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SHS Regional Track Qualifiers

by Jeff Beedy

The Spearman Lynx and Lynxette track qualifiers will be traveling to Abilene this weekend to compete in the regional track meet. The top two finishers will earn a trip to Austin for the state track meet the next week end.

Spearman is well represented this year especially in the girls division. The Lynxettes qualified at least one person in 10 out of 16 events and they have two people competing in one event.

The Lynxettes have an outstanding track team this year and they have a legitimate shot at winning the regional meet as a team. They also have a great chance of sending several people to the state track meet.

Chelsea Nollner has qualified first in five events, which is the most you can qualify for in a track meet. She has qualified in the long jump, triple jump, 400 relay, 800 relay, and mile relay. Brooke Lesly has qualified in four events which are the triple jump, 400 relay, 300 hurdles, and the mile relay. Stephanie Bynum is going in three events which she also qualified first in. They are the 800 relay, 400 dash, and the mile relay. Cindy Goodman also qualified first in the three events she is going in. They are the 400 relay, 200 dash, and the mile relay. Halee Beasley qualified first in the 400 relay, 800 relay, and mile relay. Jenn Schnell also qualified first in the discus. Clara Shieldknight also qualified in the 100 meter hurdles.

These girls have an awesome team and if there is any way you can go to regional this week end, please make plans to go. You will not be disappointed.

The Lynx will also be sending three athletes to Abilene this week end in four events. Richard Varnon qualified in the shot put and discus. Kelsey Henton qualified in the 200 dash and Colton Miller qualified in the long jump.

The competition was very tough in the boys division this year. That is why we don't have as many boys going to regional. These young men



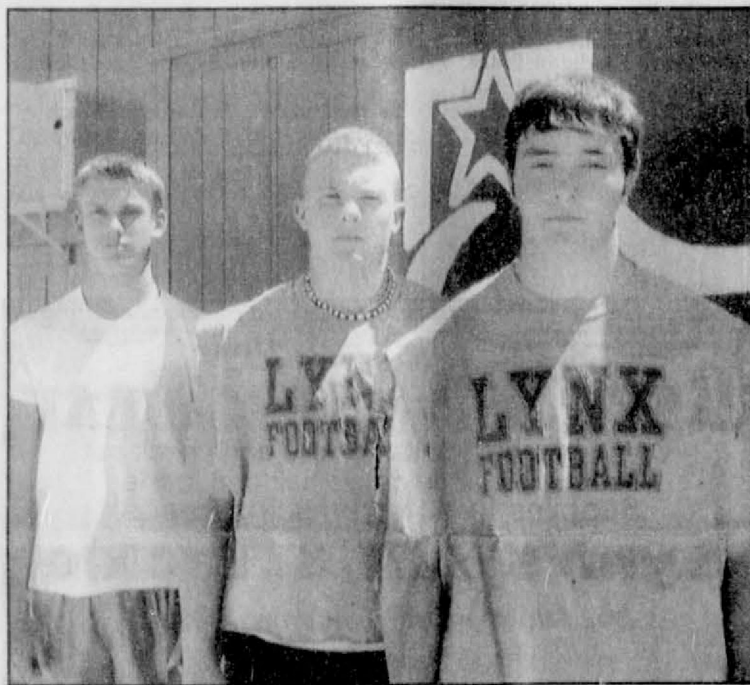
Pictured above are (Back Row, L-R) Clara Shieldknight, Mindee Gillaspie, Jenn Schnell, Stephanie Bynum, Chelsea Nollner, and Halee Beasley; (Front Row, L-R) Cindy Goodman and Brooke Lesly.

have worked hard all year and they will do a great job at Abilene.

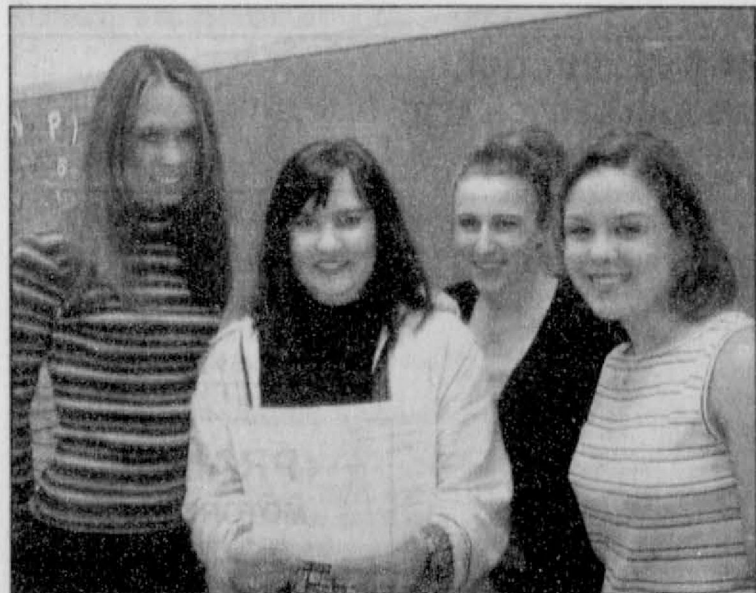
The track meet will begin on Friday, April 28 at 9:00 a.m. Region II Class A and Region I Class 2A will both run at Abilene. With the exception of the 3200 meter run, each class will run at different times. The first event will be the 3200 meter run for Class A and 2A at 9:00 a.m. At 10:00 a.m. field events, except Class 2A boys and girls triple jump and boys pole vault, will begin. The Class A running preliminaries will start at 11:00 a.m. with Class 2A running preliminaries starting at 4:00 that afternoon.

On Saturday, the Class 2A boys triple jump will start followed by the Class 2A girls triple jump and boys pole vault at noon. The running finals for Class A will start at 11:00 a.m. followed by Class 2A at 2:30.

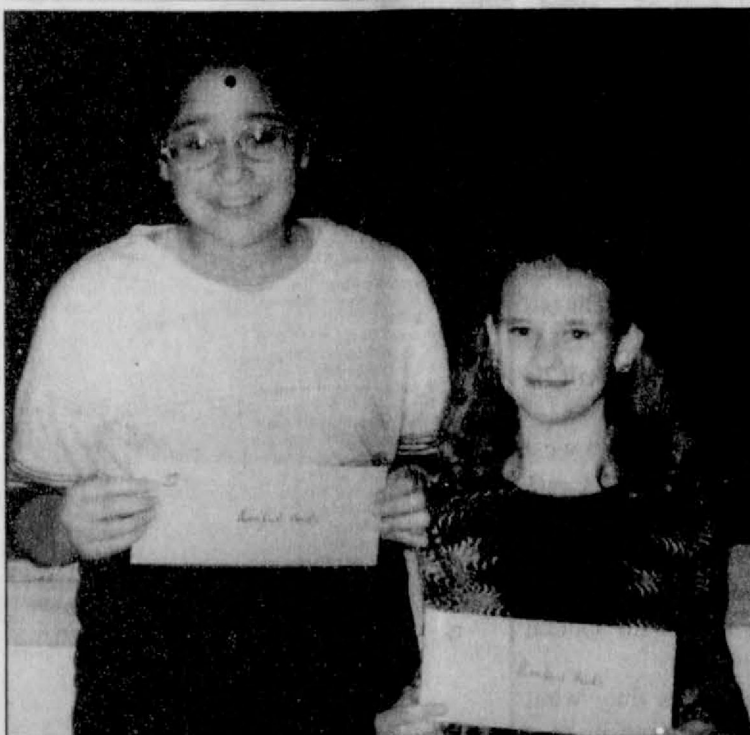
We are all behind you Lynx and Lynxettes! Run hard and run fast and bring home the regional title! Good luck and I hope to see every one at Abilene!



Colton Miller, Kelsey Henton and Richard Varnon



Spearman High School teacher and journalism coach, Kristi Jones, (second from left) checks the schedule of the state UIL academic meet with state qualifiers (L to R) Chelsea Nollner, newswriting; Angela Pipkin, Lincoln Douglas debate, and Amber Ramon, persuasive speaking; who will be competing Friday and Saturday in Austin. Frances Pipkin is the speaking events coach.



Maribel Moreno - Senior Division Spelling Winner and Elizabeth Martin - Junior Division Spelling Winner

Year 2000 National Spelling Bee

submitted by Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Coordinator
The Hansford County Spelling Bee was held on Wednesday, March 15, 2000 in the auditorium of Spearman High School.

To begin the process toward the County Bee, spelling bees were held in Spearman, Gruver and Morse. The top five spellers from each school district competed in the County Spelling Bee.

Students participating in the County Spelling Bee were: Senior Division: Morse - Jessica Schmidt, Tabatha Shields, and Brett Spalding; Spearman - Maribel Moreno and Josh Evans; Junior Division: Morse - Trudy Hart, Elizabeth Martin, and Beatriz Ortiz; Spearman - Saylee Flowers, Charles Walsh, Jesse Moreno, Sandi Carbajal and Kasie Hunt.

The winner for the Senior Division was Maribel Moreno and the winner of the Junior Division was Elizabeth Martin.

Martha Jones was the pronouncer for the Hansford County Spelling Bee. Sandra Blankenship was the Pringle-Morse sponsor, and Linda Wilkerson and Robin Hargis were the Spearman sponsors. Cindy Blackman was the County Coordinator.

Sponsors for the Hansford County Spelling Bee were: Kid's Stuff, B&B Sales, First National Bank, Speartex Grain, Gigot Agra Products, Dollar General, Celebrate, KRDF-FM, and the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman.

The junior division included students in grade 5 and below. The senior division included students in grades 6-8.

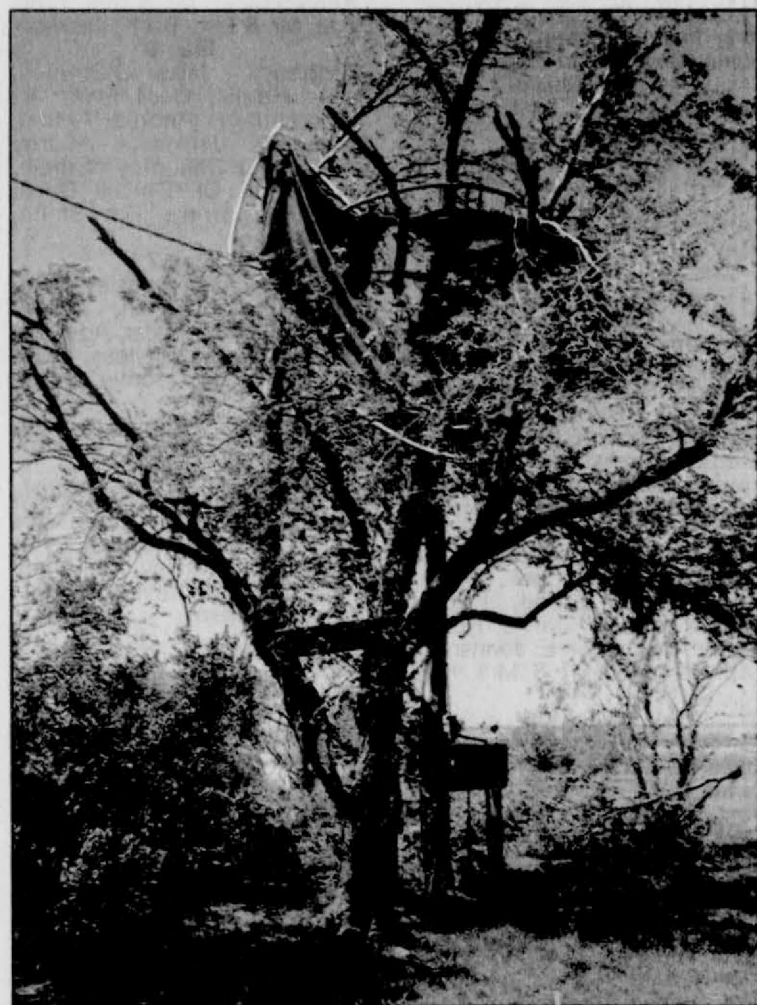
The Regional Spelling Bee was held in the West Texas A&M University Mary Moody Northern Recital Hall on Saturday, April 15, 2000.

Awards were presented to each county finalist with special awards for some of the top finalists. First prize will be an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. to compete in the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee on May 28th.



The Spearman Livestock Judging team of (left to right) David Sharp, Tim Bynum, T.J. Vasquez, and Jacob Harbour will be advancing to state livestock judging competition this weekend at Texas A&M University.

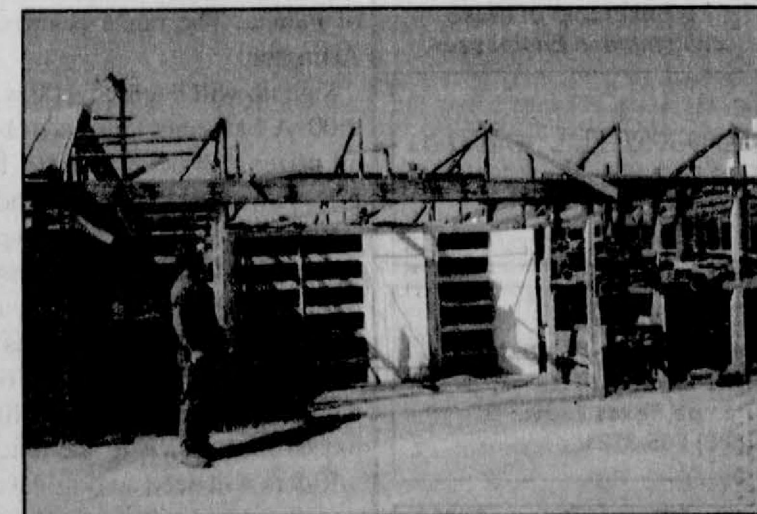
Spring Storm Hits Hansford County



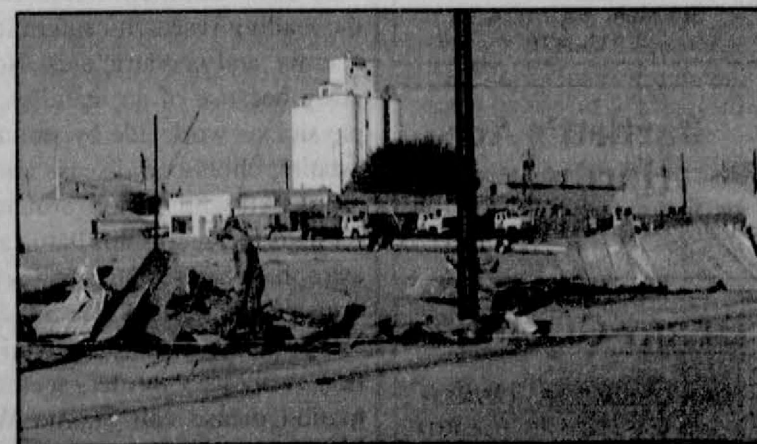
In the first storm of the spring season, a large circular trampoline was enmeshed in the top of a tree at the home of Randall Sauer.



Art Vargas and D.J. Jacobs remove a large section of an elm tree on the court house lawn which was sheared by wind.



Daniel Hopkins examines a White House Lumber building which had its roof lifted in Monday's storm.



Daniel Hopkins sorts through metal roofing which was lifted from a building of the White House Lumber yard. The debris was deposited on a vacant lot across the street from the business.

Laugh and Live



by Catherine R. Smith
CathyRSmit@aol.com

I would like to thank everyone who has told me they enjoy my column. I don't write most of the things I share with you, I just pass along items that touch me in hopes it will touch you also.
If you have anything you would like to send me, you can e-mail me at CathyRSmit@aol.com, or mail it to: Cathy Smith, 213 Main Street, Spearman, TX 79081.

My dear friend Sally Desimone sent me the following e-mail, and I would like to share it with you. It has a pretty neat message.

The Road of Life

At first, I saw God as my observer, my judge, keeping track of the things I did wrong, so as to know whether I merited heaven or hell when I die.

He was out there, sort of like a president. I recognized his picture when I saw it, but I really did not KNOW Him.

But later on when I met Christ, it seemed as though life was rather like a bike ride, but it was a tandem bike, and I noticed that Christ was in back helping me pedal.
I don't know just when it was that He suggested we change places, but life has not been the same since.

When I had control, I knew the way.
It was rather boring, but very predictable.
It was always the shortest distance between two points.
But when He took the lead, He knew delightful long cuts, up mountains and through rocky places at breakneck speeds.
It was all I could do to hang on!
Even though it looked like madness, He said, "Pedal!"

I worried and was anxious and asked,
"Where are you taking me?"
He laughed and didn't answer, and I started to learn to trust.
I forgot my boring life and entered into an adventure.
And when I'd say, "I'm scared,"
He'd lean back and touch my hand, and with a smile would simply say "Pedal."

He took me to people with gifts that I needed, gifts of healing, acceptance, and joy.
They gave me their gifts to take on my journey, my Lord's and mine. And we were off again.
He said, "Give the gifts away: They're extra baggage, too much weight."
So I did, to the people we met, and I found that in giving, I received, and still our burden was light.

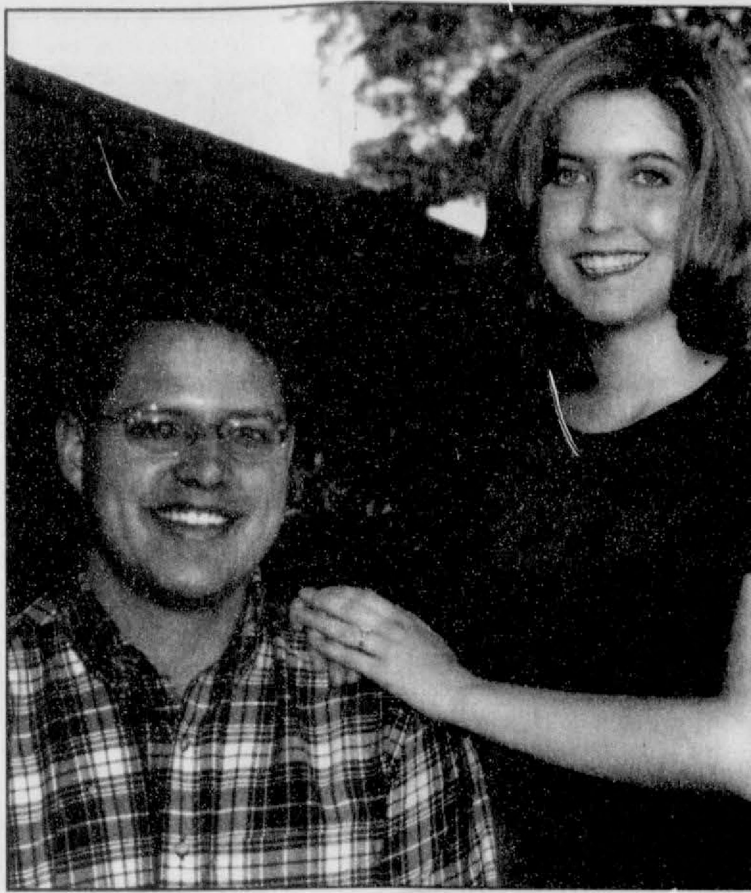
I did not trust Him, at first, in control of my life. I thought He'd wreck it.
But He knows secrets, knows how to make it bend to take sharp corners, jump to clear high rocks, fly to shorten scary passages.
And I am learning to shut up and pedal in the strangest places.
I'm beginning to enjoy the view and the cool breeze on my face with my delightful constant companion, Jesus Christ.

And, when I'm sure that I just can't do anymore, and when I fear we've taken the wrong path,
He just smiles and says....."Pedal"

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

Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)



Engagement Announcement

Col. [retired] and Mrs. Jim Gift of Edmond, Ok. wish to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Dina Marie to Trevor Dean Shipley of Oklahoma City, Ok. Trevor is the son of Janis and Nolan Maupin of Spearman, Tx. and Rose and Bill Shipley of Stinnett, Tx. The wedding is set for Saturday, May 13, 2000 at the Countryside Baptist Church in Stillwater, Ok.

Dina is a Registered Dietitian at Hillcrest Hospital in Oklahoma City, Ok. Trevor is the Program Administrator for a hospital out-patient clinic in Oklahoma City. The couple will reside in Oklahoma City.

Bridal Registry

- Kellie Fowler & Dr. Tyce Hergert - April 29th
- Molly McLain & Marty McCloy - April 29th
- Dynell Vera & Shawn Moore - May 13th
- Kelli Cummings & Cory Rundle - May 27th
- Kristi Claunch & Cameron Kunselman - June 3rd
- Rainey Whittington & Travis Smith - June 10th
- Elaine Hemby & James Macias
- Dawn Gray & Kyle Pearson
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- Abby Johnson & Cody Pipkin
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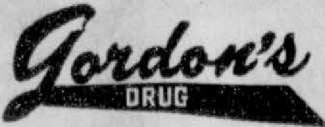
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Couples Currently Registered

- Dr. Tyce Hergert & Kellie Fowler - April 29th
- Dynell Vera & Shawn Moore - May 13th
- Kelli Cummings & Cory Rundle - May 27th
- Cameron Kunselman & Kristi Klaunch - June 3rd
- Rainey Whittington & Travis Smith - June 10th
- Kyle Pearson & Dawn Gray
- Rhonda Dunaway & Keith Martin
- Elaine J. Hemby & James W. Macias
- Kelli Butts & Thomas Straight
- Justin Boyd & Kenda Parish

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HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Success Strategies For Your Business

Don Taylor will present a business seminar entitled "Eagles Don't Flock!" on Tuesday, May 2, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of Spearman Church of Christ. Topics covered will include: How to find, hire, train and keep good people. Don Taylor authors the internationally syndicated business column **Minding Your Own Business**, and is a 30 year veteran of the small business wars. He is a specialist in the area of surviving and growing a profitable business when faced with hyper competition. This free seminar is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Call Peggy Winegarner, County Extension Agent, at 659-4130 or 733-2901 for more information.

Breast Cancer Screening

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 May 22, 2000. Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or toll free 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

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 Cheryl Whitefield at 659-2315, Jan Williams at 659-5108, Margy Schoenhals at 659-3805, or Pat Cudd at 659-5030.

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.

Class of '84 Reunion

The Spearman High School Class of 1984 will host a reunion June 30th & July 1st. Classmates need to RSVP to Denise McElroy at (806) 659-2365 by May 15th.

Gruver Volunteer Fire Department - Wes Babb's Scholarship Fund.

The Gruver Volunteer Firemen's Wives will be selling Avon to raise money for the Wes Babb's 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.

Senior League Baseball

Any boys age 13-16 wishing to play Senior League Baseball should call Roy Harbour at 659-3348. Also, any adult who would like to coach this age group, please call. If no answer, please leave a message.

Gruver High School Rodeo

The Gruver High School Rodeo will be held on Saturday, April 29th at the Gruver Rodeo Grounds. The first performance will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by the team roping at 1:00 p.m. and the second performance at 2:00 p.m.

GHS To Present One-Act Play

The GHS award-winning one-act play, "Antic Spring" will be presented to the public Sunday, April 30, at 3 p.m. in the school auditorium. Tickets will be \$3 for adults and \$1 for children and will be sold at the door.

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 Varnon of Spearman are former recipients of this scholarship.

Spearman Chamber Seeks Volunteer

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce is looking for a volunteer organization to be responsible for the Annual Heritage Days Parade. Heritage Days is set for the 2nd week of June. If you have any questions, or are interested, please call the Chamber at 659-5555.

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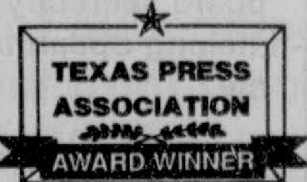
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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Just as soon as poor eye sight gets the blame for no longer seeing good in others, along comes Claudine Laxton to dispel that notion. Claudine walks in that 100 mile walk program, and may have heard that 1/4 of America is covered in forests and another 1/4 in cans and bottles. She has been noticed picking up roadside trash along the highways. At first the neighbors figured that she had taken a new occupation, then learned she didn't like walking in trash, so she puts it in bags which she later disposes of. Thanks, Claudine, for doing more than your part.

Sympathy is extended to the Mona Driscoll family whose services were held Monday with interment at Hansford.

Former residents of Spearman, Burl and Day McClellan, were in town last Monday and Tuesday. They were guests of her brother, Jim and Linda Davis. The McClellans, now of Granbury, were co-owners of a weekly newspaper here years ago.

Day is an alumni of the Memphis school and they attended the all school reunion there the weekend before visiting Spearman.

Jim and Virginia Foulter, now retired and living in Amarillo, spent several days at Palo Duro Lake last week. They were pleased to greet many old friends.

Denise and Roy Harbour, with children Dane and Macy, spent the long weekend in Arlington. They toured Six Flags on Friday, then attended the Texas Rangers baseball games on Friday night and Saturday.

Frances and Hoyt Biles, with Leann and Bill Carson, spent a long weekend with her mother at the ranch near Kenton. Her sisters and cousins joined them for a mini family reunion with 25 present.

Dora Womble is now undergoing rehab therapy at the IHS Center in Amarillo. She underwent successful hip replacement surgery on April 11th at Baptist St. Anthony's hospital.

Irene Snider is somewhat concerned about the early dismissal of her granddaughter, Crissy Leicht, from Northwest Texas Hospital on Saturday. With the assistance of Pat Sutterfield, Irene brought her home by car. They called the local EMT personnel for help in unloading her when they reached Spearman Saturday night.

Crissy was injured in a serious car accident last Monday night and taken by ambulance to Northwest Texas. Although some of her injuries were not as serious as was first diagnosed, she had knee damage and both legs are in braces and she is unable to walk. She has a broken hand and toe. Her face has broken bones, deep lacerations, but bone grafts will not be necessary as first feared. Many stitches were taken, and her teeth are badly chipped but not broken.

The past week was a traumatic week for Irene as the accident occurred just a few hours after funeral services for her husband, Vance.

She is overwhelmed by the assistance, care and concern shown by so many here, and expresses her deepest appreciation.

Easter guests: Norlan and Linda Winegarner had his parents, Herbert and Delma Winegarner of Campo and his grandmother Florence Winegarner of Springfield, CO.

College students were Josh of Hardin-Simmons in Abilene and Keith and Cami of WTAMU in Canyon. Guests from Spearman included Verlin and Brenda and son Brett, and Peggy and Arlan - all Winegarners, and Linda's mother

Ila Willis and Ronnie Willis.

Claud and Brenda Annen with Sage of Nazareth, came for the first Easter of their little grandson and Jon Mas and Wesley Annen.

F.W. and Betty Thomas had daughter Debbie and Craig Carter and Adam of Topeka, KS; Steve and Debbie Thomas of Dumas, Jed and Lisa Miesner with three children and two friends, David and Suzanne Miesner and sons, and James and Kiki Connelly, all of Spearman.

Richard and Reba Ooley enjoyed having Hershelene and David Turner of Gruver; Connie Walter and children of Sunray Sunray; Shelene Jines and girls of Channing; Adalyne Barnes, Glen Ray and Laura Mackie and family, Hadley and Sonja Reed and boys, all of Spearman. The weather cooperated for a fine Easter egg hunt in the afternoon.

The Easter gathering at the rural home of Mary Schumann could have been mistaken for a community assembly from the number present.

Some guests were there for the weekend, but the food and fun also included the locals of the family.

Guests were Jason Banks of Ft. Worth; Abby Johnson of Bryan (Texas A&M); Cody Pipkin of Engleside; Hillary Brown of Lubbock (Texas Tech); Locals Dan and Sally Desimone; Vernon and Ann Pipkin & Maggie, Garrett and Mika Gumfory with Samuel for his first Easter; Craig and Denise Schumann and family.

Mary might be coaxed into telling about the plaque she received.

Easter guests of Gary and Cathy Smith were her parents, Gerald and Sandra Ritchie, and her brother and sister-in-law, Corey and Bobbie Ritchie, and sons Shannon, Jobie and Conner, all of Midland.

All enjoyed spending time together. The boys especially enjoyed the community Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Assembly of God Church.

Judge Johnnie and Joan Lee have an added little twig on their family tree with the arrival of Kyler Jefferson Freeman on April 12, 2000. He arrived at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas, weighing 9 pounds, 1 ounce. His parents are Kara and Kevin Freeman, three year old Kayla is his sister, all of Mesquite.

His grandparents are Dr. Jock Lee of Fritch and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Freeman of Midland.

Great-grandparents are Johnnie and Joan Lee and Byrniece Callaway of Spearman.

Dwayne Smith took time from hunting Easter eggs to read his weather charts. For the week of April 17th to April 24th, the high was on the 18th at 98 degrees; the low was on the 21st at 42; a trace of moisture was recorded for the week.



Engagement Announcement

Curtis and Linda Haveman of Portland, TX announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Audra to Brad Butler, son of Larry and Paula Butler of Stephenville, TX.

The couple will be married July 15, 2000 at First Baptist Church in Portland.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Gregory-Portland High School and is currently attending Texas A&M-Corpus Christi University.

The prospective groom is a 1993 graduate of Spearman High School, and a 1997 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University. He is a third year medical student at Texas A&M University.

Barnhart Appointed To Executive Committee

Pringle-Morse Superintendent Linda Kay Barnhart was appointed to the Executive Committee of the Texas School Coalition at a meeting of the group on April 4, 2000 in Austin. The Texas School Coalition membership consists of Chapter 41 schools (those with a property value that exceeds \$295,000 per child) and several Chapter 42 schools that are concerned about becoming Chapter 41.

Pringle-Morse celebrated her appointment with cake and lemonade on April 6th. Pringle-Morse is proud to have a voice that speaks for the education of each Texas student whether seated in a Chapter 41 or 42 district.

You are invited to attend a Baby Shower

for
Jana Ellsworth Knowlton
on Saturday, April 29, 2000
from 10:00-11:30 a.m.
in the First Christian Church
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You are invited to attend a Bridal Shower

for
Dynell Vera & Shawn Moore
on Saturday, May 13, 2000
from 2:30-4:00 a.m.
in the First State Bank Hospitality Room
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You are cordially invited to the
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of Spearman's

"Church at the Lake"

on Sunday, June 4, 2000

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Casual or fishing attire

Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Level--April 24, 2000--48.85 feet

The weight of the outside crappie caught by Randy Coombs in last weeks' picture was 3 pound, 3 oz. Several fishermen were out this week trying to catch crappie, but they weren't having much luck.

Buddy Hopper of Spearman brought Jim a blue catfish Sunday evening to be officially weighed. Yes, we have a new record, as his fish weighed in at 18.5 pounds. Jim hopes to have the picture in next weeks' column Buddy was fishing in the Palo Duro Creek and using cut perch for bait.

Last week on Tuesday the Parks and Wildlife people set out gill nets in 5 different locations to survey the progress of the fish they had stocked in the Lake. Wednesday they checked the nets. The fish were mainly blue cats and walleye. The largest catfish was 12.5 pounds, and the two largest walleyes each weighed 8.5 pounds, while one was 27 inches and the other was 28 inches. Nine of the

walleye weighed 4 pounds. They were happy to find some small walleye 8 to 10 inches long, as they were sure they were the minnow sized ones they had added to the Lake last year.

The 6 pound large-mouth bass was weighed and then released, as were the other fish.

Some of the catfish had a spine or spike removed to be used to check for age. Under a microscope they check the spine for rings that correspond to years of age as do the rings on a tree.

There were 15 to 20 RV's at the hookups north of the dam. One group from Borger tried out one of the new sites on the office side.

One of Jim's interesting moments this weekend was seeing a den of baby raccoons. They were so small they didn't have their eyes open.

This is a good time to hike in the Park and watch the arrival of the spring flowers. Take time to smell the plains wallflower-one of the yellow ones that has a mound of blossoms on each stem. It has a really nice aroma.

Smith & Beasley Named Academic All-State

Camille Smith and Halee Beasley have been named to the academic all-state team by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. This is a very prestigious honor because only 25 athletes are named. They have to be seniors and have to have made at least first team all-district. They also have to have a high GPA and academic achievement. These kids need to be commended for their hard work and dedication to making good grades. Having intelligent kids to work with also makes a coach's job easier. Spearman also needs to be commended for their high quality of teachers. We have a great school system and a high quality of kids and teachers that we really need to be thankful for. Congratulations Camille and Halee on a job well done!

EMT Basic Class



H & S EMS in conjunction with Frank Phillips College will be offering an EMT Basic class beginning May 23, 2000. It will be held at the H & S EMS Station in Spearman on Tuesday and Thursday Evenings from 6 pm til 10 pm. It will conclude on August 31, 2000. Interested individuals should contact Jay Lamb at (806) 659-5511 or (806) 659-2262, for more information.



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Hansford County Senior 4-H Judging Team News

Team won the District I Judging Contest which was held at West Texas A&M University this past Saturday, April 15.

Team awards Hansford County 1st overall 1st - beef, 1st - swine, 1st - sheep and 1st - reasons. Team members Melody Shields, Kyna Shields, Brad Holt, Kirby Johnson and Dustin Mackie.

Top 4 teams Hansford, Hutchinson, Potter and Deaf Smith county.

Individual Awards: Melody Shields - 1st high individual overall, 1st high reasons, 1st sheep, 3rd beef and 3rd swine
Kyna Shields 3rd high individual overall, 2nd beef and 3rd reasons.
Brad Holt 4th high individual overall, 2nd reasons and 4th swine.

Senior team will judge in the State contest at College Station in June.

Hansford County Junior Livestock Judging team placed 2nd overall at the District I contest. Top 3 teams were Potter, Hansford and Sherman county. Team placing- 2nd high team overall, 3rd high team swine and 3rd high team beef.

Individual Award - Bailey Reid - 2nd high individual
Casey Cator - 2nd high beef Team member: Team I - Bailey Reid, Nick Slough, Lance Williams and Charlie Slough. Team II - Casey Cator, Bryn Garnett and Mattie Wheelock.

Gladiola Flower Club

Gladiola Flower Club met in the home of Rose Cummings on Thursday, April, 20th.

Roll call was answered with "you birth flower."

The meeting was called to order by President Estelle Jackson.

Rose Cummings reported on the scholarship program.

Rose Cummings won with her home-grown arrangement and also her house plant.

Virginia Head, chairman of the Meals on Wheels, made her finalized arrangements for the month of April.

Rose Cummings gave a very interesting program on "Handkerchiefs," their history and many uses. She also displayed several handkerchiefs from her collection and several from the collection of JoAnn Farr.

Norma Jean Mackie will host the next meeting on May 4th.

Friendship Quilters Quilt Guild

The Friendship Quilters Quilt Guild met April 12th, at the First United Methodist Church at 9 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by our president Freddie Seaman. Brownie Kendrick, secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting. Evelyn Cain, gave the treasurers report. A thank you note from Senior Village was read thanking the guild members for the lap robes. An appreciation certificate from the Liberal Needles and Friends guild was presented for our participation in their Y2-Quilt show. Special recognition was given to Brownie Kendrick and Lillian Miller for their "viewers Choice" awards at the Liberal quilt show. Brownie won her award for the Sunbonnet Sue Calendar quilt. Lillian won hers for her Flower Basket wall hanging.

A report was given from the nominating committee. Members will vote on their selections at the May meeting. Also for the May meeting we will have a pot luck dinner. The Stash-Hash Fun Challenge is due in May too.

There was some discussion about a two day workshop with JoAnn Beiling and possibly scheduling Jackie Robinson for a workshop next year.

We are still trying to get members to come quilt on the donation quilt every Wednesday. Each time you quilt we will sign-in and after it is finished we will draw a lucky name. The more times you quilt the more your name will be put in. The winner will receive a fifty-dollar gift certificate.

For show and share Margaret Fluit brought her Double Dish Chain quilt, Harlene Smith, showed

her Sunbonnet Sue quilt Reta Baldwin showed her Hidden Star quilt. Freddie Seaman brought her 4-H fabric; Lillian Miller showed an old quilt piece made around 1925 or 26.

Evelyn Cain won the door prize and Harlene Smith won the name tag drawing. After the business meeting the program was given by Cynthia Shattles and Freddie Seaman on Crazy Patchwork. Some members made Christmas stockings while others made pillows. A very enjoyable day was had by all.

Members present: Harlene Smith, Thelma Holdman, Lois Bartz, Zella May Wauhob, Martha Pulis, Carolee Campbell, Marjory Hardy, Cynthia Shattles, Bonita Campbell, Lillian Miller, Margaret Fluit, Evelyn Cain, Brownie Kendrick, Freddie Seaman, Lana Pulpan.

Canadian Ex-Student Association All-School Reunion

The Canadian Ex-Student Association All-School Reunion, which is held every five years, will be Saturday, August 5, 2000. The reunion will begin at the Canadian High School at 9:00 a.m. with registration and visitation and a general assembly at 10:30 a.m. The honored classes will be 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949 and 1950. Those who have taught in the Canadian schools will also be recognized. Following the assembly, lunch will be served at noon in the Canadian Elementary School Cafeteria. Individual class gatherings will be held throughout the weekend. The Reunion Dance will be the Jones Open-Air Pavilion from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on Saturday night with live music by Northfork. Anyone who has ever attended Canadian schools is welcome. You do not have to be a CHS graduate to be at the reunion. For additional information, please con-

tact the Canadian Ex-Students Association, Box 444, Canadian, Texas 79014 or call Laura Norris Walser at (806) 659-5316 or e-mail Cindy Morey Bowen at bvb@yfi.net If anyone has a change of address, phone number or e-mail, please contact the Canadian Ex-Students Association as they are planning to publish an all school directory and need updated information.

College News

Amarillo College
Amarillo College held their Spring 2000 Honors Convocation on Sunday, April 16, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. in the Amarillo Civic Center.

The speaker was Ms. Karen Paschel of Spearman, President of Phi Theta Kappa.

Mary Kathryn Booth received an Academic Excellence Award for completing 30 hours or more with a 4.0 grade point average. She was also recognized for Who's Who Among Students In American Junior Colleges, and Phi Theta Kappa.

Anne Wilkerson was also recognized for being inducted into Phi Theta Kappa as well as the Alpha Beta Gamma Business Honor Society.

John and Loree Booth of Spearman were among those in attendance.

West Texas A&M University
Lena Kay Harbour was inducted into the Texas Zeta Chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Society at West Texas A&M University in Canyon on Sunday, April 9, 2000. She is in the top ten percent of her Junior class.

Cost-Share Sign-up Deadline Nearing

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has set the sign-up deadline for the 2000 Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). The application deadline for the 2000 program year is May 5, 2000. Applications from individual landowners interested in participating in the EQIP during the 2000 program year received before May 5 will be ranked for program eligibility during the month of May. This will be the last cost-share funds available until approximately this same time next year.

EQIP can provide financial assistance of up to 75 percent of the cost of the practice completed to eligible farmers and ranchers to address soil, water and related natural resource concerns on their lands. EQIP is a voluntary program and is designed to assist farmers and ranchers with placing natural resource conservation practices on their property. Cost share is provided to program participants to achieve the goals of a conservation plan designed with the assistance of local NRCS staff. Cost share practices include irrigation management equipment, placement of appropriate structural or vegetative practices, such as animal waste management facilities, vegetative buffers, and wildlife habitat enhancement, to name a few. Eligible practices will depend on the location of the farm or ranch on which the practice is to be installed and the major resource concern to be addressed in that particular area. Information on eligible cost share practices and major resource concerns of an area can be secured from your local NRCS field office. Contracts for eligible producers are made for a period of five to ten years and include incentive payments to assist with implementation of land management practices, such as nutrient management and grazing land management. It should be noted that program funds target natural resource concerns of farmers, as well as, livestock producers.

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

Varnon Completes EMT Training

Jason Varnon, a paramedic student at Amarillo College, recently received the Mayor's Scholarship for academic achievement. Jason completed his Basic EMT training in the fall and will complete his Intermediate EMT in May. Only the top five students in paramedic studies received this scholarship. He has also successfully completed the ADVANCED PreHospital Trauma Life Support Course sponsored by the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, in cooperation with the Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons and Amarillo College.

Local Youth Compete In Fashion Show

Youth from 21 Texas panhandle counties participated in the Panhandle District 4-H Fashion Show, held Saturday, April 8th at Berger High School. Among the winners were Jessica Schmidt, daughter of Emit and Monica Schmidt of Morse, placing in the top four of the Junior Specialty Wear Division, and Emily Hood, daughter of Bill and Leann Carson of Spearman, competing in the Junior Casual Buying Division.

The 4-H fashion show is designed for youth to learn clothing construction, clothing purchasing, and clothing, fabric and accessory design skills noted Peggy Winegarner, chairman of the District 4-H Clothing Committee. Linda Lackey of Spearman served as judge for selecting the best model in each age division, and Karen Babitzke of Spearman served as one of the interview judges.

Panhandle Crisis Center Golf Tournament

The Fourth Annual Panhandle Crisis Center Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2000. The tournament will be a 2-man scramble format at the Perryton Municipal Golf Course. There will be a hamburger meal at 11:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. The entry fee will be \$25 per person with pro shop gift certificates awarded to the top three finishes in each flight. There will be prizes awarded for longest, most accurate drive on selected holes and closest to the pin on selected holes. Numerous door prizes will also be awarded. Tee box sponsors are available at \$50 with all proceeds going to the Panhandle Crisis Center. Contact Cindy Smith at 435-5008 for more information.

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) and the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Six (6), Township Five (5) North, Range Sixteen (16) East, Cimarron Meridian, Texas County, Oklahoma.
LAND DESCRIPTION: This tract consists of 320 acres (M or L). The farm has 315.4 acres of excellent cropland, primarily Dalhart & Richfield soils (9 to 1% slope) of which there is a 315.4 PFC Acre Base with an average yield of 23 bushels. This farm is very level and has excellent irrigation potential.

TRACT II = 160 Acres (M or L)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section Thirteen (13), Township Five (5) North, Range Fifteen (15) East, Cimarron Meridian, Texas County, Oklahoma.
LAND DESCRIPTION: This tract consists of 160 acres (M or L). This farm has 153.8 of cropland, primarily Richfield soils (0 to 1% slope) of which there is a 153.8 PFC Acre Base with an average yield of 23 bushels.

TRACT III = 160 Acres (M or L)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Twenty-Seven (27), Township Four (4) North, Range Nineteen (19) East, Cimarron Meridian, Texas County, Oklahoma.
LAND DESCRIPTION: This tract consists of 160 acres (M or L) of excellent cropland. This farm has 156 acres of cropland, primarily Richfield soils, of which it has a 85.4 PFC Acre wheat base and a 58.8 PFC Acre grain sorghum base. The PFC yield for wheat is 42 bushels, and the PFC yield for grain sorghum is 28 bushels. This farm is a good level farm with some irrigation potential.

TRACT IV = 160 Acres (M or L)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Twenty-Three (23), Township Four (4) North, Range Nineteen (19) East, Cimarron Meridian, Texas County, Oklahoma.
LAND DESCRIPTION: This tract consists of 160 acres (M or L). This farm has 157.2 acres of cropland, primarily Dalhart soils (0 to 1% slope) of which it has an 86.1 PFC Acre wheat base and a 59.3 PFC Acre grain sorghum base. The PFC yield for the wheat is 42 bushels, and the PFC yield for grain sorghum is 28 bushels. This farm is a good level farm.

TRACT V = 160 Acres (M or L)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Thirty-Four (34), Township Four (4) North, Range Twelve (12) East, Cimarron Meridian, Texas County, Oklahoma.
LAND DESCRIPTION: This tract consists of 160 acres (M or L) of grassland. This farm has 155.6 acres and is enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (\$35.00/AC). The total payment is \$5,516.00 per year. The CRP contract expires in October of 2007. There are eight payments left on this contract. One half of the payment, which is \$2,758.00, will go to the buyer each year in October through 2007.

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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Hounds Win Area Meet Lady Hounds, Third

The GHS Hounds "ran" away with the area track title on Friday at Randall High. Scoring 131 points, the Hounds nearly doubled the team score of second-place Wheeler with 69 points. Representatives from seventeen teams in districts 3A and 4A competed in the one-day event.

The Lady Hounds compiled 51 points to place third behind Groom with 131 points and Shamrock with 93 points.

Placings of all Gruver athletes are listed below.

Resident Hurt in Accident

Ty Williams was injured in a truck/pickup accident near his home at approximately 6 p.m. Saturday. Williams was attempting to turn from Highway 15 onto the driveway of his home when he was hit from behind by a truck. The force of the impact propelled Williams pick-up into the yard of neighbors two houses from the Williams.

Williams was taken to Hansford Hospital where, fortunately, his injuries were not found to be as serious as first believed. He is later released to recuperate at home.

Gumfory in ALT Production

WTAMU senior Doug Gumfory will be performing in Amarillo Little Theatre's production of "The Secret Garden." The musical will open Thursday, April 27, at the theatre, 2019 Civic Circle. The show continues at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29 and on May 4-6 and 11-13 with additional performances at 2:30 p.m. on April 30, May 7, and May 14.

Gumfory is the son of Sandra and Gary Gumfory and was a 1996 graduate of GHS.

District Golf Results

The GHS boys golf team placed fifth in district competition earlier this month, while the GHS girls team took sixth place.

Derik Grotegut paced the boys team with a 76 score on the second round and a 161 total on two rounds, Brian Goad 86-174, Dallas Henson 87-179, and Dan Odom 103-197.

Individual Gruver players were Clint Lilley 122-268 and Hunter Bevell 136-245.

Leading the GHS girls team was Cayla Simon with a first round total of 108 and a two round total of 220. Other team members and their scores were Jessica Moore 106-272, Sarah Moore 121-243, Katie Jones 128-256, and Brooke Salmans 124-261.

Individual girls scores were Ashleigh Sherrill 124-237 and Kristina Christian 131-269.

Troy Seagler is the boys and girls' golf coach.

Storm Strikes Area

The first spring storm of the season stuck Gruver area on Monday night. The storm came in two blasts - a strong wind storm with gusts in excess of 60 mph followed by a second siege of wind and rain.

A large pine tree at the Gruver Church of Christ on King Street was uprooted in the storm's fury while several residents reported yard fences blown down.

Tessa Yanke returning home from a babysitting job during the storm narrowly missed being hit by an empty stock tank being blown by the forceful wind. The tank eventually came to rest in the yard of Faye Cluck.

Only .37 inch of rain was officially recorded in the storm.

Condolences Extended

Sympathy is extended to Tommy

and Diana Pepper and their family. Tommy's dad, J.L. Pepper, 75, of Shamrock died on Monday, April 24th. His services were Wednesday in Shamrock.

Banquets Scheduled

The 1999-2000 GHS Athletic Banquet "Hounds Explode in the New Millennium" will be Monday, May 1, 2000 at 7 p.m. in the elementary gym. Tickets (except those for athletes) must be purchased or reserved in advance.

The GHS FFA barbecue and awards banquet will be on Monday, May 8. Meat, beans, rolls, and drinks will be furnished. FFA parents will furnish vegetable and fruit dishes and desserts. For more information, call Clay Montgomery, 733-2091 or Harletta Carthel, 753-4423. Tickets are not required.

GJHS Announces Students of the Six Weeks

Four junior high students have been selected by the teachers as students of the fifth six weeks. These students were chosen for their outstanding examples as students and classmates. Graciela Hernandez was chosen in fifth grade with Allison Reid in sixth grade, Jessica Montgomery in seventh grade, and Griselida Paez in eighth grade.

Area Track Results

400 Meter Relay - *team of Dallas Henson, Daniel Hernandez, Anthony Villalobos, and Aaron Weller - 2nd, 44.56; 800 Meter Run - *Kyler Barkley - 3rd 2:13.58, Kade Carthel - 5th 2:15.78; 110 Meter Hurdles - *Jason Shoulders - 2nd 14.27; 100 Meter Dash - *Weller - first 10.87 (New meet record), Hernandez - 6th 11.43; 400 Meter Dash - *Cory Schneider - 3rd 52.70; 300 Meter Hurdles - *Shoulders - 2nd 40.11; 200 Meter Dash - *Weller, 2nd 22.89; 1600 Meter Relay - *team of Henson, Bradley Duncan, Barkley, and Schneider - 1st 3:35.25; Pole Vault - *James Crow - 2nd 12' 6"; High Jump - *Shoulders - 1st 6'2", *Carthel - 2nd 5'10", *Kasey Harris - 4th 5'10"; Shot Put - *Josh Blount - 3rd, 43'7 1/2"; Discus - Ricky Arareola - 8th; Long Jump - Shoulders - 5th 19'9 3/4"; Triple Jump - *Shoulders - 3rd 41'5"

Lady Hounds

Long Jump - *Sammy Stavlo - tied for 3rd 15'3 1/2"; 800 Meter Relay - *team of Christi Clift, Amy Watley, Tessa Yanke, and Stavlo - 1st; 800 Meter Run - Jenna Shoulders - 5th; 1600 Meter Relay - *team of Stavlo, Shoulders, Yanke, and Clift - 1st

* - denotes regional qualifier

The regional meet will be on the South Plains College track Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29. Preliminary running events and some field events will be on Friday with the remaining field events and running finals on Saturday. Specific event times were not available at press time.

One-Act Play to be Presented

The GHS award-winning one-act play, "Antic Spring" will be presented to the public Sunday, April 30, at 3 p.m. in the school auditorium. Tickets will be \$3 for adults and \$1 for children and will be sold at the door.

Get Well Wishes

Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance

Farm Service Agency is determining whether benefits can be paid to producers through the non-insured crop disaster assistance program (NAP) for losses of small grain grazing caused by drought during the fall and winter months. Producers must have an acceptable notice of loss for small grain forage acreage filed with FSA in order to be considered for NAP eligibility. Greater than a 35 percent loss of grazing from small grain forage crops must be documented for no area before benefits can be made available.

Producers who have not filed a notice of loss with FSA on form CCC-576 for small grain grazing should be aware that a notice of loss must be filed on form CCC-576 within 15 days of the date damage occurs, or the date damage is apparent to the producer. Otherwise, the notice of loss is late. For small grain forage crops, a notice of loss filed not more than 15 days after the crop insurance pull off date is timely. A notice of loss filed more than 15 days after the pull off date can be considered timely filed only if FSA can verify existence of the crop and verify the cause and extent of damage by inspecting the specific acreage. A late notice of loss filed by a producer with an insured grain crop may be considered timely filed, if the producer provides FSA with the crop insurance grain appraisal.

Producers who have not and do not provide FSA with a notice of loss that is either timely filed or considered timely filed, will not be eligible for NAP benefits.

If small grain forage acreage was grazed and/or mechanically harvested during the fall and winter grazing period, producers must report the grazing to FSA on form CCC-451.

Producers who have filed a notice of loss on form CCC-576 for small grain forage loss must report to FSA whether the small grain crop was insured for crop year 2000.

Producers whose small grain crop was insured and appraised must provide FSA with the crop insurance production worksheets and appraisals. Both forms are required and both must be signed by the producer and by the loss adjuster. The small grain appraisal will be used to determine the NAP forage loss.

If the small grain crop was insured, but not appraised by RMA using the stand or tiller method, and a notice of loss on the forage was timely filed, the producer must certify the percent of grazing loss with FSA.

For uninsured small grain acreage with a timely notice of forage loss, NAP eligibility will be based on a forage appraisal made by FSA. Or, if such an appraisal was not made, the producer must certify the percent of small grain forage loss on the CCC-576.

In any case where a producer certifies the loss of small grain forage, the producer will have the option of receiving the county average loss, or having an individual appraisal. If an individual appraisal is chosen, the appraisal will be made based on conditions as they exist on the day of the appraisal.

Please remember in prayer, two lovely ladies of our community who had surgery this week.

Marie Bell underwent surgery in Borger on Thursday.

Cherri Sherrill remains in Baptist St. Anthony's following her surgery.

Gruver Good Guy

The lawn of Gruver Junior High has recently been transformed into a prairie forest. New trees and evergreens have been planted on the building's front yard. The trees, evergreens, and labor were the donation of Melanie Yanke and Yanke Landscaping. A big thank you to Melanie for her living legacy to Gruver schools.



Southwest Texas State University pole vaulting specialist, Buster McLain, has provisionally qualified for the NCAA Track Nationals May 31-June 3 at Dunham, North Carolina by virtue of his 17'5 1/2" vault at Texas Tech last weekend. The vault was McLain's personal best. The sophomore was an all conference pick in the South Land Conference in 1999. McLain is a 1998 graduate of Gruver High School and the son of Mike and Diane McLain of Gruver and the grandson of Don and Gwen McLain of Spearman.

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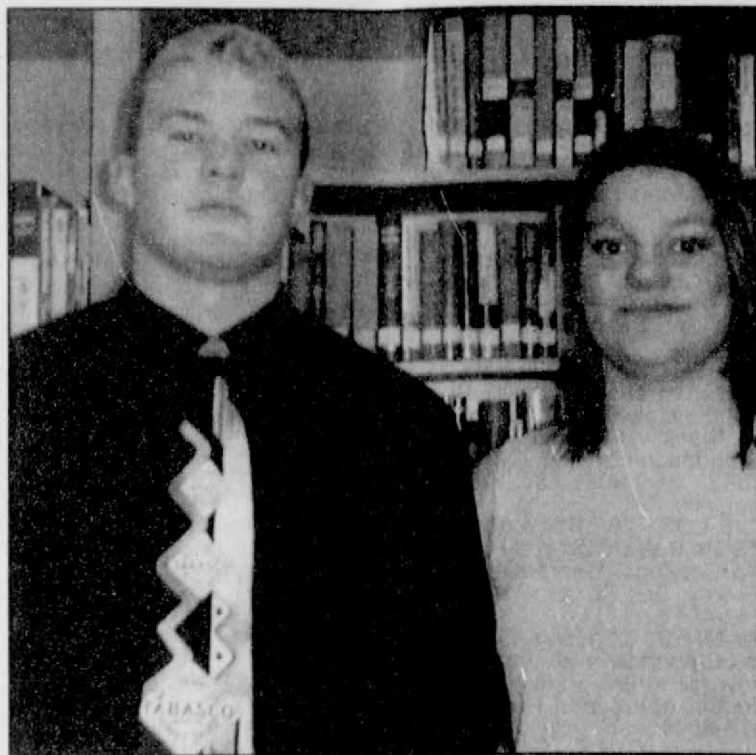
The Way of the Cross

by Fr. Scott L. Raef

"This is the wood of the cross, upon which hung the Savior of the world!" These words taken from the Catholic liturgy for Good Friday, were commemorated in a special way last week in Hansford County. As Catholics throughout the world gathered last week to commemorate the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ in Holy Week, a group of Catholics gathered on Good Friday to carry a wooden cross in pilgrimage from Gruver to Spearman. The notion of "pilgrimage" is one which resonates throughout Holy Week for Catholic Christians, symbolizing as well as embodying the continual call of Jesus to walk the way of the cross with Him as the center of our lives as well as to carry on His saving mission in our own day and time. In many parts of the world, Good Friday is a special day during which businesses and schools close down in order to enter more deeply into prayer, pilgrimage and veneration of the cross. Those who participated in the Hansford County pilgrimage hope to bring a new awareness to the community about the importance of holy days such as Good Friday and their power to make us stop, pray, walk in faith and thereby become better servants of God and one another. Those who participated in the pilgrimage hope to make the Good Friday procession an annual event. The journey took 4 hours and 50 minutes.

por Padre Scott L. Raef

"Mirad el árbol de la cruz, donde estuvo clavado Cristo, el Salvador del mundo!" Estas palabras, tomadas de la liturgia Católica para el Viernes Santo, fileron conmemorados en una manera especial durante la semana pasada en el condado de Hansford. Como los Católicos en todas partes del mundo se reunieron en la semana pasada para recordar la vida, los sufrimientos, la muerte, y la resurrección de Jesús en la Semana Santa, un grupo de Católicos se reunieron el Viernes Santo para cargar una cruz de madera en peregrinación de Gruver hasta Spearman. La idea de "peregrinación" es una que continúa en toda la Semana Santa para los católicos y la que simboliza la Ramada continual de Jesús para caminar con Él como el medio de nuestras vidas y también para continuar su Visión salvadora on nuestro propio día y tiempo. En muchas partes del mundo, el Viernes Santo es un día especial cuando negocios y escuelas se cierran para permitir el pueblo a entrar mas profundamente en la oración, peregrinación, y veneración de la cruz. Aquellos que participaron en la peregrinación del condado de Hansford desean traer un entendimiento nuevo a la comunidad sobre la importancia de días santos como el Viernes Santo y su poder para hacernos parar, rezar, caminar en fe, y por conseguir a hacerse señidores mejores de Dios y de uno a otro. Aquellos que participaron en la peregrinación desean tener la procesion del Viernes Santo una acavidad anual. La peregrinación duro 4:50 horas y minutos.



Students of the Month

Cynthia Goodman and Kelsey Henton have been selected as Spearman High School Students of the Month for December.

Cynthia, the daughter of Keith and Karen Goodman, is a senior and plans to attend the University of North Texas in Denton and later graduate school to pursue a career in the medical field.

Cynthia has been active in debate, winning many honors culminating in a third place win in state this year. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has been on the all A honor roll every six weeks. Elected a member of "Who's Who" at S.H.S., Cynthia has received the gifted and talented class award, the geometry class award, and the united States History Honors Class Award. She has been a regional qualifier in varsity track in the 200 meter race, the 800 meter relay (which also set a new record), and the 1600 meter relay.

Cynthia lists Mrs. Pipkin and Mrs. Mitchell as the teacher who have been most influential during her school years.

Kelsey, also a senior, is the son of Kerry and Jane Henton. He has competed in golf, track, junior varsity basketball, and football in which he was named second team all-district defensive end.

A member of the National Honor Society, Kelsey has competed in the UIL math contest and was a member of the first place district accounting team. He has also been a member of the UIL one-act play cast. Other honors include being the recipient of the biology and physics class awards.

Kelsey plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in electrical engineering. He names Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Wilkerson as the most influential teachers in his school years.



Spearman fourth graders (l to r) Kayla Ross, Callie Cazares, Tyler Rex, J.J. Rojas, and Jeremy Frost have a close look at the big rig of Ruth Ross of Spearman who is a driver for DMR Trucking of Plano. Ross has been corresponding with the class of Mr. Verlan Winegarner during the year. The students have been sent post cards from Ross for every state she traveled through this year. Ross's educational partnership with the class began as a result of an article in "Road King Magazine" which told of other truckers participation in the school project.

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