas, as soon as possible to: C-I-A*Hansford County, P.O.Box 295, Spearman, TX 79081 or contact Beverly Cook, J.L. Brock, Pearl Pierce, or Larry Murphy. All contributions are tax deductible.

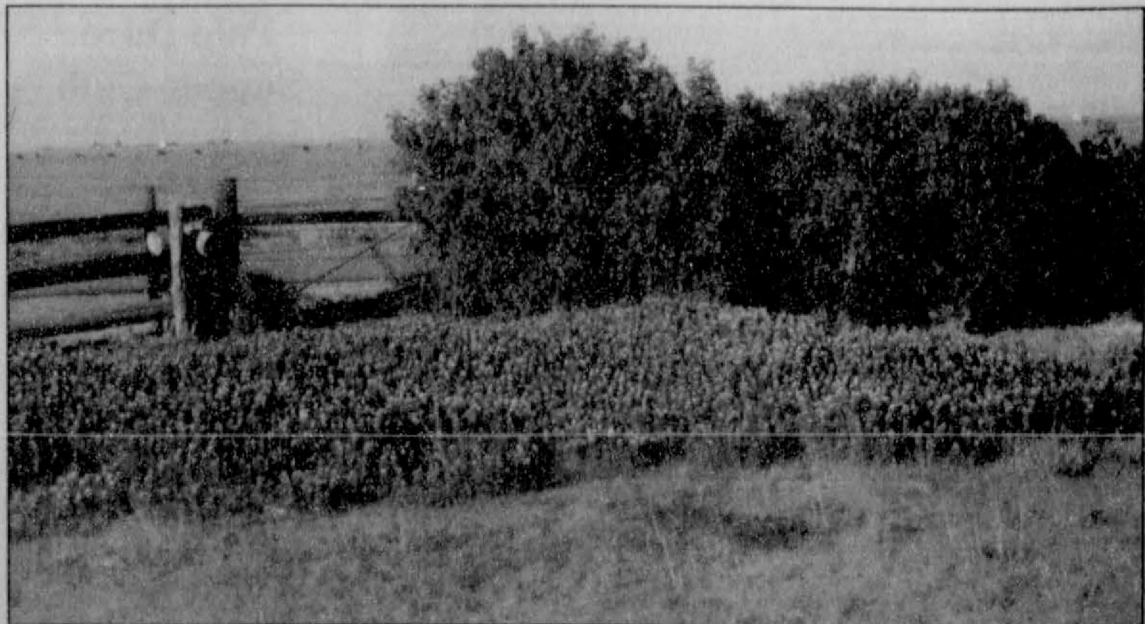
Christmas-In-April Donation Form

Our group (or I) would like to help our (my) neighbors with a donation to Christmas-In-April*Hansford County.

Our (my) check for \$ _____ is enclosed.

Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone Number: _____



The Golden Spread Senior Center recently completed a Windmill Quilt that they will be raffling. The theme was chosen to help promote the windmill project in Hansford County. Pictured are: Golden Spread Senior Citizen Representatives Olga Gafford, Maxine Little, Lola Newcomb and Susan Delk and Southwestern Pioneer Windmill Association Representatives Dwayne Mitchell, Orville Latham, and Britt Jarvis.

Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association News

by Dwayne Mitchell

The Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association now has its building. The building is located on the northeast corner of the Windmill Park.

The building is 40 by 60 of frame construction covered with metal. Part of the building has a slab floor in it, and the remainder will remain dirt. SWPA members spent two days last week putting up insulation and composition board. The overhead doors were installed and when electrical wiring is finished, the building is ready for use.

Construction of the building was by Charles Elliott and cement work by Archie Smith. Cody Thoms is donating his labor in wiring the building.

Now the building must be paid for. The SWPA has borrowed money to construct the building. SWPA receives no tax support.

The SWPA is a non-profit organization and paper work has been

completed and filed so all donations to the SWPA are tax deductible.

In addition to monetary donations, the SWPA is seeking tools to furnish the building. A radial saw and drill press have been donated. The SWPA needs a table saw, small welder, cutting torch, air compressor, grinder and A-frame with chain hoist. If you have any of these items and wish to give to the SWPA, please call Orville Latham.

If you wish to donate to SWPA to help pay for the building, or would like to join or need information, call Gina at the chamber.

With the building completed, it will be easier to add to the mills now in the Windmill Park.

by Gina Gillispie

On Monday, April 10, 2000, the Southwestern Pioneer Windmill Association met at noon at the O'Loughlin Center.

The Golden Spread Senior Citizens prepared a delicious meal and unveiled their windmill quilt.

Members present were: Roger Buchanan, Orville Latham, Britt Jarvis, Dwayne Mitchell, Joel Lee Lackey, and Gina Gillispie. Special guests included J.B. Buchanan, Burl Buchanan, Robert Patrick, Gary Ellsworth, Brian Gillispie, and Mrs. Donnie Mitchell.

Absent were: Steve Benton and Irene Snider.

The main topic of discussion was preparing a contract for adopting the windmills. Britt will make the contract and proceedings will begin once an inventory is taken on mills available and cost of renovation.

Gina reported that she had already received several phone calls due to the letters sent in the Alumni packet that included the commemorative brick sales.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Buy Your Raffle Ticket For The Golden Spread Senior Citizen's Windmill Quilt

Happy Birthday

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

April 13
 Birthday - Lindsay Barkley, Ashley (Wagner) Bezner, Chad Clawson, Norma Jean Mackie, Elaine Morris, Robbie Randall, Maria Cole, Greg Black, Rebecca Cruse, Sarah Miser, Paula Labnier, Cleto Vanderberg, Billy Logsdon, Dedee Ellis, Clementine Renner, Sara Paschel, Shelby Reiswig
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Rey Burgess

April 14
 Birthday - Ross Bulls, Cynthia Floyd, Verla Kunsleman, Dorsey Perez, Ryan Perez
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Lusby, Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Bodey, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Harvey

April 15
 Birthday - Cathy Boone, Jim Roberts, Danny Knox, Dorothy Faye Baggerly, Michelle Beedy, Eva Mae Reger, Kenneth Pierce, Emma Garcia, Margie Crockett, Millard Tucker, Stephanie Campbell, Nicole Ramon, Jeff Coates, Austin Gross, Wesley Thompson, Skyler Sumner
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Victor Soto, Mr. & Mrs. Wally Berner

April 16
 Birthday - Rod Barkley, Amber Knight, Anise Renner, Clayton Thompson, Cathy Patterson, David Knox, Edward Beck, Walter Jones, Alice Rodriguez, Tylan Pearce, Vernon Morris, G.W. Robinson, Jim Tucker, Joann Baca, Dorsey Perez, Ryan Perez, Matt Anderson
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Mitch Hoover, Mr. & Mrs. David Nash

April 17
 Birthday - Tim Garland, Gary Smith, Bill Porter, Linda Mosier, Anissa Ryan, Edgar Nava, Cheryl Hill, Kendra Jones, Jimmy Tope, Alfred Avila, Albert Avila, Tavo Hermissillo, Jenifer DeLaCruz, Norma Reis, Maurine Stenson, Ann Pape, Callie Stedje, John Smith, Katie Reed, Wendy Frick
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Julian

Rodriguez, Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Bailey, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Garland, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Blount, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Garcia, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hunter

April 18
 Birthday - Billy Kelly Jr., J.D. McCoy, Gregg Farr, Victor Rios Jr., Cacy Vaughn, Jena Cherry, Cha'ae Avila, Jennifer Gonzales, Elmo Dahl, Jeb Lee, Israel Arzate
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Steve TeBeest

April 19
 Birthday - Hunter Bevell, Opal Barnes, Mrs. Bob Nobles, Bobby Snider, Landon Swan, Sterling True, Norman Gilmore, Lori Diffie Johnson, Blare Dudley, Jessica Blake, Victoria Tempie, Crystal Gross, Socoyyo Tarango, Hortencia Trejo, Elizabeth Castillo, Jocelyn Whitefield
 Anniversary - John & Tammy Woodward

April 20
 Birthday - Mickey Maupin, Reid Winger, Dorothy Lusby, Ed Pearson, Nita Baker, Leann Carson, Denise Rojas, Gary Easley, Matt Zachary, Gary Koons, Jared Harrison, Valarie Perez, Inez Arzate
 Anniversary - Oliver & Mary Barnes, Mr. & Mrs. Dean Cluck

April 21
 Birthday - Martin Trejo, Roy Bulls, Janet Henson, Tracy Holladay, Heather Reimer, Danny Lopez, Holy Renee Baker, Luran Urban, Agnes Hoel, David Link, Patsy Sparks, Randa Myers
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Larry Widener, Mr. & Mrs. Terry Sherrill

April 22
 Birthday - Chelcie Davis, Agnes Hoel, David Link, Shelly Stedje, Sharon Wilson, James Martin, Bonnie Garnett, Loyd Cator, Clifford Hornsby, Rosalinda Vela, Mary Parker, Mary Ojeda, Margie Galvan, David Roy Martin, Cindy Womble, Lisa Tarango, Troy TeBeest, Donna Cook, Velma Deweese, Debbie Hornsby, Janice Fulce, Hannah Speck, Shelly Stedje, Karen Babitzke, Brendon Carter
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Pablo Perez, Mr. & Mrs. Brad Renick, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lopez, Mr. & Mrs. Victor Lopez

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

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

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

Programa de Pre-Kind
 Programa de Pre-Kind Si tiene o conoce un nso/nois que va tener 4 anos de edad en o antes del 1 de Septiembre, el o ella puede ser eligible por nuestra programa de Pre-Kind por el ano de escuela 2000-2001. Puede recoger un aplicacion en la oficina de la escuela elementaria en 511 S. Townsend. Si tiene preguntas, favor llame la oficina en 659-2565.

Early Childhood Education Screening
 Spearman Independent School District's Special Education Department and Region 16 ESC Early Childhood Intervention are offering a FREE Screening for children 0-3 years of age for Early Childhood Education on April 28th at Spearman Elementary. This clinic is to identify children who may need early classroom experiences or home intervention in: hearing, talking, seeing, playing with other children, learning about their world, using their hands, or may have a PHYSICAL HANDICAP
 Certified specialists will be working with children at the Elementary building on April 28, 2000. APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED and can be made by calling 659-2565. A parent or legal guardian will need to accompany the child to the screening to provide permission and needed developmental information.
 If you need additional information, call 659-2565.

Clinica Interventiva Para Ninos
 Clinica Interventiva Para Ninos - 28 de Abril, 2000 - Spearman Elementary. El Departamento de Educacion Especial del Distrito Escolar de Spearman (SISD) y Region 16 Centro de Servicio ofrecera una clinica GRATIS para ninos entre 0-3 anos de edad. La clinica es para identificar aquellos ninos que pueden necesitar educacion o intervencion en casa con: oiendo, hablando, mirando, jugar como otros ninos, adaptarse a sus alrededores, uso de las manos, o quizas tengan un IMPEDIMENTO FISICO.
 Especialistas certificados examinaran a los nitos el 28 de Abril, 2000. SE REQUIEREN CITAS. Haga su cita llamando al 659-2565. El padre/madre o guardian debeba acompanar al nino para que de permiso y informacion tocante el desarrollo del nio.
 Para mas informacion, llame al 659-2565.

Sacred Heart Women's Guild Bake Sale
Wednesday, April 19th
8:30 a.m. - ?
Lowe's Marketplace

Our Deepest Sympathy

Mary Ellen Ulmer
 Mary Ellen Ulmer, 97, of Green Ridge, died Tuesday, April 4, 2000, at Bothwell Regional Health Center.
 She was born on December 28, 1902, in Green Ridge, a daughter of William and Rose Ann Gregory Butcher. On November 3, 1919, she was married to James True Ulmer, who died on June 17, 1959.
 Mrs. Ulmer was a member of Green Ridge Presbyterian Church, where she was active in the Ruth Circle. She had been a member of the Rebekah Lodge and the Royal Neighbors. She was a member of the Green Ridge Garden Club. She enjoyed flowers and had planted a garden at age 83. She was an expert flower arranger and had won ribbons at the Missouri State Fair. She was known for her baked rolls. She was a tax collector for the City of Green Ridge and also worked at the Glen Ridge Post Office.
 Surviving are two daughters, Virginia White of Green Ridge and Marguerite Nelson of Spearman, TX; a sister, Pauline Brewer of Clinton; 14 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; 33 great-great-grandchildren; and a great-great-great-grandchild.
 She was preceded in death by a son, True Junior Ulmer in November of 1975; a grandson, David White in October of 1974; six sisters; five brothers; and three great-grandchildren.

Gruver Volunteer Fire Department's Wes Babbs Scholarship Fund Raiser

The Gruver Volunteer Firemen's Wives will be selling Avon to raise monty for the Wes Babbs Scholarship Fund that has been set up at the Gruver Volunteer Fire Department.
 Any purchase made from a Campaign 11 Brochure (From a fireman's wife or other participant) will benefit the Scholarship Fund.
 Please contact one of the people listed below before April 24th to support this fund-raiser: Dorothy Sparks at 733-5477, penny Kruse at 733-5278, Diane Boyd at 733-5142, Kim Blevins at 733-2353, Denise Keeling at 733-2949 or Robin McCullough.
 We appreciate your support.

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Real Country Music Is Back!
 Come dance or just listen to some live, real, country music every Friday night by Joe Daigle!
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 Come enjoy a great meal, dance and relax & have fun!
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Christmas In April
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April 15, 2000

- Volunteer To Improve Your Community
- Help Rehabilitate Homes of Poor, Elderly & Handicapped
- Assist Your Friends & Neighbors in Improving Their Housing Conditions & Quality of Life

Your help is needed to buy materials for this year's projects. If you are interested in supporting this county-wide, volunteer community service, please make contributions to: Christmas in April, Hansford County, P.O. Box 259; Spearman, TX 79081

Navidad en Abril • Hansford County

- Voluntarios para mejorar su comunidad
- Ayuda para rehabilitar casas de pobres, ancianos y incapacitados
- Asistir sus amigos y vecinos a mejorar su condicion de vivienda calidad de vida
- Un programa de un dia en

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<p>Spearman</p> <p>Apostolic Faith Church 822 S. Dessen • 659-2870 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship/Children's Church: 11 a.m. Sun. Eve./Youth: 6 p.m. Wed. Prayer Mtg: 7 p.m. Wed. Children's Choir: 7 p.m. Pastor - Edward Owens</p> <p>First Assembly of God 401 N. Bernice • 659-2295 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:35 a.m. Kid's Church: 10:35 a.m. Evening Worship: 7 p.m. Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m. Youth: 7:30 Wednesday Pastor - Walter Greaser, Jr.</p> <p>First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 29 S. Bernice • 659-2036 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:50 a.m. Minister - Gary Smith</p> <p>First Baptist Church 123 N. Bernice • 659-5557 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. Fellowship Meal: 6 p.m. Wed. Disc. Time: 6:30 p.m. Wed. Youth Mtg.: 8 p.m. Pastor - Rick Patrick Youth/Ed. Min. - Brian Foster</p> <p>Church of Christ 121 S. Haney • 659-3244 Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m. KRDF Radio Program Living W/Christ: 7:50 a.m. Minister - Leonard Harper</p> <p>Sacred Heart Catholic Church 901 Roland • 659-2792 Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m. Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English KRDF Radio Program (aired on KRDF-FM 95.3) 1:30 p.m. - Gruver - Christo Redentor Mass - Spanish Rev. Scott Raef</p> <p>Trinity Fellowship Church 717 W. 7th Ave. • 659-2671 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service & Children's Church: 10:30 a.m. Pastor - Dennis Alger</p>	<p>First Presbyterian Church (Worships with Lutheran) 1021 Cotter • 659-2033 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. at Lutheran Church Worship: 11 a.m. (alternates monthly between Lutheran & Presbyterian Church Bldg.) Pastor - Beverly Cook</p> <p>Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1101 Bernice • 659-2252 (Worships with First Presbyterian Church)</p> <p>First United Methodist 407 S. Haney • 659-5503 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m. Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday High School: 6 p.m. Sunday Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed. Pastor - Ken Cole</p> <p>Union Church 31 S. Endicott • 659-2644 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed. Pastor - Bill Sparks</p> <p>Fellowship Baptist 1102 S. Archer • 659-2783 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sun. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Youth/Adult Serv.: 7:30 Wed. Pastor - Gene Foster</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Maranta Elim. Iglesia de Cristo 303 N. Bernice Worship: Thursday - 7:30 p.m. For questions, call Raymond Godinez at (316) 624-1057</p> <p>El Aposento Alto U.P.C.I. 1105 S. Roland Domingos: Escuela-Dominical - 10 a.m. Culto Evangelistico - 7 p.m. Jueves: Oracion - 8 p.m. Mier. Estudio Biblico - 7 p.m. Pastor - A.G. Martell (806) 659-2153</p>	<p>Gruver</p> <p>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</p> <p>Church of Christ 209 King • 733-2760 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:20 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>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</p> <p>Oslo Lutheran Church (ECLA) 6 Miles West & 12 Miles North of Gruver 339-7709 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.</p> <p>Gruver United Methodist Broadway & Garrett 733-2651 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m. Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m. Pastor - Jerry Moore</p> <p>Spanish Cristo Redentor Church Sunday Mass: 1:30 p.m. Friday Evening Mass Summer - 8:00 p.m. Fall/Winter - 7:30 p.m.</p>
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Laugh
and
Live



by Catherine R. Smith
CathyRSmit@aol.com

I received this recipe last Easter, and I thought it was really great. I hope you enjoy it, and will share it with your children.

Easter Story Cookies

To be made the evening before Easter

You need:
1 cup whole pecans
1 tsp. vinegar
3 egg whites
pinch salt
1 cup sugar
zipper baggie
wooden spoon
tape
Bible

Preheat oven to 300 degrees (this is important--don't wait til you're half done with the recipe!)

Place pecans in zipper baggie and let children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested, He was beaten by the Roman soldiers. Read John 19:1-3.

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp. vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross, He was given vinegar to drink. Read John 19:28-30.

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life. Read John 10:10-11.

Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin. Read Luke 23:27.

So far, the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1 cup sugar.

Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him.

Read Ps. 34:8 and John 3:16.

Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. Read 1st a. 1:18 and John 3:1-3.

Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto wax paper covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. Read Matt. 27:57-60.

Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF.

Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. Read Matt. 27:65-66.

GO TO 'BED!' Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. Read John 16:20 and 22.

On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie.

Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. Read Matt. 28:1-9

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 :)



Wedding Announcement

Larry and Ann Parrish of Dumas wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Kenda Anise Parrish of Dumas to Justin L. Boyd of Spearman. Justin is the son of David and Kathy Boyd of Spearman.

Kenda and Justin were united in matrimony on Saturday, April 8, 2000 in the First Presbyterian Church of Dumas, TX.

Kenda is a graduate of Dumas High School. She has a nursing degree from Amarillo College, and is currently a nurse with the Hansford County Hospital District.

Justin is a graduate of Spearman High School and West Texas A&M University with a degree in Business Management. He is also a licensed paramedic. He is co-owner of North Plains Insurance Agency, Inc.

A reception was held in the home of the bride's parents following the ceremony.

The best man was David Smith and the maid of honor was Nikki Burge, both of Amarillo.

Grandparents of the bride are Pauline Parrish and Martha Porter, both of Dumas. Grandparents of the groom are G.W. Duncan of Hereford and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boyd of Gruver.

Bridal Registry

Kelli Butts & Thomas Straight - April 15th

Kenda Parrish & Justin Boyd - April 15th

Shawn Ross & Justin Tucker - April 22nd

Kellie Fowler & Dr. Tyce Hergert - April 29th

Molly McLain & Marty McCloy - April 29th

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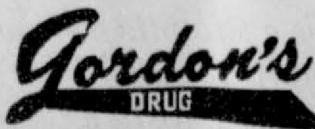
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It's A Boy!

Kyla and Thomas Sell wish to announce the birth of their son, Noah Thomas. Noah was born on March 20, 2000 in Washington, DC. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 3/4 inches long. Proud grandparents include Judy and Dennis Nelson of Spearman.

HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Spearman Swim Team

The Spearman Swim Club will have a sign-up meeting for anyone interested in joining the swim team for the 2000 summer season. The meeting is for all interested swimmers and their parents. It will be held on Tuesday, April 25th at 7:30 p.m. in the Spearman First Christian Church Fellowship Hall, located at 29 S. Bernice. The estimated cost will be about \$90 per swimmer. Swimmers are required to compete in at least two swim meets during the regular season. For more information, or to sign-up, call Marlene Miller at 659-2647, Cathy Brown at 659-2176, or Jan Howard at 659-2875.

Project Graduation

The parents of the Senior Class of 2000 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement services on Friday, May 26, 2000. To encourage the party-goers to stay the entire night, an auction is held just before breakfast is served. Prizes, gift certificates and cash are needed for the auction. If you would like to help make this an event to remember with a special prize or donation, please call Kristi Ramon at 659-3086.

O'Loughlin Center Bridge Tournament

The O'Loughlin Center Bridge Tournament has been scheduled for May 6, 2000. For more information, contact Kathy Bryant at 659-3030.

Hansford County Promise Keepers

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

Frank Phillips College Offers Free Baseball Clinic

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

Full Gospel Comm. Worship Center Presents "One Voice"

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

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System in conjunction with Hansford County Hospital will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at 712 S. Roland, in Spearman on April 24, 2000. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or toll free 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

Donations Needed For SpearmanLynx.com

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

Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant

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

Holt Club Scholarship

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

Marjorie Urban Memorial Scholarship

The Marjorie Urban Memorial Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for the 2000-2001 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 2000 graduates. Applications may be picked up and returned to Perryton National Bank. For more information, call (806) 435-9641. Ben Harris of Gruver and Eric Vamon of Spearman are former recipients of this scholarship.

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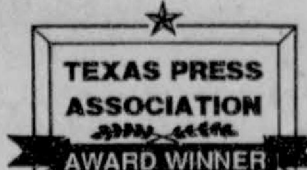
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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Last week the Amarillo Daily News carried an editorial by Steve Myatt, Gruber Girls Basketball Coach, that was unusually thought provoking. It would be a benefit to other student bodies and adults to read it. He presents a different angle to an old problem, and a very effective one it is.

The many Hansford County friends and relatives of Marshall Cator returned this week from Oklahoma City where they had attended the induction ceremony into the Cowboy Hall of Fame. It was last Saturday and the banquet was that evening.

The Dumas newspaper, in a write-up that included a large picture on Marshall, stated that more than 100 friends and relatives from this area attended. The entire crowd was estimated at 800.

After all of the speeches stating how deserving of the honor he was, he was escorted to the stage in front of a microphone. It was typical of Marshall that his acceptance speech consisted on the following: "You all shouldn't have gone to all this trouble, but I do appreciate it. That's all I got to say."

Rubyjo and J.D. Wilbanks attended the ceremony for Marshall in Oklahoma City on Saturday morning and the banquet that evening. They had toured the Cowboy Hall of fame, earlier.

They left Sunday morning and drove to Springfield, MO where they visited with friends. They went to Independence where they had had business connections in prior years.

While in Independence they toured the home of former president, Harry and Bess Truman and found it most informative and interesting. They returned home on Thursday.

Louise Vanderburg welcomes her ninth great grandchild. Tim and Michelle Vanderburg of Allen Texas announced the arrival of Lauren Avery in Dallas. She weighed 8 lbs.

Her grandparents are Jack and Donna Vanderburg, Dalhart, and great grandparents are Louise Vanderburg and Marguerite and Roscoe Nelson, all of Spearman. The names of the maternal grandparents were not available.

Grace Kirk was pleased to have son Roger and Joyce Davis here for the weekend. They live in Oklahoma City where Roger is director of the State forest service.

Myrna Biggers, head of the Alternate Education Program for Spearman schools, attended the National Conference of NovaNet on March 29-30 at Mesa, AZ.

Its purpose was to discuss methods for the educational support system used in the alternative school programs. More than 600 attended the conference. Myrna was on the program to make a presentation of the methods used in Spearman schools and the success which has resulted. It was well received by the audience.

Myrna expected to be back in Spearman Friday evening, but the weather in Dallas resulted in a lay-over. She spent the night in Plano with a cousin and returned Saturday. This flight home was a long one also due to the weather.

The board of directors of the Station House Museum honored member, Clementine Renner, with a birthday observance at their regular meeting last Monday. Clementine will be 93 on April 13. She is still

quite active and alert and contributes much to the meetings and plans for the museum.

Clementine Venneman Renner was born in Butte, Montana and came here with her parents in 1905 when she was three. She may be, the resident of Hansford County who has lived here the longest.

All join in wishing her Many Happy Returns!

Three year old Zane Hughes is at home rapidly recovering from removal of lymph nodes. Surgery was performed at Baptist St. Anthony's day surgery last Wednesday. Zane is the son of John and Katrina Hughes.

They express sincere appreciation for all the prayers in their behalf.

Judy and Dennis Nelson returned Monday from ten days in Washington, D.C. They flew there when their daughter, Kyla Sell, was released from the hospital following surgery and the birth of a son. She and Tom Sell are the proud parents of Noah Thomas, born March 20.

During the ten day stay, the Nelsons found time to see many places of interest, including the Smithsonian, and accompanying Sally Thornberry, wife of Representative Thornberry, on a tour of the Whitehouse.

Little Noah Thomas had a personal visit from Rep. Larry and Sharon Combest as he and Larry share the same birthday. Tom is an assistant to Combest.

Roscoe and Marguerite Nelson with Charles and Joanne Eaton left for Sedalia, MO last Thursday and returned late Sunday. They attended the funeral for Mrs. Nelson's mother, Mrs. Mary Ulmer, 97.

She passed away on Tuesday and her funeral was in Sedalia on Saturday with internment at Green Ridge. She left many descendants, most of whom were at the services which comprised a family reunion.

Lois Nollner has thoroughly enjoyed the last ten days as her daughter, Betty Dean, has been with her. Betty is from Corpus Christi and flew back Sunday.

The highlight of her visit was celebrating Lois' 88th birthday on the 3rd.

It was also observed before and after by other family members.

Lois (Kizzlar) was a native Texan, being born at Itaska, TX. She finished high school here and married Roy Nollner, who passed away many years ago.

Dorothy Roden is recovering from knee replacement surgery performed on April 3 at IHS (subsidiary to BSA). She is now in rehab and therapy and making progress. She is in good spirits and expects to be at home in a few weeks. Cards can reach her at 5601 Plum Creek Drive, room #213-C, Amarillo.

The many friends of Marjorie Curtis are welcoming her home after an absence of months. Last fall she was hospitalized in Pampa and when she was recovered enough was taken to Durango, CO to be with her son, Terry. She has recovered completely from her severe and dangerous reaction to one of her medications, and also did not react to the altitude at Durango which had been feared.

However, Marjorie attributes her current good health to the TLC of Terry. He brought her home late last week and has arranged with Mr. and Mrs. Vargas to look after her.

It has been an accepted fact by the associates of Orville Latham that he is a master of debating and winning arguments, but it wasn't known that the trait could be passed on to descendants.

Orville spent a long week-end at Kingfisher in the home of Terry and Deanne Latham and children.

They attended the state tournament for 2-A schools held at O.U. at Norman. He proudly watched as his grandson Matthew Latham and partner won first in debate and are now Oklahoma State Champions. Matthew is a freshman and his partner a sophomore.

Orville was equally proud of his granddaughter, Megan. She won a one-plus rating in the Junior high band concert state meet. She is in the 6th grade, and plays the clarinet. Orville is sharing his pride and the credit with their other grandparents, Butch and Irene Baker.

Weather report from Dwayne Smith for the week of April 3rd-10th shows the highest temperature was on the 5th at 96; the lowest on the 8th at 30. He squeezed out .02 of moisture on the 3rd.

Holy Week Services Slated

Holy Week Services, sponsored by Spearman Ministerial Alliance, are scheduled for April 17th - 21st. Services will be held at noon Monday through Thursday at the First Christian Church. The Friday service will be A Service of Tenebrae scheduled for 6:00 p.m.

A different minister will be leading the service each day. The church the minister of the day serves will provide dessert and music for the day their minister leads the worship service.

The schedule is as follows:
Monday, April 17 at noon Gary Smith of the First Christian Church
Tuesday, April 18 at noon Bill Sparks of the Union Church
Wednesday, April 19 at noon Roland Haney of the Apostolic Faith Church
Thursday, April 20 at noon Dennis Alger of the Trinity Fellowship
Friday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. Beverly Cook of the First Presbyterian and Lutheran Churches

Gladiola Flower Club News

by Wanda Brown

The Gladiola Flower Club met on Thursday, April 6, 2000 in the home of June Jackson.

The meeting was called to order by President Estelle Jackson. Roll Call was answered by giving a tip for a gardner.

Virginia Trundle introduced Ruth Ann Jones, who gave the program on Texas Bluebonnets. Mrs. Jones also brought a lovely arrangement of home-grown bluebonnets to display as she discussed "Bluebonnet culture at a glance."

Margarette Evans won on home-grown arrangement, and June Jackson won on the houseplant. Dickie Allen thanked everyone for the birthday cards.

Virginia Head, chairman of the project committee, discussed the delivery of Meals on Wheels and made the final assignments.

Refreshments were served to Dickie Allen, Verna Brown, Wanda Brown, Dorothy Buzzard, Betty Jean Davis, Margarette Evans, Ann Flowers, Virginia Head, Estelle Jackson, Lorene Kunselman, Eloise Renner, Virginia Trindle, and hostess June Jackson.

The next meeting will be held on April 20th in the home of Rose Cummings.

Annual Texas Aggie Muster

Former students and Friends of Texas A&M University will assemble in Spearman April 21, 2000 for the annual Texas Aggie Muster sponsored by the High Plains A&M Club. Muster activities will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Ivy's Hungry Cowboy restaurant. A dinner of catfish and barbecue will be served with the Muster program to follow. All former students, prospective students, and Fiends of Texas A&M are invited to attend. For information or reservations, please contact Bill Carson at 806-659-2697 or 1-800-687-4388.

The Aggie Muster dates back to the mid-1880's and has been held annually since that time. More than 650 Musters will be held around the world this April 21st. During wars Aggies have mustered in foxholes, on the battlefield, aboard ships, and in airplanes and hospitals. During World War II, a Muster was held on Corregidor Island shortly before the Japanese captured the island.

Every Muster ceremony throughout the world is the same. The Aggies pay their respect to their University, the nation and the state, and honor those who are absent, because of death, since the last Muster was held. This year, special recognition will be given to students who died during the Bonfire tragedy in November and Aggies from the panhandle area.

You are invited to attend a
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on Saturday, the fifteenth of April, 2000
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Out At The Lake



by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Level--April 10, 2000--49.44 feet

Jim's Report

The picture, snapped last Tuesday, is of a nice string of blue catfish caught on Horse Creek by Kent Ruble of Spearman. The largest of the six fish weighed 12 pounds. After Jim left, Kent continued to catch more fish.

Roland Harris of Perryton fished on the very windy Friday and had the best day fishing that he ever had. I think of Roland as the man who catches the walleye, but this day he caught 7 blue cats with the largest weighing 16 pounds. He told Pete Moncayo of Perryton about his good day, so Pete came over on Saturday but didn't have much luck. He did catch a 15 inch crappie though.

Jake and Robin McCullough were having a good Saturday on the Palo Duro. Maybe we can have the picture of their string next week.

This weekend there was one camper on the office side and five behind the dam.

The Lake was favored by a group of six or eight white pelicans this week. The pair of roadrunners are still seen near the office.

John Hutchison e-mailed me an item on McKibben from the New Handbook of Texas. It said the stop on the North Texas and Santa Fe Railroad was named for an officer of the Railroad and that a community had grown up around the depot. John pointed out that there had never been a depot there. The Hansford-County Library has the new edition of this volume set, but it is also on the Internet.

Granddaughter Amy Harris told me of two rare hawks she had seen while running the tractor on a field just south of the Palo Duro Feed Lot. They hovered near the tractor, so she felt confident of her observations. Two of my bird books showed they were white-tailed hawks and not supposed to be in the Texas Panhandle.

She also told me of two wild flowers that come out in the March to May months. No, not the yellow dandelions and purple henbit but Easter daisies and blue gillias. I was unable to contact Margarette Evans and find if they had been seen in the Park.

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Superintendent's Corner

by Rodney Sumner, Spearman ISD Superintendent

This week I want to continue where I left off last week bragging on the successes of our students at recent activities and contests.

The first group of students that I would like to talk about is the students involved in the UIL academic meet held on March 30, in Sunray. Approximately 220 students from the elementary, junior high and high school participated in this meet. In fact, we had the largest number of participants at the junior high level with 100 students. Both the elementary and junior high finished in third place behind Canadian and West Texas in team totals with numerous kids receiving ribbons in their events. For some of these students it is the first time they have actually participated in an academic competition. They did a wonderful job and learned many valuable lessons. No matter what the results, I hope all of these students will continue to participate in UIL academics!

The high school contest had all the makings of a real drama. Many of our kids won first place in their events and as the scores were tallied on the point board the tension unfolded. As the scores were posted, I could tell it was going to be a very close race. Going into to the last two events we held a 10-point lead on West Texas. Yes, West Texas who year after year dominate this competition. Unfortunately, we fell a little short and finished in second place. I can tell you it was not because of a lack of effort. These students fought to the very end. I think that the domination by West Texas may be finally coming to an end.

We had seventeen students qualify for the UIL Regional Academic Meet this weekend. One of the largest numbers we have had in a

few years. I am extremely proud of these students. On the most part these students participate in numerous other school activities. With all they do it is amazing that they are able to juggle practice time around workouts and other commitments. I applaud their commitment to academics and the results show it!

These students would be the first to admit that they couldn't have done it without the help and support from their sponsors. Susan Kidder is the UIL Academic Coordinator. Besides submitting entries and doing all the required paperwork, she also coaches math and calculator. Other sponsors include: Mandy Derington - accounting, Kristi Jones journalism events, Dwayne Mitchell - ready writing and literary criticism, Mollie Holton - current events and issues, Cheryl Whitefield - spelling and vocabulary, Lisa Short computer applications, Jesse Ramsey - science and Frances Pipkin - speech events. Some of these individuals receive a small stipend for their time and others receive nothing at all. I appreciate all that they do and acknowledge their dedication and commitment. They go above and beyond the call of duty to work with their students. I think it is just one more example of the kind of teachers we have at Spearman. Kids come first and they do whatever it takes, sometimes with much personal sacrifice.

Thanks and a pat on the back just doesn't seem enough. Please join me in thanking these teachers, they deserve it and much more!

Friday morning the following students will be heading to Abilene: Kevin Beedy, Tanner Beedy, John Brock, Stephanie Bynum, Tommie Dewberry, Cynthia Goodman, Kelsey Henton, Art Maestas, Kathryn Murphy, Chelsey Nollner, Denise Paschel, Angela Pipkin,

Sally Pittman, Amber Ramon, Adrienne Simpson, Camille Smith and Syd Woodington. These students are planning on leaving school about 8:30 a.m. Friday morning. If you get a chance, stop by the school Friday morning and wish these students good luck and let them know how proud you are of them. I am very proud of these students and their sponsors. I think you can agree with me that we have the best students around (you've known this for a while, I am just learning this secret). Spearman kids are the BEST!

In my next article I will highlight our athletes and their results at the various district meets.

NPED Hosts 56th Annual Meeting

North Plains Electric Co-op (NPEC) Interim General Manager Parker Wetsel and Board of Directors invite all Cooperative members to the 56th annual meeting.

The meeting will begin with a barbecue meal at 6 p.m., with entertainment by singer/musician Ed Montana. An official business meeting will follow at 7, which includes business and financial updates, election of directors, services awards, and door prizes. There will also be reports on the Youth Tour, Restructuring of the Electric Industry, and the Mustang Station Generator Project.

Those planning to attend and represent members of the Cooperative whom are not individuals (i.e. Companies etc.) are asked to bring an official voting credential.

Make plans to take part in the business operation of your Cooperative.



Children of Kid's Korner display a large sign made to encourage Spearman Elementary students during their TAAS testing this week. The sign was imprinted with the footprints of each of the children. Holding the sign are (left to right) Colton Robinson, Alan Biggers, Chance Yeager, and Arik Mires. Seated in front are (left to right) Brandee Corcoran, Bailey Murray, Loren Temple, Brock Schroeder, Trever Shields, Ann Marie Comp, and Helen Sleeper.

Kid's Korner News

Sam Cogdill, Mendy, Rosa and Jeanette recently attended a "Make and Take" workshop. They made a lot of song and fingerplay items for the 3-, 4-, and 5-year-old class. They earned six of their required 15 hours.

Jeanette and Mendy also attended a workshop last week. It was entitled "Shaken Baby Syndrome."

The staff and Board of Directors would like to thank the community for supporting our Tupperware Fundraiser. We appreciate everyone's help!

Please watch for more information regarding Kid's Korner in future issues of the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman.

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We encourage parents and citizens to volunteer in our public school. Please contact any of our principals if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.

You are invited to attend
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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Hounds Reign as Track Champs

In a meet held during adverse weather conditions with winds in excess of 40 m.p.h., the GHS Hounds dominated district 4-1A to take their third consecutive district title. Amassing 166 points to outscore second-place Wheeler with 66 points (which compares to Gruver's 68 points in field events alone.)

The GHS Lady Hounds placed second with 90 points behind Shamrock with 140 points while the GHS Junior Varsity Hounds placed third.

All three high school teams took first place in the 1600 meter relays. In the junior high district meet held on Saturday at Shamrock, the eighth grade girls and the seventh grade boys took first place while the seventh grade girls and the eighth grade boys took second place.

One-Act Play Competes

The zone and district winning one-act play "Antic Spring" failed to advance in regional competition last week in Amarillo. Two members of the play were chosen for special recognition. Greg Ehrenberg was named to the all star cast while Miranda Thoreson was selected to the honorable mention list.

The award-winning play will be presented for Gruver viewers at a later date.

Get Well Wishes

Mike Floyd underwent kidney transplant surgery late Friday afternoon at Texas Tech Medical Center in Lubbock. Mike is progressing well. He was moved from intensive care and was walking on Monday.

Lynda Robinson, the mother of Renee Swink, is currently undergoing testing for possible placement on the kidney transplant list.

Ed Rafferty was returned to Northwest Texas Hospital after suffering complications from earlier heart by-pass surgery.

Houndsound Band Competes

The GHS Houndsound band received a division II rating in both concert and sight reading in the UIL High School concert and sight reading contest.

Track Results Listed

Varsity Boys
3200 Meter Run - *Oscar Cruz - 4th; 400 Meter Relay - *Team of Dallas-Henson, Daniel Hernandez, Anthony Villalobos, and Aaron Weller - 2nd; 110 Meter Hurdles - *Jason Shoulders - 2nd; 800 Meter Run - *Kyler Barkley - 2nd; *Kade Carthel - 3rd; 100 Meter Dash - *Aaron Weller - 2nd; *Hernandez - 4th; 400 Meter Dash - *Cory Schneider - 3rd; *Henson - 4th; 300 Meter Hurdles - *Shoulders - 2nd; Greg Ehrenberg - 6th; 200 Meter Dash - *Weller - 1st, 23.13; 1600 Meter Run - *Oscar Cruz - 4th; 1600 Meter Relay - *Team of Henson, Bradley Duncan, Barkley, and Schneider - 1st, 3:39.11; Shot Put - *Josh Blount - 2nd; Discus - *Ricky Arreola - 3rd; Pole Vault -

*James Crow - 2nd; Triple jump - *Schneider - 2nd; *Shoulders - 4th; Long Jump - *Shoulders - 2nd; High Jump - *Shoulders - 1st, 5'10"; *Carthel - 2nd; *Kasey Harris - 3rd

Lady Hounds

3200 Meter Run - Elizabeth Duncan - 5th, Juda Luciano - 6th, 16:53; 400 Meter Relay - *Team of Christi Clift, Miranda Thoreson, Tessa Yanke, and Sammie Stavlo - 4th; 800 Meter Run - *Jenna Shoulders - 2nd; 100 Meter Dash - Stavlo - 5th; 400 Meter Dash - *Amy Watley - 2nd; 200 Meter Dash - Clift - 5th, Sammie Stavlo - 6th; 800 Meter Relay - *Team of Tessa Yanke, Bryn Lowe, Shoulders, Watley, Clift - 3rd; 1600 Meter Relay - *Team of Thoreson, Shoulders, Watley, Clift - 1st, 4:26; Shot Put - *Lisa Johnson - 4th, Stavlo - 6th; Discus - *Johnson - 2nd; Long Jump - *Clift - 2nd, *Stavlo - 4th; High Jump - Shoulders - 6th
* denotes area qualifiers

Junior Varsity Hounds

400 Meter Relay - Steven Salazar - 1st, 47.8; 200 Meter Dash - Taos Weldon - 1st, 23.7; Salazar - 6th; 1600 Meter Relay - Team of Salazar, Zack Christian, Gabriel Cruz, and Weldon - 1st; Discus - Hunter Bevell - 4th; Pole Vault - Zack Christian - 1st, 9'; Triple Jump - Salazar - 2nd, Gabriel Cruz - 6th

Eighth Grade Hounds

Pole Vault - T.J. Sherrill - 1st, Colby Red - 5th; High Jump - Hutch Reid - 1st; Shot Put - Jose Rodriguez - 3rd; Discus - Rodriguez - 4th, Chris Hillenbrand - 6th; Long Jump - David Puebla - 6th; 400 Meter Relay - team of Puebla, Rodriguez, Reed, Luis Ramirez - 2nd; 800 Meter Run - Puebla - 1st, Colby Weldon - 4th, Hillenbrand - 6th; 110 Meter Hurdles - Sherrill - 3rd, Red - 4th, Garrett Miner - 5th; 400 Meter Dash - Rodriguez - 3rd; 200 Meter Hurdles - Sherrill - 3rd, Red - 4th; 200 Meter Dash - Reed - 5th; 1200 Meter Run - Hillenbrand - 3rd, Sherrill - 4th; 1600 Meter Relay - team of Puebla, Carlos Borunda, Reed, Rodriguez - 1st

Eighth Grade Girls

100 Meter Hurdles - Teal Armes - 1st, Courtney Goad - 2nd; 800 Meter Run - Cassie Myatt - 2nd, Diana Lopez - 6th; 100 Meter Dash - Jenny Hart - 4th, Carley Bryson -

5th; 200 Meter Hurdles - Armes - 1st, Goad - 3rd; 200 Meter Dash - Hart - 2nd; Myatt - 5th; 1200 Meter Run - Bryson - 2nd, Lopez - 5th; 1600 Meter Relay - team of Hart, Myatt, Armes, Bryson - 3rd; Shot Put - Goad - 1st; Discus - Goad - 1st, Bryson - 2nd, Myatt - 4th; High Jump - Goad - 1st, Hart - 2nd; Triple Jump - Armes - 2nd, Myatt - 3rd; Long Jump - Armes - 3rd

Seventh Grade Boys

Pole Vault - Brock Irwin, 2nd; Cass Cooper - 3rd, Greg Garrett - 4th; High Jump - Irwin - 2nd, Ryan Winger - 5th; Shot Put - Sergio Cruz - 3rd; Discus - Cruz - 4th; Long Jump - Winger - 1st, Mark TeBeest - 4th; Triple Jump - Ryan Rennick - 4th; 400 Meter Relay - team of Winger TeBeest, Garrett, Ben Williams - 1st; 800 Meter Run - Rennick - 1st, Garrett - 3rd; 110 Meter Hurdles - Irwin - 2nd, Lance Williams - 3rd, Cooper - 4th; 400 Meter Dash - Winger - 1st, TeBeest - 2nd; 100 Meter Dash - Ben Williams - 4th, Kyle Jackson - 5th; 200 Meter Hurdles - Lance Williams - 6th; 200 Meter Dash - Ben Williams - 3rd; 1200 Meter Run - Rennick - 1st, Chris Abernathy - 2nd, David Parker - 5th; 1600 Meter Relay - team of Winger, Garrett, Rennick, Tebeest - 1st

Seventh Grade Girls

400 Meter Relay - team of Valerie Burnam, Yolanda Hernandez, Brittanie Osbourne, Chelsea Reid - 1st; 100 Meter Hurdles - Blyth Finley - 1st, Laina Grotegut - 4th; 800 Meter Run - Mary Watkins - 4th; 100 Meter Dash - Yolanda Hernandez - 6th; 400 Meter Run - Angelica Huerta - 1st; 200 Meter Hurdles - Finley - 1st, Grotegut - 6th; 200 Meter Dash - Huerta - 1st, Osbourne - 3rd; 1200 Meter Run - Mary Watkins - 3rd; 1600 Meter Relay - team of Grotegut, Huerta, Burnam, Finley - 3rd; 800 Meter Relay - team of Burnam, Watkins, Reid, Osbourne - 4th; Shot Put - Burnam - 1st, Watkins - 6th; Discus - Burnam - 1st, Watkins - 6th; High Jump - Huerta - 3rd, Grotegut - 4th; Triple jump - Finley - 2nd, Grotegut - 3rd; Long Jump - Huerta - 2nd, Finley - 3rd, Reid - 6th

Tennis Team Vies for District Honors

Dan Odom, who finished in third place, and the doubles team of Annie Mayhew and Krystle Deeds, who placed fourth in girls doubles, fell just short of advancing to regional play. Results of the district tennis meet held Wednesday, April 5, and Thursday, April 6, in Amarillo are as follows:

Girls Singles
Nikki Stewart fell to Hopping of Memphis 6-2, 6-2.

Girls Doubles
Deed/Mayhew defeated Burton/Robison of Memphis 6-0, 6-3, then defeated Bryant/Hampton of Wheeler, 6-0, 6-0 before losing to Birdenfield/Shulte of Nazareth 2-6, 2-6; and Hoelting/Huseman of Nazareth, 6-1, 5-7, 5-7.

Boys Singles
Odom defeated Shanks of Memphis, 6-3, 6-7, 7-6; then lost to Parsley of Vega 2-6, 1-6. He then came back to defeat Clavert of Valley, 6-3, 6-1.

Boys Doubles
Chad Clift/ Anthony Villalobos lost to Holt/ Winginton of Memphis, 5-7, 2-6
Hugo Hernandez/Clint Swink lost to Farley/Henson of Valley 4-6, 2-6

Junior Varsity Tennis
The team of Chad Howe and Kade Carthel captured the district boys doubles championship last week at Austin Middle School in Amarillo.

Boys Doubles
Howe/Carthel defeated Simmons/Watts of Wheeler, then defeated Vasquez/Medina of Kress before downing Martinez/Gardner of Memphis in the championship game.

Girls Doubles
The team of Sammi Johnson and Flores defeated Gunter/Davis of Claude before falling to Hoelting/Brockman of Nazareth.

Boys Singles
Richard Stewart defeated Richard Sanchez of Kress before falling to Dusty Dagley of Memphis
Girls Singles
Miram Trejo fell to Heather Campbell of Booker.

Gruver Little League Organizing

Boys and girls, from those completing kindergarten through age 18 may sign up for summer baseball. Games will be played from mid-May through the end of June. There is a \$15 player fee which includes cap, secondary insurance, and use of uniform shirt, for each player. Out-of-town games will be played at all levels except t-ball/coach pitch games. Level of play will be based on the student's age as of August 1, 2000.

Leagues will include:
Tee ball/coach pitch - kindergarten graduate through age 7
Minor league - ages 8-10
Little league - ages 10-12
Senior league - ages 13-18
Big league - ages 15-18

Girls nine and over will play softball in a separate division from boy's baseball in minor, little, and senior league. Team formation at many levels will be dependent on interest level and participation. If a team does not form in a player's age group, the entry fee will be refunded. All new players will be assigned to teams by coach's draft.

There will be a meeting for all coaches and interested parents on Tuesday, April 18, at 7 p.m. at Gruver State Bank. Those having any questions, may call Ty Williams, 733-2983 or Janet Williams, 733-2396.

Athletic Banquet Planned

The GHS Athletic Banquet will be held Monday, May 1, 2000, in the Gruver Elementary Gym. Tickets for the event must be purchased in advance at either Gruver City Hall or at Main Street or reserved by calling Linda Weller at 733-2424 or 733-2007, Mary Jane Henson 733-2219, or Loni Lamb 733-2601 by April 24. The event will be a beef and sausage barbecue dinner catered by Cattle Call of Amarillo with cheesecake dessert provided by Greyhound Mothers. Athletes in all sports of GHS will be honored during the evening.

Henson Plays on All Star Team

All district and all region selection Dallas Henson completed in the Golden Spread All Star Tournament in Amarillo last week. Henson was able to play in only the last half of his team's game on Friday due to the lateness of the district track meet in which he was competing. On Saturday night, Henson's team, the North All Stars defeated the East All Stars, 115-78 after falling to the South All Stars on Friday night.

Armes Wins Event

Senior Bray Armes took first place in steer wrestling in the Friday go round of the Texas High School Rodeo held in Amarillo. On Saturday, Armes captured third place. His placing in the event

assures his advancing to later competition which culminates in the high school national finals rodeo.

Track Helpers Recognized

Five Gruver men assisted in duties at the district track meet in Shamrock. Coaches Frick, Duncan, Myatt, Davis and Seagler wish to thank David Villegas, Dan Carthel, Chad TeBeest, Manuel Luciano, and Ryan Abernathy for their efforts in the "Wind Meet."

Holiday Slated

Gruver Schools will close on Friday, April 21 and on Monday, April 24 for the Easter Holidays.

Hansford 4-H Attends South Plains Livestock Judging Invitational

Brownfield FFA team No. 1 took first place high team overall honors at Friday's annual South Plains Livestock Judging Invitational sponsored by South Plains College, Levelland.

More than 300 contestants and 78 teams competed for top honors at the SPC livestock arena. Winning team members are Ashley Mason, Kelton Mason, Scotty Densmore and Chris House. Winning coach was Greg Hogg.

"We had some great teams and excellent young competitors," said Jim Jenkins, professor of agriculture at SPC.

Hansford 4-H No. 1 placed 10th overall. They placed 1st in sheep and 6th in beef.

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Golf

District Golf Final Results The Lynx and Lynxette golf teams played their final round of golf in the district tournament on Wednesday. The Lynx were in 4th place going into the final round, but the competition was really tough the second day and they finished in 5th place for the district. Travis Brown gets to advance to regional because Canadian is going as a team and they had the top medalists, so that put Travis in as a medalist because he finished right behind Canadian's medalist. Good job Lynx and good luck Travis at regional!

The Lynxettes were in 3rd place going into the final round and improved their score by ten strokes, but could not improve their standing and they finished 3rd in district. Haley Lombard was the top medalist so she also gets to advance to regional. The Lynxettes did a great job and we want to also wish Haley the best of luck at the regional tournament!

Lynx Golf

Team Totals: 1. Canadian A 306-307-613; 2. Canadian B 357-351-708; 3. Sunray 374-336-710; 4. Stratford 361-368-729; 5. Spearman 365-367-732; 6. West Texas A 381-397-778; 7. Boys Ranch B 477-350-827; 8. Sunray B 419-409-828; 9. Stratford B 428-432-860; 10. Spearman B 437-426-863; 11. West Texas B 452-447-899; 12. Boys Ranch A 496-494-990.

Spearman Team: Coley Griffin 91-86-177; Travis Brown 86-81-167; Landon Delozier 91-112-203; Dusty Barber 97-101-198; Nicholas Benton 101-99-208.

Spearman B Team: Winegarner 113-96-209; Parker 122-120-242; Baker 102-100-202; Duffy 110-110-220; Hearon 112-121-233.

Individuals: Scott Sauer, Spearman 130-108-238; Eric Vasquez, Spearman 135-143-278

Lynxette Golf

Team Totals: 1. Canadian A 439-465-904; 2. Sunray A 462-473-935; 3. Spearman 501-491-992; 4. Stratford A 506-498-1004; 5. Canadian B 545-555-1100.

Medalists: 1. Haley Lombard, Spearman; 2. Francis, Canadian; 3. Cartrite, Sunray

Spearman Team: Haley Lombard 101-100-201; Adrienne Simpson 120-126-246; Jennifer Whitefield 135-128-263; Leticia Gonzales 145-137-282.

Individuals: Nicole Ramon, Spearman 156-157-313

Tennis

The Spearman tennis team went to Boys Ranch on Thursday to finish up their district tournament and did

an outstanding job. The boys tennis team ended up being district co-champions with Canadian and Spearman is sending three people to the regional tournament. Sally Pittman won the girls singles championship by defeating Patton from Sunray in the semi-finals by a score of 6-0, 6-1. She then beat Harris from Sunray in the finals by a score of 6-2, 7-5 in a much tougher match to earn a trip to the regional tournament.

In the boys division, Kevin Beedy defeated Rodriques from Canadian 6-0, 6-0 in the semi-finals and Adam Cherry defeated Davis from Boys Ranch 6-1, 6-0 in the other semi-final match. Beedy and Cherry met in the finals where Beedy won by a score of 6-1, 6-1. Cherry then had to have a play-back match against Rodriques for second place. Cherry won that match 6-4, 6-0 to earn second place. So Kevin and Adam are both going to the regional tournament in boys singles.

In boys doubles, Matt Davis and Jeremy Mackie had a little tougher time. In the semi-final match, they were defeated by Heatwole and Heatwole from Canadian by a score of 2-6, 3-6. They played Gray and Jobe from Boys Ranch for third place and had a very tough match, but came out on top by the score of 7-6 (9-7), 7-6 (10-8). They played two tie-breakers and as you can see by the tie-breaker scores, this was a very close match.

Coach Walker was very pleased with their effort in this match. He also said that he was very pleased with everybody's effort all year long. They worked hard all year long.

The regional tournament will be held at Abilene Christian University at Abilene on April 26 and 27.

We wish Sally, Adam and Kevin the best of luck. We hope they win regional and earn that trip to the state tournament in Austin!

Boys Singles

Kevin Beedy - Bye; Beedy vs. Jones (Boys Ranch) 6-0, 6-0; Beedy vs. Rodriques (Canadian) 6-0, 6-0 - Semi-Finals; Beedy vs. Cherry 6-1, 6-1 - Finals

Coach's Comments: Kevin Beedy backed up his #1 seed by winning the singles district championship. He is undefeated so far this year and is now a regional qualifier! He did a super job!

Adam Cherry

Cherry vs. Nusz (Stratford) 6-0, 6-0; Cherry vs. Culver (Canadian) 2-6, 6-2, 6-4; Cherry vs. Davis (Boys Ranch) 6-1, 6-0 - Semi-Finals; Cherry vs. Beedy 1-6, 1-6 - Finals; Cherry vs. Rodriques (Canadian) 6-4, 6-0 - Play-back Match

Coach's Comments: Adam Cherry is un-seeded, but defeated the #2 seed from Canadian to advance to the semi-finals on Thursday. He beat

3 of the top 4 seeds to qualify for the regional tournament. He finished second in district.

Boys Doubles

Garrett Griffin and Kolby Sumner

Griffin-Sumner - Bye; Griffin-Sumner vs. Gray-Jobe (Boys Ranch) 3-6, 3-6

Coach's Comments: Griffin and Sumner were seeded 4th in the district tournament, but had a hard time getting started on Tuesday. They finished their season at 6-6.

Matt Davis and Jeremy Mackie

Davis-Mackie - Bye; Davis-Mackie vs. Hargrove-Zeller (Boys Ranch) 6-0, 6-0; Davis-Mackie vs. Heatwole-Heatwole (Canadian) 2-6, 3-6 - Semi-Finals; Davis-Mackie vs. Gray-Jobe (Boys Ranch) 7-6, 7-6 - 3rd Place

Coach's Comments: Mackie and Davis are the #2 seed in boys doubles at the district tournament. Thursday they will face the Canadian team of Heatwole and Heatwole in the semi-final match. This Canadian team is the #3 seed. Jeremy and Matt placed 3rd in the tournament out of 16 teams. They were one match short of being regional qualifiers. They showed a lot of heart by winning the 3rd place match in two tie-breakers. Jeremy and Matt came from behind in the second set (2-5) to force the second tie-breaker at 6-6. They also made a big contribution to the Spearman boys' co-district championship (shared with Canadian). Good job Matt and Jeremy!

Girls Singles

Sally Pittman

Pittman vs. Argo (Canadian) 6-2, 6-2; Pittman vs. Patton (Sunray) 6-0, 6-1 - Semi-Finals; Pittman vs. Harris (Sunray) 6-2, 7-5 - Finals

Coach's Comments: Sally Pittman is the #1 seed in girls singles. She advanced to the semi-final match on Thursday vs. Patton (Sunray). Sally overcame a tough 2nd set to beat Harris for the singles championship. Harris was fatigued, but wouldn't go away. Sally actually came from behind (4-5) to win the second set. Congratulations to Sally for defending her district championship and again earning a trip to the regional tournament.

Audrey Winegarner

Audrey Winegarner was unable to compete in district due to a stress fracture in her lower leg.

Girls Doubles

Cheryl Gibson and Mindee Gillaspie

Gibson-Gillaspie vs. Brown-Little (West Texas) 6-1, 6-3; Gibson-Gillaspie vs. Hazlett-Lunt (Sunray) 1-6, 0-6

Coach's Comments: Gillaspie and Gibson played well together Monday. They beat the WT team of Brown and Little in straight sets, but lack of experience got the best of them in the second round.

Kallie Smith and Stephanie Villalobos

Smith-Villalobos vs. Wibley-Van Huss (West Texas) 4-6, 6-1, 6-4; Smith-Villalobos vs. Francis-Miller (Canadian) 1-6, 2-6

Coach's Comments: Smith and Villalobos won their first round match in 3 sets. It was their first win of the year! Good job!

Track

Spearman was host to the Spearman Relays Friday and Saturday and the track meet turned out to be a great meet. The Spearman teams from the 7th grade thru high school competed really well and all the kids did a great job! The highlight of the meet saw five records fall in the girls high school division. Three of those records were broken by the Lynxettes! They set meet records in the sprint relay, 800 relay and the mile relay. They also broke the school record in the 800 relay. The record was 1:46.8 that was held by Cindy Goodman, Hallee Beasley, Chelsea Nollner and Stephanie Bynum. They ran this time at the state track meet last year. These same four girls are back and they shattered their own record Saturday with a time of 1:45.34 which was also a new meet record. Chelsea Nollner came within an 1/2" of breaking the school record in the triple jump. Expect her to break it before the year is over. There were several other first place medals won by the Lynx and Lynxettes so by sure and check out the results on the links below. That is pretty awesome and we are very proud of them! We are expecting several of the Lynx and Lynxettes to be making a trip to Austin later in the track season and bringing home a gold medal. The Lynxettes won the meet in the high school division with 164 points followed by Fritch with 138 points. The high school boys division was won by Canadian with 110 points followed by Sunray with 97. The Lynx tied for 4th place with Perryton with 82 points. The JV boys walked away with their title with 159 points followed by Canadian with 110 points. Spearman has some outstanding athletes this year and if you have not seen them run, you have really missed something. The district meet

will be held in Sunray on April 18th and 20th, which is on a Tuesday and Thursday. Be sure and make plans to attend and cheer these kids onto regional!

The Spearman Junior High also participated in the Spearman Relays this week end and as usual, they did a great job! The 7th grade boys won the meet in their division with 137.5 points with Canadian coming in a close second with 120 points. The 7th grade girls just got squeeze out of first with 146 points. Sunray won the meet with 150 points. The 8th grade boys came in 5th place in their division with Canadian winning first. The 8th grade girls division was won by Canadian and the Lynxettes came in 4th place. Great job to all the junior high athletes!

Spearman Lynx

Team Totals: 1. Canadian 110; 2. Sunray 97; 3. Stratford 92; 4. (Tie) Spearman 82, Perryton 82; 6. Fritch 56; 7. West Texas 35.

Discus: 1. Varnon, Spearman 168-3; 2. Vandenburg, Spearman 149-3; 4. Henton, Spearman 145-2.

Shot: 3. Varnon, Spearman 45-8.

Long Jump: 2. Miller, Spearman 20-1

Triple Jump: 6. Henton, Spearman 39-0 1/2.

High Jump: 4. K. Beedy, Spearman 5-6.

Pole Vault: 3. T. Beedy, Spearman 12-0; 4. Meisner, Spearman 11-6; Wilson, Spearman 11-6.

400 Relay: 2. Spearman 45:41

100: 4. Henton, Spearman 11:37.

200: 5. Henton, Spearman 23:86

1600: 6. Dunnihoo, Spearman 5:20.65.

1600 Relay: 4. Spearman 3:42.44.

Spearman Lynxettes

Team Totals: 1. Spearman 164; 2. Fritch 138; 3. (Tie) Sunray 95; 3. Canadian 95; 5. Stratford 81; 6. West Texas 2.

Discus: 1. Schnell, Spearman 111-4; 4. Haney, Spearman 97-5; 6. Gibson, Spearman 94-1

Shot: 2. Lopez, Spearman 31-3

Long Jump: 2. Nollner, Spearman 17-4 1/4; 5. Beasley, Spearman 15-

Triple Jump: 1. Nollner,

Spearman 35-8 1/2; 2. Lesly, Spearman 33-9 1/2; 4. Shieldknight, Spearman 31-7

High Jump: 1. Browning, Stratford 5-6(New Meet Record); 4. Hand, Spearman 5-0; 6. Gillaspie, Spearman 4-10

400 Relay: 1. Spearman 49:97 (New Meet Record) (Cindy Goodman, Hallee Beasley, Chelsea Nollner, Brooke Lesly)

800: 5. Gillaspie, Spearman 2:46.72.

100 Hurdles: 4. Shieldknight, Spearman 17:53.

800 Relay: 1. Spearman 1:45.34 (New Meet Record) (New School Record) (Cindy Goodman, Hallee Beasley, Chelsea Nollner, Stephanie Bynum)

400: 1. Bynum, Spearman 60.65

300 Hurdles: 1. Mills, Fritch 44.15 (New Meet Record); 2. Lesly, Spearman 47.16; 5. Gillaspie, Spearman 51.62; 6. Shieldknight, Spearman 51.65.

200: 1. Goodman, Spearman 26.77

1600: 3. Crossland, Spearman 6:45.41; 6. Villa, Spearman 6:50.81.

1600 Relay: 1. Spearman 4:05.47 (New Meet Record) (Brooke Lesly, Hallee Beasley, Chelsea Nollner, Stephanie Bynum)

Secretary Day Luncheon Planned

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce Annual Secretary Day Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 26th at 12:00 noon at IV's Hungry Cowboy.

Special guest speaker will be Ray Stone, well-known Dallas Cowboy radio announcer. Mr. Stone will give his powerful presentation titled "Economic Growth," and the effects on rural Texas.

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Las ventajas de hacer una rendición son las siguientes:

☛ Ud. registra su opinion sobre la valoración de su propiedad. Si el distrito opina que el valor es mas grande, deber avisarle por escrito y explicarle como protestar el nuevo valor a su junta de revisión.

☛ Registra su dirección correcta para que le pueden mandar sus tarifas de impuestos. Según la ley, Ud. es responsable por pagar sus impuestos sin demora o de pagar cualquier multa que resulte por haberlos pagado tarde—aunque la tarifa se haya mandado a una dirección equivocada.

☛ Tambien puede someter un "reporte de valoración disminuida" para avisar al distrito de cualquier reducción significativa en la valoración de su propiedad en 1999. El distrito examinará su propiedad antes de designarle un valor en 2000.

¿Cual es la hora del cierre?

17º de abril es la última fecha para mandar sus rendiciones para 2000. Favor de llamar a su distrito de valoraciones para obtener la última fecha en que puede mandar su redición por correo. Puede obtener 15 días adicionales si los pide por escrito antes de la hora de cierre.

¿Donde hago mi rendición?

Haga su rendición con su distrito local de valoraciones en: HANSFORD APPRAISAL DISTRICT
709 WEST 7TH ST PO BOX 519
SPEARMAN TX 806-659-5575 or 800-372-5411

Para mas informacion, visitenos y obtenga una copia gratis de

"Impuestos Sobre la Propiedad en Texas:
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ó escriba a

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Protect your rights! "Render" your taxable property by April 17th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year. The rendition form is available at your local appraisal district office... or you may draft a similar form.

Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

☛ You give your opinion of your property's value. If the appraisal district believes the value is higher, it must notify you in writing of the higher value and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.

☛ You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.

☛ You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 1999. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2000.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2000 renditions is April 17. Call your appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be post-marked, if mailing. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 17 deadline.

Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

HANSFORD APPRAISAL DISTRICT
709 WEST 7TH ST PO BOX 519
SPEARMAN, TX
806-659-5575 or 800-372-5411
Fax 806-659-5109

For more information stop by your appraisal district and pick up

"Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers'
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ATTENTION!

All WIC Clients!

The WIC Perryton Office
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Plan to attend North Plains Electric's 56th Annual Membership Meeting

Monday, April 17th
Perryton School Rangerette Center
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6:00-7:00 P.M. Registration
BBQ Dinner
Entertainment by regional celebrity Ed Montana

7:00 P.M. Official Business Meeting
President's, Business and Financial Reports;
Youth Tour Information; Election of Directors;
Service Awards and Door Prizes.

(For those representing members of the cooperative who are not individual members, an official voting representative credential will be required.)

Take part in the business operation of your cooperative by attending the annual meeting on April 17th.

Property Tax Information

Texas Businesses Have April 17 Deadline For Filing Property Tax Renditions

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander today reminded Texas businesses to render their property with county appraisal districts by April 17. To render is to list the taxable property that businesses owned or managed as of Jan. 1, 2000. Rendering allows property owners to record their opinions of their property's value. This ensures that the appraisal district sends them a notice before placing a higher value on their property.

"Property owners who render are in a better position to exercise their rights as taxpayers," Comptroller Rylander noted. "They ensure that the appraisal district has their correct address so they will receive notices of any actions that affect their property or tax bills."

Even if the tax collector cannot deliver a tax bill because of an incorrect address, the property owner is still responsible for paying the taxes, plus late payment penalties.

Businesses annually report their inventories, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment and other tangible assets. Appraisal districts use the reports to set business property values. When a business owner doesn't render the business property, the chief appraiser estimates the value. While state law requires business owners and operators to render, any property owner—including homeowners, farmers and ranchers may render their property with county appraisal districts.

Since the regular deadline of April 15 is on a Saturday this year, property owners have until Monday, April 17, to render.

State law requires anyone who owns or manages income-producing personal property on January 1 to render with the local appraisal district. An exception is a business that receives the freeport exemption for managing cotton stored in a warehouse. Renditions must be notarized if they are filed by persons other than the property owner, the owners employee or the owner's representative.

Rylander also announced that property owners whose property was damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year may file a special decreased value report that could lower their final tax bills. Property owners have until April 17 to file the decreased value report, which indicates their property's condition on Jan. 1, 2000.

Property owners may ask the chief appraiser to extend the filing deadline to May 1 if the owners can demonstrate good cause. The chief appraiser must grant owners of property regulated by the Public Utility Commission or the Texas Railroad Commission a filing extension to May 1, and may extend the deadline another 15 days if the owners request it in writing and show good cause.

If more than one appraisal district appraises a property, the property owner should render in each appraisal district office. One appraisal district may appraise a property for county tax purposes, while a neighboring appraisal district may appraise the same property for school taxes, if the school district is in both counties.

Taxpayers may contact their county appraisal district office for rendition forms, or they may e-mail the Comptroller's property tax division at prd.cpa@cpa.tx.state.us. Or, call the property tax hotline at 1-800-252-9121 for general property tax information. In Austin, call (512) 305-9999.

Defer Taxes On Appreciating Home Value

Texas homeowners may postpone paying the current property taxes on the appreciating value of their homes. Under a new state law that began in 1998, homeowners may take advantage of a payment option called "residence homestead tax deferral" by signing an affidavit at the Hansford County Appraisal District office.

This special form of tax relief allows homeowners to pay the taxes on 105 percent of the preceding year's appraised value of their homesteads, plus the taxes on any new improvements to the homesteads, according to Alice Peddy, chief appraiser of the Hansford County Appraisal District. "The remaining taxes are deferred and accrue interest at an annual rate of 8 percent," Peddy said. "The homeowner may receive the deferral only if the taxes are paid on 105 percent of last year's value. A homeowner may not receive the deferral if the home's taxes go delinquent."

The new deferral applies to property taxes beginning wide He tax year following the first year that the individual qualifies the property for residence homestead exemptions. Homeowners who qualified for residence homestead exemptions in 1999 may use the deferral in tax year 2000.

The deferral process would also apply to this homeowner's city and county taxes and for any other special taxing units in which the homestead was located. The homeowner may defer taxes in any of the taxing units -- even if some of these units do not offer the homeowner a homestead exemption.

Once a homeowner files the tax deferral affidavit with the appraisal district, the chief appraiser will notify the taxing units that tax the homestead. No taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit for the deferred taxes as long as that person owns and lives in that home.

Peddy stressed that the tax deferral for appreciating home value only postpones paying a portion of the taxes on the home; it does not cancel them. During the deferral time, deferred taxes and interest of 8 percent per year continue to add up. She said, "When the homeowner no longer owns and lives in the home, the taxes become due. If the taxes are not paid, taxing units can then sue to collect all the deferred taxes and interest."

There is no penalty on the unpaid taxes during the deferral time. If the taxes remain unpaid more than 90 days after the deferral ends, a taxing unit may charge an added penalty -- up to 15 percent -- if the account goes to a delinquent tax attorney.

Homeowners who add an improvement to their homesteads must pay the taxes on the new improvements plus 105 percent of the preceding year's appraised value. A new improvement includes a change to the residence homestead that is made to the property after the preceding year's appraisal and that increases the home's market value. A new improvement is not ordinary maintenance of an existing structure, its yard or another feature of the homestead.

Homeowners also may file for a tax abatement with the court if there is a pending delinquent tax lawsuit. If the court finds the homeowner is entitled to the deferral, the court shall abate the lawsuit until the homeowner no longer owns and occupies the property as the individual's residence home-

stead.

Residence homestead tax deferral forms are available at the appraisal district office. "The homeowner should fill out the form and have the signature witnessed by a notary public," Peddy said. For more information, taxpayers may contact the Hansford County Appraisal District, 709 W. 7th Street, Spearman, (806) 659-5575 or 1-800-372-5411.

Elderly Homeowners May Defer Property Taxes

Texas aged 65 or older may postpone paying delinquent and current property taxes on their homes. They may take advantage of a tax option called "over-65 deferral" by signing an affidavit at they County Appraisal District office.

This special form of tax relief also hits a lawsuit filed to collect delinquent property taxes on an older Texan's home, according to Alice Peddy, chief appraiser of the Hansford County Appraisal District. "To stop a delinquent tax suit," Peddy said, "the over-65 homeowner files the deferral affidavit with the court in which the suit is pending."

"If the affidavit is on file, an adder homeowner cannot lose a homestead because of delinquent taxes," Herd said.

Once a homeowner files an over-65 tax deferral affidavit with the appraisal district no taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit for delinquent taxes as long as that person owns and lives in that home.

Peddy stressed that the tax deferral for the elderly only postpones paying delinquent taxes on the home; it does not cancel them. During the deferral time, taxes and interest of 8 percent per year continue to add up. "When the elderly taxpayer no longer owns and lives in the home, the taxes become due. If the taxes are not paid, taxing units can then sue to collect all the deferred taxes and interest."

There is no penalty on the delinquent taxes during the deferral time. However, filing We deferral affidavit wall not forgive penalties that were already due. Also, if the taxes remain delinquent more than 90 days after the deferral ends, a taxing unit may charge an added penalty if Wee account goes to a delinquent tax attorney.

Tax deferral forms are available at the appraisal district office. "The homeowner should fill out the form and have the signature witnessed by a notary public," Peddy said. For more information, taxpayers may contact the Hansford County Appraisal District, 709 W. 7th Street, Spearman, (806) 659-5575 or 1-800-372-5411.

Homestead Exemptions Reduce Property Tax Bills

Homeowners can reduce their property tax bills W 2000 by taking advantage of homestead exemptions. Application forms are available at the Hansford County Appraisal District.

Chief Appraisers Alice Peddy informs homeowners that Texas law allows them to file a one-time application for homestead exemptions. These exemptions reduce the appraised value of the home. "You do not have to pay a fee to file for a homestead exemption," said Peddy.

Property owners who have not received the general homestead exemption on their homes in which they were living on January 1, 2000, and those who became disabled during 1999, must apply His year to receive exemptions for 2000. Homeowners must apply for the general homestead, disabled or any local option disabled or percentage homestead exemptions before tile deadlines in the appraisal distant where the home is located.

Homeowners 65 years of age or older don't need to own their homes on January 1 to qualify for the over-65 homestead exemption. State law provides that they may apply as soon as they turn 65, own the home, and live in the home as their principal residence to receive the over-65 homestead exemptions. Homeowners 65 or older have up to one year from the date they turned 65 to file for their homestead exemption for that tax year.

State law also allows that if the over-65 spouse dies before applying for the over-65 exemption, the surviving spouse age 55 or older may apply for the over-65 exemption for the deceased spouse. The same filing deadlines apply.

If a homestead is located in a taxing unit that overlaps into two or more counties, the homeowner must apply at each county appraisal district.

A homeowner's principal residence and yard are considered the residence

homestead. It can include up to 20 acres of land and improvements (buildings), such as a swimming pool, greenhouse or other structure, as long as the owner uses them for residential purposes.

Peddy said that a property must meet four tests set by law to qualify for the residence homestead exemption. The person or persons claiming the exemption must own the property on January 1 (homeowners 65 or older need not own the property on January 1 for the over-65 homestead exemptions only); the property must be designed or adapted for human residence; the owner must use the property as a residence; and the property must be the principal residence of an owner who qualifies for tile exemption.

A mobile home, even on leased land, can qualify for the exemption if it meets the four tests.

"A property owner can still qualify for the homestead exemption if part of the residence is rented out or used for other purposes, such as a home business," Peddy said. "The home will not lose its exemption if the owner moves away temporarily, so long as he or she intends to return and doesn't claim another homestead exemption elsewhere."

Texas law provides several types of exemptions for homeowners. For school tax purposes, all homeowners may receive a \$15,000 general homestead exemption and homeowners disabled or 65 or older receive an additional \$10,000 exemption.

The school tax exemption for those homeowners 65 or older provides a special property tax "ceiling" for school taxes. While the market value of an elderly person's home may fluctuate with the market, the school taxes can't increase above the tax amount in the first year that person qualified for that homestead for tile over-65 exemption.

The ceiling can increase, however, if the owner adds an improvement other than normal maintenance or repair. When a new improvement (such as a room or garage) is added, it is taxed at its current market value and the current tax rates. The new taxes are added to the previous tax ceiling to create a new ceiling.

Senior citizens may transfer their tax ceilings to a new home. The homeowner transfers the percentage of school tax paid on the former home, based on the last year the homeowner qualified that home for the over-65 tax ceiling, to the new home. The new tax ceiling is calculated to have the over-65 homeowner pay the same percentage of tax paid as on the former home. The homeowner may not claim the exemption on two different homes in the same year.

For example, if an over-65 homeowner had a school tax ceiling of \$100 but would paid \$400 in 1999 school taxes without the tax ceiling, the percentage of tax paid is 25 percent. If the 2000 school taxes on the new home are \$1,000, the new tax ceiling would be \$250, or 25 percent of \$1,000. The homeowner may request a certificate from the appraisal district where the former home was located that gives information about the tax ceiling. The homeowner gives this information to the appraisal district where the new home is located.

If an elderly homeowner dies, the surviving spouse may apply to keep the school tax ceiling if the surviving spouse was at least 55 years of age when the older spouse died.

The ceiling does not apply to taxes levied by the county, city or other taxing units.

The over-65 homestead exemption will terminate when the home no longer qualifies during a tax year, either when the homeowner moves or dies and has no surviving spouse. Taxes will be prorated based on the days after the home no longer qualified to the end of the year.

Homeowners should notify the chief appraiser when they no longer qualify for the general, over-65 or disabled homestead exemptions. A 50-percent penalty is added to delinquent home taxes if homeowners fail to notify the appraisal district and receive homestead exemptions to which they are not entitled.

Other types of taxing units -- counties, cities and special districts -- may offer different homestead exemptions. Counties must offer a \$3,000 general homestead exemption on the portion of the county tax levied for farm-to-market roads or flood control.

Any taxing unit's governing body may grant an additional optional exemption on the homesteads of disabled or elderly residents, or both. If the over-65 homeowner dies, the surviving spouse may apply to keep the over-65 exemptions if the surviving spouse is at least 55 years old at the time of the spouse's death and owns and lives in the home.

Taxing units may also offer a local-option exemption based on a percentage of a home's appraised value. In 2000, any taxing unit can exempt up to 20 percent of the value of each qualified homestead. No matter what percentage of value the taxing unit adopts, the dollar amount of exemption for any home must equal at least \$5,000.

¡Varias exenciones de residencia pueden rebajar sus impuestos de propiedad!

Una exención de residencia reduce sus impuestos de propiedad. Por ejemplo, si su residencia tiene un valor de \$50,000 y Ud. recibe una exención de \$15,000, sus impuestos se calcularán como si el valor de su residencia fuera \$35,000.

¿Quién califica para una exención?

Cualquier dueño de una residencia principal el día 1 de enero tiene derecho a una exención de residencia de \$15,000 este año para rebajar sus impuestos escolares... y no importa si la residencia es casa, condominio o casamóvil. (Los condados, municipios y distritos especiales de impuestos también pueden ofrecer exenciones de residencia.)

¿Hay otras exenciones?

Si Ud. es incapacitado—o si tiene 65 años o más—tiene derecho a una exención adicional de \$10,000 en sus impuestos escolares de propiedad. Y si Ud. califica para la exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años, también tiene derecho a un "cielo máximo" permanente en sus impuestos escolares de residencia. (El cielo máximo no tiene que ver con impuestos de propiedad de los condados o municipios, y esas entidades pueden ofrecer otras exenciones.) La exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años y el cielo máximo se pueden transferir al esposo/esposa sobreviviente si el o ella tiene 55 ó más años de edad y es dueño/dueña de la casa en donde vive. También el dueño de una casa nueva que tiene más de 65 años puede trasladar un porcentaje de cielo máximo de los impuestos escolares que le tocaron en su domicilio vieja.

¿Debo solicitarla cada año?

No. Si Ud. recibió una exención de residencia en 1999, no hay necesidad de solicitarla de nuevo en 2000—al menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Sin embargo, si no ha recibido una exención en su residencia actual—o si ha cambiado de domicilio tendrá que solicitar una exención para 2000. Si Ud. cumplirá los 65 años durante este año, tiene hasta un año de esa fecha para solicitar una nueva exención. Y si cumplió los 65 años o resultó incapacitado en 1999, tendrá que solicitar las exenciones adicionales.

¿Dónde y cuando debo solicitar mis exenciones?

Su solicitud debe llegar en su oficina local del distrito de valoraciones antes del día 1° de mayo. Si necesita más tiempo, favor de ponerse en contacto con nosotros antes:
HANSFORD APPRAISAL DISTRICT 709 WEST 7TH ST
896-659-5575 or 800-372-5411

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A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owned a home on January 1 (and used it as a primary residence on that date) is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. (Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.)

Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The ceiling does not apply to county or city property taxes, and those entities may offer other exemptions.) The over-65 homeowner's exemptions and school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. Over-65 homeowners also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's over-65 school tax ceiling, to a new home.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 1999, you won't need to reapply for 2000 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2000. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled during 1999, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications by May 1 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

HANSFORD APPRAISAL DISTRICT 709 WEST 7TH STREET
806-659-5576 OR 800-372-5411

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FOR SALE: 1994 Lincoln Town Car. Leather seats, all power, 80,000 miles, good gas mileage, new tires. Call 659-3434.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

District: Amarillo; Contract 0308-02-024 for OVERLAY in HANSFORD County, etc. will be opened on May 03, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available at reproduction companies in Austin, TX at the NPO: 170

State Office: Construction Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, TX 78704; Phone: 512-416-2540

District Office: Amarillo District, District Engineer, 5715 Canyon Dr., Amarillo, TX 79110; Phone: 806-745-4411.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

The Texas Department of Transportation will be accepting applications for summer full-time positions at the Gruver Maintenance Office located on the intersection of SH 15 & SH 136, Gruver, Texas.

The applicant must be at least 18 years of age, a student in high school or other educational institution or have been accepted for enrollment in an educational institution; verification of college hours will be required. Employees 18 years of age or older with a valid drivers license may be assigned driving duties and may use power tools.

The starting salary will be \$691 to \$842 per hour. A completed application is required and applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., Friday, May 5, 2000. For further application information, including a complete job vacancy notice, contact the nearest Texas Department of Transportation. Information may also be accessed via the Internet at www.dot.state.tx.us. Mailed applications should be postmarked the day the job vacancy closes and sent to: 5715 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, TX 79110; Attn: Human Resources. If more information is needed or if an applicant needs an accommodation in order to apply for this job, contact Barbara Franks at (806) 356-3233.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Hansford County Commissioner's Court will receive Total Cost Bids until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, 2000 on the purchase of one front end loader, with and without trade-in. Bids will be opened on Monday, April 24, 2000 at the regu-

lar Commissioner's Court meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m. Specifications are available in the County Judge's Office or the County Auditor's Office in the Hansford County Courthouse. The Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Jim D. Brown
Hansford County Judge

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of William E. "Bus" Boxford, Deceased, were issued on March 24, 2000, in Cause No. 2283, pending in the County Court of Hansford County, Texas, to: DON BOXFORD. The residence of the Independent Executor is Spearman, Hansford County, Texas; the post office address is:

c/o Cecil R. Biggers
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 342
Spearman, Texas 79081

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 24th day of March, 2000.

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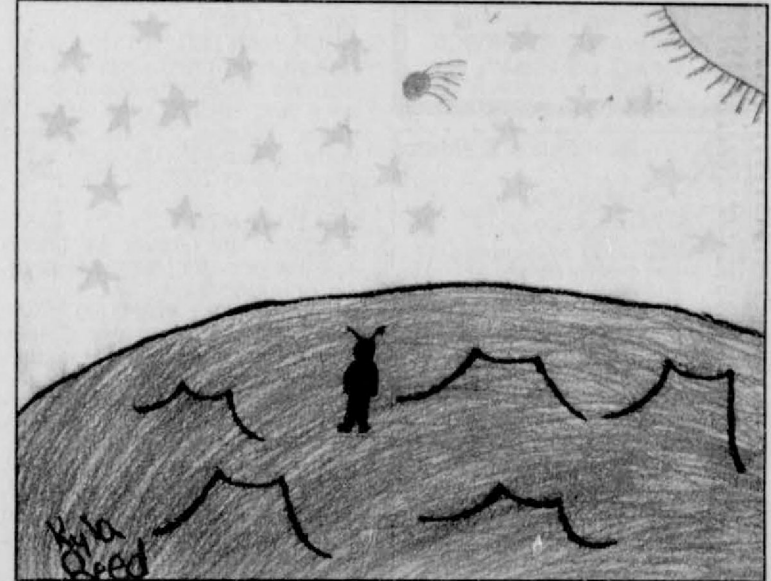
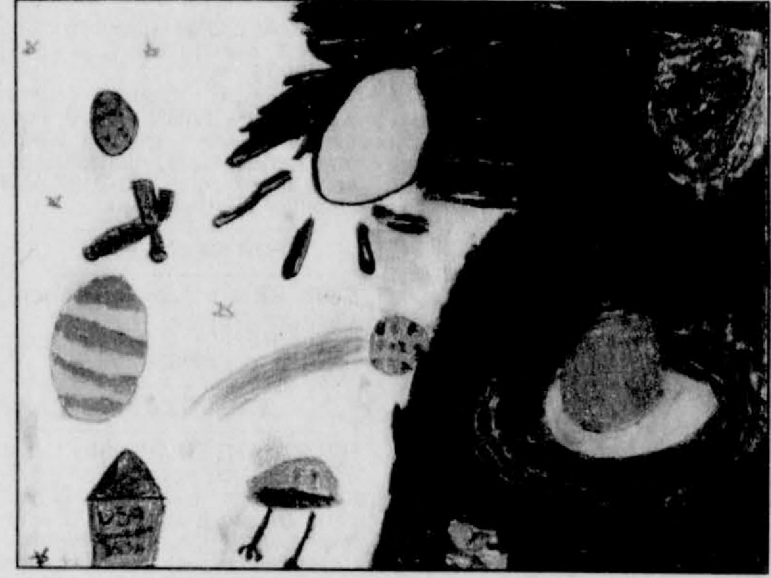
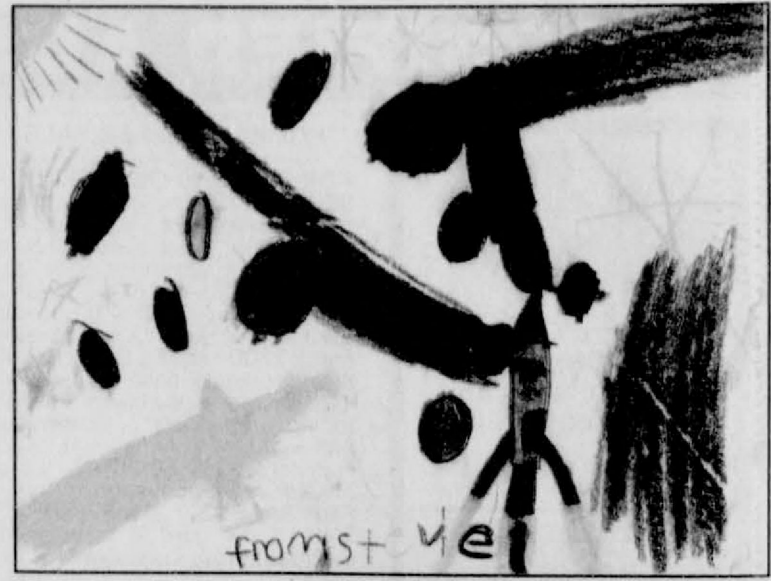
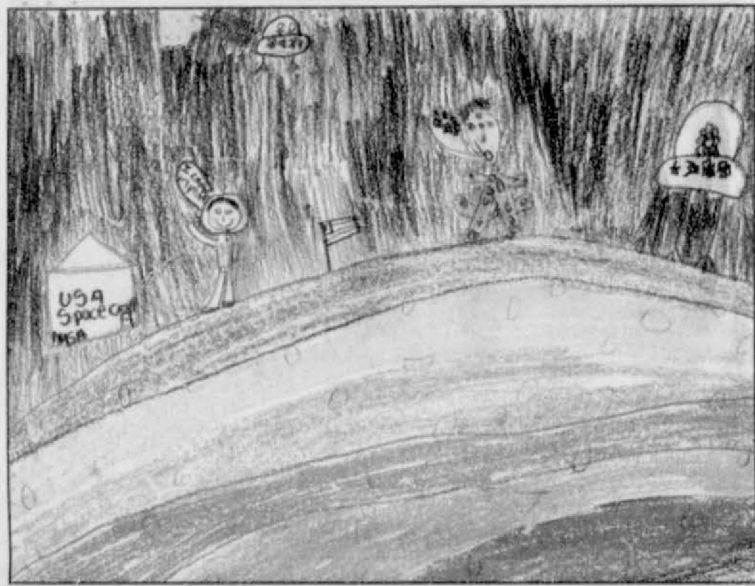
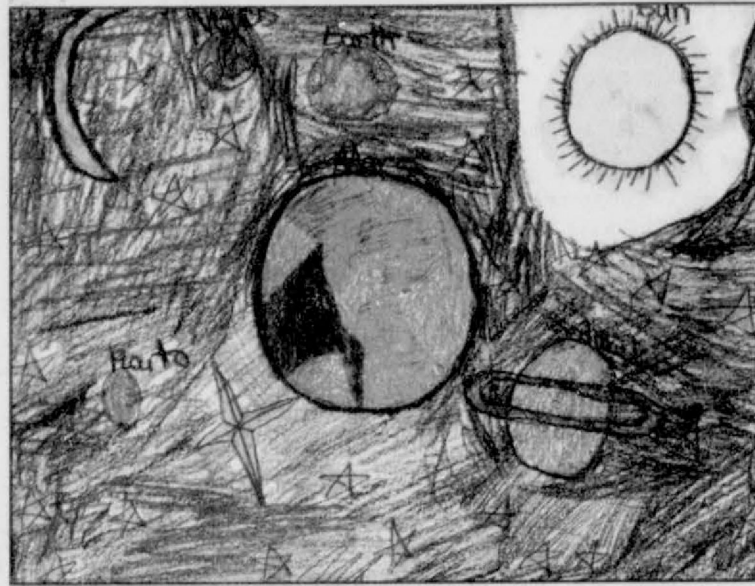
by Mechelle Curry

March is National Music in Our Schools Month. During this month, we take the time to talk about the importance of music in our lives and how it makes our lives better. Reading, writing and math, the core subjects of each child's education, are very important, but when the subjects art, drama, and music are added to the curriculum, the results are spectacular.

The SAT results of students who are involved in the arts prove over and over that there is an improvement in students' overall cognitive abilities. (See 1999 SAT averages of Texas All-state groups.)

This month in the elementary music program, we will have piano majors from WTAMU perform for us, and the opera from WTAMU will perform a scene at the end of March. We will have a dress as your favorite composer, instrument, or performer day on March 31st. (If you have a student in elementary, you will receive more information about that later.)

The music teachers of Spearman ISD would love to have your support in making sure that the programs in our schools are a success each year. It is good for our students and good for our community.



Let's send our Waka Children to Camp!

Enchilada Luncheon

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Sunday, April 16, 2000

Admission:

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