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THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2008

O'Loughlin Center Board to Host "Thank-You" Event for Kathy Bryant

Kathy Bryant has submitted her resignation as Executive Director of The O'Loughlin Center in Spearman. The O'Loughlin Center Board of Directors has scheduled an Appreciation Reception on Thursday, May 1, 2008, from 4-6 p.m. in The Golden Spread Center at The O'Loughlin Center.

Kathy has served the O'Loughlin Center and the Hansford County community for over 14 years. She moved to Spearman from Guymon, Oklahoma, in March, 1994, to begin her position as Director of the soon-to-open facility. She helped over-see the final stages of the construction and furnishing of the building, and she facilitated the establishment of guidelines for the daily operations, rentals and programming.

Her tireless devotion to the center has been important in making The O'Loughlin Center a true asset to the Hansford County area.

The Board of Directors invites everyone to join them on Thursday, May 1, 2008, from 4-6 p.m. at the center to say "thank-you" to Kathy and to wish her well as she continues to deal with her recent health issues. The Board of Directors will have a "Money Tree" at the reception as an expression of their thanks and appreciation to Kathy. Anyone wishing to make a donation may do so.

Advances in Hearing Technology Topic of May Senior Seminar

Hearing loss can diminish the quality of life for any individual, but hearing impairment tends to increase as one ages.

"Recognizing that over half of the 75-year and older population suffer from hearing loss, it is important that individuals have at their disposal the tools that can improve their quality of life," said Sue Church, Texas AgriLife Extension Service family and consumer sciences agent for Potter County.

The May senior seminar entitled "New Advances in Hearing" will be held at 11 a.m. May 8 at the Amarillo Senior Citizens Center, 1217 S. Tyler, Room 115.

Mark Sturkie, executive director of the Panhandle Council for the Deaf in Amarillo, will present information about specialized telecom equipment for those who can't use the telephone due to hearing impairment or cognitive impairment. Sturkie will discuss amplified, hands-free and emergency response equipment.

Directions on how to make application for equipment assisting the hearing impaired and where it can be located will be shared, Church said.

The seminars are open to the public free of charge. For more information, contact AgriLife Extension - Potter County at 373-0713.

Door prizes will be donated by Scott's Flowers.

Senior Seminars are sponsored by the Potter Coalition on Aging and Amarillo Senior Citizens' Association.

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the upper 30s. Northwest winds 20 to 25 mph with gusts to around 40 mph decreasing to 10 to 20 mph after midnight.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the upper 60s. Northwest winds 15 to 25 mph.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

SUNDAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.

MONDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.

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

TUESDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s.

WEDNESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

The Eagle has Landed...

Ribbon cutting ceremony held for new LIFESTAR helicopter in Guymon

Many in the Guymon community may be aware that the Guymon Municipal Airport is buzzing with activity. Several people were preparing for the arrival of a newly acquired EagleMed helicopter. The helicopter is a model AS 350 B2, and is privately owned and operated by Ballard Aviation, based in Wichita, Kansas. EagleMed opened its Guymon base on April 1, 2008 and is partnering with Memorial Hospital of Texas County in Guymon and BSA in Amarillo, Texas to provide rapid emergency transport for patients throughout the region. The EagleMed helicopter will provide service for Memorial Hospital of Texas County and BSA as well as all other medical facilities within a 100-mile radius. EagleMed owns and operates medical transport services throughout Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Arkansas. EagleMed is proud to announce Guymon, Oklahoma as the site for their 14th base.

EagleMed medical crews are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The helicopter's primary function is to provide air medical transport for critical patients throughout Texas County as well as the surrounding region.

Kenda Boyd of Spearman and Daniel Harris of Gruver have joined the EagleMed medical crew.

The air-ambulance helicopter can be launched for hospital transfers when a patient's condition becomes that in which on-going specialized care is needed. In addition to inter-facility transfers, this particular air ambulance is also equipped to respond to life-threatening scene accidents. In these types of situations, EagleMed can be launched directly to the scene of an accident and would work directly with local EMS and Fire Services.

The facility that EagleMed transports the patient to is dependent on the type of services needed. If it is a medical inter-facility transfer, the patient's physician will make the decision as to which facility can best take care of the patient. When patients are

involved in life-threatening accidents, EagleMed will take the patient directly from the scene to the closest facility that is medically appropriate.

EagleMed will offer a membership program for community members in the Oklahoma Panhandle and Southwest Kansas. Life threatening situations often require immediate relocation of the patient to a different medical facility. This type of service can be very costly and medical insurance usually pays only a portion of the expense. EagleMed members will be able to purchase a yearly membership that will protect them from paying out of pocket charges. The cost for a single adult is \$50.00 per year and a family membership is \$60.00 per year. For more information about EagleMed, community members may visit the EagleMed website at www.flyeaglemed.com.



(L to R) Lori Brown-Salyer, RN/Paramedic, Chief Flight Nurse; Jackie Houlton RN/Paramedic, Public Relations; Kenda Boyd, RN; K. Nicole Law, RN/EMT; Jenny Carnagey, Paramedic/LPN; Robbie Pritchard, Paramedic; Andrew Barbosa, Paramedic; Daniel Harris, RN/Paramedic.

About EagleMed

EagleMed has developed the most advanced emergency air ambulance flight communications center in the United States.

*** SAFETY** - We know at all times, the exact location of the aircraft, its flight crew and YOUR patient. If assistance is required for any reason, we know it IMMEDIATELY. This gives us the unique ability to respond in an unparalleled manner.

*** TIME** - We know the ACTUAL ground speed of the aircraft, which means ETA's will be based upon REAL-TIME information, not pure estimation. We can launch the appropriate aircraft, not just the closest, but the fastest based upon LIVE REAL-TIME WEATHER RADAR and other factors which we can now see, and compensate for.

*** COMMUNICATION** - YOU can COMMUNICATE with the crews while IN-FLIGHT via a secure Satellite Communication System. YOU will KNOW BEFORE they arrive of any serious changes to the patient condition, which allows you more time to prepare.

*** INFORMATION** - All of these factors combined with the most advanced CAD software package provide our patients the minutes, seconds, and knowledge which often make all the difference.

Sheriff Evans Warns Citizens of New Scam

Sheriff Evans has issued a warning to citizens about a new telephone scam that has been exposed.

"The telephone caller will give information about changes in social security and medicare benefits and request banking information from the recipient of the call," stated Sheriff Evans.

He advises citizens to NEVER give out personal banking information over the telephone, unless it is a call that you have initiated.

Should you receive such a call requesting information, immediately hang up and call the Hansford County Sheriff's office at 806-659-4140.



Spearman High School competed in the Region I-2A Track Meet in Abilene on April 24th and 25th. (L-R) Christy Lang placed 2nd in the Pole Vault, Kegan Garnett placed 1st in the Triple Jump, Bond Pittman placed 3rd in the 300 Hurdles and Suttan Garnett placed 2nd in the 1600 M Run and 5th in the 3200 M Run. (See story on page 8.)



Taylor Williams was the 1A Regional Champion in Boys Singles at the Region I-1A Tennis Tournament in Levelland on April 2nd and 24th. He will advance to the State 1A Tennis Tournament May 5th and 6th at the Lakeway Tennis Center in Austin.

BJ Hughes graduates from Dallas Police Academy

Brenton "BJ" Hughes, son of Gary Ellsworth and Jan Ellsworth of Spearman, graduated with Class #301 of the Dallas Police Academy on Friday, April 25, 2008. The academy, which began in September, lasted 32 weeks. Officer Hughes, badge #9218, will begin his duty on Wednesday, April 30th in Northeast Dallas.

BJ is a 2001 graduate of Spearman High School and a 5-year veteran of the United States Navy where he served as a Master at Arms.



Brenton "BJ" Hughes is pictured above with his father, Gary Ellsworth following his graduation from the Dallas Police Academy.

Lullabies, Legends & Lies

by Parson Smith, the Prime Minister of Laughter

If you ever watch the commercials on TV, you might find that many of them are paid for with the money that you spend on that \$100 pill that you take when you have a bad cold.

A wonderful little Texas Music Troupe called The Austin Lounge Lizards performed a song about pills. I spoke with one of the Lizards at a music festival in San Francisco and asked for permission to share this with

you.

"You've got a headache, I've got some strange disease. Don't worry about it, this pill will set your mind at ease. It's called Progenitorivox, it's made by SquabbMerlCo. It's a life-enhancing miracle, but there are some things you should know... It may cause agitation, palpitations, excessive salivation, Constipation, male lacta-

tion, rust-colored urination. Hallucinations, bad vibrations, mild electric shock sensations. But it's worth it for the drugs I need."

It used to be, that my doctor prescribed medicine for me. Now, I just watch Wheel of Fortune and the commercials let me know what color pill to let the doctor know that I need.

Isn't it great living in this age of modern medical miracles?

Until the next time,
May God Bless.

State Capital HIGHLIGHTS

AUSTIN - With grocery bills and livestock feed prices inching higher and higher, Gov. Rick Perry asked a federal agency to help bring relief.

In a letter dated April 25, Perry requested a waiver from the Environmental Protection Agency to cut the renewable fuel mandate for ethanol produced from grain by 50 percent.

The waiver, if granted, would provide Texans with relief at the grocery store and enable the Texas livestock industry to continue providing its big share of the nation's food supply, Perry said.

"We appreciate the good intentions behind the push for renewable fuels. In fact we're diversifying our state's energy portfolio at a rapid rate, but this misguided mandate is significantly affecting Texans' family food bill," Perry said.

The renewable fuel mandate increases corn crop diversion to ethanol production through 2015. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 established the mandate and amended by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

Count of YFZ children increases

The number of children removed from the polygamist YFZ Ranch near Eldorado on April 3 and ensuing days originally was tabulated at 416. The count increased to 437, and then climbed to 462.

The increase from 437 to 462 accounts for the discovery that at least 25 of the mothers who left the religious sect's 1,700-acre ranch compound are in fact less than 18 years of age.

Ranch children have been transferred to state-certified foster homes, with their parentage to be determined and legal status still up to Texas courts of law.

In a related development, authorities identified 33-year-old Rozita Swinton, a Colorado Springs, Colo., woman as a "person of interest" in calls made to a crisis hotline that resulted in law enforcement intervention at the ranch compound. The Texas Rangers are investigating.

Due date for new tax is extended

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on April 22 announced that businesses

GOVERNOR ASKS FOR HELP IN CURBING FOOD AND FEED PRICES



by Ed Sterling

unable to meet the May 15 due date for the franchise tax will have an additional 30 days to submit their returns or file an extension without penalty.

The complexity of the revised franchise tax and the newness of the enhanced electronic reporting methods have caused concern among taxpayers statewide, Combs said.

Panel to study property taxes

House Speaker Tom Craddick on April 24 announced the formation of the Select Committee on Property Tax Relief and Appraisal Reform.

Craddick named Rep. Jim Otto, R-Dayton, as chair and Rep. Ken Paxton, R-McKinney, as vice chair of the 13-member panel.

The assignment is to review sections of the tax code and the Texas Constitution that deal with the appraised value of property and the limitation of increases in appraised value. The panel will report its findings to the 81st Texas Legislature, which convenes Jan. 13, 2009.

High school classes will be online

The Texas Education Agency announced April 25 the launching of the Texas Virtual School Network. Authorized by the Texas

Legislature in 2007, the network will provide online courses to students throughout Texas.

Classes for grades 9 through 12 are scheduled to begin in the spring of 2009. A list of approved course offerings will be available this fall.

New Briscoe memoir hits shelves

The Center for American History at the University of Texas announced April 23 the release of a personal memoir, "Dolph Briscoe: My Life in Texas Ranching and Politics." Briscoe served as governor from 1973 to 1979.

Don Carleton, executive director of the history center, conducted a series of interviews with Gov. Briscoe. After each interview, Carleton edited the transcripts to build a narrative in Briscoe's voice. Throughout the process, Briscoe read and revised the text, Carleton said.

Flags at half-staff for Guerrero

Gov. Rick Perry on April 24 directed that flags be flown at half-staff in memory of Lena Guerrero of Austin. The former state representative and Texas Railroad Commission member died April 23 at the age of 50, after a long battle with cancer. Burial was in the Texas State Cemetery on April 26.

TEXAS Health Matters

CHIP Children's Medicaid

Good deals are hard to come by. If you're raising children who don't have health insurance, Children's Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) may be one of those good deals you've been looking for.

"Parents want their children to have access to quality medical care," says Texas Health and Human Services Executive Commissioner Albert Hawkins. "Children's Medicaid and CHIP make that goal a reality for many families struggling to make ends meet."

The two programs provide coverage for children in families who earn up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level. That's \$42,400 a year for a family of four. The state estimates that more than half of the 1.4 million uninsured children in Texas meet the qualifications for Children's Medicaid or CHIP and could be enrolled if their families applied for the programs.

Enrollment in Children's Medicaid is free. In CHIP, enrollment fees are based on

income and range from no fee to \$50 for a year of coverage. That's quite the bargain when the average cost of private health insurance for Texas families exceeds \$1,000 per month.

Children's Medicaid and CHIP currently provide coverage for more than 2 million young Texans — or one out of every three children in the state. Both programs cover pre-existing conditions and offer a choice of doctors. Services include doctor visits, immunizations, hospital care, surgery, X-rays, physical, speech and occupational therapies, prescription drugs, vision services, emergency services and transplants.

Applying for the programs is easy. Families don't need to determine which program they may qualify for. Once an application is submitted, the state will review the information to see if the family qualifies for either CHIP or Children's Medicaid.

To start an application or get more information on Children's Medicaid or CHIP, call

877-KIDS-NOW (1-877-543-7669). Assistance is available in English and

Spanish from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Central Time Monday through Friday. If you have a speech or hearing impairment, call 1-800-735-2988 (Relay Texas).

You'll be able to start your application over the phone and have it sent to you for your signature. Mail the signed application back with copies of your information and you're done. It's that easy. You can also visit www.chipmedicaid.org to get more information or download an application.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission, which administers Children's Medicaid and CHIP, also works with community-based organizations that can help families apply for state services, including Children's Medicaid and CHIP. To find an organization near you, call 877-KIDS-NOW (1-877-543-7669) or go to www.chipmedicaid.org.

Families who earn too much to qualify for state insurance programs can shop for affordable health insurance at www.texas-healthoptions.com/. The website is a service of the Texas Department of Insurance and provides information and resources for families and small employers.

\$50 or less covers all of your children for one year.

Most families pay \$50 or more for all of their children.

CHIP Children's Medicaid

Children's Medicaid

Children's Medicaid provides free coverage for a wide range of health care services for children who qualify. It helps nearly 2 million Texas children stay healthy and get the care they need.

CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program)

If your children get CHIP coverage, your family will pay no more than \$50 every year, and many families pay nothing. Depending on your income, you may have copayments for some services, such as prescription drugs and vision. A doctor's office or emergency room visit may cost up to \$25. Most copays range from \$3 to \$50.

Applying is Easy

Our application comes both online and in print. We'll look at your information and let you know if your children qualify for Children's Medicaid or CHIP.

- Call toll-free 1-877-KIDS-NOW (1-877-543-7669) for an application or to ask about local organizations that can help you fill it out.
- Go to www.chipmedicaid.org and print an application.
- Make sure your application is completed, signed and mailed back with copies of the required information. It's that easy.

Income Guidelines for CHIP/Children's Medicaid*

Year (children under 18)	CHIP/Children's Medicaid	CHIP/Children's Medicaid	CHIP/Children's Medicaid
1	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$14,000
2	\$12,000	\$14,000	\$16,000
3	\$14,000	\$16,000	\$18,000
4	\$16,000	\$18,000	\$20,000
5	\$18,000	\$20,000	\$22,000
6	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$24,000
7	\$22,000	\$24,000	\$26,000
8	\$24,000	\$26,000	\$28,000
9	\$26,000	\$28,000	\$30,000
10	\$28,000	\$30,000	\$32,000
11	\$30,000	\$32,000	\$34,000
12	\$32,000	\$34,000	\$36,000
13	\$34,000	\$36,000	\$38,000
14	\$36,000	\$38,000	\$40,000
15	\$38,000	\$40,000	\$42,000
16	\$40,000	\$42,000	\$44,000
17	\$42,000	\$44,000	\$46,000
18	\$44,000	\$46,000	\$48,000
19	\$46,000	\$48,000	\$50,000
20	\$48,000	\$50,000	\$52,000
21	\$50,000	\$52,000	\$54,000
22	\$52,000	\$54,000	\$56,000
23	\$54,000	\$56,000	\$58,000
24	\$56,000	\$58,000	\$60,000
25	\$58,000	\$60,000	\$62,000
26	\$60,000	\$62,000	\$64,000
27	\$62,000	\$64,000	\$66,000
28	\$64,000	\$66,000	\$68,000
29	\$66,000	\$68,000	\$70,000

*These limits are based on the federal poverty line. For more information, visit www.chipmedicaid.org.

Benefits include:

- Choice of doctors
- Regular checkups and office visits
- Prescription drugs and medical supplies
- Dental visits, cleanings and X-rays
- Access to medical specialists
- Slides and immunizations
- Hospital care and services
- 24-hour toll-free helpline
- Mental health care
- Coverage for special health needs
- Coverage for pre-existing conditions
- Eye exams and glasses

CHIP/Children's Medicaid

We've got your back covered. Visit www.chipmedicaid.org or call 1-877-KIDS-NOW, Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (Closed) for more information.

THE 1990s

ACROSS

- Flatbread resembling pita bread
- Homer Simpson's catchphrase
- Feudal land
- Very light brown
- "Que Sera ___"
- Senior
- ___ Cartman of "South Park"
- "___ on Me"
- Famous sheep in '90s
- MTV's "The ___"
- Opposite the dolls in '50 musical
- Good cover for birds' nests
- Another spelling for #1 Across
- Bear-like
- Fowl hunter
- "When Harry ___ Sally..."
- Tooth covering
- Gaelic
- Country alliances
- Flapper's accessory
- According to the shooter, "It's all in the ___"
- Iranian money
- Where pigs hang out
- By way of
- Put in motion
- Advice on shampoo bottle
- Boundary Waters entry point
- Accompanies crossbones on Jolly Roger

DOWN

- Not ever, contracted
- 43,560 square feet
- Toreador Song from "Carmen," e.g.
- Atom center, pl.
- Tractor maker John
- Unwritten examinations
- '90s expression: "Talk to the ___!"
- The Little Mermaid's best friend
- Lazily
- Unagi, pl.
- A fast food staple
- A coarse obnoxious person
- Poet whose middle name was Allan
- Gradual declines
- Nada
- Area of complete shadow
- Indiana Jones'

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Lost Ark or Holy Grail, e.g.

Ermine in its brown summer coat

One of the Bridges

Tee off

"Or" in music

Gain access to

Having the means

Bovine sound

Silverstone's '95 comedy hit

Pup

Eye infection

Popular '90s rock genre

Morning signal

Precedes thank you

Swift descent

It takes all ___

Designer Wang

Popular Scandinavian name

Via

Expression similar to "You wish!"

Best ___ secret

Back talk

Bond or Powers, e.g.

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Birthday - Josie Kiser, Cori Cox, Marti Garnett, Jarett Swan, April Jarvis, Gina Hamilton, Earl Spencer, James Sterling, Floydean Shook, Ryon Atwood, Christine States, Angela Coombs, Devin Delozier, Victoria Renteria, Allan Thompson, Jason Ward, Aaron Weller, Dani Wheelock
Anniversary - M/M Bobby Don Smith, Ronnie & Coleen Schaefer

May 2
Birthday - Michael Booth, Whitney Lilley, Chad Logsdon, Marsha Shaver, Carolyn Gressett, Melodie Kelp, Bryan Jenkins, Dalene Baker, Nick Renteria, Rex Shook, Lynn Davis, Keith Gibson, Connie Pape, Annie Torres
Anniversary - M/M Jose Vaquera

May 3
Birthday - Gilbert Perez, Jon Tolleson, Patty Sheppard, Cruz Garcia, Rita Reed, Kendra Ivy, Linda Deluna, Derek George, Jason Harnish, April LaFarr, Michael Sparkman, Jewel Thomas, Haley Young
Anniversary - Ric & Sandee Smith, Virginia & John Trindle

May 4
Birthday - David Slater, Dwayne Mitchell, Pat Sutterfield, Buford Babitzke, Tina Rex, Victor Rios Sr., Terri Dewberry, Patrick Sparkman, Stan Fletcher, Pat Bratton, Colby McKinley, Keith Winegarner
Anniversary - Angie & Willie Salgado, Stephen & Jerri Lane

May 5
Birthday - Olivia Cazares, Kevin Spivey, Joan Lee, Buena Lyons, Mrs. W.W. Weaver, Becky Hutchison, Debbie Fletcher, Debbie Evans, Jim Shields, Wallace Price, Melva Nichols, Venita Womack, Sawyer Sutterfield, DeeDee Longoria, Marva Roselius, Gary Gumfory

May 6
Birthday - Mike O'Connell, Robin Hargis, Cecil Fryer Jr., Andrea Archer, Raymond Jenkins, Audrey Regen, Joan Dahl, Sybil Vera, Dr. Darrell Duke, Angie McCarney, Tim Smith, Tyler Schnell

May 7
Birthday - Allan Beasley, Bette Burk, Chris Deakin, Ashley Gammon, Helen Holt, Adelaida Vela, Stephanie Bayless, Scott McCloy, Carley Coomer, Becky Reagan, Jean Smith
Anniversary - Ramon & Trish Rosales

May 8
Birthday - Cody MacBeen, Kris Horton, Allan McCloy, Mike Pierce, Richard Pipkin, Pat Cudd, Carla Barkley, Phil Tripp,

Monica Cantu, Denice Bridges, Clydeen Ramsey
Anniversary - M/M Don Hudson, Curtis & Bonnie Gross

May 9
Birthday - Teresa Barkley, James Burk, A.J. Lopez, Bobby Thompson, Jerry Virden, Tommy Gambelin, Chuck Sparkman, L.T. Wright, Dusty Ellis, Alicia Francis, Ruby McLain, Toni Davis, Liz Cazares, Julie May, Nikkie Stork
Anniversary - M/M Dale Hodge

May 10
Birthday - Sandi Foster, Hayley Garland, Paula Williams, Butch Lasater, Teresa Kirk, Alva Garner, Brenda Shieldknight, Kevin Bellows, Deborah Randell, Paul Garza Jr., Robert Howell, Adrian Garza, Tashiana Schumann, Troy Seagler, Tammy Mitchell, Abigail DeLeon, Bonnie Novak
Anniversary - M/M Harley Murrell, M/M Gary Evans, M/M Ray Gibson

May 11
Birthday - Pake Eckhardt, Jeff Hand, Diane McLain, Maria Arjona, Scotty Evans, Francis Ortega, Mary Ellen Vitele, Jimmy Blain Jr., Jeremy Austin, Larue Whitefield, Jared George, Wylee Maupin, Daria Myatt

May 12
Birthday - Kristin Evans, John Holland, Trevor Ferguson, Deanna Johnson, Dave Karlin, Jimmy Greene, Hazel Scott, Gary Gumfory, Ernesto Puentes, Karen Hamilton, Toni Atwood, Bonnie Benson, Anita Spivey, Lauren Carter, Karen Hodge, Kenneth Redwine
Anniversary - M/M Bob Davis

May 13
Birthday - Kerry Foster, Billy Horton, Cora Meyer, Terry Butt, Roy Stinson, Henry Babitzke, Tom Fanning, Sarah Moore

May 14
Birthday - Nancy Barkley, Debbie Deeds, Gerald TeBeest, Vickie Kay Hand, Patsy Barrera, Fran Quinby, Janice Gerrad, Luis Garcia, Sharon Seagler, Eric Titus, Jim Bartimus, Chris Johnson, Buck Tidwell, David Terry, Brandy Shelton, Sue Gerardy, Kevin Harris

May 14
Birthday - Nancy Barkley, Debbie Deeds, Gerald TeBeest, Vickie Kay Hand, Patsy Barrera, Fran Quinby, Janice Gerrad, Luis Garcia, Sharon Seagler, Eric Titus, Jim Bartimus, Chris Johnson, Buck Tidwell, David Terry, Brandy Shelton, Sue Gerardy, Kevin Harris
Anniversary - M/M Felipe Lomeli

Our Sympathy



ALTA PUTMAN
 Alta Putman, 100, of Amarillo, formerly of Perryton, died on April 27, 2008.
 Graveside services will be at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 1, 2008 at Ochilree Cemetery in Perryton, Texas. Memorial services will be at 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 1, 2008 at the Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel, 2800 Paramount Blvd with Reverend Marvin Knox officiating. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.
 Mrs. Putman was born November 21, 1907 in Gladys, LA to Clarence Collins & Francis Koonce Collins. She moved to the Spearman area in 1953.

JOHNNIE DALE WAGGONER
 WHITNEY - Johnnie Dale Waggoner, 88, formerly of Spearman, died Thursday, April 24, 2008.
 Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 27, 2008 in Forest Park Cemetery in Anthony, KS. Arrangements were under the direction of Prairie Rose Funeral Home of Anthony.
 Mr. Waggoner was born in rural Waldron, KS, to Rova Mae Swafford and Orva Vincent Waggoner Sr.
 He attended Lydick country school and graduated from Spring High School. He served in the US Army and was a WWII veteran. On June 1, 1941 he married the love of his life, Ethel Conner in Cherokee, OK.
 Survivors include his wife; three children, Betty & John Barker of Muskogee, OK, Darlene Campbell of Grand Prairie and Karen & Matt Lair of Whitney; nine grandchildren, Patrick Barker, Chris Barker, Kelly Barker, Kevin Campbell, Mandi Campbell, Shane Campbell, Tyler Lair Motley, Crosbie Lair Motley & Breaan Lair; seven great-grandchildren, Lauren Barker, Stephen Barker, Sierra, Paige & Madeline Campbell, Maya Campbell, and Nicholas Motley; two sisters, Luetta Bonham of Anthony, KS and June Moore of Wichita, KS; two brothers, F. Dee & Venita Waggoner of Sedgwick, KS, and David & Sue Waggoner of Menard; sister-in-law, Joyce Waggoner, Tribune, KS; many nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.
 He was preceded in death by his daughter, Judy Ann Waggoner; parents, Orva & Rova Mae Waggoner; brothers, Vincent & Wayne Waggoner; and sisters, Vinita Bellew & Ruth Hanke.

She married A.M. Putman in Overton, Texas. When they moved to Perryton, she served as the city hostess for new residents for over 15 years, volunteered for the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Welfare Office in Perryton, was a hostess for the churches in Perryton. While in Amarillo, she was honored with Volunteer of the Day for her volunteer work at Ware Memorial Center.
 She became a world traveler, visiting every continent and was in the first group of fifteen to visit when China was opened to tourism. She made many trips to Russia and to the Holy Land. She loved her travels.
 She was a member of First Baptist Church.
 She was preceded in death by her husband, Austin Putman in 1968, two brothers, a sister, and a grandson, Jeff Lackey in 2000.

JAMIE ALEJANDRO MARTINEZ
 BEAVER, Okla.- Jamie Alejandro Martinez, 25, died Thursday, April 24, 2008.
 Services were at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 in Beaver First Christian Church with Rick Main and Obed Fernandez officiating. Burial will be in Pioneer Cemetery by Clark Funeral Service.
 Mr. Martinez was born Oct. 12, 1982, in Walsh, Colo., to Gregorio and Maria Luisa Hernandez Martinez. He attended the First Christian Church and graduated from Beaver High School.
 Survivors include his parents; three brothers, Jose Martinez of Forgan, Greg Martinez of Spearman, Texas, and Johnny Martinez of Oklahoma City; sisters, Silvia Crawley of Perryton, Texas, Lucy Lamas of Beaver and Wendy Standley of Wichita, Kan.; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Survivors include her daughter, Joyce & husband Joel Lackey of Gruver; two sons, Lloyd & wife Jean Putman of Casper, Wyoming, Bill & wife Velma Putman of Denver, Colorado; brother, Clarence Collins, Jr. of Scottsdale, Arizona; six grandchildren, Virginia and husband Rick Conner of Casper, Wyoming, Jerry Putman and wife Gay of Odessa, Charlie Putman and wife Dianne of Denver, Colorado, Ed Putman and wife Charla of Casper, Wyoming, De'Aunn Putman of St. Paul, Minnesota, Janyth Bowers and husband Charles of Pampa; eight great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.
 In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to BSA Hospice, PO Box 950, Amarillo, 79101 or your favorite charity.
 A visitation will be from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at the funeral home.

HARLENE "NANNY" JUDKINS
 STINNETT - Harlene "Nanny" Judkins, 64, formerly of Amarillo, died Monday, April 21, 2008.
 Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Friday, April 25, 2008 in Stinnett Cemetery with the Rev. Jim West officiating. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in First Christian Church. Arrangements are by Brown Funeral Directors.
 Mrs. Judkins was born July 26, 1943, in Guymon, Okla., to Henry and Beatrice Lytle Roper. She married Denny Judkins on July 31, 1960, in Guymon.
 Survivors include her husband; three sons, Harlona Ray Judkins and Earl Judkins, both of Stinnett, and D.J. Judkins of Brownwood; two daughters, Tammy Williamson and Sue Anna Barrett, both of Amarillo; two sisters, Irene Edwards of Spearman and Joe Barnett of Stinnett; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.
 The family suggests memorials be to Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106; or First Christian Church, P.O. Box 517, Stinnett, TX 79083.

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 Micah 6:8

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Lunch & Learn

"Lawn & Garden Accents", will be the topic for Lunch & Learn, Thursday, May 8, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Spearman Church of Christ. Add style to your yard and garden with mosaic and personalized stepping stones and other accents. Learn how to control pests without poisons. Ruthanna Hocking from Booker will be the guest speaker. Door prizes will be given. This free program is sponsored by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Extension Education clubs. Donations for lunch will be accepted. Call Peggy Winegarner at 659-4131 or 733-2901 for more information.

Concealed Handgun Class

A concealed Handgun Class will be held Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 12, 14, 15 & 16 at the Frank Phillips College Allen Campus, 2314 S. Jefferson in Perryton. The class will be held in room 112 from 6-9:30 p.m. It will be taught by Davy Gurley. The cost for the class is \$115 for a new license and \$95 for a renewal. For more information, call 806-648-1450.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S. Roland, in Spearman on May 29, 2008. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Hansford County Scholarship Pageant

Calling All Girls ages 4-21! The Hansford County Scholarship Pageant has been scheduled for June 3, 2008. Entry Forms can be picked up at and returned to: Spearman - Dreamer's, Chamber of Commerce & City Hall; Gruver - City Hall. The deadline to turn forms in is May 2, 2008. Entry fees must be turned in with the form. For additional information contact Donna McCubbin @ 659-2516, Tami Kunselman @659-5544 or Cheryl Salgado @659-2524.

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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.

Tri-City Community Concert Association

Janie Kunselman is the representative for the Tri-City Community Concert Association of Borger, and is selling memberships to attend five special concerts in the 2008-2009 season. Contact Janie Kunselman at 659-2631 for more information.

Liberal Community Concert Association

Janie Kunselman is the representative for the Liberal Community Concert Association of Liberal, KS. The Liberal Community Concert Association is selling memberships to attend five special concerts in the 2008-2009 season. Contact Janie Kunselman at 659-2631 for more information.

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 Alica 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.

Project Graduation

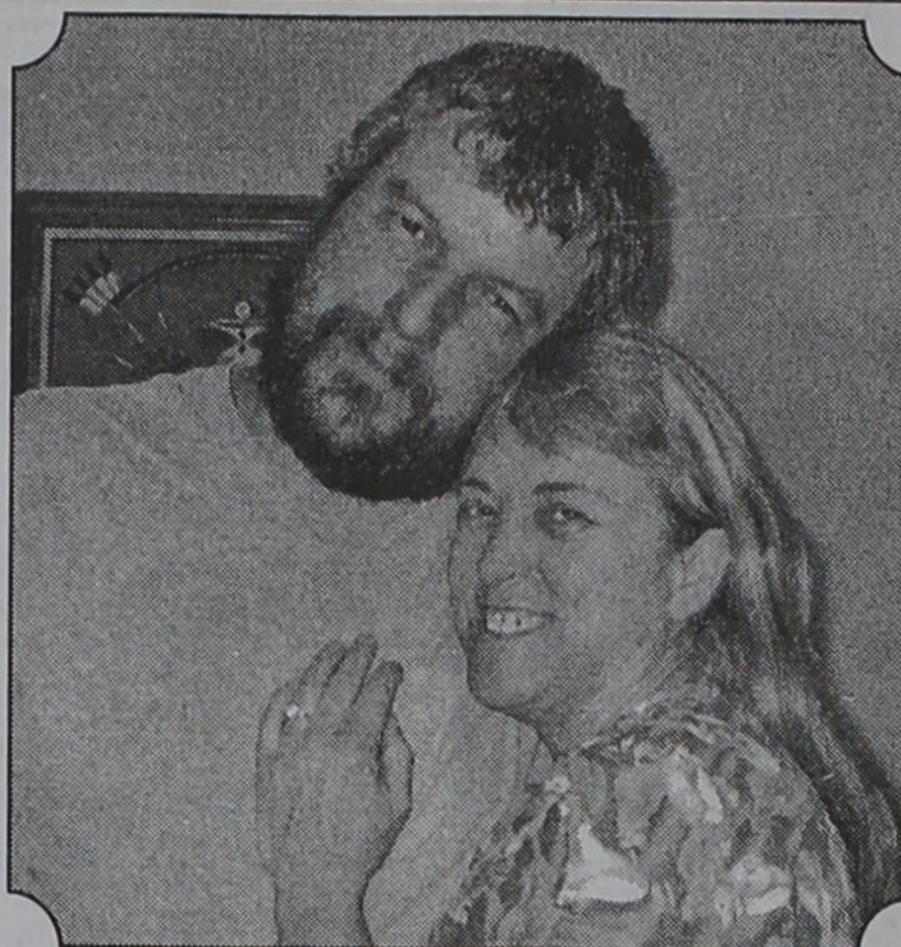
The parents of the Spearman High School Senior Class of 2008 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement exercises Friday May 23rd. To encourage the graduates to stay the entire night, door prizes are awarded throughout the evening. In addition, graduates can earn paper 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!

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.

Spearhead AA Group

The Spearhead AA Group meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Pittman-Shieldknight building. Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other to help solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety. For information, call 662-1111.



Engagement Announcement

Sandy Cumings of Spearman, TX and Marc Earp of Waka, TX wish to announce their approaching marriage. Sandy is the daughter of Helen Yancey of Spearman and the late Floyd Dry of Spearman. Marc is the son of Tom and Jane Earp of Wheatfield, IN.

Sandy is the manager of the Spearman branch of Perryton Equity Exchange. Marc is self-employed. The wedding is planned for May 31, 2008 at 5 p.m. at the Pavillion behind Lake Palo Duro Dam. Friends are invited to join the celebration.

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Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

We end the Easter season with the Ascension as we study Acts 1: 1-11, Psalm 47, Ephesians 1: 5-23, and Luke 24: 44-53. The Apostles and the Christians of the first century spent much time on the resurrection of Jesus as this supports the "good news"; yet, on the ascension we have only two other texts, Mark 16:19 and Luke 24:51. Some have opined that Christ's earthly mission was over and so he ascended into Heaven, where as a spiritual being He could be everywhere, even when His disciples needed Him. I mostly concur with this. Yet, I believe that we are citizens of God's Kingdom now by baptism and that Heaven is more of a when than a where. We know that God rules, we are taught here that Christ has taken His place at God's right hand and will at His proper time return for us. But to enable this Jesus promised all disciples the Holy Spirit which would come to them and be in them. This is because we, as believer/witnesses, must know that the gospel is true; we must reflect the reality of the gospel in our lives. We must be prepared to become a martyr (witness) should circumstances require it. Our duty is to spread the Good News. This we cannot do alone but must have the Holy Spirit, the presence of Christ in our lives. Where do we find this presence? We find Christ in our celebration of the Eucharist (the Lord's Supper); we find Christ in the waters of baptism; we find Christ in reading and studying the Word of God. We find Christ in prayer. And thus as the "living stones" of the church, we act as Christ's body until He comes again.

The Psalmist sings praises to God and commands the people to so sing for the Lord Most High is awesome! God sits on His holy throne. [For our Ascension Lesson we Christians, visualize Christ has returned to His throne].

Paul prays that the Ephesians will grow in wisdom and revelation of Christ to the end that they will be assured of the infinite power of Jesus Christ and that it is He who is head of our church. Paul shows the Church as the body of Christ which is loyal to Christ and full of love for man. Jonathan Swift, the satirist, once quipped, "We have just enough religion to make us hate, but not enough to make us love one another". If we abide in Christ we shall have love for one another.

Luke shows us the conference in the upper room. Christ satisfies His disciples as to the reality of His resurrection. Christ stresses the necessity of the cross and impresses on His disciples the urgency of spreading the gospel. So thus Jesus' personal ministry on earth concludes, but the ministry of His Body (the Church) has only begun. At his ascension, we are told that the disciples worshiped Him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

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Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

Preparations are in full swing for our next exhibit. The upcoming exhibit will focus on "Bluebonnets and Wildflowers." Lovella has recruited local photographers, artists, collectors, and gardeners to bring in their favorite paintings and photographs of bluebonnets, wildflowers, and garden jewels. This promises to be a beautiful and probably the biggest show we have had. We will also display paintings from our collections. This week will be the last week for the art show for the students and next week will be set up week.

The May reception will be on Memorial day Sunday at 3 p.m. More details later in the month. We will have a special exhibit in observance of our military veterans. Please mark your calendars to join us after the annual dinner at the legion in Darrouzett.

As you read this week's column, Georgia and I are at the annual preservation conference in Corpus Christi.

This is the Texas Historical Commission conference for county historical commissions, main street programs, local government initiatives, etc. The Museum is a committee under the auspices of the County Historical Commission Board appointed by the county judge and approved by the county commissioner's court and submitted to the Texas Historical Commission every 2 years. We submit annual reports, participate in their projects and programs. We also receive grants that allow us to purchase needed equipment for our preservation efforts. The State is presently changing the county commission program so stay tuned for updates. Our Board meets quarterly and the meetings are open to the public. We will report on the meeting next week.

HISTORICAL MUSINGS

For those of you familiar with the oil business in our county, will not be surprised by the article that caught our eye in the Dec. 23, 1926 issue of the Lipscomb Lime Light and Follett Times. In

our history book, the first oil well was reported to be in 1956, so when we found an article taking about the Barton oil in 1926 we were surprised. The article states the well was located just a few miles west of the county seat and was started up again after being shut down for several weeks after its drill bit had broken. The article stated that a new oil company intends to put the Barton well down to about 4,500 feet, the present depth of the well was about 3,600 feet. It was also reported that Henry Frass was leasing all of his land near Darrouzett and would be starting a test well within 90 days.

We have a photo of a Synder-Barton No. 1 with the caption of depth 4500 feet, conclusion: dry. We will continue our newspaper hunt for more information. Anyone that is familiar with the history of the oil industry in this area, please assist with this mystery. Exactly when and where did the first oil well appear in Lipscomb County.

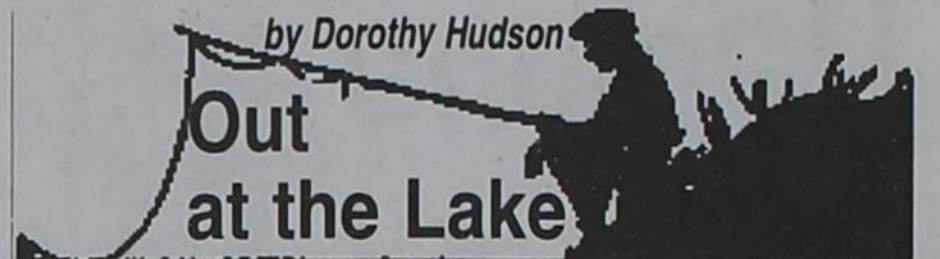
UPDATE:

I reported several months ago about a survey map that had been given to the museum. Our conservator in Austin has completed their first exam of the map and reports that it is 36 inches wide and 281 inches long. It is the original survey drawings for the railroad that was suppose to come through Lipscomb. We will be writing grants to preserve the map for display.

Enjoy the week.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum

Museum Hours: Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 2 to 4 p.m. Special hours upon request.
Museum Information: 13310 Hwy 305, Box 5, Lipscomb TX 79056; telephone: 806-852-2123; e m a i l : wolferk@amaonline.com; website: www.wolfcreekheritagemuseum.com



White-tailed Buck

Lake Level--April 28, 2008--17.84 feet (-0.17)

Our two chances for rain last week put .31 in the gauge at the office, but Ramon Cantu only had .08 on the other side of the lake.

Old timers always thought we had a better chance for rain during the May 2nd Day celebration at Guymon. Let's hope it will be true this year.

Jim and Mandy made a quick trip to Grand Prairie to see daughter Erin and her family. The Deringtons left Friday afternoon and came back on Sunday.

Two Perryton school groups visited this week. This was the second year for them to visit, so we can be glad that Lake Palo Duro was chosen over Lake Fryer. Jim said that the kids walked the nature trail, fished in the Kid's pond, ran around, and then enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs.

Jim found the picture of the white-tailed buck in his camera when he was looking at his pelican pictures. The bucks have shed their horns now and are in hiding while they are growing new ones.

A lot of jackrabbits are being seen between the Lake and Spearman.

That is bringing on more coyote sightings. The cycle of mange that has been afflicting them seems to be about over.

Although no one has mentioned seeing rattlesnakes to me, this is the time of year that they leave their dens. I had always supposed that humans were their worst enemies, but Gordon Grice in his little book "The Red Hourglass Lives of the Predators" tells of other observers seeing animals and birds go out of their way to kill rattlesnakes. For example, prairie dogs who have had their holes invaded by a snake have been seen pushing dirt into the hole and tamping it down. Grice mentions that hoofed animals, such as horses, antelope, deer, cattle, sheep, and goats attack snakes. However, I have never heard of a horse trying to trample a rattler. Mocking birds can actually kill snakes by pecking them repeatedly.

When we are in rattlesnake country, we would be wise to "Pay Attention!"

Good Health Naturally

by Darlene Hopkins

I live in Hooker Ok. I am a mother and housewife by profession and a Master Herbalist by choice. I obtained my Herbalist and Master Herbalist Degrees from the School of Natural Healing in Springville Utah. Dr. John Ray Christopher started this school in 1953. I teach classes on Natural Health in Colorado, Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma.

If you have a question, you may e-mail me at theherbalady01@yahoo.com.

In my last article I wrote about food additives and said that I would elaborate more on each individual additive today I will write about MSG...

MSG or Monosodium Glutamate is a food additive originally developed to enhance the flavor of food. Glutamate is found naturally in protein-containing foods such as meat, poultry, milk, and vegetables.

MSG is in a class of chemicals known as excitotoxins. Excitotoxins introduced to the body in high doses have

been shown in animal studies, to cause damage to areas of the brain unprotected by the blood-brain barrier. There are a variety of chronic diseases that can arise out of this neurotoxicity. In other animal research, MSG has been shown to indirectly cause obesity. According to laboratory studies, the chemical does this by down regulating hypothalamic appetite suppression, which increases the amount of food animals consume. This is another universal ingredient and can be found under names such as hydrolyzed yeast, torula yeast and autolyzed yeast.

Unfortunately, the American Diet is full of packaged foods. Most packaged foods have almost no nutritional value! If this is all you eat, you may look into adding some live foods. Eating packaged foods is fast track to being overfed, and under nourished.

In the early 1900s, MSG was extracted from natural protein-rich foods such as

seaweed. Today, MSG is made from starch, corn sugar or molasses from sugar cane or sugar beets. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has classified MSG as a food ingredient that is "generally recognized as safe."

I would agree that glutamate is safe as it occurs naturally. In foods glutamate is not free amino acids, they are bound in amino acid grouping. When food company's put MSG into packaged foods they are free amino acids. We were never meant to have free amino acids in

such high concentrations. If you eat foods such as tomatoes, the level of free amino acids is almost nothing, it is absorbed as combined amino acids, and then it's only broken down in the liver, where it's released in very low concentrations that the body can deal with.

MSG is a chemical compound that simply does not belong in the body in the concentrations provided by these foods. It is used by food manufacturers as a taste enhance. It does NOT occur Naturally.

Next time, I will talk in depth about Sodium Nitrite and the problems it causes.

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Chapter 9: The Substitute, Part 2

The story so far: Miss Binney's unexpected absence from school has upset Ramona. Rather than face the substitute teacher, Ramona decides to hide outside where she is discovered by Ribsy the dog.

Except for Ribsy, Ramona was lonely. She leaned against the chill red bricks and felt sorry for herself. Poor little Ramona, all alone except for Ribsy, behind the trash cans. Miss Binney would be sorry if she knew what she had made Ramona do. She would be sorry if she knew how cold and lonesome Ramona was. Ramona felt so sorry for the poor shivering little child behind the trash cans that one tear and then another slid down her cheeks. She sniffed pitifully. Ribsy opened one eye and looked at her before he closed it again. Not even Henry's dog cared what happened to her.

After a while Ramona heard the kindergarten running and laughing outside. How disloyal everyone was to have so much fun when Miss Binney had deserted her class. Ramona wondered if the kindergarten missed her and if anyone else would chase Davy and try to kiss him. Then Ramona must have dozed off, because the next thing she knew recess time had come and the playground was swarming with shouting, yelling, ball-throwing older boys and girls. Ribsy was gone. Stiff with cold, Ramona hunched down as low as she could. A ball bounced with a bang against a trash can. Ramona shut her eyes and hoped that if she could not see anyone, no one could see her.

Footsteps came running toward the ball. "Hey!" exclaimed a boy's voice. "There's a little kid hiding back here!"

Ramona's eyes flew open. "Go away!" she said fiercely to the strange boy, who was peering over the cans at her.

"What are you hiding back there for?" asked the boy. "Go away!" ordered Ramona.

"Hey, Huggins!" yelled the boy. "There's a little kid back here who lives over near you!"

In a moment Henry was peering over the trash cans at Ramona. "What are you doing there?" he demanded. "You're supposed to be in kindergarten."

"You mind your own business," said Ramona.

Naturally when two boys peered behind the trash cans, practically the whole school had to join them to see what was so interesting. "What's she doing?" people asked. "How come she's hiding?" "Does her teacher know she's here?"

In the midst of all the excitement, Ramona felt a new discomfort.

"Find her sister," someone said. "Get Beatrice. She'll know what to do."

No one had to find Beezus. She was already there. "Ramona Geraldine Quimby!" she said. "You come out of there this minute!"

"I won't," said Ramona, even though she knew she could not stay there much longer.

"Ramona, you just wait until Mother hears about this!" stormed Beezus. "You're really going to catch it!"

Ramona knew that Beezus was right, but catching it from her mother was not what was worrying her at the moment.

"Here comes the yard teacher," someone said.

Ramona had to admit defeat. She got to her hands and knees and then to her feet and faced the crowd across the trash-can lids as the yard teacher came to investigate the commotion.

"Don't you belong in kindergarten?" the yard teacher asked.

"I'm not going to go to kindergarten," said Ramona stubbornly, and cast an anguished glance at Beezus.

"She's supposed to be in kindergarten," said Beezus, "but she needs to go to the bathroom." The older boys and girls thought this remark was funny, which made Ramona so angry she wanted to cry. There was nothing funny about it at all, and if she didn't hurry -

The yard teacher turned to Beezus. "Take her to the bathroom and then to the principal's office. She'll find out what the trouble is."

The first words were a relief to Ramona, but the second a shock. No one in the morning kindergarten had ever been sent to Miss Mullen's office in the big building, except to deliver a note from Miss Binney, and then the children went in pairs, because the errand was

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.

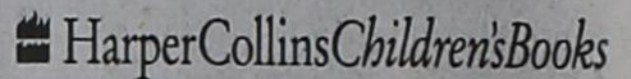
By the third grade she had conquered reading and spent much of her childhood either with books or on her way to and from the public

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.



such a scary one. "What will the principal do to me?" Ramona asked, as Beezus led her away to the girls' bathroom in the big building.

"I don't know," said Beezus. "Talk to you, I guess, or call Mother. Ramona, why did you have to go and do a dumb thing like hiding behind the trash cans?"

"Because," Ramona was cross since Beezus was so cross. When the girls came out of the bathroom, Ramona reluctantly allowed herself to be led into the principal's office, where she felt small and frightened even though she tried not to show it.

"This is my little sister Ramona," Beezus explained to Miss Mullen's secretary in the outer office. "She belongs in kindergarten, but she's been hiding behind the trash cans."

Miss Mullen must have overheard, because she came out of her office. Frightened though she was, Ramona braced herself to say, I won't go back to kindergarten!

"Why, hello, Ramona," said Miss Mullen. "That's all right, Beatrice. You may go back to your class. I'll take over."

Ramona wanted to stay close to her sister, but Beezus walked out of the office, leaving her alone with the principal, the most important person in the whole school. Ramona felt small and pitiful with her knees still marked where the asphalt had gouged her. Miss Mullen smiled, as if Ramona's behavior was of no particular importance, and said, "Isn't it too bad Miss Binney had to stay home with a sore throat? I know what a surprise it was for you to find a strange teacher in your kindergarten room."

Ramona wondered how Miss Mullen knew so much. The principal did not even bother to ask what Ramona was doing behind the trash cans. She did not feel the least bit sorry for the poor little girl with the gouged knees. She simply took Ramona by the hand, and said, "I'm going to introduce you to Mrs. Wilcox. I know you're going to like her," and started out the door.

Ramona felt a little indignant, because Miss Mullen did not demand to know why she had been hiding all that time. Miss Mullen did not even notice how forlorn and tearstained Ramona looked. Ramona had been so cold and lonely and miserable that she thought Miss Mullen should show some interest. She had half expected the principal to say, Why you poor little thing! Why were you hiding behind the trash cans?

The looks on the faces of the morning kindergarten, when Ramona walked into the room with the principal, made up for Miss Mullen's lack of concern. Round eyes, open mouths, faces blank with surprise - Ramona was delighted to see the whole class staring at her from their seats. They were worried about her. They cared what had happened to her.

"Ramona, this is Miss Binney's substitute, Mrs. Wilcox," said Miss Mullen. To the substitute she said, "Ramona is a little late this morning." That was all. Not a word about how cold and miserable Ramona had been. Not a word about how brave she had been to hide until recess.

"I'm glad you're here, Ramona," said Mrs. Wilcox, as the principal left. "The class is drawing with crayons. What would you like to draw?"

Here it was seat-work time, and Mrs. Wilcox was not even having the class do

real seat work, but was letting them draw pictures as if this day were the first day of kindergarten. Ramona was most disapproving. Things were not supposed to be this way. She looked at Howie scrubbing away with a blue crayon to make a sky across the top of his paper and at Davy, who was drawing a man whose arms seemed to come out of his ears. They were busy and happy drawing whatever they pleased.

"I would like to make Q's," said Ramona on sudden inspiration.

"Make use of what?" asked Mrs. Wilcox, holding out a sheet of drawing paper.

Ramona had been sure all along that the substitute could not be as smart as Miss Binney, but at least she expected her to know what the letter Q was. All grown-ups were supposed to know Q. "Nothing," Ramona said, as she accepted the paper and, pleasantly self-conscious under the awed stares of the kindergarten, went to her seat.

At last Ramona was free to draw her Q her own way. Forgetting the loneliness and discomfort of the morning, she drew a most satisfying row of Q's, Ramona-style, and decided that having a substitute teacher was not so bad after all.



Mrs. Wilcox wandered up and down the aisle looking at pictures. "Why, Ramona," she said, pausing by Ramona's desk, "what charming little cats you've drawn! Do you have kittens at home?"

Ramona felt sorry for poor Mrs. Wilcox, a grown-up lady teacher who did not know Q. "No," she answered. "Our cat is a boy cat."



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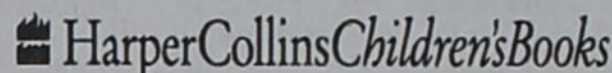


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Among Mrs. Cleary's other awards are the American Library Association's 1975 Laura Ingalls Wilder Award, the Catholic Library Association's 1980 Regina Medal, and the University of Southern Mississippi's 1982 Silver Medallion, all presented in recognition 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 statewide 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 Ribsy, 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 Ribsy, 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.



Chapter 10: Ramona's Engagement Ring, Part 1

"No!" said Ramona on the first rainy morning after she had started kindergarten.

"Yes," said Mrs. Quimby.

"No!" said Ramona. "I won't!"

"Ramona, be sensible," said Mrs. Quimby.

"I don't want to be sensible," said Ramona. "I hate being sensible!"

"Now, Ramona," said her mother, and Ramona knew she was about to be reasoned with. "You have a new raincoat. Boots cost money, and Howie's old boots are perfectly good. The soles are scarcely worn."

"The tops aren't shiny," Ramona told her mother. "And they're brown boots. Brown boots are for boys."

"They keep your feet dry," said Mrs. Quimby, "and that is what boots are for."

Ramona realized she looked sulky, but she could not help herself. Only grown-ups would say boots were for keeping feet dry. Anyone in kindergarten knew that a girl should wear shiny red or white boots on the first rainy day, not to keep her feet dry, but to show off. That's what boots were for - showing off, wading, splashing, stamping.

"Ramona," said Mrs. Quimby sternly. "Get that look off your face this instant. Either you wear these boots or you stay home from school."

Ramona recognized that her mother meant what she said, and so, because she loved kindergarten, she sat down on the floor and dragged on the hated brown boots, which did not go with her new flowered plastic raincoat and hat.

Howie arrived in a yellow slicker that was long enough for him to grow into for at least two years and a yellow rain hat that almost hid his face. Beneath the raincoat Ramona glimpsed a pair of shiny brown boots, which she supposed she would have to wear someday when they were old and dull and dirty.

"Those are my old boots," said Howie, looking at Ramona's feet as they started off to school.

"You better not tell anybody," Ramona plodded along on feet almost too heavy to lift. It was a perfect morning for anyone with new boots. Enough rain had fallen in the night to fill the gutters with muddy streams and to bring worms squirming out of the lawns onto the sidewalks.

The intersection by the school was unusually quiet that morning, because rain had halted construction on the new market. Ramona was so downhearted that she did not even tease Henry Huggins when he led her across the street. The kindergarten playground, as she had expected, was swarming with boys and girls in raincoats, most of them too big, and boots, most of them new. The girls wore various sorts of raincoats and red or white boots - all except Susan, who carried her new white boots so she would not get them muddy. The boys looked alike, because they all wore yellow raincoats and hats and brown boots. Ramona was not even sure which boy was Davy, not that he mattered to her this morning. Her feet felt too heavy for chasing anyone.

Part of the class had lined up properly by the door, waiting for Miss Binney, while the rest ran about clomping, splashing, and stamping. "Those are boys' boots you're wearing," said Susan to Ramona.

Ramona did not answer. Instead she picked up a smooth pink worm that lay wiggling on the playground and, without really thinking, wound it around her finger.

"Look!" yelled Davy from beneath his big rain hat.

"Ramona's wearing a ring made out of a worm!"

Ramona had not thought of the worm as a ring until now, but she saw at once that the idea was interesting. "See my ring!" she shouted, thrusting her fist toward the nearest face.

Boots were temporarily forgotten. Everyone ran screaming from Ramona to avoid being shown her ring.

"See my ring! See my ring!" shouted Ramona, racing around the playground on feet that were suddenly much lighter.

When Miss Binney appeared around the corner,

the class scrambled to line up by the door. "Miss Binney! Miss Binney!" Everyone wanted to be the first to tell. "Ramona is wearing a worm for a ring!"

"It's a pink worm," said Ramona, thrusting out her hand. "Not an old dead white worm."

"Oh ... what a pretty worm," said Miss Binney bravely. "It's so smooth and ... pink."

Ramona elaborated. "It's my engagement ring."

"Who are you engaged to?" asked Ann.

"I haven't decided," answered Ramona.

"Not me," Davy piped up.

"Not me," said Howie.

"Not me," said Eric R.

"Well ... a ... Ramona ..." Miss Binney was searching for words. "I don't think you should wear your ... ring during kindergarten. Why don't you put it down on the playground in a puddle so that it will ... stay fresh."

Ramona was happy to do anything Miss Binney wanted her to. She unwound the worm from her finger and placed it carefully in a puddle, where it lay limp and still.

After that Ramona raced around the playground with a worm around her finger whenever her mother made her wear Howie's old boots to school, and when everyone asked who she was engaged to, she always answered, "I haven't decided."

"Not me!" Davy always said, followed by Howie, Eric R., and any other boy who happened to be near.

Then one Saturday Mrs. Quimby examined Ramona's scuffed shoes and discovered that not only were the heels worn down, the leather of the toes was worn through because Ramona stopped her lopsided two-wheeled tricycle by dragging her toes on the concrete. Mrs. Quimby had Ramona stand up while she felt her feet through the leather.

"It's time for new shoes," Mrs. Quimby decided. "Get your jacket and your boots, and we'll drive down to the shopping center."

"It isn't raining today," said Ramona. "Why do I have to take boots?"

"To see if they will fit over your new shoes," answered her mother. "Hurry along, Ramona."

When they reached the shoe store, Ramona's favorite shoe salesman said, as Ramona and her mother sat down, "What's the matter with my little Petunia today? Don't you have a smile for me?"

Ramona shook her head and looked sadly and longingly at a row of beautiful shiny girls' boots displayed on one side of the store. There she sat with Howie's dingy old brown boots beside her. How could she smile? A babyish nursery-school girl, who was wearing new red boots, was rocking joyously on the shoe store's rocking horse while her mother paid for the boots.

"Well, we'll see what we can do for you," said the salesman briskly, as he pulled off Ramona's shoes and made her stand with her foot on the measuring stick. Finding the right pair of oxfords for her did not take him long.

"Now try on the boots," said Mrs. Quimby in her no-nonsense voice, when Ramona had walked across the shoe store and back in her new shoes.

For a moment, as Ramona sat down on the floor and grasped one of the hated boots, she considered pretending she could not get it on. However, she knew she could not get away with this trick, because the shoe-store man understood both children and shoes. She pulled and yanked and tugged and managed to get her foot most of the way in. When she stood up she was on tiptoe inside the boot. Her mother tugged some more, and her shoe went all the way into the boot.

"There," said Mrs. Quimby. Ramona sighed.

The babyish nursery-school girl stopped rocking long enough to announce to the world, "I have new boots."

"Tell me, Petunia," said the shoe man. "How many boys and girls in your kindergarten?"

"Twenty-nine," said Ramona with a long face.

Twenty-nine, most of them with new boots. The happy booted nursery-school baby climbed off the rocking

horse, collected her free balloon, and left with her mother.

The shoe man spoke to Mrs. Quimby. "Kindergarten teachers like boots to fit loosely so the children can manage by themselves. I doubt if Petunia's teacher has time to help with fifty-eight boots."

"I hadn't thought of that," said Mrs. Quimby.

"Perhaps we had better look at boots after all."

"I'll bet Petunia here would like red boots," said the shoe man. When Ramona beamed, he added, "I had a hunch that would get a smile out of you."

When Ramona left the shoe store with her beautiful red boots, girls' boots, in a box, which she carried herself, she was so filled with joy she set her balloon free just to watch it sail over the parking lot and up, up into the sky until it was a tiny red dot against the gray clouds. The stiff soles of her new shoes made such a pleasant noise on the pavement that she began to prance. She was a pony. No, she was one of the three Billy Goats Gruff, the littlest one, trip-trapping over the bridge that the troll was hiding under. Ramona trip-trapped joyfully all the way to the parked car, and when she reached home she trip-trapped up and down the hall and all around the house.

"For goodness' sake, Ramona," said Mrs. Quimby, while she was marking Ramona's name in the new boots, "can't you just walk?"

"Not when I'm the littlest Billy Goat Gruff," answered Ramona, and trip-trapped down the hall to her room.

Unfortunately, there was no rain the next morning so Ramona left her new boots at home and trip-trapped to school, where she did not have much chance of catching Davy because he could run faster than she could trip-trap in her stiff new shoes. She trip-trapped to her seat, and later, because she was art monitor who got to pass out drawing paper, she trip-trapped to the supply cupboard and trip-trapped up and down the aisles passing out paper.

"Ramona, I would like it if you walked quietly," said Miss Binney.

"I am the littlest Billy Goat Gruff," explained Ramona. "I have to trip-trap."

"You may trip-trap when we go outdoors," Miss Binney's voice was firm. "You may not trip-trap in the classroom."

At playtime the whole class turned into Billy Goats Gruff and trip-trapped around the playground, but none so joyfully or so noisily as Ramona. The gathering clouds, Ramona noticed, were dark and threatening.



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Region I-2A Track Meet
Spearman High School competed in the Region I-2A Track Meet in Abilene on April 24th and 25th. Two SHS students set new school records. Suttin Garnett set a new record of 12:26.24 in the 3200 Meter Run, placing 5th in the regional meet. Kegan Garnett took first place in the Triple Jump with a jump of 45-08, setting a new school record.

advance to the State Track Meet, May 9th and 10th in Austin. Christy Lang placed 2nd in the Pole Vault, Suttin Garnett placed 2nd in the 1600 M. Run and Kegan Garnett placed 1st in the Triple Jump. All will advance to the State Meet.

Below are the results for the Spearman High School students who placed in the top six.

Girls Pole vault: 1, Jessica Barnes, Comfort, 10-00. 2,

Christy Lang, Spearman, 10-00. 3, Sheyenne King, Crane, 9-06. 4, Paige Blair, Mason, 9-06. 5, Laci Luna, Stanton, 9-00. 6, Molly Bradford, Dimmitt, 9-00.

3200 meters: 1, Kristen Crabtree, Stratford, 11:57.43. 2, Colleen Adams, Wall, 12:01.97. 3, Valeria Calderon, Slaton, 12:02.17. 4, Halle Merket, Canadian, 12:26.16. 5, **Suttin Garnett, Spearman, 12:26.24*** 6, Lydia Bjork, Mason, 12:40.69.

300 hurdles: 1, Carly Szabo, Merkel, 44.70. 2, Summer Sutherland, Crane, 45.41. 3, **Bond Pittman,**

Spearman, 46.70. 4, Jodi Wilson, Bushland, 46.83. 5, Sinead Everett, Stratford, 47.39. 6, Hope Reid, Haskell, 50.56.

1600: 1, Kristen Crabtree, Stratford, 5:22.69. 2, **Suttin Garnett, Spearman, 5:24.53.** 3, Valeria Calderon, Slaton, 5:28.64. 4, Danessa Vasquez, San Saba, 5:36.08. 5, Lauren Fowler, Bushland, 5:37.72. 6, Kayley Trotter, Lubbock Roosevelt, 5:40.37.

Boys Triple jump: 1, **Kegan Garnett, Spearman, 45-08*** 2, Aarrhon Flores, Floydada, 45-07. 3, Michael Powell, Ballinger, 45-01. 4, Dontae Flemons, Childress, 44-10. 5, Jordan Coffman, Tuscola Jim Ned, 43-10.50. 6, Brandon Davenport, Big Lake Reagan, 43-05.

Pole vault: 1, Christopher Aguilar, Crane, 14-00. 2, Lane Wood, Muleshoe, 14-00. 3, Jordan Coffman, Tuscola Jim Ned, 13-06. 4, Kahlob Bookout, Comfort, 13-00. 5, Jarrett Lester, Abernathy, 12-06. 5, **Dakota Cator, Spearman, 12-06.**

* New School Record

Region I-AA Track Meet
Gruver High School competed in the Region I-1A Track Meet at South Plains College in Levelland on April 24th and 25th.

Below are the results for students placing in the top 6.

Girls Triple jump: 1, Brittany Williams, Sudan, 37-8¼. 2, Katie Jones, Boys Ranch, 34-10¼. 3, Taniqua Hollis, Anton, 34-5. 4, **Devlin Reynolds, Gruver, 33-10¼.** 5, Jasmine Ivory, Valley, 33-8¼. 6, Brooke Bryant, Ropes, 31-8¼.

Pole vault: 1, Mariah Steinbock, Sudan, 9-9; 2, Valerie Miller, Lefors, 9-6; 3, Dolores Ramirez, Loop, 8-6; 4, Katelyn Holmsley, Iraan, 8-0; 5, **Makenzie Crane, Gruver, 8-0;** 6, Kyndall Whiteley, Sunray, 8-0.

Region I-1A Tennis Tournament

Gruver High School had four students compete in the Regional Tennis Tournament, held in Levelland April 23rd-24th.

Taylor Williams was the 1A Regional Champion in Boys Singles. He will advance to the State 1A Tennis Tournament May 5th and

6th at the Lakeway Tennis Center in Austin.

Taylor Williams, Gruver, def. Eric Debnam, Sudan, 6-0, 6-0 and def. Schuette 6-0, 6-2.

Other students competing at the Regional Tournament were Matt Salazar and Lynn Vela in Mixed Doubles and Camby Cooper in Girls Singles. Cooper lost to Julie Woodard, Hedley, 6-0, 6-2.

The Gruver High School Tennis Teams are coached by Troy Seagler.

Region I-2A Tennis Tournament

Heavy rain and thunderstorms forced a change Wednesday in the first-day schedule of the Region I-2A tennis tournament at the Rose Park Tennis Center.

The first three rounds were scheduled to be played Wednesday, but rain forced play to be halted after the quarterfinals. In fact, two quarterfinal matches had to be moved indoors to Fairway Oaks Country Club.

Brittney Bradley was defeated in the first round of Girls Singles by the #1 seed, Julia Henderson, Ozona, 6-2, 6-7, 6-2.

Kendall Schneider & Courtney Chambers defeated Beedy-Day, Floydada, 6-0, 6-4 in Girls Doubles. They defeated the #2 seed, Sosa-

Marquez, Reagan County, 7-5, 1-6, 7-5, in Quarterfinals. Flores-Crosby, San Saba defeated Chambers-Schneider, Spearman, 6-1, 6-1 for third place, leaving the Spearman duo in fourth place.

Garrett Rex Memorial Basketball Tournament

The 5th & 6th Grade Girls Purple team placed first in the Garrett Rex Memorial Basketball Tournament. Team members were: Kelsea Miller, Brooke Walker, Ashley Keim, Jayme Pack, Sayde Hanna, Sydney McDonald, Jennifer Crowl, and Tyann Hight. They were coached by Jay Pack and Gwenda Hanna.

The 5th & 6th Grade Boys All-Star team place 2nd in the tournament. Team members were: Connor Willimon, Richard Jarvis, Ryan Schnell, Eulises Mendoza, Carson Pearson, Cameron Wolf, Brock Schroeder, Tanner Baird, J.D. Reed and Peyton Garnett. They were coached by Don Schroeder.

Placing second at the Garrett Rex Memorial Basketball Tournament was the 5th & 6th Grade Girls White Team. They were: Taylor Williams, Hannah Patterson, Madison Earle, Hayley Seay, Klarissa Vela, Slade Garnett.

Pre-Kindergarten Registration

Pre-Kindergarten Registration
Gruver Elementary

Pre-Kindergarten registration for Gruver Elementary will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at the Gruver United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

To be eligible for the Pre Kindergarten program, your child must be 4 years old as of September 1, 2008, unable to speak or comprehend the English language, or be educationally disadvantaged or homeless.

For a student to be eligible for Kindergarten he/she must be 5 years old as of September 1, 2008.

We will administer the Dial 3 (Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning: 3rd Edition) readiness assessment on all incoming Kindergartners. This assessment will help us know your child's abilities in Motor Skills, Concepts, and Language Development. Your child will also be screened for vision, hearing, and speech. The assessment will take approximately one hour. At the end of the process Mrs. Mayhew will go over your child's assessment with you. Feel free to ask any questions.

We will work with four children each hour. We will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. We will break for lunch from 11:00 - 12:00. To schedule an appointment, please call the elementary office at 733-2031 by Thursday, May 8th.

Bring your child's birth certificate, social security card and immunization

records with you. We will register your child for the 2008-2009 school year at this time.

Remember to contact the elementary office 733-2031, to schedule an appointment.

Inscripciones de Pre K y Kindergarten
Marte 13, de Mayo 2008
Salon Iglesia Metodista de Gruver

Para ser elegible para el Programa de Pre Kindergarten, su niño debe tener 4 años de edad para el 1, de Septiembre 2008, no hablar ingles, tener desventaja educacional o sin hogar. Para que un estudiante sea elegible para Kindergarten el/ella deben tener 5 años de edad para el 1, de Septiembre 2008.

Nosotros administraremos el examen Dial 3 (Indicador de Desarrollo para Evaluacion de Aprendizaje; tercera Edicion) y evaluacion de lectura a los pricenciapantes de Kindergarten. Esta evaluacion nos ayudara a conocer las habilidades en Psicomotria, Conceptos, y Desarrollo de Lenguaje. Su niño tambien sera examinado de la vista del oido y desarrollo de expresion. Esta evaluacion se tardara aproximadamente una hora. Al final del proceso la Sra. Mayhew repasara la evaluacion de su niño con usted. Sientace libre de hacer cualquier pregunta.

Nosotros trabajaremos con cuatro niños en una hora. Comenzaremos a las 8:30 a.m. y concluiremos a las 3:00 p.m. Tendremos un descanso para comer de

11:00 - 12:00. Por favor llame a la escuela elemental a 733- 2031 para el Jueves 8, de Mayo para programar una cita.

Traiga el acta de nacimiento de su niño, tarjeta de seguro social y tarjeta de inmunizacion con usted. Este dia registraremos a su niño para el año escolar 2008-2009.

Por Favor llame a la oficina de la escuela elemental al 733-2031, para programar una cita.

Pre-Kindergarten Registration

Spearman Elementary School is now accepting applications for the 2008-2009 school year. All parents with children who will be 4 years of age on or before September 1, are invited to come by the elementary school office at 511 S. Townsend May 8 and May 9 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to complete registration information. Office Staff will be available to answer any questions. You will need to bring the following items for registration:

1. Your child's social security card
 2. Your child's birth certificate
 3. Your child's updated immunization record
 4. Some form of proof of income such as a pay check stub or income tax record
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- For more information please contact the elementary school office at 659-2565.

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HELP WANTED: Frontier Feedyard, 25 miles north of Spearman, TX has job openings for qualified Feed-Truck Driver. We offer excellent benefits, health insurance and competitive starting pay. EOE Phone 806-882-4251. Ask for Ben. TFN(4-17-08)B

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF THE CITY OF GRUVER The Planning & Zoning Board of the City of Gruver will hold a Public Hearing to discuss an addition to permissible uses in MH, Mobile Home District to include Travel Trailer Parks. The Public Meeting will be held on May 12, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. at the Gruver City Hall, 201 E. Broadway. 2(4-24-08)B

LEGAL NOTICE

Hansford County Commissioners' Court will receive bids until 4:00 on Friday, May 27, 2008 on up to 1800 tons of A-3, A-4, B-3 and B-4 gravel, F.O.B. the plant and F.O.B. the site (one-third to Spearman and two-thirds to Gruver sites). Bids should be submitted to the Hansford County Judge's office, 16 Northwest Court, Spearman, Texas 79081-2052. Bids will be opened on Tuesday, May 27, 2008 during the Commissioners' Court meeting in the Law Library of the Hansford County Courthouse, Spearman, Texas. Meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. Hansford County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Benny Wilson Hansford County Judge 3(5-01-08)B

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Proposals for concrete work for the Gruver Independent School District, Gruver, Texas, will be received by the Board of Trustees until 1:00 p.m. on May 19, 2008. Proposals shall be addressed to the Owner, The Board of Trustees, Gruver Independent School District, Gruver, Texas. Proposals should be delivered to the Board Room, 601 Garrett Street, Gruver, Texas 79040, or mailed to PO Box 650, Gruver TX 79040. The scope of the Work includes replacing and adding sidewalks. Contract will be awarded at the May Board of Trustees meeting. Proposal Documents may be obtained from David Teal, Superintendent, Gruver Independent School District, 601 Garrett Street, Gruver, Texas 806-733-2001. The successful Contractor will provide Commercial Liability Insurance and Worker's Compensation Insurance certificates upon execution of the Contract for Construction. The Work will commence on June 1, 2008 and the Substantially Complete no later than July 31, 2008. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities or reject any or all proposals. All Proposals shall remain in effect for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of receipt unless returned sooner. The Owner reserves the right to waive any information or irregularities or reject any or all proposals. 2(5-01-08)B

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Parentage, cause at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the issuance of this citation before the Honorable William D. Smith 84th District Court of Hansford County at the Courthouse in said County in Spearman, Texas Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 7th day of August 2007 in the above entitled cause #CV04876. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows: to adjudicate parentage. As is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT IN HANSFORD COUNTY, TEXAS, the April 24th, 2008. Attorney for Plaintiff: Cecil R. Biggers PO Box 342 Spearman TX 79081 Kim V. Vera, Clerk Hansford County #15 N/W Court Spearman TX 79081 by: Janet Torres, Deputy Clerk 2(5-01-08)B

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10:00 Coffee Club dining room 3:00 Church living room First Christian Gruver	10:00 Manicures First Baptist G.A.'s Gruver dining room 12:00 Cinco de Mayo dining room 6:30 Bingo-dining room 20th Century Club	10:00 Newscurrents living room 2:30 Manicures dining room Movie living room	10:00 Bible Study living room 1:30 Crafts activity room	10:00 Exercise living room 1:30 Bingo dining room	10:00 Exercise living room 12:00 Mother's Day Luncheon dining room 2:30 Vera Strawn Music dining room	10:00 Coffee Club dining room 2:30 Table Games dining room
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Martin Competes NAIA Regional Golf Tournament

submitted by Josh Lacy, SID, Texas Wesleyan University

The Texas Wesleyan University men's golf team shot a final round 289 on Tuesday to remain perfect all-time in the Red River Athletic Conference tournament. The Rams also rose to fourth in the Region VI competition being held concurrently with the RRAC tournament.

On the final day, Texas Wesleyan passed Northwood, Southern Nazarene, and Lubbock Christian University to finish fourth in the power packed Region VI competition. Third ranked Oklahoma City won the event with a total card of 856, while ninth ranked Wayland Baptist (862) and top ranked Oklahoma Christian (868) finished second and third.

Number 12 Texas Wesleyan finished at 887, three shots ahead of 19th ranked Northwood.

Stuart Martin of Spearman, a freshman at Texas Wesleyan University has played in four tournaments this season for the TWU Boys Golf Team. Below are his results.

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Stuart Martin

TX, March 16-17 - Martin tied for 23rd of 68 (76, 76 - 152)

Sleep Inn & Suites Classic, River Oaks GC, Edmond OK, March 24-25 - Martin tied for 28th of 71 (74, 87, 73 - 234)

*Region VI Championship, Hillcrest CC, Lubbock TX, April 21-22 - Martin tied for 22nd of 72 (75, 75, 75 - 225)

*Red River Athletic Conference Championship, Hillcrest CC, Lubbock TX, April 21-22 - Martin placed 6th of 23 (75, 75, 75 - 225)

*held concurrently Martin, a 2007 graduate of

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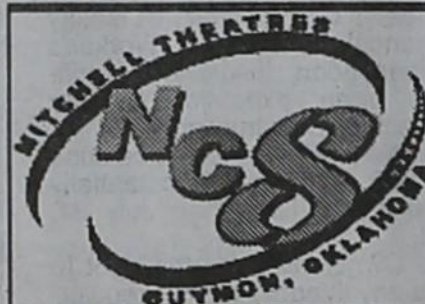
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