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## Art Jubilee to Feature Workshops for Area Artists

Oklahoma Panhandle State University's 10th annual Art Jubilee, sponsored by the OPSU Art Department, Images Art Club and the Oklahoma Arts Council, will be held April 8th through the 10th on the campus of Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Oklahoma. This year we are inviting interested artists and art teachers to participate by attending our free artist's workshops. The first one will be held on April 8th in room 102 in Hesper Hall featuring Doug Quarels of Tucumcari, New Mexico. Doug and his wife Sharon have painted more than 30 murals on walls in Tucumcari and Doug has had work accepted in the prestigious Leigh-Yawkey Woodson Museums "Birds in Art" show. The workshop will begin at 9:30 a.m. and go until 2:00 p.m. with a short break for lunch.

The second free workshop will be held on Thursday, April the 10th. The featured artist conducting the workshop will be Jim Romberg. Jim's workshop will be held in room 214 of Hesper Hall and will begin at 9:30 a.m. and last until 2:00 p.m. with a short break for lunch. Jim will be demonstrating the art of Raku pottery. His work is featured in the Fritzier Fine Arts gallery in Mesa, Colorado and he has produced a one hour video titled "Raku Ceramics with Jim Romberg".

Both artists will be on campus for the high school day during the OPSU Art Jubilee on April 9th and they will be featured during the day for the visiting high school students and teachers. Organizers will also recognize Debbie Long for her contributions and dedication to the OPSU Art Department.

If you are interested in attending one or both workshops you can reserve your spot by sending an e-mail to btest@opsu.edu or call 806 339 4343 for more information.

## OPSU Enrollment Clinics

With spring break over, now is the time for prospective students to enroll in summer and fall courses! Admissions staff and faculty have planned five enrollment clinics over the next months and encourage those considering OPSU to take advantage of the convenience of enrolling early.

The clinics offer "one-stop shopping" for prospective students by having all of the resources necessary to begin a college career and the entire process may take less than two hours. In addition to applying for admission and enrolling, future students meet their advisor, sign up for campus housing, learn about financial aid, and take a campus tour. In addition, students who enroll in 15 hours or more will be eligible to enter a drawing to win a full tuition waiver for one academic year!

Dates for upcoming clinics: Thursday, April 24; Friday, May 23; Thursday, June 19; Friday, July 18 and Thursday, August 7. All clinics begin at 9 a.m. in the Student Union Ballroom on the OPSU campus. Attendees will need to submit an application for admission; an official high school transcript; official college transcript(s); ACT and/or SAT scores; out-of-state waivers for those not a resident of Oklahoma; an immunization form; and their social security card as well as a photo ID.

If you would like more information about the clinics, contact Dara Short or Jolie Dennis at 580-349-2611 or 1-800-664-OPSU. You may also send an email to dshort@opsu.edu or jolie@opsu.edu. Plan your OPSU college career today!

## Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain showers. Lows in the mid 30s. North winds 10 to 20 mph.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. North winds around 10 mph.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Southeast winds around 10 mph shifting to the south after midnight.

SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the lower 70s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows around 40.

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

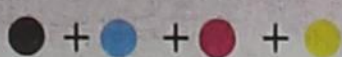
MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Breezy. Lows around 40.

TUESDAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

TUESDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

WEDNESDAY - Partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the mid 60s.



## National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week April 20-26, 2008

The week of April 20th has been designated National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week to raise awareness of the clinical laboratory profession. Since medical laboratory professionals often work "behind the scenes," few people know much about the critically important testing that lab personnel perform every day. Hansford County Hospital District is using this week to educate the public on how important this occupation is for the health care industry.

According to the American Society of Clinical Pathology, approximately 80 percent of all medical diagnostic and treatment decisions are based on lab results provided by laboratory personnel. Laboratory personnel commonly test blood, urine, body fluids and tissue cells to look for diseases such as anemia, cancer, heart attacks, diabetes and infections. In addition to helping diagnose a disease, lab test also help monitor the effectiveness of the treatment or to detect possible side effects of that treatment. Lab tests are also used as screening tools to check for increased risk of certain diseases so that prevention can be started before the disease worsens.

It is estimated that 13,200 new laboratory personnel will be needed yearly through 2010 to replace retiring workers and meet future needs. Physicians, nurses, other healthcare personnel and patients look to the clinical laboratory to aid in diagnosing the absence, presence or extent of disease, along with monitoring therapy. If there is a shortage of qualified laboratory personnel, delays in diagnosis and treatment will arise.

The tests that can be run in Hansford County Hospital Laboratory are vast. Eighty-five percent of all lab tests ordered are done right in the facility. The results of the few that are sent out to larger laboratories are back within a very few days. Hansford County Hospital District is very fortunate and proud to have competent, trained personnel available twenty-four hours a day in their lab department. Hansford County Hospital Laboratory has met all the criteria for Laboratory Accreditation by COLA, a national healthcare accreditation organization. Accreditation is given only to laboratories that apply rigid standards of quality in day-to-day operations, demonstrate continued accuracy in the performance of proficiency testing, and pass a rigorous on-site laboratory survey. Hansford County Hospital Laboratory has earned COLA accreditation as a result of a long-term commitment to provide quality service to its patients.

Lab professionals are a varied group of individuals ranging from baccalaureate degreed medical technologists/clinical laboratory scientists, cytotechnologists and histotechnologists to associate degreed medical lab technicians/clinical lab technicians and histotechnicians to non-degreed technical, non-technical assistants and phlebotomists. For more information on careers in lab medicine, visit your local university or university website.

Hansford County Hospital Laboratory is staffed by Carla Willimon, MT (ASCP), Doreen Balberona, MT (AMT), Alreen Emmeng, MT (AMT), and Andy DeLaRosa, phlebotomist.



Hansford County Hospital Laboratory employees - (l-r) Doreen Balberona, MT (AMT), Andy DeLaRosa, phlebotomist, Carla Willimon, MT (ASCP) and Alreen Emmeng, MT (AMT).

## Hansford County Library Holds Book Signing



Elaine Littau, author of "Nan's Journey"

Hansford County Library held a book signing on Thursday, March 27th with Elaine Littau of Perryton, author of "Nan's Journey."

Desperate to save her life and that of her five-year-old brother, Nan packs and flees an abusive home, embarking on a journey that will test her faith, determination, and spirit. Set in the 1800s, "Nan's Journey," follows Nan and her brother, Elmer, as they seek safety and find refuge and hope in the arms of a family of strangers—including Fred Young, a disgruntled preacher turned mountain man, who reaches out to help, only to find a hope and love renewed in his own heart.

In her first novel, author Elaine Littau weaves memorable characters into the vivid background of the wild, unsettled heart of America, presenting readers with the

timeless struggle of overcoming adversity, and seeking hope above all through "Nan's Journey."

"I love to write books that deal with current issues even though it may be a totally different time period," said Elaine Littau. "I love to experience life with my husband of thirty-three years, Terry. He is a hoot. I love to tell stories about him and even myself and our experiences."

"Everyone thinks that I stretch the truth about our misadventures, but I swear, it is the ABSOLUTE TRUTH! God has begun a good work in me and I know He will complete it!"



Kendall Schneider of Spearman was named to the 2008 Class 2A Golden Spread Team. Schneider, a 5'-9" senior at Spearman High School, played post. She averaged 11 points and seven rebounds for the Lynxettes as they finished second in District 1-2A and posted 24 victories.



Jordan Ashmore of Spearman was named to the 2008 Class 2A Golden Spread Team. Ashmore, a 6'-4" junior at Spearman High School, played forward. He was also named the District 1-2A MVP. He averaged more than 22 points, nearly nine rebounds and more than four steals and assists per game for the runnerup Lynx.

## USDA Seeks Public Comment on Changes to CRP Managed Haying & Grazing

The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced that it will hold public meetings in Texas on April 8-9, 2008 on proposed changes to managed haying and grazing on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) land.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will hold a meeting on April 8, 2008 at 9:00 AM at the Regency Inn Suites Hotel in Abilene, TX. The second meeting will be on April 9, 2008 held at the Fifth Season Inn in Amarillo, TX beginning at 1:00 PM.

FSA is proposing rule changes to the frequency that managed haying and grazing is allowed on land that is enrolled in CRP. Public comments will be accepted at the meeting and the public may also comment on changes to primary nesting season dates, during which managed haying and grazing are not permitted.

FSA will consider public comments when it prepares state-specific environmental assessments that will evaluate the effects of the proposed changes. The environmental assessments will aid USDA decision-makers and the public with an analysis of the benefits and potential impacts of the proposed changes to managed haying and grazing on CRP land.

Public comments can be submitted both electronically and by regular mail. They must be received by the close of business on May 9, 2008. Direct comments to: MHG EAs, Geo-Marine Incorporated, 2713 Magruder Blvd., Suite D, Hampton, Va. 23666-1572 or send them to the Web site: <http://public.geo-marine.com>.

These meetings are two (2) of fourteen (14) public meetings that will be held in 13 states where USDA is proposing rule changes to the managed haying and grazing program. More information on meeting dates and locations is available on the project Web site: <http://public.geo-marine.com>.

Here are specific details about the public meetings for Texas:

CRP Public Meeting  
April 8, 2008 (9:00 a.m.)  
Regency Inn Suites Hotel  
3450 S Clack Street  
Abilene, TX 79606  
Micky Woodard (979)680-5208

CRP Public Meeting  
April 9, 2008 (1:00 p.m.)  
Fifth Season Inn  
6801 I-40 East  
Amarillo, TX 79106  
Micky Woodard (979)680-5208



Gruber High School's Leigh Anne Winger (left) and Lynn Vela (right) competed at the State Cross Examination Debate Contest in Austin for the second year in a row. Congratulations to this great Forensics team!

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**O'Loughlin Center Tenderloin Dinner & Calcutta**  
The O'Loughlin Center (502 S. Brand, Spearman) will hold their annual Tenderloin Dinner and Calcutta on Saturday, April 26th at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$60 each and may be purchased from any board member, or by calling 659-3030. Cash and prizes will be given away throughout the evening. Enjoy and dance to the music of Insufficient Funds. Everyone is invited to come be a part of the fun!

**Rushing Wind Emmaus Community**  
Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet at the First Christian Church, 8th and Quinn, Guyton, Oklahoma, at 6 p.m. on April 12, and all Emmaus members, friends and families are welcome. There will be a potluck supper, training for sponsors, database session, and a praise and worship service. A nursery will be provided.

**Spearman Little League**  
Spearman Little League will hold an organizational meeting on Friday, April 4th at 7:30 p.m. at Simple Simon's in Spearman. Anyone interested in coaching, helping with the field, helping with administration, etc. is asked to attend. For more information, contact Sharon Swan at 659-1734.

**Project Graduation Night at Spearman Pizza Hut**  
Spearman Pizza Hut Night is again hosting Project Graduation Night. All you have to do is eat at Pizza Hut on April 10, 2008 from 5-9 p.m. and a percentage of the cost of your meal will be donated to Project Graduation.

**Wheat Disease Program**  
A Wheat Disease Program will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lipscomb Clubhouse. Producers are encouraged to bring wheat samples that might be infested with wheat diseases. Bring a quart size freezer bag full with roots attached. 3 CEU's for TDA Pesticide Applicators will be given (1 Laws & Regulations, 1 IPM and 1 General). Educational programs of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.

**Black Sunday**  
Black Sunday, April 14, 1935, Pampa, Texas. Where were you? Were you there? Do you know someone who lived through that day? Do you know someone who has pictures of the Dust Bowl days? Do you have any letters that told of those days? Pampa's Tribute to Woody Guthrie Center will be commemorating the Dust Bowl Days on April 10, 11, 12 and 13 at the Woody Guthrie Center, located at 320 South Cuyler in Pampa. Children from Lamar Elementary will perform during the afternoon on Saturday, April 12th. Anyone who has pictures, stories, letters, etc., is asked to let us know and/or mail them to us at the Center, 320 South Cuyler, Pampa TX 79065, or email to [lmmb777@hotmail.com](mailto:lmmb777@hotmail.com).

**Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp**  
Applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp is by Invitation Only. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from 50 states and 10 foreign countries attended the 2007 camp. College basketball scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. Camp locations include: Commerce, TX, Prescott, AZ, Thousand Oaks, CA, Babson Park, FL, Gainesville, GA, Champaign, IL, Glassboro, NJ, Lebanon, TN and Blacksburg VA. There is also a Summer Camp available for boys and girls ages 6-18 of all skill levels. For a free brochure on these Summer Camps, please call 704-373-0873 anytime. [www.tenstar-camp.com](http://www.tenstar-camp.com).

**Project Graduation**  
The parents of the Spearman High School Senior Class of 2008 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement exercises Friday May 23rd. To encourage the graduates to stay the entire night, door prizes are awarded throughout the evening. In addition, graduates can earn paper monies through their participation in various games so that prizes can be purchased. The graduation party will culminate with the distribution of grand prizes. Prizes, gift certificates, and cash are needed for the evening's gifts. If you, the community, who supported and encouraged these seniors these past 13 years of school, would be willing to share in this final "Class of 2008" memory, making this project "special", please call Bonnie Bergan at 659-5529, Tammy Benton at 659-3071, or Gina Gillispie 659-5341. Contributions can be mailed to: Project Graduation Gina Gillispie, P.O. Box 633, Spearman, TX. 79081 Thank you in advance, for your support!

**Perryton ISD Students Seeking Memories of World War II**  
Students in Perryton are seeking individuals to interview for the KACV WWII/Texas Panhandle Outreach Project. Participants who are eligible to be interviewed are those that have memories from 1938-1946, especially World War II Veterans. Persons who would like their stories from WWII to be recorded on film should contact Lauren Carroll at (806) 434-0389.


**Gruver Elementary Collecting Register Tapes**  
Gruver Elementary is again participating in the Lowe's Supermarket Register Tapes for Education program. Please help us earn free educational equipment by collecting register tapes from Lowe's. Only tapes dated September 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008 are eligible. You can deposit your tapes in boxes in the Gruver Elementary Lobby, Gruver Library, Gruver City Hall, Nite & Day Beauty Salon and Hitchin' Nails. Jo Alice Clawson is also collecting tapes at 711 Womble, or they may be mailed to PO Box 488, Gruver. Please call 733-2247 if you have tapes you would like to have picked up, or for more information.

**You're Never Alone - Narcotics Anonymous Group**  
Each year individuals struggling with drug and alcohol addiction make the resolution to quit using drugs. For many of them it is a resolution that they cannot keep. Narcotics Anonymous can help. Open meetings are held on Monday and Thursday nights from 8-9 p.m. at the First Christian Church (29 S. Bernice in Spearman) for the "You're Never Alone" group of Narcotics Anonymous. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Drug addiction can leave you feeling helpless and out of control - we can help.

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### Engagement Announcement

Frank and Anita Carter announce the engagement of their daughter, Cortney Beth Chambers, to Keith Ray Winegarner of Perryton. Keith is the son of Norlan and Linda Winegarner of Spearman. Cortney is the granddaughter of W.L. Chambers of Perryton. Keith is the grandson of Ila Willis of Spearman and Herbert and Delma Winegarner of Springfield, CO. The couple will be married on July 19, 2008, at Country Home Weddings in Canyon, Texas.

Cortney graduated from Perryton High School in 2001 and from Texas Tech University in 2005 with Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education. She is a First Grade Teacher Wright Elementary Perryton, Texas. Keith is a 1998 graduate of Spearman High School and a 2003 graduate of West Texas A&M University with a Bachelors in Business Administration. He is employed by Hansford Implement in Perryton, Texas.



### Engagement Announcement

Stan Jenkins of Spearman and Mary Jane Kelley of Santa Fe, Texas announce the engagement of their son, Joe Stanley Jenkins, II to Davy Nichole Gaines. Davy is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Stephen Gaines of Amarillo. The couple plan to wed on May 31, 2008 at Covenant Fellowship Church n Amarillo, Texas.

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You are invited to a  
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**Christen Imhof**  
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on Saturday, April 5, 2008  
from 10:00-11:30 p.m.  
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You are invited to a  
**Bridal Shower**  
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**Miranda Barnhill**  
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Claudia Vaquera & Scott Sauer - 4/26  
Brittanie Osbourne & Cody Eslick - 4/26  
Meghan Blaneck & Kevin Williams - 5/17  
Courtney Chambers & Keith Winegarner - 5/31  
Naomi McCullen & Heath Archer - 6/7  
Megan Dorton & Justin Rayner - 6/27  
Tobi Barrera & Chris Guana - TBA  
Laura Geer & Cory Jumper  
Heather Jumper & Jared Mahan  
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Christen Imhof & Michael Lozano - April 5  
Miranda Barnhill & Travis Brown - April 12  
Jaqueta Dunn & Drew Clyburn - April 19  
Claudia Vaquera & Scott Sauer - April 26  
Brittanie Osbourne & Cody Eslick - April 26  
Courtney Chambers & Keith Winegarner - May 31  
Heather Jumper & Jared Mahan  
Brooke Winters & Wade Stewart  
John & Brianne Thomas  
Shad & Betsy (Holt) Kalisiak

## Baby Registry

Garrett & Farrell Griffin  
Jeffery & Danielle Jackson - TBA

**Gordon's** 659-2141  
314 Main Spearman

# Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott

**MUSEUM HAPPENINGS**  
Georgia and I have seen the state. It is a long way to Galveston. If you forgot, Georgia and I journeyed to Galveston for the annual meeting of the Texas Association of Museums. The wildflowers are starting to bloom down south, however, it was still chilly even in Galveston and it was cloudy the entire week we were gone. Our conference was full of new information and ideas that we will try to use in the upcoming year. We met the leaders of state and national agencies that promote museums and provide services and grants to us. We were pleased that efforts are still being pushed to provide federal stipends to museums

similar to the library formula grants.

We toured the Galveston History Museum and the Railroad museums and their displays of the great storm of 1900 and the rebuilding of Galveston. Part of the objective of this annual meeting, is to allow us to tour the local museums for two reasons, to see how they display their artifacts, history, art and to learn the local history so we can as promoters of preservation support state wide issues. Galveston is also home to the Lone Star Flight Museum which houses some of the few WWII planes that are still flying.

This was the first opportunity we had to meet with the state group that is participating in a pilot study for the American Association of small Libraries and Museums on Standards. We are one of six museums in Texas that will be taking an online course and selecting a project to evaluate an accreditation process on standards designed for small museums.

While we were away, Dorothy wrote a good article and held down the fort. Thanks, Dorothy. We also thank LaVaun for working for me. When I walked in this morning I discovered that our Collections Books had arrived from IMLS. Stay tuned for a press release next week describing this resource library that we obtained.

We will also be announcing our spring and summer schedule of programs so stay tuned for more news from the museum.

**HISTORICAL MUSINGS**

As Dorothy mentioned in her column last week, She and Lovella have been busy organizing and binding our newspaper collection. During this process Lovella checks for duplication of issues; for obituaries we need; and for articles of interest, for our database and for items for this column.

For the column, she tries to find humorous items. She put three such articles on my desk while I was gone. We will use them in the next couple of columns. Hope you enjoy the humor of the 1920's.

**A QUEER DISH**

*Lipscomb Limelight, July 29, 1926*  
reprinted from the *Boston Transcript in the Kansas City, Star*

R.M. sends the story of a young bride who asked her husband to copy off a radio recipe she wanted.

He did his best, but got two stations at once, one of which was broadcasting the morning exercises and the other the recipe.

This is what he took down - "hand on hips, place one cup of flour on the shoulders, raise knees and depress toes and mix thoroughly in one-half cup of milk

Repeat six times. Inhale quickly, one-half teaspoon of baking powder, lower the legs and mash two hard-boiled eggs in a sieve.

Exhale, breathe naturally and sift into a bowl.

Attention! Lie flat on the floor and roll the white of an egg backward and forward until it comes to a boil.

In ten minutes remove from the fire and rub smartly with a rough towel.

Breathe naturally, dress in warm flannels and serve with fish soup"

I am glad to be back home and appreciate our low traffic zones and one traffic light life style. Have a good week.

March 31, 2008  
Lake Palo Duro level - 18.57 feet

Lake Palo Duro has come to life! The cold quiet days of winter are gone (maybe), awakened by warmer weather and more people. All we need is some rain to revive our area.

The pictures of blue cats were taken on Saturday, March 29. Both were using crawfish for bait. I have had several reports of other catfish, and one bass being caught in the last week. As usual, many fish are caught using shad as bait. Some of our out of town anglers are bringing crawdads, waterdogs, and perch.

Last Wednesday, the big white birds visible from a long distance, were spotted. You guessed it - Pelicans. I saw eleven that day. On Saturday, I estimated fifty. Today, about thirty were counted. They usually eat, rest, and preen, then move on. In the bird books, they are described to fish "cooperatively", herding the fish, and then dipping their bills in the water to catch their prey. Then they raise their bill to empty the water, and swallow the fish. I have also observed them feeding individually.

by Jim Derington

## Out at the Lake



Curtis Keys with a 24-pound bluecatfish.



Tommy Nefferdorf with a 20-pound bluecatfish.

The pair of Roadrunners has been spotted at the office. They will have a food source here, when the bugs come out. The office lights attract the bugs at night, and the Roadrunners feast on them.

There is an article with pictures, on Mountain Lions, in latest Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine.

The restrooms and showers are now open at Lake Palo Duro. Please remember to make your reservation for the covered shelter. It is popular for large groups, in warm weather. Annual permits for daily use are available. If you come often, you should consider one.

**Honoring Those Who Serve**  
The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman would like to thank those who are actively serving in the military.

Sgt. Juan Rojas  
Richlands, NC  
Parents: Barbara & Eddie Rojas

Lt. Col David McNulty  
US Air Force  
Active Guard Reserves  
Otis ANGB, MA  
In-laws: Gary & Cathy Smith

TSGT Raul Ortega  
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Parents: Virgino & Francisca Ortega

If you have a name you would like added to this list, please contact Catherine Smith at the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, 806-659-3434, or e-mail to reporter@spearmanreporter.com.

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# Ramona THE Pest



Beverly Cleary

## Chapter 1: Ramona's Great Day, Part I

"I am not a pest," Ramona Quimby told her big sister Beezus.

"Then stop acting like a pest," said Beezus, whose real name was Beatrice. She was standing by the front window waiting for her friend Mary Jane to walk to school with her.

"I'm not acting like a pest. I'm singing and skipping," said Ramona, who had only recently learned to skip with both feet. Ramona did not think she was a pest. No matter what others said, she never thought she was a pest. The people who called her a pest were always bigger and so they could be unfair.

Ramona went on with her singing and skipping. "This is a great day, a great day, a great day!" she sang, and to Ramona, who was feeling grown up in a dress instead of play clothes, this was a great day, the greatest day of her whole life. No longer would she have to sit on her tricycle watching Beezus and Henry Huggins and the rest of the boys and girls in the neighborhood go off to school. Today she was going to school, too. Today she was going to learn to read and write and do all the things that would help her catch up with Beezus.

"Come on, Mama!" urged Ramona, pausing in her singing and skipping. "We don't want to be late for school."

"Don't pester, Ramona," said Mrs. Quimby. "I'll get you there in plenty of time."

"I'm not pestering," protested Ramona, who never meant to pester. She was not a slowpoke grown-up. She was a girl who could not wait. Life was so interesting she had to find out what happened next.

Then Mary Jane arrived. "Mrs. Quimby, would it be all right if Beezus and I take Ramona to kindergarten?" she asked.

"No!" said Ramona instantly. Mary Jane was one of those girls who always wanted to pretend she was a mother and who always wanted Ramona to be the baby. Nobody was going to catch Ramona being a baby on her first day of school.

"Why not?" Mrs. Quimby asked Ramona. "You could walk to school with Beezus and Mary Jane just like a big girl."

"No, I couldn't," Ramona was not fooled for an instant. Mary Jane would talk in that silly voice she used when she was being a mother and take her by the hand and help her across the street, and everyone would think she really was a baby.

"Please, Ramona," coaxed Beezus. "It would be lots of fun to take you in and introduce you to the kindergarten teacher."

"No!" said Ramona, and stamped her foot. Beezus and Mary Jane might have fun,

but she wouldn't. Nobody but a genuine grown-up was going to take her to school. If she had to, she would make a great big noisy fuss, and when Ramona made a great big noisy fuss, she usually got her own way. Great big noisy fusses were often necessary when a girl was the youngest member of the family and the youngest person on her block.

"All right, Ramona," said Mrs. Quimby. "Don't make a great big noisy fuss. If that's the way you feel about it, you don't have to walk with the girls. I'll take you."

"Hurry, Mama," said Ramona happily, as she watched Beezus and Mary Jane go out the door. But when Ramona finally got her mother out of the house, she was disappointed to see one of her mother's friends, Mrs. Kemp, approaching with her son Howie and his little sister Willa Jean, who was riding in a stroller. "Hurry, Mama," urged Ramona, not wanting to wait for the Kemps. Because their mothers were friends, she and Howie were expected to get along with one another.

"Hi, there!" Mrs. Kemp called out, so of course Ramona's mother had to wait.

Howie stared at Ramona. He did not like having to

Beverly Cleary was born in McMinnville, Oregon, and, until she was old enough to attend school, lived on a farm in Yamhill, a town so small it had no library. Her mother arranged with the State Library to have books sent to Yamhill and acted as librarian in a lodge room upstairs over a bank. There Mrs. Cleary learned to love books. When the family moved to Portland, where Mrs. Cleary attended grammar school and high school, she soon found herself in the low reading circle, an experience that has given her sympathy for the problems of struggling readers.

By the third grade she had conquered reading and spent much of her childhood either with books or on her way to and from the public

library. Before long her school librarian was suggesting that she should write for boys and girls when she grew up. The idea appealed to her, and she decided that someday she would write the books she longed to read but was unable to find on the library shelves, funny stories about her neighborhood and the sort of children she knew. And so Ramona Quimby, Henry Huggins, Ellen Tebbits, and her other beloved characters were born.

When children ask Mrs. Cleary where she finds her ideas, she replies, "From my own experience and from the world around me." She included a passage about the DEAR program in Ramona Quimby, Age 8 (pages 40-41) after she received numerous letters from readers who

mentioned the great reading program they were doing in class. It seemed like something Ramona's class would do, too, so she put it in the book.

Mrs. Cleary's books have earned her many prestigious awards, including the 1984 John Newbery Medal for Dear Mr. Henshaw, for the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children in 1983. Her Ramona and Her Father and Ramona Quimby, Age 8 were named 1978 and 1982 Newbery Honor Books, respectively.

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get along with her any more than she liked having to get along with him. Ramona stared back. Howie was a solid-looking boy with curly blond hair. ("Such a waste on a boy," his mother often remarked.) The legs of his new jeans were turned up, and he was wearing a new shirt with long sleeves. He did not look the least bit excited about starting kindergarten. That was the trouble with Howie, Ramona felt. He never got excited. Straight-haired Willa Jean, who was interesting to Ramona because she was so sloppy, blew out a mouthful of wet Zwieback crumbs and laughed at her cleverness.

"Today my baby leaves me," remarked Mrs. Quimby with a smile, as the little group proceeded down Klickitat Street toward Glenwood School.

Ramona, who enjoyed being her mother's baby, did not enjoy being called her mother's baby, especially in front of Howie.

"They grow up quickly," observed Mrs. Kemp.

Ramona could not understand why grown-ups always talked about how quickly children grew up. Ramona thought growing up was the slowest thing there was, slower even than waiting for Christmas to come. She had been waiting years just to get to kindergarten, and the last half hour was the slowest part of all.

When the group reached the intersection nearest Glenwood School, Ramona was pleased to see that Beezus's friend Henry Huggins was the traffic boy in charge of that particular corner. After Henry had led them across the street, Ramona ran off toward the kindergarten, which was a temporary wooden building with its own playground. Mothers and children were already entering the open door. Some of the children looked frightened, and one girl was crying.

"We're late!" cried

Ramona. "Hurry!"

Howie was not a boy to be hurried. "I don't see any tricycles," he said critically. "I don't see any dirt to dig in."

Ramona was scornful. "This isn't nursery school. Tricycles and dirt are for nursery school." Her own tricycle was hidden in the garage, because it was too babyish for her now that she was going to school.

Some big first-grade boys ran past yelling, "Kindergarten babies! Kindergarten babies!"

"We are not babies!" Ramona yelled back, as she led her mother into the kindergarten. Once inside she stayed close to her. Everything was so strange, and there was so much to see: the little tables and chairs; the row of cupboards, each with a different picture on the door; the play stove; and the wooden blocks big enough to stand on.

The teacher, who was new to Glenwood School, turned out to be so young and pretty she could not have been a grown-up very long. It was rumored she had never taught school before. "Hello, Ramona. My name is Miss Binney," she said, speaking each syllable distinctly as she pinned

Ramona's name to her dress. "I am so glad you have come to kindergarten." Then she took Ramona by the hand and led her to one of the little tables and chairs. "Sit here for the present," she said with a smile.

A present! thought Ramona, and knew at once she was going to like Miss Binney.

"Good-by, Ramona," said Mrs. Quimby. "Be a good girl."

As she watched her mother walk out the door, Ramona decided school was going to be even better than she had hoped. Nobody had told her she was going to get a present the very first day. What kind of present could it be, she wondered, trying to remember if Beezus had ever been given a present by her teacher.

Ramona listened carefully while Miss Binney showed Howie to a table, but all her teacher said was, "Howie, I would like you to sit here." Well! thought Ramona. Not everyone is going to get a present so Miss Binney must like me best. Ramona watched and listened as the other boys and girls rived, but Miss Binney did not tell anyone else he was going to get a present if he sat in a certain chair. Ramona wondered if her present would be wrapped in fancy paper and tied with a ribbon like a birthday present. She hoped so.

As Ramona sat waiting for her present she watched the other children being introduced to Miss Binney by their mothers. She found two members of the morning kindergarten especially interesting. One was a boy named Davy, who was small, thin, and eager. He was the only boy in the class in short pants, and Ramona liked him at once. She liked him so much she decided she would like to kiss him.



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# Ramona THE PEST



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## Chapter 2: Ramona's Great Day, Part 2

The story so far: It's Ramona's first day in kindergarten. Her teacher, Miss Binney, has mentioned a "present." There are two students Ramona finds especially interesting. One of them is a boy named Davy.

The other interesting person was a big girl named Susan. Susan's hair looked like the hair on the girls in the pictures of the old-fashioned stories Beezus liked to read. It was reddish-brown and hung in curls like springs that touched her shoulders and bounced as she walked. Ramona had never seen such curls before. All the curly-haired girls she knew wore their hair short. Ramona put her hand to her own short straight hair, which was an ordinary brown, and longed to touch that bright springy hair. She longed to stretch one of those curls and watch it spring back. Boing! thought Ramona, making a mental noise like a spring on a television cartoon and wishing for thick, springy boing-boing hair like Susan's.

Howie interrupted Ramona's admiration of Susan's hair. "How soon do you think we get to go out and play?" he asked.

"Maybe after Miss Binney gives me the present," Ramona answered. "She said she was going to give me one."

"How come she's going to give you a present?" Howie wanted to know. "She didn't say anything about giving me a present."

"Maybe she likes me best," said Ramona.

This news did not make Howie happy. He turned to the next boy, and said, "She's going to get a present."

Ramona wondered how long she would have to sit there to get the present. If only Miss Binney understood how hard waiting was for her! When the last child had been welcomed and the last tearful mother had departed, Miss Binney gave a little talk about the rules of the kindergarten and showed the class the door that led to the bathroom. Next she assigned each person a little cupboard. Ramona's cupboard had a picture of a yellow duck on the door, and Howie's had a green frog. Miss Binney explained that their hooks in the cloakroom were marked with the same pictures. Then she asked the class to follow her quietly into the cloakroom to find their hooks.

Difficult though waiting was for her, Ramona did not budge. Miss Binney had not told her to get up and go into the cloakroom for her present. She had told her to sit for the present, and Ramona was going to sit until she got it. She would sit as if she were glued to the chair.

Howie scowled at Ramona as he returned from the cloakroom, and said to another boy, "The teacher is going to give her a present."

Naturally the boy wanted to know why. "I don't know," admitted Ramona. "She told me that if I sat here I would get a present. I guess she likes me best."

By the time Miss Binney returned the cloakroom, word had spread around the classroom that Ramona was going to get a present.

Next Miss Binney taught the class the words of a puzzling song about "the dawnzer lee light," which Ramona did not understand because she did not know what a dawnzer was. "Oh, say, can you see by dawnzer lee light," sang Miss Binney, and Ramona decided that a dawnzer was another word for a lamp.

When Miss Binney had gone over the song several times, she asked the class to stand and sing it with her. Ramona did not budge. Neither did Howie and some of the others, and Ramona knew they were hoping for a present, too. Copycats, she thought.

"Stand up straight like good Americans," said Miss Binney so firmly that Howie and the others reluctantly stood up.

Ramona decided she would have to be a good American sitting down.

"Ramona," said Miss Binney, "aren't you going to stand with the rest of us?"

Ramona thought quickly. Maybe the question was some kind of test, like a test in a fairy tale. Maybe Miss Binney was testing her to see if she could get her out of her seat. If she failed the test, she would not get the present.

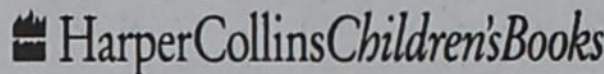
"I can't," said Ramona.

Miss Binney looked puzzled, but she did not insist that Ramona stand while she led the class through the dawnzer song. Ramona sang along with the others and hoped that her present came next, but when the

Among Mrs. Cleary's other awards are the American Library Association's 1975 Laura Ingalls Wilder Award, the Catholic Library Association's 1980 Regina Medal, and the University of Southern Mississippi's 1982 Silver Medallion, all presented in recognition of her lasting contribution to children's literature. In addition, Mrs. Cleary was the 1984 United States author nominee for the Hans Christian Andersen Award, a prestigious international award.

Equally important are the more than 35 state-wide awards Mrs. Cleary's books have received based on the direct votes of her young readers. In 2000, to honor her invaluable contributions to children's literature, Beverly Cleary was named a "Living Legend" by the Library of Congress. This witty and warm author is truly an international favorite. Mrs. Cleary's books appear in over twenty countries in fourteen languages and her characters, including Henry Huggins, Ellen Tebbits, Otis Spofford, and Beezus and Ramona Quimby, as well as Ribsby, Socks, and Ralph S. Mouse, have delighted children for generations. There have been Japanese, Spanish, and Swedish television programs based on the Henry Huggins series, PBS-TV aired a ten-part series based on the Ramona stories, and one-hour adaptations of the three Ralph S. Mouse books have been shown on ABC-TV. All of Mrs. Cleary's adaptations still can

be seen on cable television, and the Ramona adaptations are available in video stores. In addition, The Beverly Cleary Sculpture Garden for Children featuring bronze statues of Ramona Quimby, Henry Huggins, and Ribsby, was recently opened in Portland, Oregon. You can read more about Mrs. Cleary in her memoirs, *A Girl from Yamhill* and *My Own Two Feet* and by visiting [www.harpercollinschildrens.com](http://www.harpercollinschildrens.com).



song ended, Miss Binney made no mention of the present. Instead she picked up a book. Ramona decided that at last the time had come to learn to read.

Miss Binney stood in front of her class and began to read aloud from Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel, a book that was a favorite of Ramona's because, unlike so many books for her age, it was neither quiet and sleepy nor sweet and pretty. Ramona, pretending she was glued to her chair, enjoyed hearing the story again and listened quietly with the rest of the kindergarten to the story of Mike Mulligan's old-fashioned steam shovel, which proved its worth by digging the basement for the new town hall of Poppersville in a single day beginning at dawn and ending as the sun went down.

As Ramona listened a question came into her mind, a question that had often puzzled her about the books that were read to her. Somehow books always left out one of the most important things anyone would want to know. Now that Ramona was in school, and school was a place for learning, perhaps Miss Binney could answer the question. Ramona waited quietly until her teacher had finished the story, and then she raised her hand the way Miss Binney had told the class they should raise their hands when they wanted to speak in school.

Joey, who did not remember to raise his hand, spoke out. "That's a good book."

Miss Binney smiled at Ramona, and said, "I like the way Ramona remembers to raise her hand when she has something to say. Yes, Ramona?"

Ramona's hopes soared. Her teacher had smiled at her. "Miss Binney, I want to know - how did Mike Mulligan go to the bathroom when he was digging the basement of the town hall?"

Miss Binney's smile seemed to last longer than smiles usually last. Ramona glanced uneasily around and saw that others were waiting with interest for the answer. Everybody wanted to know how Mike Mulligan went to the bathroom.

"Well -" said Miss Binney at last. "I don't really know, Ramona. The book doesn't tell us."

"I always wanted to know, too," said Howie, without raising his hand, and others murmured in agreement. The whole class, it seemed, had been wondering how Mike Mulligan went to the bathroom.

"Maybe he stopped the steam shovel and climbed out of the hole he was digging and went to a service station," suggested a boy named Eric.

"He couldn't. The book says he had to work as fast as he could all day," Howie pointed out. "It doesn't say he stopped."

Miss Binney faced the twenty-nine earnest members of the kindergarten, all of whom wanted to know how Mike Mulligan went to the bathroom.

"Boys and girls," she began, and spoke in her clear, distinct way. "The reason the book does not tell us how Mike Mulligan went to the bathroom is that it is not an important part of the story. The story is about digging the basement of the town hall, and that is what the book tells us."

Miss Binney spoke as if this explanation ended the matter, but the kindergarten was not convinced. Ramona knew and the rest of the class knew that knowing how to go to the bathroom was important. They were surprised that Miss Binney did not understand, because she had showed them the bathroom the very first thing. Ramona could see there were some things she was not going to learn in school, and along with the rest of the class she stared reproachfully at Miss Binney.

The teacher looked embarrassed, as if she knew she had disappointed her kindergarten. She recovered quickly, closed

the book, and told the class that if they would walk quietly out to the playground she would teach them a game called Gray Duck.

Ramona did not budge. She watched the rest of the class leave the room and admired Susan's boing-boing curls as they bounced about her shoulders, but she did not stir from her seat. Only Miss Binney could unstick the imaginary glue that held her there.

"Don't you want to learn to play Gray Duck, Ramona?" Miss Binney asked.

Ramona nodded. "Yes, but I can't."

"Why not?" asked Miss Binney.

"I can't leave my seat," said Ramona. When Miss Binney looked blank, she added, "Because of the present."

"What present?" Miss Binney seemed so genuinely puzzled that Ramona became uneasy. The teacher sat down in the little chair next to Ramona's, and said, "Tell me why you can't play Gray Duck."

Ramona squirmed, worn out with waiting. She had an uneasy feeling that something had gone wrong someplace. "I want to play Gray Duck, but you -" she stopped, feeling that she might be about to say the wrong thing.

"But I what?" asked Miss Binney.

"Well ... uh ... you said if I sat here I would get a present," said Ramona at last, "but you didn't say how long I had to sit here."

If Miss Binney had looked puzzled before, she now looked baffled. "Ramona, I don't understand -" she began.

"Yes, you did," said Ramona, nodding. "You told me to sit here for the present, and I have been sitting here ever since school started and you haven't given me a present."

Miss Binney's face turned red and she looked so embarrassed that Ramona felt completely confused. Teachers were not supposed to look that way.

Miss Binney spoke gently. "Ramona, I'm afraid we've had a misunderstanding."

Ramona was blunt. "You mean I don't get a present?"

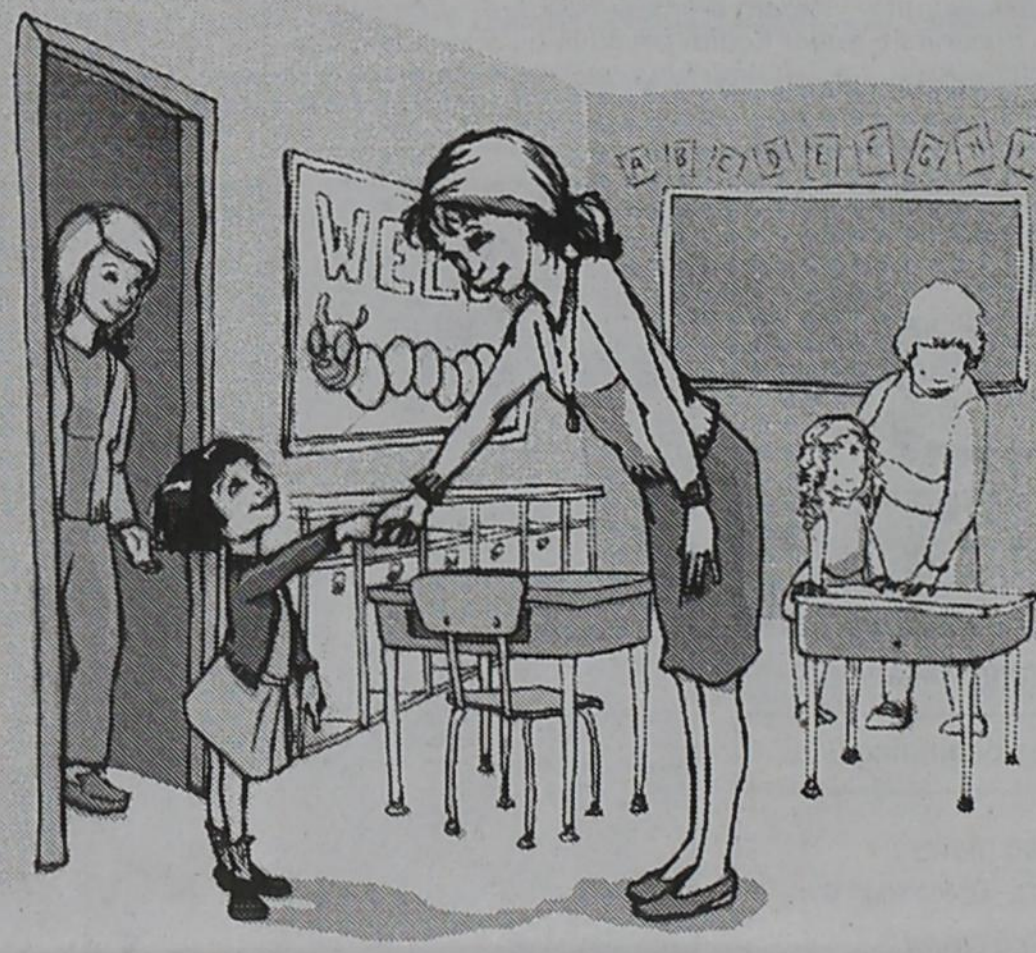
"I'm afraid not," admitted Miss Binney. "You see, 'for the present' means for now. I meant that I wanted you to sit here for now, because later I may have the children sit at different desks."

"Oh," Ramona was so disappointed she had nothing to say. Words were so puzzling. Present should mean a present just as attack should mean to stick tacks in people.

By now all the children were crowding around the door to see what had happened to their teacher. "I'm so sorry," said Miss Binney. "It's all my fault. I should have used different words."

"That's all right," said Ramona, ashamed to have the class see that she was not going to get a present after all.

"All right, class," said Miss Binney briskly. "Let's go outside and play Gray Duck. You, too, Ramona."



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- 3 - Technology Committee Meeting, Spearman Elementary, 9 a.m.; 1A Area One-Act Play Competition, Amarillo College; 1A District Tennis Tournament, Amarillo
3-4 - District 1-2A Tennis Tournament - Amarillo
3-6 - FCCLA State Conference, Galveston
4 - Spearman ISD End of 5th Six Weeks; SHS @ High School Track Meet, Canadian; 1A District Golf, Boys - Huber/Borger Country Club, Girls - Phillips Country Club
5 - Junior High District 1-2A Track Meet, Sanford-Fritch; 1A District Tennis, Amarillo
7 - Spearman ISD First Day of 6th Six Weeks; District 1-2A Golf Meet (Round 2), Guymon; 1A District Golf, Boys - Huber/Borger Country Club, Girls - Phillips Country Club
8-9 - District 1-2A High School Track Meet, Spearman
8 - TAKS Test: 5th Grade-Math, 8th Grade-Math; 1A Area Track Meet, Panhandle
9 - SHS Choir @ Non-Varsity Contest, Randall HS; OPSU Art Jubilee, Guymon
10 - SHS 8th Grade Parent Meetings (incoming freshmen), 12 noon, 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
10-12 - 1A Regional UIL Academic Meet, South Plains College, Levelland
11 - Spearman 1st Grade Music Program, 8:30 a.m., Elementary/Jr. High Cafeteria; Spearman Junior High PRIDE Assembly, 2 p.m. Elementary/Jr. High Cafeteria
12 - UIL Regional Academic Meet, Abilene; Area I & II CDE's/FFA, Lubbock
14 - Spearman ISD Regular School Board Meeting, HS Library, 7 p.m.; Spearman 6th Grade Field Trip/Old Yeller @ Globe-News Center, Amarillo; Gordon's Drug & Photo Senior Night, 6:30 p.m.; Gordon's Drug Store; Gruver ISD First Day of 6th Six Weeks
15 - Spearman 8th Grade Enrollment (incoming freshmen), Spearman HS Library, 6:30 p.m.; Federal Income Tax Due; Gruver Junior parents meeting, 7:30 p.m., FCS room
15-16 - Spearman HS Choir Contest, West Texas A&M University, Canyon
16 - Gruver Catholic Church Senior Supper, Gruver Catholic Church
17 - District 1-2A HS Band UIL Concert Contest, Boys Ranch; FUMC Spearman Senior Supper, Spearman Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.; District 1A HS Band UIL Concert Contest, Canyon; 1A Regional Qualifier Track Meet, Panhandle
18 - Spearman Kindergarten Music Program, Elementary/Jr. High Cafeteria, 8:30 a.m.; Spearman Kindergarten Field Trip, Borger Zoo

Spring Sports

Gruver Houndball Team
Congratulations to the Gruver Houndball Team on a great season. Following are some of the individual honors that were awarded.

District 6-1A Offensive MVP: Taylor Williams
All-District: Rily Urban
Honorable Mention All-District: Miles Messer, Drew Mireles and Rey David Gaspar
Region 1-A All-Region: Taylor Williams
Academic All-District: Cason Finley, Miles Messer and Drew Mireles

Spearman Lynx Tennis Results
The Spearman Lynx Tennis Team competed in the Spearman Boys Tournament on Monday, March 24th. Results are as follows.

Boys Singles
Jeremy Frost (SP) lost to Cenceros (CLAR) 8-4, defeated Rodriguez (PAN) 8-4, defeated Hampton (WH) 8-5, lost to Olivarez (SUN) 8-5
Juan Ibarra (SP) lost to Attaway (PT) 8-4, defeated Jiminez (BK) 8-5, lost to Olivarez (SUN) 8-2
Jesus Anaya (SP) lost to Swarb (WD) 8-1
Joel Kern (SP) defeated Jiminez (BK) 8-0, defeated Hampton (WH) 8-4, lost to Anyasor (BR) 8-4
Girls Doubles
T J Worley & Gabriel Moreno (SP) defeated Vasquez & Holmes (HP) 8-0, defeated Kelly & Haynes (WT) 8-3, and lost to Brown & Lindquist (BR) 8-6 in the quarter-finals
L J Fishburn & Andres Mendez (SP) defeated Hernandez & King (HP) 8-1, lost to Petty & Sewell (WD) 8-1
Pedro Anaya & Raul Pena (SP) defeated Hart & Miller (GR) 8-6, lost to Reeves & Flaming (PT) 8-2
The Varsity District Tournament will be held on Thursday and Friday, April 3rd and 4th at the Amarillo Tennis Center.

Spearman Lynxette Tennis Results

The Spearman Lynxettes competed in the Spearman Tennis Tournament on Tuesday, March 25th.
Brittney Bradley finished 4th in girls singles. Kendall Schneider and Courtney Chambers finished second in girls doubles.
Results are as follows.
Girls Singles
Brittney Bradley (SP) defeated Cardenas (BK) 8-1, defeated Bakard (HP) 8-2, defeated Holland (CLAR) 8-2, lost to Skarke (CLD) 8-5, lost to Drewery (CLD) 8-2
Brittany Barnes (SP) defeated Snider (WT) 8-0, lost to Gift (PT) 8-0

Shannon Anderson (SP) defeated Hammer (CAN) 8-0, lost to Fossand (PT) 8-5
Sutton Garnett (SP) lost to Alvarado (BK) 8-1, lost to Skarke (CLD) 8-3

Girls Doubles
Kendall Schneider & Courtney Chambers (SP) defeated Moreno & Fierro (SUN) 8-1, defeated Galloway & Davis (CAN) 8-1, defeated Gonzales & Hillman (PT) 8-4, lost to Noggler & Noggler (VEGA) 8-6
Destiny Fisher & Ashley Close (SP) defeated Stedje & Reed (GR) 8-1, lost to Wheeler & Stockman (DAL) 8-4
Cha'tae Avila & Rosa Ortiz (SP) defeated Myers & Salazar (BR) 8-1, lost to Gonzales & Hillman (PT) 8-3

Spearman JV District Tennis Results

The Junior Varsity District 2A Tennis Tournament was held on Saturday, March 29th in Spearman.
Destiny Fisher and Ashley Close finished 3rd and Jessica Pinon and Tori Sheets finished 4th in girls doubles. Martin Vela and Jesus Anaya finished 3rd and Pedro Anaya and Raul Pena finished 4th in boys doubles.
Following are the results for the Spearman High School competitors.

Girls Doubles
Destiny Fisher & Ashley Close (SP) defeated Jones & Diliborio (PAN) 8-1, lost to Galloway & Davis 9-8 (7-0), defeated Pinon & Sheets (SP)
Jessica Pinon & Tori Sheets (SP) defeated Schrader & Castillo (CAN) 8-3, lost to Abraham & Abraham (CAN) 8-2, lost to Fisher & Close (SP) 9-8 (7-4)
Chasity Thomas - Vicky Renteria (SP) lost to Galloway & Davis (CAN) 8-5
Ayana Rosales - Andi Linn Scarborough (SP) lost to Abraham & Abraham (CAN) 8-0
Boys Singles
Travis Bennett (SP) lost to Albin (CAN) 8-1
Alberto Camacho (SP) lost to Diaz (PAN) 8-1, lost to Henderson (PAN) 8-2
Girls Singles
Nikki Boyd (SP) lost to Wheeler (CAN) 8-1
Candy Johnson (SP) lost to Hendon (PAN) 8-1
Stevie Couch (SP) lost to Hammer (CAN) 9-7
Boys Doubles
Martin Vela & Jesus Anaya (SP) defeated Frayre & Juarez (SP) 8-4, lost to Friemel & Friemel (PAN) 8-1 defeated Anaya & Pena (SP) 8-6
Pedro Anaya & Raul Pena (SP) lost to Ellison & Layman (CAN) 8-3, lost to Vela & Anaya (SP) 8-6
Fabian Frayre & Leo Juarez (SP) lost to Vela & Juarez (SP) 8-4

Spearman Competes in First Round of District Golf

The Spearman golf teams competed in the first round of district play on Monday, March 31, 2008.

The Lynxettes finished the day in first place with a total of 460. Mattie Davis shot 106 to lead the Lynxettes. Amber Martinez shot 115, Tayshia James 118, Brittney Bradley 121 and Kyla Reed 125.

Girls Totals - Spearman 460, Panhandle 461, Canadian 483

The Lynx finished the first round in 2nd place with a total of 336. Tyler Harper led the Lynx, and the District Tournament, with a round of 74. Jordan Ashmore finished in 4th place with an 82, Blayne Schroeder 88, Brett Winegarner 92 and Cullie Cooper 96.

Boys Totals - Panhandle 332, Spearman 336, Canadian 345

Spearman Lynx Track Team competed in the Dalhart Classic on

Team Results: 1. Panhandle, 157.33; 2. Canyon, 131.33; 3. Stratford, 114; 4. Sunray, 71; 5. Dalhart, 67; 7. Spearman, 38.
Pole vault: 3. Dakota Cator, Spearman, 11-6. 4. 3200: 3. Jesus Mendoza, Spearman, 11:20.43
110 Hurdles: 2. Jeremy Frost, Spearman, 15.54
800 Relay: 5. Spearman, 1:38.17
300 Hurdles: 3. Cameron Meddock, Spearman, 44.58
1600: 3. Jesus Mendoza, Spearman, 5:08.77
1600 Relay: 5. Spearman, 3:50.43
JV Team Scores: 1. Canyon, 125; 2. Sunray, 119; 3. Startford, 118; 4. Spearman, 93; 5. Panhandle, 75; 6. Dalhart, 63; 7. Boise City, 1.

Spearman Competes in First Round of Spearman Lynx Finish 2nd in Perryton Golf Tournament

The Spearman Lynx golf team finished 2nd at the Perryton Golf Tournament on Saturday, March 29th.

Lynx junior Tyler Harper won top medallist honors with a round of 77. Blayne Schroeder shot an 81, Jordan Ashmore 89, Cullie Cooper 101, and Trent Goodheart 102. Sawyer Sutterfield shot an 84 and Brett Winegarner 87.

The Lynxettes also competed at Perryton Saturday and were led in scoring by Mattie Davis with a 110. Brittney Bradley shot 118, Amber Martinez 120, Kyla Reed 125 and Tayshia James 125.

Spearman Lynxette Track

The Spearman Lynxette Track Tem competed in the Amarillo Relays Meet of Champions on

Team Totals
1. Amarillo High 143, 2. Canyon 93, 3. Palo Duro 64, 4. Randall 6312, 5. Hereford 55, 6. Lubbock Coronado 46, 7. Lubbock Monterey 38, 8. Pampa 21, 9. San Jacinto Christian Academy 18, 10. Tascosa 1612, 11. Dumas 1412, 12. Childress 14, 13. Spearman 11, 14. Clovis, N.M. 10, 15. Stratford 6, 16. Caprock 2, 17. Perryton 1, 17. Lefors 12

Pole Vault - 3. Bond Pittman, Spearman 9-6, 4. Christy Lang, Spearman 9-6
300 Hurdles - 6. Bond Pittman, Spearman 48.69

Spearman Booster Club News

The Spearman Booster Club is in need of volunteers. There are several offices available for the 2008-2009 school year, and these need to be filled before the Booster Club Athletic Banquet in May.

Open offices and their responsibilities are as follows:
President - keeps everything running and conducts the meeting, also talks to the coaches and school;
Membership - Mails letters to the senior athletes to sell their basketball book/poster ads, responsible for memberships for businesses and family; most of the responsibilities for this position are during the summer (Rhonda Baker served this position last year and will explain what needs to be done)

Ways & Means - orders and sells merchandise - shirts, hats, blankets etc.; this is done at the beginning of the year, and at the games; also responsible for ordering and selling playoff shirts (Patti Schnell served this position last year and will explain what needs to be done)

Filled offices are: Treasurer - Tammy Benton; Girls VP - Tiki Farrar & Kellye Garnett; Boys VP - Tim Cooper
Tami Hargrove is in need of photos to be used in the power point presentation at the Athletic Banquet. If you have any you would like to share, please contact Tammy Benton or Tami Hargrove.

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Meghan McNulty finally reached her goal and had long enough hair to make a donation to 'Locks of Love.'

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She went in to get her hair trimmed on March 8th, and the hair dresser told her it was long enough to donate if she was ready. She decided to go ahead and cut it so another child could have her hair.

Her mother asked if she was sure she wanted to cut it off and she responded, "I grew it out so another kid could have it. Next time I'll grow it out for me."

Meghan is the daughter of Jenn and Dave McNulty of Sandwich, MA. She has one sister, Kate. She is the granddaughter of John and Anne McNulty of Boston, MA. Susan and Tony Perry of Ohio and Gary and Catherine Smith of Spearman.



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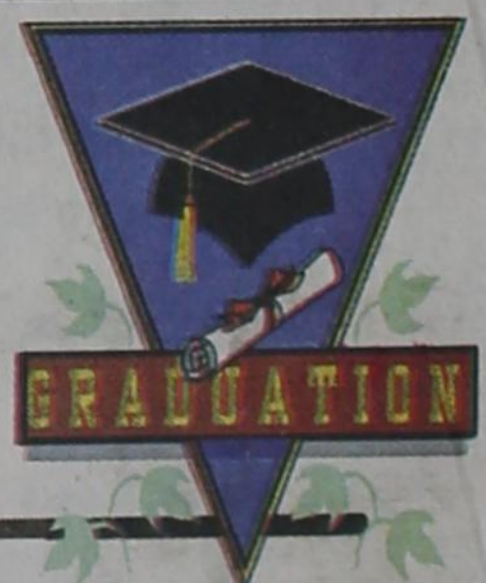
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