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Closing Notice!

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman office will be closed February 12-22. The deadline for submitting items for the February 12th edition will be February 5th at 5 p.m. and deadline for the 19th edition will be February 9th at 5 p.m. Items submitted after the deadline will be published at a later date, as time and space permit. (The February 19th edition will be mailed and distributed on Monday, February 23rd.) Items may be submitted by phone - 806-659-3434, fax - 806-398-9080, mail - Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman TX 79081, or e-mail - reporter@spearmanreporter.com

Hansford and Hutchinson County Crime Stoppers Seek Information

The Hansford and Hutchinson County Crime Stoppers is seeking information in a string of recent car burglaries that have occurred in Spearman and Hansford County. Unknown person(s) have broken windows to gain entry into the vehicle and have removed different types of stereo equipment. One of the victims has offered an additional \$200 reward above that of what Crime Stoppers will pay. Anyone with information about these auto burglaries is asked to contact Chief Deputy Gary Garrett of the Hansford County Sheriff's Office or Corporal Jessica Rasmussen of the Spearman Police Department. If callers wish to remain anonymous, they can call the Hansford and Hutchinson County Crime Stoppers Hotline at (806) 274-6371. All callers are kept confidential and your tips could make you eligible for a cash reward.

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 16. West winds around 10 mph.
FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Warmer. Highs in the upper 50s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.
FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.
SATURDAY - Mostly sunny. Windy. Highs in the lower 60s.
SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.
SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the mid 40s.
SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Lows around 18.
MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs around 50.
MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s.
TUESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Extremely dry conditions forced authorities to initiate burn bans for many counties. Dryland winter wheat struggled for survival, and when possible many producers irrigated to salvage the crop. Wide temperature swings from highs in the 70s to lows in the 20s stressed cattle. Most ranges and pastures were in poor or very poor condition.

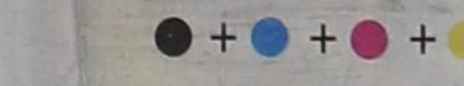
COME TO THE GAME

Spearman Lynx/Lynxettes

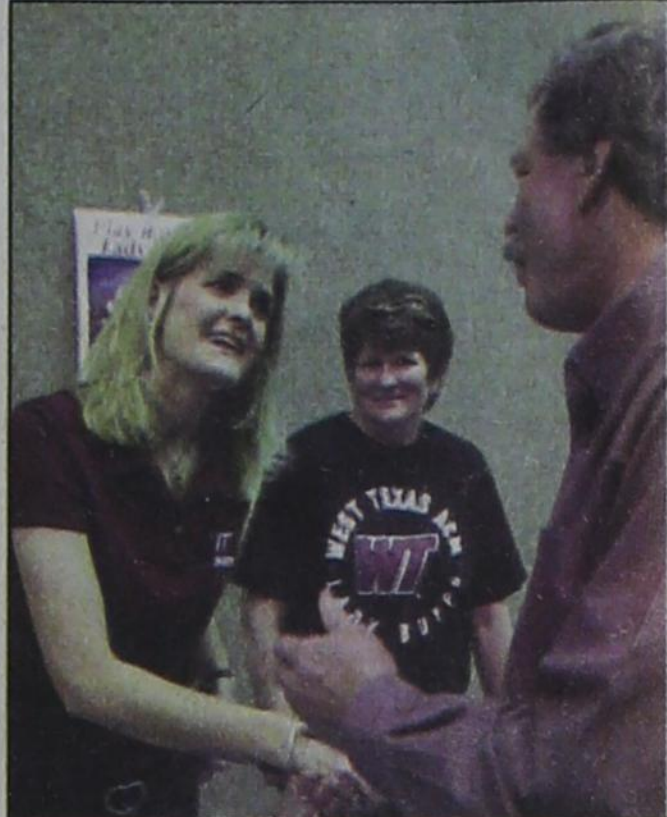
1/30 JVB (5), JVG (5), VG (6), VB (7:30) at Bushland*
2/2 7th B (5), 8th B (6), 9th B (7:30) vs Fritch
2/2 7th G (5), 8th G (6), 9th G (7:30) at Fritch
2/3 JVB (5), JVG (5), VG (6), VB (7:30) vs. Riever Road*
2/5-7 & 24 7th B, 7th G, 8th B, 8th G @ Gruver JH Tournament
2/6 JVB (5), JVG (5), VG (6), VB (7:30) at Fritch*
2/9 7th B (5), 8th B (6), 9th B (7:30) at Panhandle
2/9 7th G (5), 8th G (6), 9th G (7:30) vs Panhandle
2/10 JVB (5), JVG (5), VG (6), VB (7:30) vs. Panhandle*
2/13 JVB (6), VB (7:30) vs Highland Park*
2/17 JVB (6), VB (7:30) vs. Bushland*

Gruver Greyhounds/Lady Hounds

1/30 JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8) vs Sunray*
2/2 7th G (4), 8th G (5), 7th B (5), 8th B (7) at Boys Ranch
2/3 JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8) vs Beaver*
2/5-7 & 24 7th B, 7th G, 8th B, 8th G @ Gruver JH Tournament
2/6 JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8) at Boys Ranch*
2/9 8th G (5), 8th B (6) vs. Morse
2/10 JVG (5), JVB (5), VG (6:30), VB (8) vs West Texas*
2/13 JVB (5), VB (6:30) vs Stratford*
*District Game



Spearman Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet Held



Krista Kirkland Gerlich shakes hands with Arlan Winegarner during the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet.

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership Banquet was held on Thursday, January 22, 2009. Alvin Byers, Chamber President, welcomed everyone to the event being held at the O'Loughlin Center. Cheryl Gibson-Salgado, the Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce President, introduced the Miss Hansford 2008 winners - Miss Hansford - Clara Kem, 1st Runner Up - Amy Boyd, 2nd Runner Up - Lynn Vela, Miss Congeniality - Brittany Barnes; Miss Teen - Dee Dee DeLaRosa, 1st Runner Up - Morgan Ashmore; Miss Pre-Teen - Tyann Hight, 1st Runner Up - Callie Yarbrough; Junior Miss - Ariha Vaquera, 1st Runner Up - Kayla Servantez; Little Miss - Jolee Jasper, 1st Runner Up - Laney Harper. Don Reed gave an update on the Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association. The SWPWA was organized in 1997 when the J.B. Buchanan windmill collection was moved to the Windmill Park from his farm in Hutchinson County. There are now 29 mills in the park, and a total of 60 windmills in the collection.

John Kunselman, representing the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department, recognized Ron Antalek as the Fire Department's Fireman of the Year. Roger Close then recognized Hansford County Hospital District as the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department's Employer of the Year.

Ron Antalek gave an Emergency Management Report. He announced that Cindy Blackman has been named assistant.

Rod Sumner, Spearman ISD Superintendent, recognized Bob Hill as the Rotary Club Employee of the Year.

Betty Jean Davis was named the 2008 Citizen of the Year, and the High Plains Observer was named the Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year.

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors include: Ed Hanson, Cindy Blackman, Cass Lasater, Jim West, Tammy Murray, Alvin Byers, Teresa Barkley, Mike Pearson, Landon Jackson, Kyla Ortiz and Kristina Howell.

The speaker for this year's event was Krista Kirkland Gerlich. Now in her third season as head coach of the West Texas A&M Lady Buffs.

Krista moved to Spearman in 1987, between her sophomore and junior year in high school. Throughout her speech, Krista emphasized the major and lasting impact these two years had on her. She further stated how she often thinks about the lessons learned during this time.

Krista was a member of the 1988 2A Girls State Cross Country Team. One of the things that made such an impression on her was how the previous state competitors and winners encouraged the team. She further stated that she was contacted by Coach Nan Cook to speak to this year's 2A Girls State Cross Country Team prior to the state competition.

She also stated how the compassion shown to her by teachers and the community helped mold her into who she is today. She added that the town of Spearman continues to show her support with season tickets to her games.

"I have continued to be overwhelmed by the generosity and love expressed to me from this community," stated Krista.

Krista ended her speech with a challenge to the youth of Spearman. "I challenge you to give back to this community and embrace what it has to offer."

"I feel fortunate to call Spearman home," concluded Krista.



2008 Citizen of the Year

Betty Jean Davis was named the 2008 Citizen of the Year during the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Banquet held on Thursday, January 22nd.

Related story on page 4.

Rotary Club "Employee of the Year"

Bob Hill was named the Rotary Club 2008 Employee of the Year.

Bob was nominated and introduced by Spearman ISD Superintendent Rod Sumner. Following is the speech he read at the Chamber Banquet on Thursday night.

It is with great pleasure and pride that I have been asked to introduce this year's recipient of the Spearman Rotary Club's Employee of the Year.

As an employer of over 130 employees, it is very easy to appreciate the work ethic of an employee that goes beyond the call of duty. In fact, in today's day and time that exemplary employee is not the norm, but rather is the exception.

The individual I have been asked to introduce tonight is indeed one of those exemplary employees. This person is not someone in the limelight and does his work behind the scene with very little or no recognition for his efforts!

For many years, he was a one man show and was the only person in his department. His job is often taken for granted, but carries with it an awesome responsibility that touches the lives of every student in the Spearman Independent School District.

I can honestly say that this person is the most beloved and respected individual in the Spearman School District. In my 33-years in the education business, it is easy to say that I have never met an individual who is as a hard worker and dedicated as this person. In my opinion, he is the BEST of the BEST, and it is with great pride that I introduce

BOB HILL as the recipient of this year's award.

Bob is a quite man that many might not even know that he works for the school managing the District's transportation department. He has worked in this capacity since 1986. His main responsibility is to make sure that all of the District's vehicles are maintained in order to ensure that all students are transported safely whether it is on one of the bus routes or on

one of the hundreds of extracurricular trips made each year all across the State of Texas! Most of us take this for granted, but Bob understands that the trust given to him by the school district and the parents of the children he serves is in his mind the most important endeavor done by the Spearman Independent School District.

But what makes Bob unique is his willingness to go the extra mile. It is not uncommon to see Bob at the bus barn at midnight waiting for a bus or district vehicle to come back from an out-of-town trip in order for him to clean and service the bus for it to go out on another trip that next morning. Bob believes that employees and students both deserve safe and clean vehicles when they go on the road representing the school district. This is something that both employees and students have come to appreciate from Bob Hill.

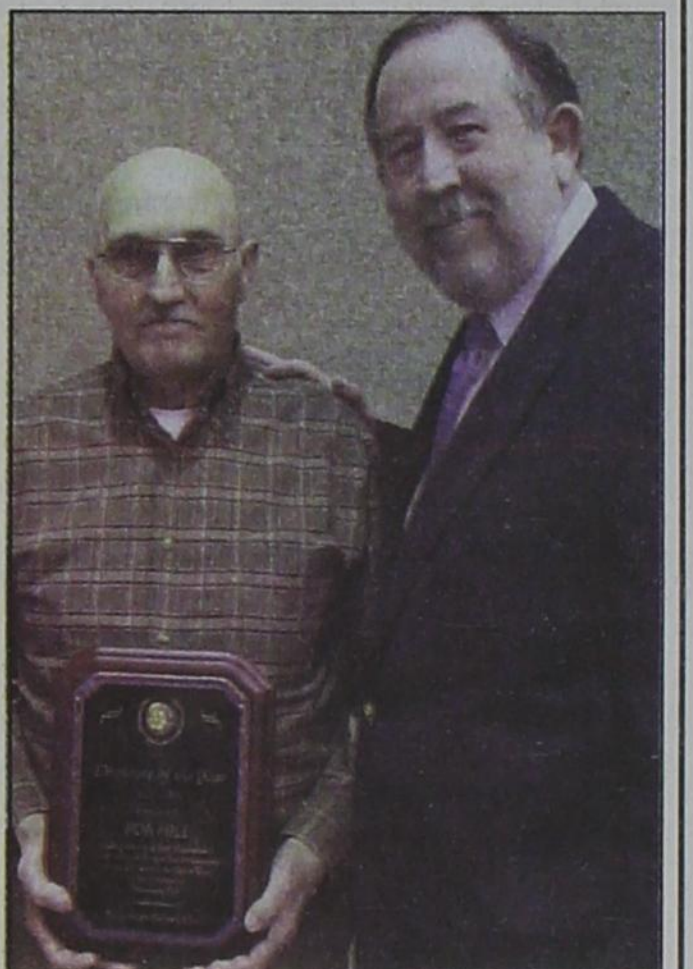
Bob's worth as an employee goes beyond his work ethic; it is bound in his character and tells you who he is as a person! This has been more than evident in watching Bob deal with some personal tragedies that has impacted his own life and watching this man remain positive and upbeat when many of us would have given up and quit! Bob is a unique man who believes that he has been given this opportunity in life and who gives everything he has to fulfilling that purpose with never any regrets.

It is with great pride and honor that I say that Spearman ISD has the best Transportation Director in the State of Texas. It is also with great honor and pride that I am able to tell this story of a humble man who continues to INSPIRE and give HOPE to all those who know him!

Ladies and gentlemen would you please join me in applause for this year's recipient of the Spearman Rotary Club's Employee of the Year -- Bob Hill.

The Rotary Club of Spearman would like to con-

gratulate Bob Hill on being named Employee of the Year.

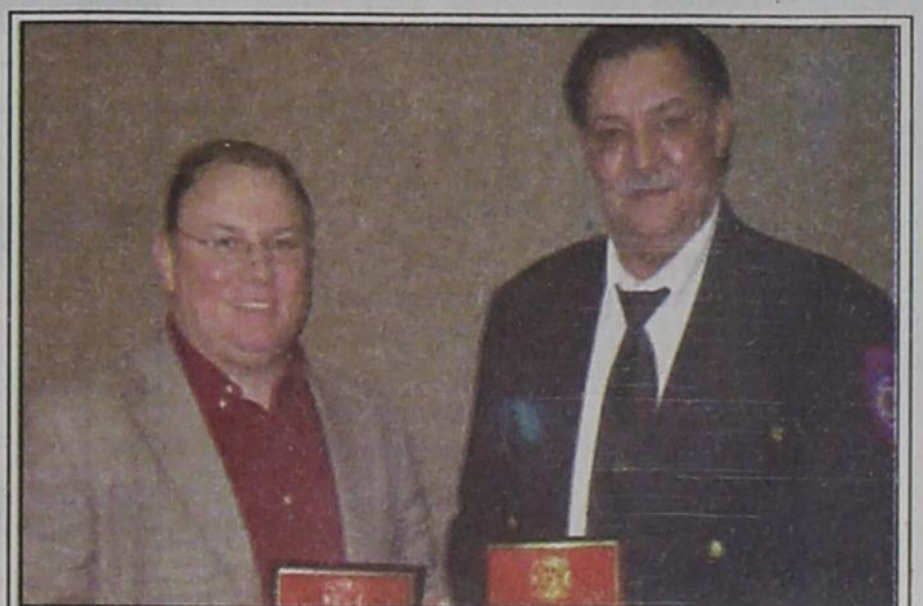


Spearman ISD Superintendent Rod Sumner (right) congratulates Bob Hill (left) on being named the Spearman Rotary Club 2008 Employee of the Year.



Spearman Business of the Year

The High Plains Observer was named the 2008 Spearman Business of the Year during the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet on Thursday, January 22nd. Pictured are Brian and Gina Gillispie and Ron and Beverly Antalek. (Related story on page 4.)



Spearman Volunteer Fire Department Employer of the Year, Firefighter of the Year

Jerry Jasper accepted the award for Spearman Volunteer Fire Department Employer of the Year on behalf of Hansford County Hospital District during the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet on Thursday, January 22nd. Ron Antalek was named the 2008 Spearman Volunteer Fireman of the Year.

Lullabies, Legends & Lies by Parson Smith, the Prime Minister of Laughter

I was very, very pleased this week when I found out that the chamber of commerce chose Betty Jean Davis to be the person of the year. I think this is one of the best choices they have ever made.

It would be wrong of me not to mention her wonderful, loving husband, Irvin. Irvin is always with her when she is serving others. He is a WWII combat veteran and has

given much of himself to his country, his community and his church. The members of First Christian Church in Spearman and their family recognize how wonderful Betty Jean and Irvin are.

Until the next time, May God Bless.

Gary's Quote of the Month Is it that you hate this president or that you hate America?

Sean Hannity

Bonus Quote

Build a man a fire and he will stay warm for a day. Set a man on fire and he will stay warm for the rest of his life. Anonymous

State Capital HIGHLIGHTS

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry on Jan. 22 urged lawmakers to add an amendment to the state constitution to fortify property owners' rights against abuses of eminent domain.

GOVERNOR ASKS LAWMAKERS TO SUPPORT PROPERTY RIGHTS



by Ed Sterling

guidelines for development of the "Trans-Texas Corridor" and describes the transformation of the original proposed project, a 4,000-mile network of nearly quarter-mile-wide corridors combining toll roads, railroad tracks and utility lines.

SBOE amends curriculum words

The State Board of Education voted unanimously Jan. 23 on science curriculum changes for public schools.

Stimulus idea evokes criticism

Texas stands to receive in the neighborhood of \$30 billion if Congress passes a proposed \$825 billion stimulus package backed by President Barack Obama.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

You are reading this on Thursday or Friday and I am writing it on Monday, so I can't report on the Board meeting until next week.

Singapore, Japan, Germany, India, Australia, Philippines and France. I hope they visit in person.

I need to add some of our western scenes to show the Japanese, especially, that the "cowboy" is alive and well. If you have pictures of events, branding, etc. and would like to contribute, please email them to wolfcrk@amaonline.com.

We are now placing the column on our website, so please spread the word that you can stay connected with us through our website.

HISTORICAL MUSINGS

I mention fairly often, our obituary project and how it is used by individuals searching for information on their family.

Some will think I am being unkind and gruesome. I apologize if I offend, but I want to point out

that our newspaper, and for some, our obits, will be the only written documents remaining after our generations are no longer here.

I offer one of our obits from 1917 and let you meet Claude Earl Bellah. Compare his obit with one in today's newspaper and let me know your thoughts (musings).

Claude Earl Bellah

Claude Earl Bellah, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Bellah, died Wednesday evening, April 25, 1917 at his home at 8:08 p.m. Age 13 years, 4 months, and 2 days, of measles and its after effects.

After a few years, he moved to Higgins with his parents and a short time later moved to Laveme, OK. Two years ago they returned to Lipscomb to make their home.

Funeral services were held today at 2 p.m. at the Union Church, H.A. Hill giving consoling words to the bereaved ones after which the remains were followed to the IOOF Cemetery. A father, mother, and three brothers are left to mourn his loss.

Have a good week and I will be less philosophical next week.

Funds To Help Low Income Texans

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs today announced the release of \$123.9 million in energy assistance funds designed to help qualifying households pay their energy bills while providing the consumer education needed to reduce their dependence on future government assistance.

Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, Wheeler.

"Helping low income households with their energy needs is a key component of the Department's mission of ensuring that all Texans have an affordable, healthy place to call home," according to Michael Gerber, TDHCA Executive Director.

The Department annually assists more than 68,000 low income Texans through CEAP services, helping low income households meet their immediate energy needs

and to encourage consumers to control future energy costs through case management and consumer education. In addition, some households may qualify for the repair or replacement of inefficient heating and cooling equipment.

Gerber explained that services are provided at the local level by 51 contract organizations serving all 254 counties in Texas and target households earning an annual income of less than \$26,500 for a family of four.

Local service providers accept applications for assistance and determine eligibility, placing a priority on households with elderly persons, very young children, persons with disabilities, and the greatest energy burden.

Duncan plans to propose a constitutional amendment to prevent private property from being taken for economic or private development purposes. If passed by the Legislature, Texas voters would vote for or against the measure in a constitutional amendment election in November.

"Government shouldn't use eminent domain to take someone's land without trying to buy it from them first," Perry said. "It is wrong for any government to make a lowball offer, then respond to an owner's righteous refusal by taking the land."

In other matters, the governor is scheduled to deliver his State of the State Address to a joint session of the Legislature in the House Chamber on Jan. 27.

The Texas State Constitution compels the governor to "give to the Legislature information, by message, of the condition of the State" as well as to "recommend to the Legislature such measures as he may deem expedient" at the commencement of each session of the Texas Legislature.

Revised 'corridor' plan unveiled

At an annual transportation forum in early January, Amadeo Saenz, director of the Texas Department of Transportation, unveiled a report, "Innovative Connectivity in Texas / Vision 2009."

The report is available online at www.dot.state.tx.us. It lists revised

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SUPER BOWL

- ACROSS 1. Gog and ... 6. *Half of NFL 9. Hipbones 13. Native of Oman 14. Belonging to you and me 15. New Zealand minority 16. Back of body, pl. 17. Sought at crime scene 18. ___ alert 19. Vital part 21. *This year's half-time show 23. Through-the-lens 24. Helmsley, a.k.a. "Queen of ___" 25. *Other half of NFL 28. *Where many sit to watch the big game 30. Antagonists in "Dances with Wolves"

- Banner" 53. The west __, in D.C. 55. *The well-heeled sit in a luxury one 57. *This year's host and me 61. Produced by distilling coal 65. Helper 66. Roman sun god 68. Leningrad's problem during World War II 69. The one involving O.J. was infamous 70. 2nd, 3rd or 5th in New York City 71. Clothes moths 72. Castle material 73. Fall behind 74. Locations DOWN 1. A la ___ 2. Andy's radio and TV buddy 3. Fish with long jaws and needle-like teeth, pl. 4. The beginning, as with an illness 5. *Last year's champs 6. Lymph ___ 7. "For the ___ of it" 8. Used to import and export 9. Stressed-unstressed poetry pattern 10. Member of Los Lobos band 11. Wraths 12. Broadcasts 15. Unnaturally frenzied woman 20. Can come in

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- handy to gain influence 22. As opposed to mishap 24. *Either MVP brother 25. Near the wind 26. Chap or gent 27. Best in a group, figurative 29. Severe form of punishment 31. Relatively new kind of sandwich 32. Conservative commentator and columnist Robert

- Bowl 57. Saturated and unsaturated ones 58. Italian money 59. Husband of Frigg, Norse mythology 60. Literates can do it 61. Horsefly 62. Port city in Belgium 63. "A Death in the Family" author, James ___ 64. Are there really seven of these? 67. Female reproductive cell, pl.

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H&H FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Medical Fund for Krystal Puentes
An emergency medical fund has been established for Krystal (Burkhammer) Puentes at First National Bank, Spearman.

Medical Fund for Rene Griffin
A medical fund has been established for Rene Griffin at First State Bank, Spearman.

Medical Fund for Bruce Duncan
An emergency medical fund has been established for Bruce Duncan at First National Bank, Spearman.

Medical Fund for Nancy DeLuna Jernberg
An emergency medical fund has been established for Nancy DeLuna Jernberg of Stinnett.

Project Graduation 2009
The parents of the Spearman High School Class of 2009 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement exercises Friday May 29th.

Fund Established for Cross Country Lynxette Championship Rings
A fund has been established at First National Bank, Spearman for the Spearman Lynxettes Cross Country 2008 State Championship Team.

Timeless Treasures
Timeless Treasures will hold a quilt meeting on January 31, 2009 at the Disciple Center at the First Christian Church in Guymon OK.

Cotton Meeting Scheduled
A Cotton Meeting will be held in the Moore County Community Building (16th & Maddox) on Dumas on Thursday, February 5, 2009 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Heart Catheterizations To Be Topic of February Senior Seminar
With coronary heart disease as the number one cause of death in the U.S., heart catheterizations are a relatively common place diagnostic procedure.

WTAMU Offers Two Discover WT Preview Events
West Texas A&M University will host two Discover WT preview events this semester. I'd like to invite you to encourage your juniors and seniors interested in our university to register for one of these events.

GHS Baccalaureate Scheduled
I wanted to inform you as soon as possible that due to several issues, Baccalaureate will be held on Wednesday, May 13, at 7:30 at the Gruver United Methodist Church.

Miss Irish Rose Pageant
Once again, Shamrock, Texas will be hosting their annual Saint Patrick's Celebration on March 13-15, 2009. One of the many highlights of this celebration is the crowning of Miss Irish Rose.

Hansford, Hutchinson County Crime Stoppers Seek Information
The Hansford and Hutchinson County Crime Stoppers is seeking information in a string of recent car burglaries that have occurred in Spearman and Hansford County.

Lunch & Learn - "Thai Cooking"
"Thai Cooking" will be the topic for Lunch & Learn, Thursday, February 12, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Spearman Church of Christ.



Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Talbott of Bedford, TX are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kristie Angela to Reagan Reese Renner.

Kristie is the granddaughter of Arthur and Jean Talbott of Hurst, TX. Reagan is the grandson of Norma Jean Mackie and Glen Mackie, and Eloise Renner and the late C.J. Renner, all of Spearman.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Texas A&M University and is employed by TD Ameritrade in For Worth.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Texas A&M University and is employed by AC Lord Consulting in Dallas.

The couple are planning a May 9, 2009 wedding in Grapevine, TX.

Business of the Year

The 2008 Spearman Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year is the High Plains Observer.

It all began with an idea, two hardworking and innovative people... and the click of a mouse!

The High Plains Observer began in July 2006. The spirit of the business was rooted in the owners' heartfelt conviction of two different items: Community and Communication.

These two partners are both lifelong residents of Hansford County. They grew up in Gruver and Spearman, respectively.

Growing up in a small town gave Ron Antalek a sense of service. He has spent his life serving the public, working for the City of Spearman, the EMS, the Volunteer Fire Department, serving on the Spearman City Council, entrepreneur and business owner, founder of the SOS Campaign as well as currently serving as the Hansford County Emergency Management Coordinator.

Growing up in a small town gave Gina Gillispie a sense of celebration of community. From being the daughter of a couple

involved in several community-driving and innovative businesses to a cheerleader involved in the celebration of her State team, as entrepreneur and business owner, as cheerleader of business and community serving as Chamber of Commerce Executive Director for seven years.

Both partners feel that our community is worth telling and writing about. They believe that the citizens of Spearman and Hansford County have news and stories and pictures worth sharing, and that the families and friends, as well as former residents of Spearman, care about the news, stories and pictures which provide the seasoning to a sometimes bland world.

Ron and Gina combined their entrepreneurial spirits: his sense of service and her promotion of community to give the citizens of Spearman a forum to share those things which make us a special and unique community and the reason we all choose to live and raise our families here.

2008 Citizen of the Year

Betty Jean Davis
Citizen of the Year
by Spearman ISD Superintendent Rod Summer

Betty Jean Davis was named the 2008 Spearman Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

Betty Jean was introduced by last year's recipient, James Cunningham. Following is the speech he read at the Chamber Banquet on Thursday night.

When I first heard that Mother had been named the Citizen of the Year, my first thought was, "she won't like this."

Not many people choose to fly under the limelight radar as much as my Mother does. I know she will accept the award and be grateful that others appreciate her dedication, but notoriety is not #1 on her list.

My Mother adheres to the teachings that request our deeds go unnoticed by the human eye, knowing that they are being observed by the only One that matters. I can honestly say that as far back as I can remember, Mother was always there attending to our Motherly needs.

Once all of the kids were gone, she then became a caregiver for others. I would wager a guess that there are not many people at this event who have not in some way or another been a part of a kind deed at the hands of Mother.

There is a character in the Bible that might best describe the actions of Mother, it's the one of Mary. Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany. He was preparing a supper by Martha, sister of Mary.

Ron and Gina combined their entrepreneurial spirits: his sense of service and her promotion of community to give the citizens of Spearman a forum to share those things which make us a special and unique community and the reason we all choose to live and raise our families here.

I would like to say that even though she hasn't redone the Little League Park or the City Pool, she has made the lives of many, many people more pleasant.

If anyone truly lives by the Golden Rule, it is my Mom. She is the kindest, most generous, caring person in the world.

Not only does she care for and help the elderly in our community, she also supports the youth. She is still attending high school basketball and football games, even though she has no grandchildren participating in these activities.

She cares about this community and the people in it. People in the community know they can depend on her for anything.

When I think about Betty Jean, I think about all the time she has graciously given to the hospital and hospice. She is one of the most caring, unselfish people I know.

Throughout my life Betty Jean has been an example of what people should aspire to be. She puts others needs before her own and does not do so for recognition or because she feels that she is obligated to.

If any one person has actually carried this life motto out, it is Betty Jean. "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can."

Celebrate Gifts for all your celebrations! Bridal Registry
Kristi Talbott & Reagan Renner - 3/14
Amy Harris & Matt Lohse - 3/28
Katie Weaver & Jared Shufeldt - 4/4
Lisa Espinosa & Dave Pope
Brittany Morris & Dustin Borden
Kathy Hinds & Carlos Lopez

Baby Registry
Leah (Mackie) & Marc Strickland - April
Kelci & Jordan Brock
Anna Millican & Colton King
The holidays are over, and we're ready to clean out our Christmas items!
Celebrate
203 Main St. Spearman, TX
(806) 659-3350 1-800-663-8026

You are invited to a 60th Wedding Anniversary honoring Roy Lee and Betty Uptergrove
A reception will be held in their honor on February 15th from 2-4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 201 N. Cherry St., Aubrey, TX
If you are unable to attend and would like to send greetings through a card or letter, please send mail to: 604 Cedar, Pilot Point TX 76258.
No Gifts Please.

Community GROUNDHOG Dinner
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Tuesday, February 3, 2009
Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church
407 Haney, Spearman
\$7.00 for adults
children 6 and under free
Take-outs will be available by calling 659-5504 by 10:30 a.m.



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(Photos by Charlie Johnson)

Spearman Lynx & Lynxettes

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Photos available of Spearman Lynx and Lynxette athletic events.

Tong's Chinese Restaurant

(806) 644-2838
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Buffet Specials

Monday: Chicken w/Spiced Salt, Mongolian Beef, Sweet & Sour Chicken, Fried Rice, Etc. - \$6.75
Tuesday: Grilled Pork Chop, Black Pepper Chicken, Rice Noodles, Egg Roll, Etc. - \$6.99
Wednesday: Fried Shrimp, BBQ Chicken, Pork Sub Gum, Chop Suey, Lo Mein, Etc. - \$6.99
Thursday: BBQ Pork Ribs, Pepper Chicken, Won Ton Soup, Seafood Bun, Etc. - \$6.99
Friday: Shrimp w/Spiced Salt, Sesame Chicken, Broccoli Chicken, Rangoon, Etc. - \$7.25
Saturday: Catfish, Pepper Steak, Egg Drop Soup, Stir-Fry Mixed Vegetables, Etc. - \$7.25
Sunday: Roast Beef, Grilled Shrimp, Biscuits, French Fries, Mushrooms, Etc. - \$7.25

Lunch Buffet 11 a.m.-2:30 (7 Days A Week)
Dinner Buffet 5:30-9 P.M. (Monday-Saturday)

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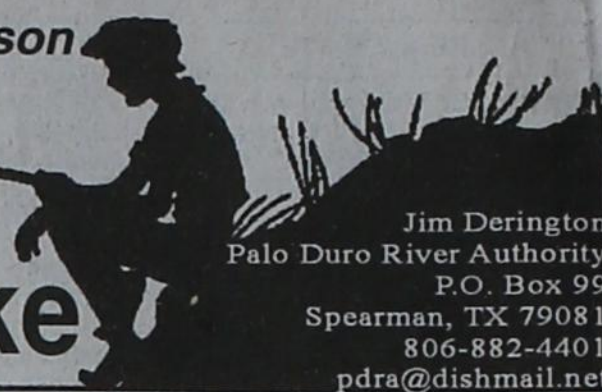
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This is a Blue Heron perched in a tree at Lake Palo Duro.

Lake Level—January 26, 2009—21.35 feet

Jim has an interesting picture of the Great Blue Heron that is wintering at the Lake. Most of these four-foot tall birds head south for the winter, but usually a small number stay. Jim isn't sure if we have just the one this year or if there are more. One is all that he sees at a time.

Michael Cole came back this weekend with his friend that writes articles on bald eagles for a Plainview paper.

Many in Spearman knew Michael's father who pastored the Methodist Church at one time. The men set up a blind on Saturday evening and expected to be in it early Sunday morning. Jim saw a pair of mature bald eagles at 6:00 PM Saturday evening. He thinks the big birds are roosting north of the dam now, but he isn't sure where.

Jim Cator's Story

The Christmas story from Jim Cator's writings ended thus—
"We pulled up the creek to where the Simmons (Buschman) Ranch

is." That was Christmas Day in 1873.

"We stayed there two days and rode over on Hackberry creek and out east to Wolfe creek but no buffaloes were there to speak of. So we pulled up to creek where Less Cator (Holt Family Ranch) is now and camped a day. Then followed this old trail that went to Fort Bascom to the Little Blue south of Dumas. Killed 90 bulls on Blue Cimmarone if we did not find buffalo only a few stragglers. We came back to the Palo Duro and went south and struck Moore's creek. We found no buffaloes so pulled back to the flats and went east along the breaks and got down to where the Turkey Track Ranch is now. Still no buffalo, but worlds of deer and turkeys on all the creeks.

"We came back to the Palo Duro and went back to Blue Creek. Killed 130 buffaloes. This was in April."

I am curious if they had set up a camp on the Palo Duro, as they seem to be coming back to the Palo Duro as they are looking for buffalo.

To be continued.

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