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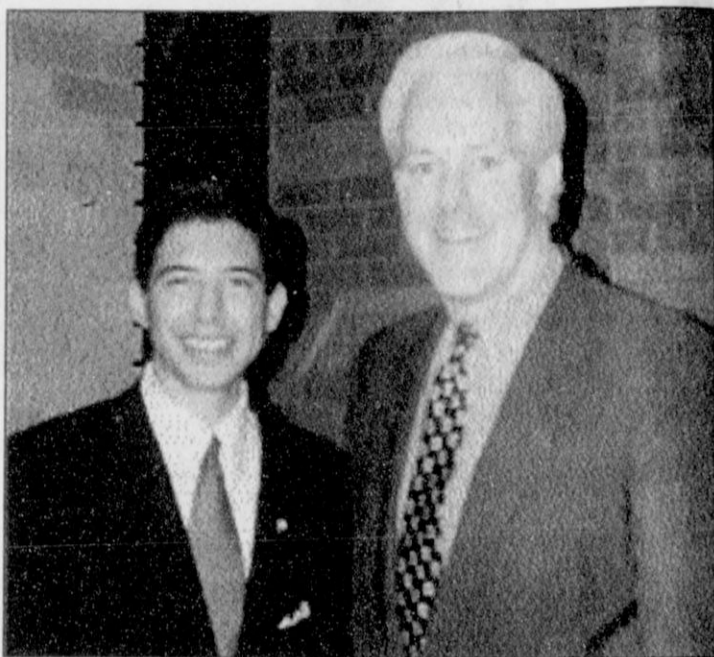
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Cazares Campaigns For Cornyn



Cody Cazares is pictured above with Attorney General John Cornyn

WACO, Texas - Cody J. Cazares, former assistant to President George W. Bush and Gruver resident, has been actively campaigning for Attorney General John Cornyn in his bid for the U.S. Senate.

Cazares, who is also a student at Baylor University, has been asked to act as a surrogate speaker for the Attorney General. Any time that Cornyn cannot attend an event in the Baylor and Waco areas Cazares is contacted to represent the Attorney General at that event.

Most recently Cazares was a speaker at a candidates forum in Lakeside Village, Texas. Also in attendance at the event were candidates for the State Representative, State Senate, and the U.S. Congress seats that represent the area.

"I've been receiving a wonderful welcome representing General Cornyn. Texans seem to be very proud of the work he has done as Attorney General and are showing a great amount of support for his

run for the U.S. Senate," said Cazares.

It was Cazares' small town roots and values that have prompted him to be a staunch supporter for General Cornyn.

"Growing up in Gruver, Texas you learn that your handshake is your word and your word is your

bond. That character matters. That integrity matters. John Cornyn is a man of character and a man of integrity and I look forward to calling him our Senator," said Cazares.

Hansford Hospice Needs Garage Sale Items

Hansford Hospice Volunteers will be open to take donations for the Hospice Garage Sale at 313 Main Street, Spearman (across from Gordon's) on the following dates from 1-3 p.m.: Tuesday, March 26th; Tuesday, April 2nd; Saturday, April 20th; Tuesday, April 23rd.

Items needed: clean clothing, furniture, household and kitchen items, books, tools, yard and exercise equipment, and other miscellaneous items.

Thank you for your continued support of our Hansford County Hospice Program. All funds raised are used to provide a Hospice for Hansford County

Holy Week Services

First Christian Church will host Holy Week Services for the Spearman Ministerial Alliance the week of March 25-29.

Speakers will be as follows: Monday, March 25th, Patrick Six; Tuesday, March 26th, Ken Cole; Wednesday, March 27th, Gary Smith; Thursday, March 28th, Walter Greaser; and Friday, March 29th, Dennis Alger.

Each church will bring the sandwiches, chips and desserts when their minister is speaking. The Christian Church will supply soups each day.

"The Victor" Easter Pageant

Touching lives through the holiness and hope of Jesus are inspiring words for the Guymon Church of the Nazarene as they begin planning and presenting their annual Easter Pageant.

Pastor Terry Armstrong would like to invite the listening area to join in the celebration of the life of Jesus through the presentation of "The Victor." A full cast of choral and drama members with colorful costuming and an impressive set will be encouraging to all that attend.

"The Victor" is under the direction of Minister of Music, Wayne Dawson. Child care will be provided through age three. Call 580-338-3553 for complimentary tickets available for the two presentations, Friday March 29th, and Sunday March 31st at 7:00 pm. The Guymon Church of the Nazarene is located at 24th and Sunset, Guymon, Oklahoma.

Public Radio Station Receives Support From Phillips Refinery

High Plains Public Radio has received a \$10,000 contribution from the Phillips Borger Refinery and NGL Center located in Borger, Texas. The award has been placed in the restricted fund of the Top 'O Texas Public Radio Project, and will be used for construction, first year operations, and maintenance of the KTOT public radio station to be located south of Perryton. Thurman Nance, Manager of the Borger Refinery, presented the contribution on February 12. Sandy Webb, Amarillo resident and President of the HPPR Board of Directors, accepted the award and expressed thanks to the Phillips organization for their generous support. Also attending the presentation was Judy Flanders, Chairperson of the Borger KTOT Committee.

The capital campaign for bringing public radio service to the Texas panhandle began in October 2001. Construction of the 1000-foot tower is slated to begin in late spring, pending receipt of some final FCC and FAA paperwork. The new station will broadcast 24 hours a day at 89.5 FM, and will provide programming that includes in-depth news, classical, jazz and folk music, and coverage of regional events and issues. High Plains Public Radio is a non-commercial service, supported largely by listener memberships. It is a full member of National Public Radio, and currently serves Western Kansas, portions of Southeastern Colorado and the Oklahoma Panhandle, and Amarillo.

Texas Rangers Not To Investigate Allegations Against Hansford County Sheriff's Department

An alleged incident involving the Hansford County Sheriff's Department has prompted District Attorney Clay Ballman to request an investigation by the Texas Rangers.

Ballman stated that he received a call from Gruver Chief of Police Nick Jordan and Gruver City Manager Linda Weller with a report of alleged criminal misconduct by personnel of the Hansford County Sheriff's Office on March 2, 2002.

The alleged incident occurred near the time of a drug bust outside the city of Gruver by the Texas Drug Enforcement Agency and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Ballman received word from Texas Ranger Captain Carl Weathers of Lubbock on Monday evening that the Texas Rangers would not seek further investigations.

"We now have to decide what the next option is - whether try to find another agency to investigate or go directly to the grand jury," Ballman said.

Ballman stated that it is normally the duty of the county attorney, John Hutchinson, to handle criminal cases but according to Texas law, official misconduct or criminal activity by a public servant falls under the jurisdiction of the district court.

"I welcome any type of investigation," commented Sheriff McFarlin.

In his written request to the Texas Rangers, Ballman stated that in a discussion of the allegations with Hansford County Sheriff R.L. McFarlin, McFarlin stated that he and his deputies and employees would give statements and otherwise cooperate in an investigation by the Texas Rangers.

McFarlin further stated that the same cooperation would be forthcoming for a subsequent grand jury proceeding.

A public servant, according to the Texas Penal code, is defined as a person "elected, selected, appointed, employed... as an officer, employee, or agent of government..."

Official misconduct is defined as "an offense that is an intentional or knowing violation of a law committed by a public servant while acting in an official capacity as a public servant."



The Gruver Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for The El Vaquero Breakfast Barn. Pictured at the event are (left to right) Donna Thompson, Marie Lourdes, Mary Wright, Tammy Wright, Phyllis Atwood, Scott Atwood, Crystal Thomas, Karlee Thomas, Rebecca Christian, and Chamber of Commerce directors: Janet Williams, Linda Weller, Cathy Davis, Julie Stedje, and Leon Bagwell.

Gruver Welcomes New Business

The El Vaquero Breakfast Barn was welcomed to the Gruver community with a ribbon-cutting ceremony by the Gruver Chamber of Commerce.

The new drive-up business is open between the hours of 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday. Menu items include sausage and bacon breakfast burritos, a variety of breakfast biscuits, all the favorite breakfast drinks, as well as fountain drinks with crushed ice.

The business will eventually be open for Happy Hour from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. and offer fountain drink specials and hot finger foods.

The Breakfast Bar, located behind the El Vaquero which has been owned and run by Phyllis Atwood for over 34 years, is owned by Atwood and her son Scott.



Carma and Dink Dorton were recently presented the "Hero for Children Award" by the Spearman ISD Board of Trustees for their service to the Spearman Band Program.

Jones Honored By Hospital Foundation



Peggy Bort Jones

Peggy Bort Jones, former Gruver resident and the daughter of Beulah and the late A.R. Bort, was honored by the Mills-Peninsula Hospital Foundation during the twenty-third annual de Guigne Awards Dinner.

The de Guigne Award is given to individuals who have made a difference in the quality of health care in the community. It is the highest honor that the Foundation bestows on friends of Mills-

Peninsula. Jones was recognized for her 25 years in service to charitable organizations throughout San Francisco and San Marco counties.

In 1996, she was named outstanding volunteer by the Volunteer Center of San Mateo County for her exceptional work in the community since 1976, serving as an active volunteer in programs for youth, health care, seniors, and education issues.

Jones is a long-standing Trustee of the Mills-Peninsula Hospital Foundation, opening her home to numerous fund raising affairs and chairing many successful events including the 2001 Senior Focus Gala which netted over \$257,000, more than any other event in history.

In addition to her volunteer activities, Jones is the Chairman and CEO of her family business.

Jones, the widow of the late James H. Jones, has four sons: James Bort Jones, Cliff Ownbey Jones, Lee Christopher Jones, and Kenneth Carson Jones.

Barbara Cluck of Gruver, Jones' sister, was in attendance at the awards ceremony at the Westin Hotel, San Francisco Airport location.

Kids' Korner, Inc. Selling Cookie Dough

Kids' Korner, Inc. has frozen cookie dough on hand at the center. Choose from Chocolate Chunk, White Chocolate Macadamia Nut, Sugar, or M&M. We have a few Peanut Butter and Oatmeal Raisin tubs left too. These cookies are so easy and yummy: Just scoop out onto your pan and bake for 10 minutes! Each \$10.00 tub will make approximately 90 cookies. Stop by or call Karen at Kids' Korner (3179) or Paige Burgin (3399).

Laugh and Live



by Catherine R. Smith
CathyRSmit@aol.com

I ran this recipe last Easter, and I had several people tell me they really enjoyed it. I am sharing it with you again for those who missed it. I hope you enjoy it, and will share it with your children.

Easter Story Cookies

To be made the evening before Easter

You need:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door.

Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. Read Matt. 27:65-66.

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

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

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

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

Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)

Blowin' In The Wind

by Dwayne Mitchell

Letters went out last week inviting windmillers to the International Windmill Trade Fair to be held in Spearman June 5-8, 2002. We want all local Southwestern Pioneer Windmill Association members to attend the convention so if you did not receive a letter, please contact Gina at the Chamber office.

Pre-registration fee is \$35 per person or \$80 per family. Pre-registration will be accepted until May 1.

Four to six hundred windmillers are expected to be in Spearman for the convention. Tours to the Adobe Walls battle site and to the ranch of Linda and Joe. T. Venneman will be available to those attending the convention. Other activities scheduled for the convention include a windmill raising, an auction of windmill parts, a birthday party for J. B. Buchanan and a business meeting and banquet.

Construction of the memorial fence at the J. B. Buchanan Windmill Park is scheduled to begin soon. Memorial tiles and bricks will be used to make up the fence. If you have not yet bought your tile or brick, please contact Shari and Steve Benton or Gina Gillespie. Bricks are \$50 and tiles

are \$100.

As reported earlier, work continues on a Star mill, a Duplex and an Easy mill. The Star and Duplex are umbrella mills and feature colorful wooden wheels. The Easy is an interesting mill because its manufacturer also in more recent years made Cushman motor scooters.

If you remember Cushman motor scooters and their Allstate counterpart, you probably are not too worried about the military draft coming back. The Easy manufacturing Company built windmills in David City, Nebraska and then moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, and became Cushman manufacturing company that made the motor scooter.

There are very few of the original Easy mills in existence, and we are fortunate to have a working Easy mill in Spearman. SPWA members hope to get the mill adopted and up in the near future.

Jim Derington and Jack McWhirter, Rotarians, announced that the Spearman Rotary Club had received a grant to be used for adopting a windmill. Which windmill the Rotarians will be adopting is not certain at this time, but the SPWA is appreciative of the Rotary's support.



Lenis Simpson, Spearman Rotary Club President, presented Roger Buchanan, Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association President, a check for \$1500. A Rotary Foundation Community Assistance Program grant, for \$1093, and the generosity of several Rotarians, made this award possible. The funds will be used to sponsor a windmill in the J.B. Buchanan windmill park.

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Worship: 10:35 a.m.
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Youth: 7:30 Wednesday
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
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Minister - Gary Smith

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Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
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Wed. Disc. Time: 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Youth Mtg.: 8 p.m.
Pastor - Patrick Six

Church of Christ
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Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m.
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Pastor - Dennis Alger

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Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
High School: 6 p.m. Sunday
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Pastor - Ken Cole

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Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Youth: 7:30 Sunday
Adult Bible Study: 7:30 Sun
Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.
Pastor - Gary Gumbofry

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Worship: 11 a.m.
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Gruver United Methodist
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Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.
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Pastor - Jerry Moore

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Engagement Announcement

Clyde and Beryl Waddell of Lubbock wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Waddell of Grapevine, to Lee Bob Harper of College Station. Lee Bob is the son of Tony Harper and Mike and Lee Wilhelm of Gruver.

The couple plan a June 8, 2002 wedding at the First United Methodist Church in Gruver.

Jennifer is a graduate of Coronado High School in Lubbock, and a 1995 graduate of Texas Tech University. She is a Performance Consultant in Training and Development at Fidelity Investments.

Lee Bob is a graduate of Gruver High School, and a 1998 graduate of Texas A&M University. He will graduate in May 2002 from the Texas A&M Vet School.



Engagement Announcement

Teresa Brown of Amarillo and Bobby Brown of El Paso wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kyla Brown, of Spearman, to Orlando Ortiz of Spearman. Orlando is the son of Lupe Ortiz of Borger and Antonio Ortiz of Plainview.

Kyla is the granddaughter of Wanda and the late John Brown of Spearman and Ila and Harold Mallow of Amarillo. Orlando is the grandson of Catalina and Jesus Espinosa of Spearman and Zenaída and the late Luciano Ortiz of Dallas.

The couple plan a May 25, 2002 wedding at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Spearman.

Kyla attended Spearman grade school, and graduated from Tascosa High School in Amarillo in 1990. She is a Billing Clerk at Hansford Hospital.

Orlando attended Spearman schools, graduating from Spearman High School in 1997. He is employed at The O'Loughlin Center in the Maintenance Department.



Engagement Announcement

Bill and Sharon Phillips of Dumas wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Darlise Stapleton, to Jason Lee Babitzke of Amarillo. Jason is the son of Buford and Karen Babitzke of Spearman and Carolyn McDaniel of Idabel, OK.

The couple plan a May 14, 2002 wedding in Las Vegas, NV.

Darlise is a 1990 graduate of Dumas High School. She is a Lab Technician at Baptist St. Anthony's Health System, and is employed at Dillard's Department Store.

Jason is a 1995 graduate of Spearman High School. He is an Auto Body Repair Technician for Rigg's Body Shop.

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First Christian Church, Spearman

Bridal Registry

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Laura Etheredge & Rowdy Boggs - March 23, Gruver
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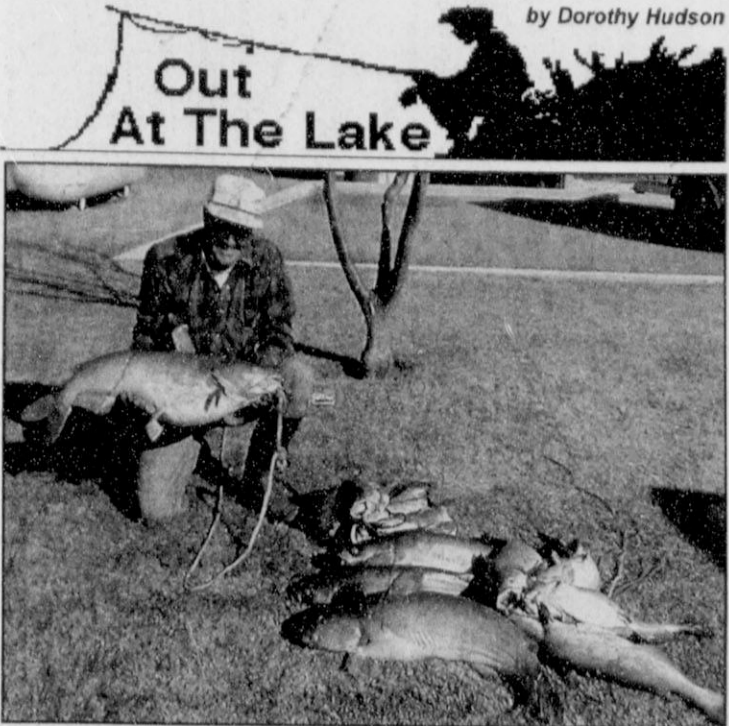
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Red Byrd with a new lake record 24 lb. Blue Catfish and others caught Thursday, March 14.

Lake Depth-March 18, 2002--34.91 feet

The Lake temperature is 44 degrees this morning at 5 feet below the surface. Walleye spawn at 45 to 50 degrees, so maybe we will have a record broken there. From now until the end of May is the best time to catch walleye.

With Red Byrd's record-breaking blue catfish, Lake Palo Duro has a bigger blue catfish weighed than the record at Lake Meredith. In the High Plains Outdoors Spring edition the Meredith record for blue catfish was listed as 23.9 pounds.

Despite the cold, there were 2 campers on the office side this weekend. The tent camper stayed one night only, but the one with a popup RV stayed two nights.

Jim thinks the eagles have gone on, as he has not seen any since Thursday. There are about 200 white geese on the Lake. He said they are probably Ross geese, but he has not been close enough to tell. The herons and cormorants are in the nests.

The wild turkey usually move back into the park about this time, but he has not spotted them yet. Sand hill crane have been back,

and robins and killdeer are being seen and heard.

The Deringtons are continuing to see the flock of cedar wax wings and a male cardinal at their feeder.

Muskrats

Muskrats don't get much attention for a mammal that is spread over most of the North American continent. As a child playing in the creek I was inquisitive about the holes in the banks and was told they were muskrat holes.

In answer to what is a muskrat, I was told they were bigger than rats and trapped to make fur coats.

I've still never seen one of these nocturnal rodents. Perhaps some of the night fishermen on the Palo Duro Creek as it runs into the Lake have seen or heard them.

In the spring the females give forth with a squeaky vocalization that has been well imitated in the pop song "Muskrat Love." I'm quoting the March-April 2002 Audubon on that as I have yet to hear that song. On moonlit nights watch for a muskrat to be at the apex of the V's they make at they paddle in the water with their heads and rumps above the water.

by Dorothy Hudson

Out At The Lake

Thank You

The family of Pete Lieb would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the staff of Hansford Manor for the care given Pete the last 3 1/2 years. Thanks also to Dr. Sharma, Dr. Wonnacot and Dr. Garnett for their care at various times, and also to Jim Miller. Thanks also to the volunteers and others who were so good to visit him.

A special, special thanks to Charles and Maxine Little who were a light in Pete's life.

Last, but certainly not least, thanks to the Hansford Hospital Board and County Commissioners (present and past) who had the vision to furnish such a nice facility for this area.

The Family of W.M. "Pete" Lieb
Dean & Linda Lieb, James & Sharon Lieb, John & Cindy Lieb, Lance & Lori Sparks

Thank You

The family of Jan Chisum Huffman would like to extend their appreciation for all the beautiful flowers, delicious food, the many calls and visits, and all the prayers during the loss of our beloved Jan. We are so grateful for all the love shown to us during this time.

Rega Gross; Debbie & Teresa Chisum; Jeremy, Darla, A.J. & Jason Bratcher; Kim Mauzy

Thank You

The City of Spearman Utility crew and City Management would like to thank the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department and Lupe's Plumbing for their assistance during the big water leak on Sunday, March 17th. Their assistance is greatly appreciated, and we realize that helping us during these type of emergencies is not in their scope of services. Their assistance was vital in getting water services restored to the citizens we serve. Thank you for going above and beyond the call, again.

Thank You

The family of Jolene Thompson would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, food, phone calls and prayers during her hospital stay and after our loss. A special thank you to Hansford Hospice, Brother Moore, Brother Gumpfory, Brother Curry, Gruver Ambulance, and to the ladies who provided the family meal at the church. May God bless you all.

Bobby Thompson, Ricky Thompson, Shonna Morley, Lariece Copeland

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who voted in the March 12th, Republican Primary. Thank you for your vote and your support. I could have never won without your help.

Once Again, Thank You!
Bob Davis
Justice of the Peace
Hansford County



Rojas Receives Promotion

Private First Class Juan Rojas completed the Marine Air-Ground Task Force Intelligence Specialist Entry Course on March 1, 2002. PFC Rojas will be stationed in Fort LeJeune, NC.

He is a 2001 graduate of Spearman High School, and the son of Barbara and Eddie Rojas of Spearman.



GHS January Student of the Month

Oscar Cruz, a senior at Gruver High School, has been selected January Student of the Month. The son of of Cirilo and Tomasa Cruz, Oscar has a brother Sergio and a sister Dinma. A member of the

GHS Hound football team, he played wide receiver and defensive back and was named district 1-1A honorable mention defensive back in 2001. In track, Cruz advanced to area competition in 2001 in the 3200 m and 1600 m runs and medaled in both events last week in the opening track meet.

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DJ Bob had a great time at KRDF FM doing all kinds of tasks. He was a welcome sight as D'Wayne was gone due to an illness. The KRDF crew had no trouble putting Busy As A Bee Bob to work. Among his many duties, Larry King Bob's favorite was when he stood in for Carolyn and interviewed the members of the one act play for "People on the Go" Wednesday morning. Astonished Bob was amazed at how complicated putting together a radio show can be. His hats are off to all of the talented folks who work so hard to make Spearman's radio station the top quality enterprise that it is.

Prankster Bob, in the spirit of fun, got all posed and ready (see photo below) one morning to give George a big scare, as he knew George was usually the early bird. George, in return, taught Bob he should always say "Holy Toledo" when he gets excited.

Builder Bob did a lot of finger pointing and arm waving while acting as the overseer of D'Wayne's wheelchair ramp construction. The materials and construction were donated by that outstanding group of folks known as "Christmas in Action". Spearman is truly fortunate to have an organization such as this.

Lot Of Stuff Bob was glad to get the backpack with the KRDF logo on it but it was the Dolly Parton CD that he cherishes the most.

Shootin' The Breeze Bob ended the week and his stay at KRDF reminiscing with Leonard Harper about the Lynx football game in Panhandle last fall.

Party Loving Bob wants to remind all the high school students (and the young at heart) to come listen to the music of "A Road Less Traveled" Saturday Night March 30th at 7:00 pm at the Diner. Pizza, hamburgers, and french fries will be available.

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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Gruver ISD Trustees Meet

In a lengthy regular board meeting Tuesday, March 12, the Gruver ISD Board of Trustees passed the Financial Exigency Plan Resolution by a vote of 7-0 with members David Bergin, Jody Irwin, Terry Sherrill, Paul Stavlo, Benny Wilson, Davin Winger, and Mike Yanke voting approval.

The resolution was approved after an executive session during which board members met with the school district's attorney regarding a discussion of personnel affected by potential reduction in force.

Following the adoption of the Financial Exigency Plan Resolution, the board voted 6-1 to adopt the Voluntary Exit Incentive Plan with members Bergin, Irwin, Sherrill, Wilson, Winger and Yanke voting aye and member Stavlo voting nay.

In other action, the board approved the budget amendment for the Perryton Consortium and the Accelerated Reading, the district's investment policies, and the baseball leases with Gruver Little League and Lions Club in unanimous votes.

They also approved the Textbook Committee recommendations, the Textbook Local Board of Trustees Certification 2002, and budget amendments by 7-0 votes.

After tabling a resolution concerning the procedure for electing directors of the Hansford County Appraisal District, the board reviewed the report on changes in the gifted and talented program, a report from Weston Born on the Ag trips, and a discussion of possible oil/gas lease on school-owned property.

The superintendent's report included enrollment figures, a financial report, and a revenue expenditures.

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 p.m.

City Commission Meets

The Gruver City Commission met in regular session on March 13, 2002.

After making the motion to pay bills for the month of February, Mayor made a motion to order a general election to be held May 4, 2002. Following a second by City Commissioner Johnnie Williams, the motion carried.

City Commissioner Chad Logsdon made the motion to enter into an agreement between the City of Gruver and Hansford County providing for a subdivision regulation by the City of Gruver within the extra territorial jurisdiction of the City of Gruver. After a second by Irwin, the motion passed.

Williams then made the motion to pass a resolution on the procedures for electing directors to the Hansford County Appraisal District Board. This motion also passed.

In concluding action, Logsdon made the motion to pass a resolution authorizing intervention at the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Docket #25088. After passing the motion, the meeting adjourned.

Schools Slate Easter Vacation

Gruver Schools will enjoy an Easter recess with an early dismissal on Thursday, March 28, at 12:30 p.m. and no school scheduled for Friday, March 29.

School will resume at the regular time on Monday, April 1.

Get Well Wishes

Chad Clift underwent surgery Wednesday, March 20, in Amarillo to repair a shoulder injured in the Shamrock/Gruver football game in 2000. It is Clift's second surgery for the injury. A six-month recovery time is expected.

Sympathy Expressed

The community expresses its sympathy to Reta Gross in the death last week of her daughter Janice Huffman of Arlington.

Jan was a 1972 graduate of Gruver High School. She and her family resided in Gruver for several years when her two sons, Jeremy and Jason, were young.

Interment was at Lieb Cemetery on Friday, March 15.

Carthel/Howe Duo Take Gold

The GHS boys double team of Kade Carthel and Chad Howe took first place in the Dumas Tennis Tournament.

Zapping Boys Ranch in their first match 6-0, 6-0, the duo overcame Hamlin/Tidwell of Randall, 6-1, 6-2, before downing Davis/Foster of Perryton, 6-3, 6-2 in the championship match.

In girls singles action, Sammi Johnson defeated Miller of Randall 6-0, 4-6, 6-4 before falling to Parsley of Vega 1-6, 2-6.

Laina Grotegut fell in her first match to Novak of Boys Ranch 6-0, 6-1 and then to Goodheart of Spearman, 5-7, 2-6.

In boys singles, Garrett Miner defeated Herbert of Canadian 6-0, 6-1, then lost to Roberts of Canyon 1-6, 0-6.

Aaron Boyd fended off Ward of Dumas 6-4, 6-4 before falling to Cherry of Spearman, the eventual tourney winner, 1-6, 1-6.

The girls double team of Beth Yanke and Teal Armes defeated Kercher/Wikhut of Randall 6-2, 4-

6, 6-3 before losing to Issacs/Gullett of Canadian.

Incumbents File for Offices

Incumbents Terry Sherrill and Jody Irwin are currently the lone filers in the upcoming school board election.

Incumbent Chad Logsdon is currently the only filer in the election for city commissioner.

With the filing deadline slated for Wednesday, March 20, at the close of the business day, any persons filing before that time will be listed in next week's Reporter Statesman.

Elementary Egg Hunt Set

Students in Pre K through second grade will enjoy an Easter egg hunt on Thursday morning, March 28.

Community Egg Hunt Scheduled

The annual Alpha Mu Psi Egg hunt will be held Saturday, March 24, at 2:00 p.m. in the Gruver City Park. In the case of inclement weather, the hunt will be in the Gruver county Barn.

Give The Kids A Hand

The GHS seniors have a modest wish - a one-day senior trip to Red River.

Although the class has spent just as many hours and as much labor in the concession stand as other senior classes, they, through no fault of their own, do not have sufficient funds for even an afternoon outing.

In hopes of raising enough money for their day's adventure, they will be washing cars Thursday, March 28 from 1-6 p.m. behind the varsity

gym. If you would like to have a clean vehicle for the Easter break or would just like to make a donation or drop your pocket change in their can, drive by the car wash and help send a kid "up the river (Red River.)"

GHS Track Competes at Spearman

The Varsity Hounds took fourth place in the Spearman Invitational Track Meet over the weekend.

3200 Meter Run - Oscar Cruz - 5th; 12:10.18; 400 Meter Relay - Hunter Bevell, Zack Christian, Jose Rodriguez, and David Hernandez - 2nd., 49.09; 110 Meter Hurdles - Eric Munoz 5th, 19.75; 400 Meter Dash - Jose Rodriguez, 4th, 55.4; 200 Meter Dash - Zack Christian - 2nd, 23.9; Jose Rodriguez - 6th, 24.63; 1600 Meter Run - Oscar Cruz - 1st, 5:11.39; Pole Vault - Zack Christian -4th, 12'; High Jump - Jose Rodriguez - 5th, 5'4"

The Junior Varsity Hounds captured first place in the junior varsity division of the Spearman Track Meet.

3200 Meter Run - Rafino Gonzales 2nd, 12: 35.15; Greg Garrett - 3rd, 2:41.66; 400 Meter Relay - David Puebla, Hutch Reed, Ryan Rennick, Manny Lopez - 1st, 47.92; 110 Meter Hurdles - T.J. Sherrill, 3rd, 19.09; Brock Irwin - 4th, 20.05; 800 Meter Run - David Puebla -6th, 2:15.39; 400 Meter Dash - Hutch Reed - 1st, 56.16; Salvador Luciano - 6th, 57.6; 800 Meter Run - Cody Been - 1st, 2:22.67; Manny Lopez - 2nd,

2:22.39; David Puebla - 3rd, 2:75.15; 300 Meter Hurdles - T.J. Sherrill - 2nd, 48.35; Brock Irwin - 5th, 57.47; 1600 Meter Run - Cody Been - 2nd, 5:57.72; Greg Garrett - 3rd, 5:58.25; Chris Hillenbrand - 5th., 6:50.35; 1600 Meter Relay - Puebla, Lopez, Rennick, Reed - 1st., 3:49.40; Shot Put - Nick Slough - 6th, 32' 9 1/2"; Discus - Ryan Winger - 3rd, 98' 7"; Pole Vault - T.J. Sherrill - 1st, 10'; Long Jump - Hutch Reed - 1st, 18' 1"; Manny Lopez - 3rd., 16' 9"; High Jump - Hutch Reed - 1st . 5'10"; Brock Irwin - 4th, 5'4"

Lady Hounds Track Results Not Provided

Christie McDowell placed third in the shot with a throw of 32' 7 3/4" at the Panhandle Meet.

Tennis Team Takes Three Medals

Two Gruver doubles teams and one singles player medaled in the Spearman Tournament over the weekend.

Carlos Borunda captured second place in boys singles by defeating Harper of Sunray 8-1, Burrus of Canadian 8-4, Clyburn of Perryton 6-2, 6-4, before falling to Herron (last year's district 1A singles winner) in the championship match 1-6, 2-6.

The girls doubles team of Laina Grotegut and Sammi Johnson brought home the bronze by downing Forrest/Snyder of Canadian 6-4, 4-6, 6-2, then losing to Brecheen/Ragsdale of Perryton 6-3, 4-6, 1-6, and rebounded to defeat Harper/Campbell of Booker 6-3, 6-

3. The boys duo of Kade Carthel/Chad Howe took third place in the tourney. After eliminating Schwalk/Francis of Perryton 6-3, 6-4, they fell to Heatwole/Culver 6-2, 2-6, 2-6, then trounced Lechuga/Satterfield of Sunray 6-2, 4-6, 6-1 in the bronze medal game.

Cass Cooper captured fourth place in boys singles by defeating Canadian 8-1, Sunray 9-8 (7-3) before falling to Herron of Shamrock 2-6, 1-6, and Clyburn of Perryton 6-7, 6-3, 3-6.

In other singles action, Garrett Miner lost to Herron of Shamrock 4-8, and Perryton 4-8.

Julie May topped Shamrock 8-2, and fell to Wilkins 1-8.

Kristina Christian was toppled by Goodheart of Spearman 3-8 and fell to Sunray 5-8.

Kasey Cazares was defeated by Perryton 1-8, then fell to Sunray 8-5, and Canadian 8-9 (4-7). Results of other doubles teams were:

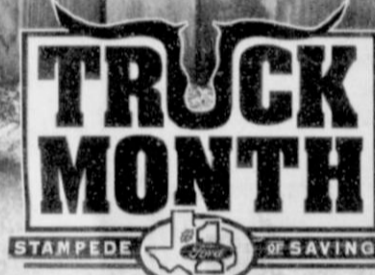
Beth Yanke and Teal Armes lost to Booker 2-6, 2-6, defeated Perryton 7-5 (6-3), and lost to Canadian 0-6, 3-6.

Ethel Flores and Judy Luciano fell to Sunray 3-8 and Canadian 2-6, 3-6.

The team of Aaron Boyd and Wade Stewart lost top Canadian 5-8 and to Perryton 3-6, 6-4, 1-6.

Chris Clawson and Steven Salazar lost to Perryton 2-8, bested Scarborough/ Sheets of Spearman 6-7 (8-10), 6-4, 7-6 (7-4), and fell to Sunray 6-2, 4-6, 6-1.

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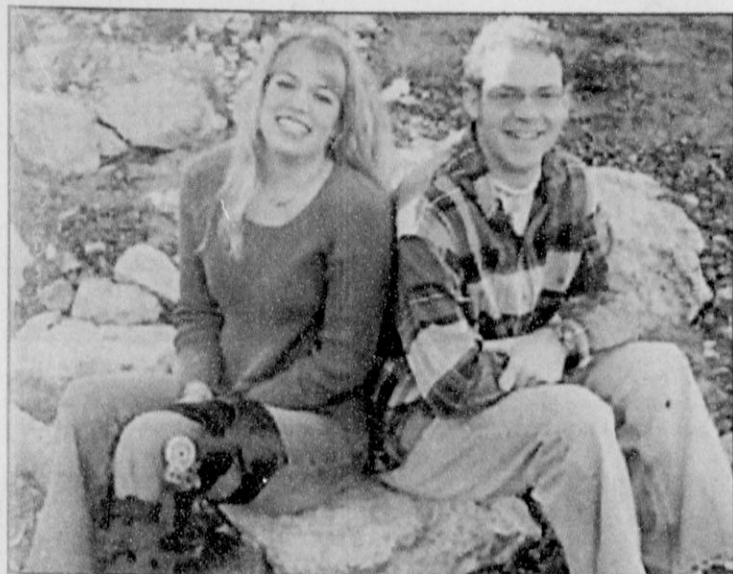
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Spearman High School January Students of the Month



Audrey Winegarner and Chad Scarborough

Audrey Winegarner and Chad Scarborough, both seniors at Spearman High School, were recently named the January Students of the Month.

Audrey has been on the varsity basketball team for three years, the varsity tennis team for four years, and the cross country team for three years. She was on the Academic All-District Basketball Team in 2001, named the Outstanding Lynxette Tennis Player in 2001, the FCCLA President in 2001, and is on the All-A Honor Roll. She participated in UIL Informative Speaking and Current Events. She is a volunteer for the Big Brothers Big Sisters program and Hansford Manor.

Audrey stated that the teacher who was most influential in her school years was Mrs. Henton.

After graduation she plans to attend Oklahoma State University

or West Texas A&M University to major in Elementary Education.

Audrey is the daughter of Arlan and Peggy Winegarner.

Chad has been in FFA for four years, was the FFA treasurer (1999-2000), FFA Chapter President (2000-2001), FFA Top-O-Texas President (2001-2002), 4-H for three years, was 4-H secretary and was on participated in Livestock Horse Judging. He played football for four years and was on varsity for two years, and was on the varsity tennis team for four years. He participated in UIL Informative Extemporaneous Speaking and in Theater for two years. He has been a member of

the First Baptist Church Youth Council for three years, the Youth Minister Search Committee, and World Changers Missions for two years. He has been on the A and A-B Honor Rolls during high school, and was on the Academic All-District Football Team. He is an Eagle Scout, and was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Chad said Mrs. Whitefield was the teacher who was most influential to him.

Chad has been accepted to Dallas Baptist University, where he plans to study religious education to become a Youth Minister. He also plans to continue with secondary

education certification. Chad is the son of Andy and Janet Scarborough.

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Child Evangelism Fellowship To Present "The Jesus Story For Children"

Child Evangelism Fellowship Texas Panhandle Area Chapter is bringing to Dumas the Kids Film Fest, featuring the new film "The Story of Jesus for Children." Two showings are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 13th and 14th at 3:00 pm at the Lyric Cinema, 113 Main St in Spearman. The Saturday afternoon matinee will begin this exciting event!

Kids Film Fest is an event encompassing the Spearman Area (Spearman, Gruver, Morse, and Stinnett), presenting children ages 6 and up, and families, with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Complimentary tickets will be distributed throughout the schools and communities. Efforts are being made to mobilize churches, organizations, businesses and individuals to promote attendance at all

showings.

The feature film, "The Story of Jesus for Children," is produced and distributed by the JESUS Film Project, a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ. The script is adapted from the Gospel of Luke. Jesus' story is told by a group of children who witness events in the life of Jesus. Like the Jesus film, "The Story of Jesus for Children" will become a very popular film for evangelism and entertainment.

Rita Carpenter, CEF Local Director, says, "CEF and The Jesus Film Project want to reach children who do not have a local church or have not attended CEF's Good News Clubs. Throughout the world, CEF has been telling children about Jesus Christ and training adults and teens to do the same since 1937." Carpenter says that

our local CEF chapter is committed to reaching as many children as possible and needs the local community to help make Kids Film Fest a success.

Just before the end of the film, Benjamin tells the children about his newfound friend, Jesus. Once the film is over, CEF-trained counselors will be available to speak to

anyone coming forward and provide additional information. All of the children will be invited to join a CEF Good News Club and join the CEF Mailbox Club.

For more information, contact Marcia Stevens, Kids Film Fest Director, at 806-374-3024 (on Tuesday) or 806-948-4398.



Pictured above are (L-R) Tyler Schnell, Steve Kersh, David Almanza and Addam Ferguson. Steve Kersh, Channel 7 weatherman, recently spoke to all 5th graders about weather.

Saddle Up For St. Jude

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital has announced that plans are being made for the May 4, 2002 Saddle Up For St. Jude Trail Ride. Mr. Boyd Rice will serve as coordinator of the event and encourages all residents to support

this important community effort.

At St. Jude, scientists and physicians are working side-by-side, seeking not only a better means of treatment, but also the causes, cures, and prevention of leukemia, Hodgkin's disease, sickle-cell anemia, pediatric AIDS, and other child-killing diseases. All findings are shared with doctors around the world to ensure that children everywhere will benefit from the work being done at St. Jude.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee was founded by the later entertainer Danny Thomas. The hospital is an internationally recognized biomedical research center dedicated to finding cures for childhood catastrophic diseases. The hospital's work is supported through funds raised by the American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities (ALSAC). All St. Jude patients are treated regardless of their ability to pay. ALSAC covers all costs of treatment beyond those reimbursed by third party insurers, and total costs for families who have no insurance. For more information, please visit www.stjude.org.

If you are interested in participating or making a contribution, please contact Mr. Boyd Rice at (806) 659-5086.

College News

University of North Texas Commencement Ceremonies

Shayla Jo Barber graduated from the University of North Texas in Denton, TX on December 15, 2001. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology and a minor in Health Promotion. Shayla was one of over 700 graduating students during two afternoon ceremonies in the UNT Eagles gymnasium.

Shayla is a 1997 graduate of Spearman High School. Her parents are Pam Barber of Spearman and Tommy Barber of Justin, TX. Her grandparents are Helen Dry Yancey and Floyd Dry of Spearman, and Irven and Betty Barber of Justin, TX.

Texas Christian University Dean's List

TCU announced recipients of the distinguished Dean's List and University Scholars, and Chelsea Nollner, of Spearman, has garnered both awards.

A freshman advertising and public relations major, she received a perfect 4.0 GPA, earning the University Scholar distinction for a straight-A semester, and she easily qualified for the Dean's List for the College of Communications, which names students with a 3.4 GPA and above in their first year.

Nollner is the daughter of Kyle and Jennifer Nollner and the granddaughter of Dorothy Nollner, all of Spearman. She is a 2001 graduate of Spearman High School.

Oklahoma Baptist University Who's Who List

Oklahoma Baptist University senior Caleb Joe Harris of Gruver was

recently included in the 2002 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Harris, a piano performance major, is one of 50 OBU undergraduate students and one graduate

student to be named as national outstanding campus leaders. Students are chosen based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

I am writing to say "Thank You!" to everyone that offered me encouragement during the weeks and days prior to the election and to those that have offered condolences during the days following. I will continue my pursuit in furthering my knowledge in the laws that fall under the Municipal Court's jurisdiction and using creative forms of adjudication where possible. I also pledge to remain accountable to the Mayor, the City Council, and the citizens of Spearman as long as I am your Municipal Judge. Thank you to every voter that cast your vote for me.

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Emergency Farm Loans Accepted

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This designation makes family sized farm operators in both the primary and contiguous counties eligible to be considered for low interest emergency loans from the FSA. FSA will consider each loan application by taking into account the extent of losses, security available, repayment ability, and other eligibility requirements.

Farmers may be eligible for loans for 100 percent of their actual losses (minus other compensation), or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less (with a maximum amount of \$500,000). The farmers must be unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders to be eligible for the emergency loans. The interest rate on the actual loss loan is 3.75%.

As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an emergency loan. Proceeds from crop insurance are taken into account when determining eligibility.

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until October 1, 2002, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Applications may be obtained at the local FSA office.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized

farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens, and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

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Shields Receives "Hard Luck" Calf Scramble Award



The 1.86-acre Reliant Astrodome arena looked mighty big to Kali Shields of Spearman as she lined up with 27 other young men and women for the RodeoHouston calf scramble. And, just as it looked like the elusive calves had all gotten away, good sportsmanship and perseverance paid off as Kali was selected to receive a special "hard luck" award during the March 2, 2002 performance of the Houston show. The hard luck award is presented during each calf scramble to scramblers who demonstrate an extra level of effort and sportsmanship.

In exchange for her determination, Kali, a Hansford County 4-H student who is home-schooled, will receive a \$1,000 calf purchase certificate donated by Amica Insurance. The certificate is to be used for the purchased of a registered beef heifer.

This is the beginning of a yearlong project of grooming, feeding and caring for the heifer. Supervised by County Extension Agent, Burt Williams, Kali must keep accurate and detailed records of the animal's progress, submitting records for both the Show and the donor to chronicle the heifer's development. In 2003, Kali will return with her animal to the Houston Livestock Show™ in the new Reliant Center for a special competition and a \$250 bonus from her donor.

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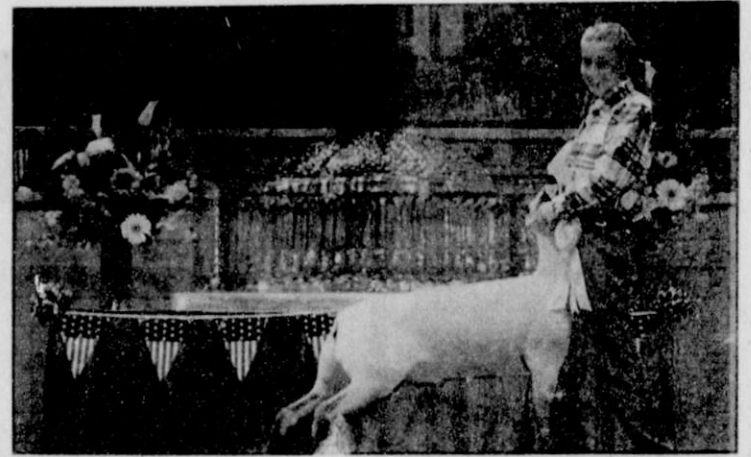
Slough Places In Livestock Judging Contest



Nicholas Slough

Nicholas Slough of Gruver proved that he really knows his livestock February 26th during the Houston Livestock Show™ livestock judging contest. Nicholas, a Hansford County 4-H student at Gruver High School, was one of the top 20 high-scoring individuals in the contest, which challenges students to match their skills in selecting the best quality livestock against placings of an officially qualified livestock judge.

The judging contest requires the students to place, in numerical order from highest to lowest quality, each of four animals in several classes. Scores are determined by a point value based on the difference between animals. Each animal out of place, as compared to the judge's official placing, is penalized by point deductions.



Tabatha Shields came in 11th place in the Houston Livestock Show with her lamb "Jack," competing against over 100 lambs in her class. She also placed 13th in the San Antonio Livestock Show with her lamb "Ringo."

SPEAR-MANOPOLY

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce is currently selling their version of a soon to be collector's item ... Spear-Manopoly!

Patron ads are available for any business, organization or family wishing to be included on the game board. Patron ads sell for \$50 and will be featured in the center of the game board. "Fate" cards may also be purchased for \$50 each. The deadline to purchase ads is Friday, March 22nd.

The games will sell for \$20 each, and will be available in late May.

Call the Spearman Chamber of Commerce at 659-5555 to place your ad today, or contact any of the following committee members: Missy Bates, Mark Murray, Justin Boyd, Rosalee Bueno, Rosie Martinez or Gina Gillispie.



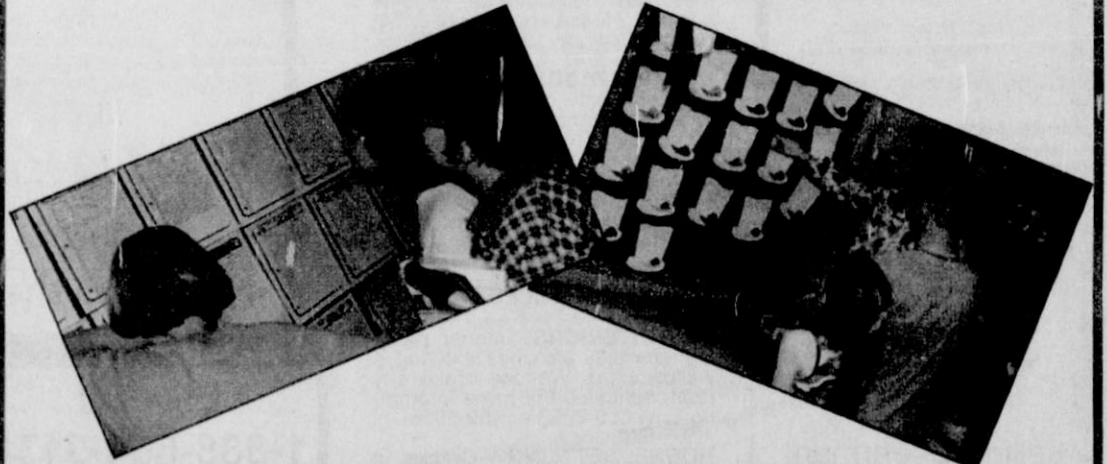
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